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'Port Citrus' goes social

Facebook page pops up, but no one has taken credit for it

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Ahoy Facebook users! Port Citrus wants to be friends.

Someone identifying him or herself as "Port Citrus" opened a Facebook page in late November and already has 285 friends, including three county commissioners.

Josh Wooten, president and chief executive officer of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, accepted the "friend" request because he assumed Port Citrus was affiliated with the county commission.

"I figured they'd be giving updates and such," Wooten said.

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The "Port Citrus" Facebook page icon features a digitally manipulated photo of a container barge.

Two shot, killed at Virginia Tech after hearing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soon after Virginia Tech officials at a hearing defended actions taken to notify the campus as a 2007 shooting rampage unfolded, the university on Thursday issued a series of warnings about gunfire on its campus five hours away.

Following the 2007 shootings that left 33 people dead, Virginia Tech expanded its emergency notification systems. Alerts now go out by electronic message boards in classrooms, by text messages and other methods. Other colleges and universities have put in place similar systems.

Virginia Tech officials said a police officer and another person were shot and killed on campus Thursday, and a suspect remained on the loose. During about a one-hour period, the university issued four separate alerts, followed by additional notifications.

The Virginia Tech police officer who was gunned down is being identified as a 39-year-old Army veteran and father of five.

The university said late Thursday that the officer was Deriek W. Crouse. He joined the Virginia Tech Police Department on Oct. 27, 2007.

The alerts went out even as university officials, including the university's police chief, were in Washington for the administrative hearing about 260 miles from the campus in Blacksburg, Va. The hearing ended less than an hour before the first alert went out. Ernest C. Canellos, an Education Department administrative judge, said he would later issue a ruling on the hearing about Virginia Tech's handling of the shootings more than four years ago.

Universities are required under the Clery Act to provide warnings in a timely manner and to report the number of crimes on campus.

Virginia Tech has appealed a \$55,000 fine levied after the 2007 shootings because it says it acted appropriately based on protocols on campuses at that time. The Education Department says the university violated the law by waiting more than two hours after two students were shot in a dorm on campus in the 2007 shootings before sending an email warning. By then, student gunman Seung-Hui Cho was chaining the doors to a classroom building where he killed 30 more people and then himself.

Wendell Flinchum, the police chief, testified that there were no immediate signs in the dorm at that time to indicate a threat to the campus. He said the shootings were believed to be an isolated domestic incident and that the shooter had fled.

"I don't believe we could have known that from what the scene presented," Flinchum said.

He said the dead woman's boyfriend initially was identified as a "person of interest." Police were shown a social networking site with the boyfriend holding guns, Flinchum said, and were told he usually dropped her off on Mondays. The shootings

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Being Santa Claus



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Jolly Old St. Nicholas, a.k.a. Frank Miller of Lecanto, has merrily taken on his role as Santa Claus. He performs with the group Encore as well as other local Citrus County bands.

Lecanto man is known as the singing, sax-playing Saint Nick

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

LECANTO — Anybody can put on a red suit and grow a white beard, but not anybody can be Santa Claus.

"The look is important, but being Santa comes from the heart," said Santa Frank Miller.

For Miller, it was his beard that led to him becoming Santa Claus.

"I had been going to a church in Dunnellon, and one day the ladies cornered me and said I'd be perfect for their Christmas program," he said. "I've had this beard for 35 years and I thought maybe they wanted me for a shepherd or Joseph or a wise man."

They told him no. "We want you for Santa — of course."

Miller said he wasn't sure how to take that, but he agreed and that year he entertained about a dozen little

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Frank Miller entertains young and old alike as Santa. With his beard and long white hair, he's Santa all year round. He keeps a pocketful of Santa "caught you being good" tokens for when he's out and he sees a child eyeing him.

Alcohol, speed contributed to fatal accident

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

HOMOSASSA — Three factors contributed to the crash and death of a prominent Citrus County businessman Aug. 21, according to a report released by the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) this week.

Alcohol abuse, excessive speed and a sharp turn are what caused the accident that killed Rob Phillips, 48, owner of Eagle Buick GMC Inc. in Homosassa, and sent nine others to the hospital.

Phillips was piloting his 2010 39-foot Contender with its three 350 horsepower Yamaha engines inbound

Report says alcohol, excessive speed and a sharp turn caused the accident that killed Rob Phillips.

from the Gulf of Mexico to the Homosassa River and was traveling at 60 mph when he tried to "negotiate a 120-degree turn to port," according to the report.

The boat was outside of marker 20 when Phillips tried to slow down and attempt the turn, but the vessel overturned, ejecting all the occupants except for his son, Wade Phillips, 18, who was pinned under the boat.

Phillips was standing at the helm behind the steering wheel at the time and was launched into the console, causing him to suffer fatal injuries in the chest area. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Injured were Phillips' wife, April, 43, and children Wade and Aspen, 15. Samantha Pauley, 16, Reid Callahan, 47, Delaney Owens, 16, Roberta Anderson, 49, Peyton Valls, 20, and Lester Kemp, 58, were

also hurt in the accident.

Wade, who was trapped under the boat and was unable to breathe for several minutes before coming to, suffered injuries to his legs, neck, back and lacerations to the scalp and was airlifted to an Orlando hospital along with his mother.

Delaney Owens suffered a concussion and some spinal dislocation. Samantha Pauley suffered a deep knee sprain while Lester Kemp had fractured ribs and spine, among other injuries.

The FWC report, which was completed Nov. 23 and released this week, said Phillips had a blood

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Why does the United States Fish and Wildlife Service CHOOSE LAWSUITS OVER COMMUNICATION AND MEDIATION?

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has ignored numerous requests to find a resolution through discussions with elected officials and residents.

Citrus County residents get behind the officials elected to represent us in this fight for OUR waters.

It is the residents of Citrus County who have been great stewards of the manatee, by increasing the Kings Bay population by 500% larger than it was in the 1980's!



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RE: 50 CFR Part 17
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92220-1113-0000-C3
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Dear Sir:

On June 22, 2011, your agency published within Vol. 76 No. 120 of the Federal Register the above referenced proposed rule. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners as both a formal body and individually as elected officials participated at a July 7th public hearing expressing concern with the rule as published. Subsequently, Citrus County formally filed a position paper with your agency identifying both procedural flaws and data support countering the justification for adopting the rule as promulgated.

Despite repeated attempts, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners have not received assurances from the USFWS staff, which drafted the rule that our concerns will be addressed. Therefore, in formal session on October 25, 2011 the Board of County Commissioners by unanimous vote directed that this formal **Notice of Intent to Sue** be issued, should the USFWS adopt the rule as proposed.

I feel compelled to reiterate that Citrus County does not desire to enter litigation with the Service. Federal litigation between governments is a misuse of public tax dollars and indicates a failure of public officials to find resolution of contested issues through traditional channels of communication and mediation. It is my desire that collectively we can achieve that end. But I must reiterate and affirm that the position of my Board of County Commissioners. Should the Service not address the issues raised in our position paper (attached) and adopt the rule as drafted, Citrus County government shall file challenge in federal court as provided by law.

Sincerely,

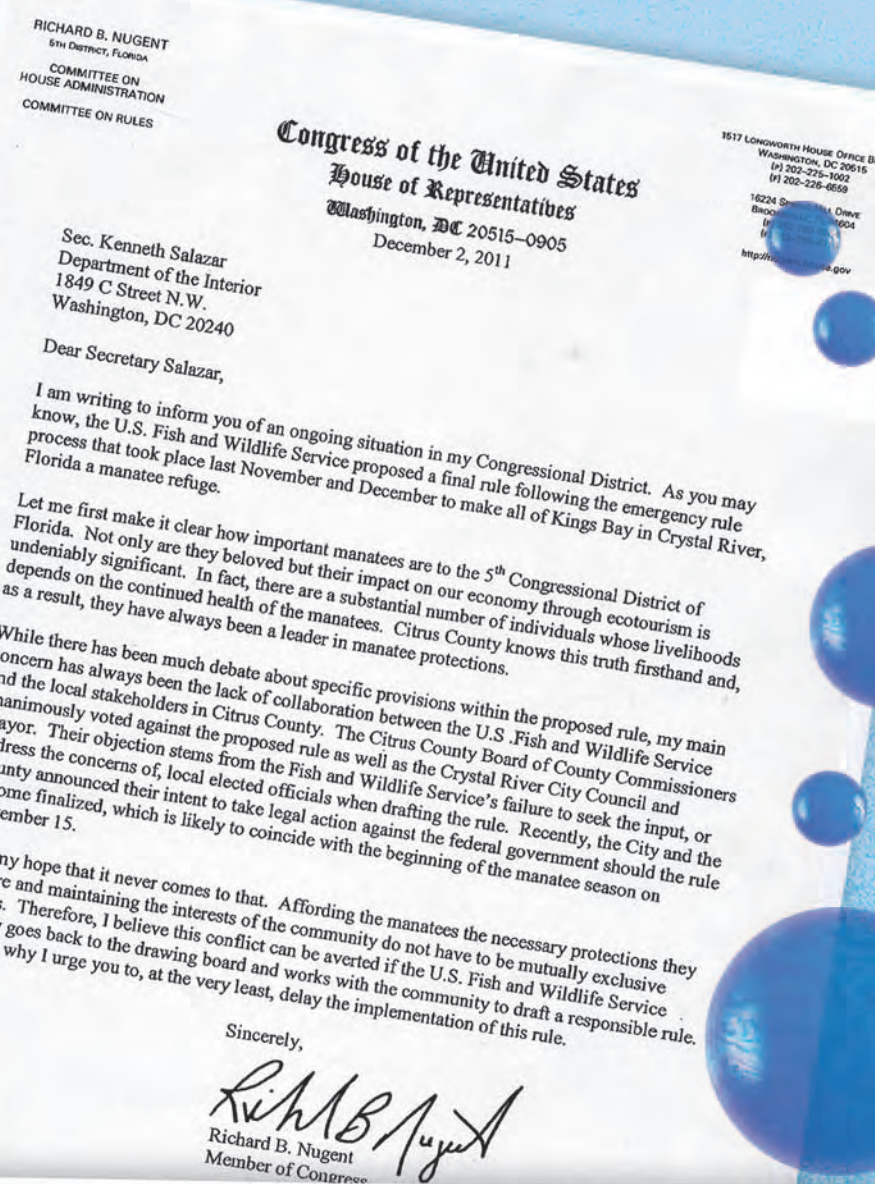
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Dear Madam/Sir:

This Firm has the pleasure of serving as legal counsel to the City of Crystal River, Florida. The City Council of the City of Crystal River, Florida, has requested our office to express their opposition to the proposed rule referenced above, as well as their concern that certain procedural processes were not adhered to by the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) prior to consideration of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will establish a manatee refuge in the waters of Kings Bay (Citrus County, Florida). A portion of Kings Bay falls within the city limits of the City of Crystal River, and the remainder is located in Citrus County. The proposed rule will have a significant adverse impact on the City, its residents, and its economy. It is the City's position that USFWS did not afford due consideration to these interests prior to promulgating the aforementioned rule.

I have included two documents that were provided to USFWS as part of the rule making comment process. Both documents reflect the formal position of the two local governing bodies (Crystal River and Citrus County) that are positioned around Kings Bay.

In addition to the two (2) attached documents submitted to USFWS, and in an effort to augment the substantial rule making deficiencies noted therein, it should be noted that Executive Order 13132, issued by President Clinton in 1999, reveals that the Office of Management and Budget may be required to review the proposed rule prior to its adoption. It is not clear whether or not this review has actually taken place.

The City Council has indicated that should the rule be adopted as proposed, they wish to explore all legal remedies, up to and including litigation, to achieve a fair and equitable balance between the desires of the USFWS and the rights of all other users of Kings Bay.

It is our recommendation after reviewing the deficiencies noted in the previously submitted documentation, as well as the deficiencies identified herein, that promulgation of a final rule be deferred until a more balanced rule is developed through comprehensive public involvement. Thank you for your prompt attention to this very important matter. Should you wish to discuss these issues further, please contact me at (352)686-0334.

Respectfully,

George G. Angeliadis, Esq.
The Hogan Law Firm
City of Crystal River, Florida

**COME TO THE
CRYSTAL RIVER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DEC. 12 AT 7:00 PM**

- cc: Honorable Bill Nelson
- Honorable Marco Rubio
- Honorable Richard Nugent
- Honorable David Rivera
- Honorable Steve Southerland
- Honorable Charles S. Dean, Sr.
- Honorable Mike Fasano
- Honorable Rep. Jimmie T. Smith

Around
THE STATE

Citrus County

Festive flotilla to light up King's Bay

The Crystal River Community Holiday Boat Parade will start at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Registration is free and prizes will be awarded for the best theme and the most lights. Parade organizers are planning for a "Christmas in Florida" theme.

Participants are asked to gather with their decorated boats at the channel markers at the mouth of King's Bay beginning at 4:45 p.m. Participants will slowly wind their way around the bay for spectators to view the decorated vessels. Organizers have identified several locations for the community to watch. They include: The Crystal River Ale House, Pete's Pier, 3rd Street Pier, Dockside Ice Cream Shop and Cracker's Restaurant. Santa will disembark at Cracker's with special treats for children at the conclusion of the parade. To register or for more information about the parade, contact Suzie Martin at captusuzie.martin@yahoo.com or call 352-586-8068.

CERT meeting set for Beverly Hills

The regular monthly meeting of the Citrus County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the northeast quadrant will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 6 Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

There is a need for CERT volunteers countywide. If interested, call Gerry Bummer, chairman, Citrus County CERT Action Committee, at 352-382-4446 or visit the CERT website at www.citruscountycert.org.

Orlando

Mom charged with threatening student

A 33-year-old Orlando mother has been charged with making written death threats to a middle-school student online. Orange County deputies said Rayshell Smith sent an eighth-grader Facebook messages saying she was going to the school with a gun to "off you."

According to an investigative report, Smith's daughter argued with another student last month about someone who brought a knife to school. *The Orlando Sentinel* reports Smith allegedly sent the student a message saying she would put a gun in the student's mouth. The student told a school officer.

Smith bonded out of Orange County Jail.

Tampa

French Consulate honors WWII veterans

The French Consulate in Miami is honoring 13 U.S. veterans who fought alongside French soldiers during World War II. The veterans on Thursday will receive the insignia of "Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honor." The ceremony will take place at the MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

—From staff and wire reports

Correction

Due to a reporter's error, a story on Page A3 of Thursday's edition, "Science fair sifts data," contained incorrect information. The awards program for Citrus Regional Science and Engineering Fair starts at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at Curtis Peterson Auditorium.

The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

Readers can alert The *Citrus County Chronicle* to any errors in news articles by emailing dmann@chronicleonline.com or by calling (352) 563-5660.

Grow house bust yields 48 plants

Investigators nab 2 men accused of selling, growing marijuana

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

Citrus County Sheriff's Office investigators disrupted another grow house operation and arrested two men.

Michael Alfred Gore, 32, and his stepson Charles Jeffrey Toohey, 18, of 5434 Luray Terrace, Inverness,

were arrested Tuesday after members of the sheriff's office's Tactical Impact Unit paid them a visit.

Gore and Toohey are facing felony charges of selling marijuana, conspiracy and growing marijuana.

According to the report, when investigators served a search warrant on the residence and promptly de-



Michael Gore



Charles Toohey

tained Gore, he readily told them where to locate the evidence.

Gore reportedly admitted to growing the marijuana and owning all the equipment and paraphernalia associated with the operation.

Investigators found 48 marijuana plants of various stages of growth, lights and other grow equipment.

Investigators also found several jars containing dried marijuana.

Gore allegedly told investigators he lived in the residence with his wife and her son, Toohey.

Investigators wanted to know if Toohey was involved in either selling or growing the marijuana and

Gore reportedly said Toohey and he sold the cannabis.

Toohey reportedly told investigators he knew what was going on in the house and did sell marijuana grown in the house. In Toohey's room investigators also found a scale and a glass jar that contained marijuana.

Bond for Gore and Toohey was set at \$16,000 each.

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Motivated man



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Dale Bramall works out to the first P90X video in his Citrus Springs home. The Citrus County resident dropped from 300 pounds to 185 and is a faithful user of the exercise video. One of the top things on his wish list was to be in a workout video. Bramall auditioned with a couple hundred people in Dallas and was chosen to appear in the newest P90X2 video that will be released this week.

Citrus Springs man who used fitness program to lose 104 pounds will appear in new Tony Horton workout video

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

CITRUS SPRINGS — Dale Bramall is living his dream.

In 2007, the postal clerk weighed nearly 300 pounds.

With help from the popular P90X exercise video and motivation from his family, he changed his eating habits and worked out faithfully, and by 2009, he had lost 104 pounds and won a trip to California to compete in the Beachbody.com's Million Dollar Body competition. He came in second.

Two years later, Bramall is featured in the newest, recently released P90X2 workout video, filmed this past spring with the fitness "master of motivation" Tony Horton.

"Back when I was 300

pounds, I could barely do a Power 90 video," Bramall said. "He (Horton) actually mentions that in this video during our little banter during the workout."

A month shy of 46, Bramall said being in this workout video with Tony Horton is one of his dreams.

"It's actually on my 'bucket list,'" he said.

Bramall auditioned to be in the video with more than 300 others at a park in Dallas, Texas, in October 2010. He was later chosen one of three to appear with Horton.

"I was excited when I was chosen," he said, "but then I thought, 'Uh oh. I've got some work to do. There's all new moves, and there's one move that I couldn't get right until the day we filmed.'"

Earlier this spring, Bra-

mall flew out to California for a rehearsal, then returned to Los Angeles a week later — all expenses paid — for the final filming.

"They gave us a battery pack and an earpiece so they could talk in our ear, and there were four or five cameras around," he said. "We did a dry run, then went all the way through. Afterward we ate and Tony signed a water bottle for me and took a picture."

When asked if the new workout is fun, Bramall laughed. "It's hard," he said. "It's a challenge. P90X has been around for six or seven years, and people had been asking, 'What's next, Tony?' This is more of a sports-specific program."

After losing more than 100 pounds, Bramall said keeping it off is still daily on his mind. He said mo-

tivation is key. In the beginning, he did it for his kids. He didn't want to be an embarrassment to them.

"My youngest daughter is 7 now," he said. "I'm still at the gym. I do 5Ks and I've done half-marathons. I signed up to do a Tough Mudder — 12 miles and a 20-obstacle course in dirt and mud."

"Being in the video, I feel like I've come full circle," he said. "Years ago I put as one of my goals to be in a workout video with Tony Horton, and guess what? Now I am. I did it."

For more information about the P90X2 video, visit www.beachbody.com.

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Local dentists, TV star team up for smiles

What the doctor ordered: volunteers offering free adult dental care to relieve pain

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — There's all kinds of presents people will be giving this holiday season, but local dentists will be providing an invaluable gift to a number of residents this Saturday — free adult dental care.

Starting at 8 a.m., Debbie Ekstrand, office manager at Smiles On Citrus, expects dozens of people will be lined up outside their Citrus Avenue office to participate in the first ever Make a Smile Happen (M*A*S*H) day.

Drs. Mo Dahman, Eric J. Ross, Obie Sullivan and dental teams from other Citrus County dentists will be on hand to provide free dental care on a first come, first serve basis. Ekstrand said the goal is to help 100 people. The focus will be to help people who are in pain and in desperate need of care. There will be no cleanings or extensive dental work.

The idea for Make a Smile Happen came from seeing other counties do similar free dental care events, Ekstrand stated. Then local resident and

celebrity Gary Burghoff, a.k.a Radar O'Reilly of "M*A*S*H," climbed on board to do a book signing for his latest book "To M*A*S*H and Back," which will benefit Smile Train — an international charity that provides cleft palate surgery to those in need.

Ekstrand hopes this event will lead to more Make a Smile Happen days in Citrus County.

"We don't want it to be an isolated event," she said.

So far, the response has been overwhelming. The need is definitely out there, Ekstrand explained.

"It's a tough time for everybody," she said. "It's a good time to give back."

There will also be live entertainment from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and goodies provided by Winn-Dixie and Sweetbay supermarkets.

- **WHAT:** Make A Smile Happen (M*A*S*H) Day offers free adult dental care for 100 participants. Gary Burghoff of TV show "M*A*S*H" fame will also sign his new book starting at 10 a.m.
- **WHEN:** 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Live entertainment from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Smiles on Citrus, 535 Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

The book signing begins at 10 a.m. Processing those seeking dental care will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. Smiles on Citrus is at 535 Citrus Ave.

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FEMA to train county staff for disaster recovery

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Seventy people from Citrus County will fly to Maryland in February for emergency management training.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the board agreed unanimously to send four more staff, raising the BOCC's number to 10 and the county's to 70.

Ken Frink, public works director, described the training sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"FEMA was here most of last week scouring our county looking at facilities," Frink said. "Our staff's not going into an exercise saying there is a fire on the 15th floor of the hospital in XYZ town. It's going to be real-world to Citrus County. It's a big cross-section of all the agencies that would be involved. As opposed to getting ready for a disaster, this is going to simulate that a disaster has already taken place and this is the recovery process."

County Administrator Brad Thorpe said the BOCC approved sending six staff members at the board's July 26 meeting, but now he wanted to send four more at FEMA's request.

"A total of 70 people are going from Citrus County: 10 from the BOCC, the rest are coming from sheriff's office, school board, clerk's office, property appraiser, chamber, EDC and Workforce Connection," Thorpe said.

FEMA will sponsor the integrated emergency management course from Feb. 13 to 16 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md. Travel and lodging is to be paid for by the Department of Homeland Security. The cost to the county for food will be \$97.70 per student for a total of \$977.

BOCC staff who will attend are Lon Frye, operations supervisor; fleet and transportation management; David Whitelaw, road maintenance director; Larry Brock, deputy public works director; Ken Frink; Lindsay Ubina, public information officer; Amy Engelsen, operations manager; community and recreational programs; Pattie Amon, operations manager; animal services shelter; Tammy Brooks, flood review specialist; building division; Jim Baird, building division director; and Eric Williams, geospatial systems administrator.

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Settlement won't prevent hearing

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Parties in a Florida mortgage foreclosure lawsuit focusing on allegations of tainted documents will get their day in the Florida Supreme Court even though neither side wants it.

A sharply divided high court on Thursday refused a request by borrower and lender alike to dismiss the Palm Beach County case. They had sought the dismissal after agreeing to settle the case before the justices could hear it.

In a 4-3 opinion, the majority justices wrote that the borrower's appeal was too important to dismiss, as it raises a question that "transcends the individual parties to this action because it has the potential to impact the mortgage foreclosure crisis throughout this state."

That question is whether a trial judge can penalize a party for committing a "fraud on the court" if that party voluntarily dismisses the case before it's resolved. Two lower courts said they cannot. The high court next will consider arguments on that issue.

The majority wrote that judges and litigants also need guidance from the Supreme Court and that the legal issue has implications beyond mortgage cases.

Florida's collapsing real estate market has resulted in thousands of foreclosures, but officials have turned up many instances

of fraudulent and erroneous filings.

They include documents bearing the signatures of so-called "robo-signers" — people hired to sign foreclosure papers in assembly line fashion without necessarily knowing what's in them.

Those findings resulted in civil and criminal investigations, the collapse of two major foreclosure law firms and the temporary shutdown of foreclosure filings by many lenders.

The high court's ruling came in a foreclosure filed by the Bank of New York Mellon. The defendant, Roman Pino, alleged the bank filed a forged document to deceive the court. He asked the judge to penalize the bank by denying it any right to foreclose on the mortgage.

The judge denied his request because the bank had voluntarily dismissed the complaint. The 4th District Court of Appeal affirmed that decision but asked the Supreme Court to rule on the issue, certifying it as a "question of great public importance."

Pino appealed but then joined the bank in asking the Supreme Court to dismiss the case after they settled.

Chief Justice Charles Canady acknowledged in his dissent that the high court has on occasion rejected a stipulation for dismissal, but he argued that retaining jurisdiction before both sides have submitted written briefs is unprecedented.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests

■ **William C. Litts**, 48, 1670 N.E. 123 Ave., Williston, 1:38 p.m. Monday of failure to remove an abandoned vessel after warning. Bond \$250.

■ **Joshua Lee Hoyt**, 34, 7225 S. Elsie Point, Lecanto, 8:00 p.m. Monday of trespass in structure or conveyance after warning. Bond \$500.

■ **James Eugene Broome**, 40, 3526 Teepee Lane, Hernando, 11:47 p.m. Monday of carrying a concealed weapon. Bond \$500.

■ **Allen Paul O'Neal**, 43, 7797 S. Four Oaks Drive, Floral City, 9 a.m. Tuesday of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$11,000.

■ **Jennifer George Kaminisky**, 26, 7797 S. Four Oaks Drive, Floral City, 9 a.m. Tuesday of possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$6,000.

■ **Pete Abner O'Neal**, 45, 7797 S. Four Oaks Drive, Floral

ON THE NET

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org.

City, 9 a.m. Tuesday of possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$6,000.

■ **Kyle David Schneider**, 21, 53 63rd St., Yankeetown, 8:20 p.m. Tuesday of petit theft. \$250.

■ **Anthony A. Palma**, 28, 5215 W. Holiday St., Homosassa, 4:15 a.m. Wednesday of fleeing and eluding law enforcement. Bond \$5,000.

■ **Jason Devane Carter**, 39, 880 Bea St., Inverness, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday of hunting with light at night and resisting an officer without violence. Bond \$750.

DUI arrest

■ **Randall Curtis Levangie**, 41, 102 Church St., Sorrento, 11:10 p.m. Tuesday of driving under the influence and driving with license expired more than 4 months. According to the report, Levangie had his car parked in two parking spots in front of a store and was blasting his stereo. When he was confronted, the deputy smelled a strong odor of alcohol from Levangie. He reportedly failed a field sobriety test and it was discovered his license had expired since 1994. Bond \$650.

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Burglaries

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 5 a.m. March 15 in the 3100 block of S. Aberdeen Terrace, Homosassa.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied structure and conveyance and a vehicle theft occurred at about 10 a.m. Nov. 27 in the 9300 block of S. Hammock Ave., Inverness.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 7:15 a.m. Dec. 6 in the 8200 block of W. Woodbury Court, Crystal River.

Thefts

■ A petit theft was reported Dec. 5 in the 6700 block of W. Euwell Court, Crystal River.

■ A petit theft occurred at about 5 p.m. Dec. 3 in the 200 block of Stotler Ave., Inverness.

■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 10:24 a.m. Dec. 5 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ A theft of utility services oc-

curred at about 11 a.m. Dec. 5 in the 8600 block of W. Candleglow St., Crystal River.

■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 3:40 p.m. Dec. 5 in the 3800 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 9:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the 300 block of S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

Vandalism

■ A vandalism (\$1,000 or more) occurred at about 2:30 a.m. Dec. 5 in the 200 block of S. Harrison St., Beverly Hills.

■ A vehicle theft occurred at about noon Dec. 4 in the 1400 block of E. Hartford St., Inverness.

■ A grand theft of a firearm occurred at about 1 a.m. Dec. 5 in the 11000 block of W. Deodar St., Crystal River.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 9:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the 300 block of S.E. U.S. Highway 19, Crystal River.

■ A petit theft occurred on Dec. 6 in the 2500 block of W. Spring Leaf Lane, Lecanto.

■ A petit theft occurred on Dec. 6 in the 6100 block of E. Noble Lane, Inverness.

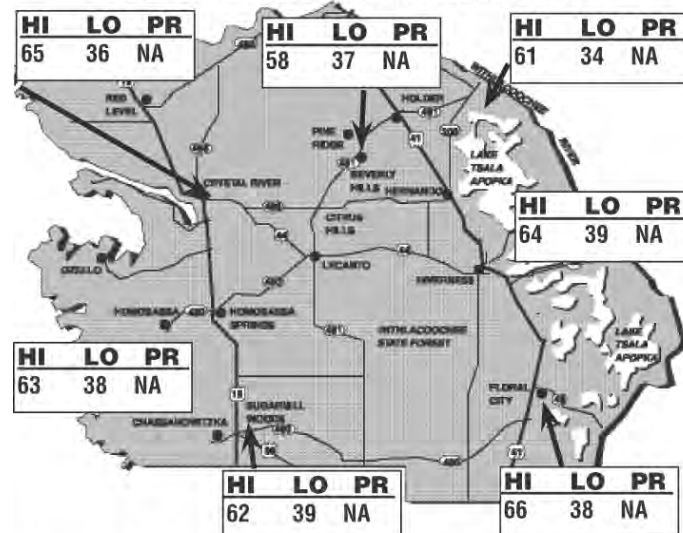
■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 7 p.m. Dec. 6 in the 300 block of N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 69 Low: 54 Variably cloudy	
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING High: 71 Low: 56 Variably cloudy; 20% chance of a shower	
SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING High: 75 Low: 57 Variably cloudy; 20% chance of a shower	

ALMANAC

TEMPERATURE* Thursday 63/42 Record 86/28 Normal 73/52 Mean temp. 53 Departure from mean -9	DEW POINT Thursday at 3 p.m. 45
PRECIPITATION* Thursday 0.00 in. Total for the month 0.01 in. Total for the year 55.37 in. Normal for the year 50.76 in.	HUMIDITY Thursday at 3 p.m. 52%
UV INDEX: 3 0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high	POLLEN COUNT** Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, composites Today's count: 4.3/12 Friday's count: 5.0 Saturday's count: 5.2
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE Thursday at 3 p.m. 30.15 in.	AIR QUALITY Thursday was good with pollutants mainly ozone.

SOLAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
12/9	FRIDAY	6:42	12:11	4:41	—
12/10	SATURDAY	7:35	1:03	5:31	—

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

	SUNSET TONIGHT5:33 P.M.
	SUNRISE TOMORROW7:13 A.M.
	MOONRISE TODAY4:57 P.M.
	MOONSET TODAY6:18 A.M.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: **HIGH**. There is no burn ban.

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi

WATERING RULES

Citrus County/Inverness/Crystal River: Lawn watering is limited to twice per week. Even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Report violations: Citrus County (352) 527-5543; Crystal River and Inverness: (352) 726-4488.

Landscape Watering Schedule and Times: Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers	**At King's Bay	***At Mason's Creek			
City	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Chassahowitzka*	3:51 a/12:56 p	5:46 p/—	4:28 a/12:38 a	6:23 p/1:33 p	—
Crystal River**	2:12 a/10:18 a	4:07 p/10:00 p	2:49 a/10:55 a	4:44 p/10:40 p	—
Withlacoochee*	1:54 p/8:06 a	—/7:48 p	12:36 a/8:43 a	2:31 p/8:28 p	—
Homosassa***	3:01 a/11:55 a	4:56 p/11:37 p	3:38 a/12:32 p	5:33 p/—	—

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	72	57	pc	Miami	79	71	pc
Ft. Lauderdale	79	70	pc	Ocala	71	51	pc
Fort Myers	78	61	pc	Orlando	75	57	pc
Gainesville	69	48	pc	Pensacola	60	41	s
Homestead	78	65	pc	Sarasota	74	56	pc
Jacksonville	67	47	pc	Tallahassee	66	46	s
Key West	77	70	sh	Tampa	73	58	pc
Lakeland	75	56	pc	Vero Beach	77	65	pc
Melbourne	76	64	pc	W. Palm Bch.	78	68	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

North winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters will have a light chop. Partly cloudy today.

Gulf water temperature

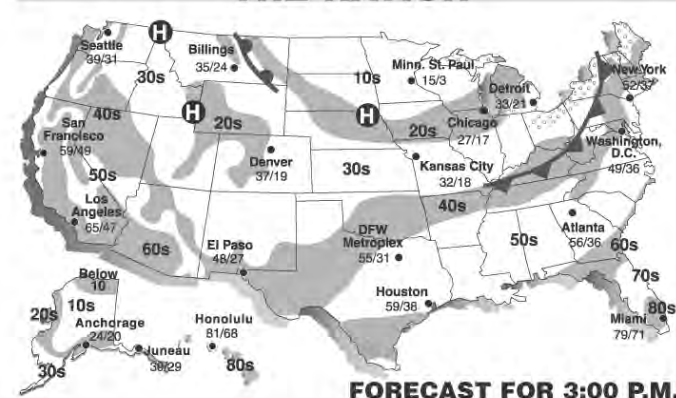
63°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	Wed.	Thu.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.99	28.04	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	35.04	35.03	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	37.16	37.14	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.05	39.08	42.40

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY

City	Thursday	Friday	City	Thursday	Friday
Albany	39 31 .19	pc 42 27	New Orleans	51 36	pc 57 41
Albuquerque	45 19	pc 38 23	New York City	45 36 .18	s 52 37
Asheville	50 28	s 50 28	Norfolk	50 43	pc 56 40
Atlanta	54 32	s 56 36	Oklahoma City	52 25	pc 41 22
Atlantic City	48 35 .05	s 53 36	Omaha	28 11 .08	pc 24 12
Austin	57 23	c 56 37	Palm Springs	66 36	s 69 45
Baltimore	45 34	s 49 34	Philadelphia	46 37 .07	s 50 35
Billings	26 13 .02	pc 35 24	Phoenix	63 38	s 64 42
Birmingham	49 30	s 57 32	Pittsburgh	35 28	c 38 20
Boise	37 13	s 37 20	Portland, ME	44 33 .64	c 45 29
Boston	45 37 .89	pc 48 36	Portland, Ore	47 28	c 39 30
Buffalo	39 32	sn 39 26	Providence, R.I.	46 34 .77	pc 50 36
Burlington, VT	90 26 .15	rs 40 24	Raleigh	51 36	pc 54 36
Charlotte, NC	57 37	pc 63 46	Rapid City	28 19	c 30 20
Charlotte, WV	42 28	pc 46 26	Reno	51 21	s 47 20
Charlotte	53 30	s 56 34	Rochester, NY	40 30	sn 38 26
Chicago	36 24	pc 27 17	Sacramento	59 30	s 63 36
Cincinnati	43 27	pc 40 22	St. Louis	44 29	pc 35 18
Cleveland	38 28	sn 37 26	St. Ste. Marie	28 21 .04	sn 22 11
Columbia, SC	56 33	pc 58 35	Salt Lake City	37 19	pc 35 18
Columbus, OH	38 26	c 39 21	San Antonio	60 31	c 58 41
Concord, N.H.	42 28 .63	c 44 24	San Diego	63 45	s 66 47
Dallas	55 28	pc 55 31	San Francisco	57 39	s 59 47
Denver	35 18	s 37 19	Savannah	56 36	pc 63 45
Des Moines	36 20	s 24 11	Seattle	40 33	c 39 31
Detroit	37 26	c 33 21	Spokane	38 15	s 36 21
El Paso	49 21	s 48 27	Syracuse	41 32 .04	rs 39 28
Evansville, IN	44 25	pc 39 29	Topeka	41 19	pc 34 17
Harrisburg	43 35	s 45 29	Washington	45 35	s 49 36
Hartford	41 32 .74	s 44 32			
Houston	57 29	pc 59 38			
Indianapolis	42 23	pc 35 15			
Jackson	51 24	s 53 30			
Las Vegas	58 34	s 57 38			
Little Rock	50 27	pc 51 28			
Los Angeles	66 38	s 65 47			
Louisville	46 27	pc 43 22			
Memphis	48 27	s 50 27			
Milwaukee	35 22	pc 24 14			
Minneapolis	29 18	s 15 3			
Mobile	54 30	s 58 33			
Montgomery	53 29	s 48 25			
Nashville	45 25	s 48 25			

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 75 Hollywood, Fla. LOW -7 Alamosa, Colo.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	H/L/SKY	City	H/L/SKY
London	61/48/c	Lisbon	44/33/pc
Madrid	57/38/c	Mexico City	77/46/pc
Amsterdam	42/37/sh	Montreal	32/23/c
Athens	55/43/s	Moscow	32/29/c
Beijing	31/15/s	Paris	47/40/sh
Berlin	40/33/c	Rio	80/72/ts
Bermuda	74/69/pc	Rome	61/44/sh
Cairo	68/51/s	Sydney	72/59/pc
Calgary	43/24/s	Tokyo	49/41/sh
Havana	83/63/sh	Toronto	33/23/sh
Hong Kong	69/57/c	Warsaw	38/31/sh
Jerusalem	58/41/pc		

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; dr=drizzle; f=fair; h=hazy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy.

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State BRIEF

Jellyfish caused plant shutdown

PORT ST. LUCIE — Officials say Florida Power & Light's St. Lucie nuclear power plant was forced to shut down for two

days in August after jellyfish clogged the plant's intake pipes. An FPL spokesman said the public was never in danger. Problems began Aug. 22, when the plant's three intake pipes began sucking in a large

number of moon jellyfish. Trash rakes and rotating screens that normally prevent debris from getting into storage tanks failed to keep up, allowing dead and dying jellyfish to clog them.

—From wire reports

SHOOT

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took place on a Monday.

The university faces charges of failure to issue a timely warning and failure to follow its own procedures for providing notification.

Parents of some victims have testified that they think their loved ones would have stayed away from campus if they had known of a threat.

James Moore, a department official, testified that even if it had been a domestic incident, there were enough signs that a gunman was on the loose to warrant quicker campus alerts by the school.

The 1990 Clery Act was named after Lehigh University student Jeanne Clery, who was raped and murdered in her dorm room by another student in 1986.

The maximum fine per violation under the law is \$27,500. Institutions also can lose their ability to offer federal student loans, but that has never happened.

An appeals hearing in Clery Act cases is rare. Experts say institutions typically agree to fines and take corrective action or reach an agreement with the Education Department.

ON THE NET

- Virginia Tech: <http://www.vt.edu>
- VTV Family Outreach Foundation: <http://www.vtvfamilyfoundation.org>
- Clery Act: <http://tinyurl.com/82kvc52>
- Security on Campus: <http://www.securityoncampus.org>

DEATH

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alcohol-level of 0.258 at the time of his autopsy, 18 hours after the crash. The legal limit is 0.08.

Phillips was a well-known philanthropist and all-around good guy in the community he has operated the dealership in for more than two decades. His death was received with shock and disbelief.

Following the accident, his longtime friend and co-worker Russ Baldner said Phillips was doing what he loved most — “spending time with his family, friend(s) and being on his boat.”

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SANTA

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kids — and one 12-year-old pastor's son who was known for his mischievousness.

“When he sat on my lap, I knew I was in trouble,” Miller said. “He said, ‘If you're Santa and elves make all the toys, how come you have brand names and labels on them, hmmm?’ All the kids were looking and waiting for my answer — I didn't have one. He stumped me, but that was a good thing. That's when I decided if I'm going to be Santa, I need to be educated.”

His wife, Ran, found a Santa convention in Branson, Mo. That was seven years ago.

At the convention, Miller attended a “stump Santa” workshop where veteran Santas ran through the gamut of tough questions they're asked and how to answer them.

For example, the answer to the labels on toys question might be something like this: “Many years ago my elves could easily handle the workload, but now with all the kids in the world I've had to upgrade, computerize and outsource to keep up with the high demands and not overwork my elves.”

He also learned not to promise what Santa can't

deliver.

“Santa gives gifts, gives unconditional love and spreads joy, but Santa is limited in what he can do. He can't bring Grandma back to life,” Miller said.

After a season of non-paying Santa gigs, Miller joined the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas and started getting calls for professional roles, including mall Santa at Festival Bay Mall in Orlando. Right after he was hired, Miller enrolled at Charles Howard's Santa School in Midland, Mich., for further education. (He did not, however, travel by sleigh since there wasn't any snow on the ground.)

He was Festival Bay Mall Santa for three years.

As Santa, it often helps to have something that helps you stand out from the rest. For Miller it's his saxophone. Known as the singing, sax-playing Santa, he performs at local assisted living facilities. He's also a member of the Palm Tree Santas and the Palm Tree Santas drill team.

Last year he decided to concentrate his Santa duties in Citrus County, filling many of the roles left vacant when local Santa Don Chapman died in May 2010.

“He was my mentor,” Miller said. “He's the one I went to when I first started.”

Miller advises any new Santa to find a mentor, be-

cause being Santa Claus is a weighty matter.

With his beard and long white hair, Miller said he's Santa all year round. He keeps a pocketful of Santa “caught you being good” tokens for the occasions when he's out and he sees a child eyeing him.

“You never approach a child, that's one of the ‘Santa rules,’” he said. “But if they come up to me and ask, ‘Are you Santa?’ then I say, ‘If I am, then I must have something for you,’ and I'll give them a coin and tell them to put it under their tree — it's good for one gift. I'll say, ‘You can be good between now and Christmas, can't you?’”

Five years ago when Miller and his wife adopted their 12-year-old Alena from Russia, the girl handed Miller a list.

“It was a mile long, filled with things she wanted,” Mrs. Miller said. “Frank told her, ‘This is a lot of stuff.’ She said, ‘But you're Santa!’”

For the Millers, it's always Christmas.

“My job is to keep them believing one more year,” Miller said. “Once that glow is gone, it's gone forever.”

Contact Santa Frank Miller at 352-527-3832 or 352-228-1355.

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FACEBOOK

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But the page is not associated with anyone in county government, spokeswoman Lindsay Ubinas said.

In fact, no one contacted Thursday seemed to know where it came from.

Even though Facebook requires users to be truthful about their identities when creating accounts, fake pages are common.

Port Citrus' profile does not reveal much. It claims to work at Citrus County and live in Crystal River. It lists its school as Dixie Hollins High School — likely a dig at Hollins, whose property

borders much of the Cross Florida Barge Canal where Port Citrus is headed.

Port Citrus says it dislikes politics and is inspired by Mystery Monkey of Tampa Bay, a cult Facebook page named for a monkey spotted in Tampa and St. Petersburg neighborhoods that has eluded capture for two years.

It counts among its interests the Freezer bar of Homosassa and Viking River Cruises.

The Port Citrus posts include links to a county commission agenda for the port authority, a Bay News 9 report from February and a quote from Commissioner Winn Webb, who said: “Ports are big business. We just want a little

slice. And if Superman wants a phone booth to change in here, he's welcome too.”

Facebook users attract followers by sending friend requests, which can be accepted, rejected or ignored. Many people accept all or most friend requests; Sen. Mike Fasano, for example, accepted the Port Citrus friend request and now has 3,664 “friends” on his Facebook page.

Port Citrus counts Webb among its list of “friends,” along with Commissioners Rebecca Bays and John “JJ” Kenney. Others accepting Port Citrus friend requests include Property Appraiser Geoff Greene, several political campaigns, numerous

business owners and a *Chronicle* reporter.

Bays, Kenney and Webb said they didn't know anything about the Port Citrus page. The commissioners said they didn't realize they had accepted a “friend” request from Port Citrus and surmised their spouses must have done it.

“I'm not a big Facebooker,” Bays said. “That's not how I spend my time.”

The commissioners said they didn't know who was behind the Port Citrus page.

Public Works Director Ken Frink accepted Port Citrus' Facebook friend request.

“I thought it was something Lindsay instigated. I since found out she hadn't,”

Frink said. “I don't think anybody in county government did it.”

Port Citrus of Facebook does not appear to be a fan of the true Port Citrus. It debuted with a logo showing the barge canal but replaced it Wednesday with a digitally manipulated photo of a container barge with “Port Citrus Bound” written on the hull.

State Rep. Jimmie T. Smith said he accepted the Port Citrus “friend” request because he supports the project. Smith said whoever is behind the Port Citrus Facebook page is misleading the public.

“If they're not a proponent of it, I think they've done wrong by the people,”

the Inverness Republican said. “They should hand it off to someone who supports the port, or close it down.”

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Waldo Bramlett, 89

DUNNELLON

Waldo T. Bramlett, age 89, of Dunnellon, Florida, passed away on December 7, 2011.

He is a member of the Lighthouse Baptist Church of Citrus Springs and a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam until 1967.

He is the loving husband of Sarah Bramlett; father of Judith Cocuzzo, of Manchester, NH, Virginia Robertson of Billrecia, MA, PeggyMay of Seminole FL, Anita Kunnen of Clearwater FL, and Terry Domagala of Largo FL; grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of eight and the late Jeremy McRoskey; and also the brother of Harley Hoyle Bramlett, of Hawthorne, FL.

Visitation is Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m. at the Lighthouse Baptist Church of Citrus Springs.

Interment will follow at Dunnellon Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Roberts Funeral Home, 19939 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Dunnellon, FL 34432. Condolences may be left at www.robertsofdunnellon.com.



Richard Davis, 77

CRYSTAL RIVER

Richard A. Davis, 77, passed away December 5, 2011, at his residence in Crystal River.

Mr. Davis was born in Freeport, Maine, and was a retired owner of Davis Brothers' Inc. Richard served in the United States Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Mary Lou Davis of Crystal River; Stephanie Randall (Herrick), daughter, of Gray, Maine, Michael Davis (Ann), son, of Bowdoinham, Maine, David Davis (Terry L), son, of Mooresville, North Carolina, Arthur Davis III (Melody), son, of Nobleboro, Maine; three granddaughters, Heather, Katie and Amanda; two grandsons, Zac and Brandon; one sister; Beverly Scammon of Freeport, Maine; and several nieces and nephews. He was looking forward to the birth of his great-grandson, Riley.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011, at the Hernando United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the church in Richards' name.



George Fender, 81

JACKSONVILLE

George L. Fender, age 81, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away Wednesday Dec. 7, 2011, at St. Vincent Hospital in Jacksonville.

He was born Oct. 30, 1930, in Nashville, TN, to Shelly Francis and Bertha (Harris) Fender. He moved to Jacksonville 60 years ago, from Romeo, FL. He was a retired truck driver and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean war. He enjoyed fishing and was of the Baptist faith. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Bertine Fender, Feb. 3, 2004.

Survivors include his two daughters, Linda Aycock (James) of Callahan, FL, and Myra Crews, of Jacksonville, FL; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Monday Dec. 12, 2011, from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m., at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL, with the Rev. Gary Bailey officiating. Interment will follow at the Red Level Cemetery in Red Level, FL, under the direction of the Strickland Funeral Home Crystal River, FL.

Sign the guest book at chronicleonline.com.



Peter Handibode

BEVERLY HILLS

Peter B. Handibode, of Beverly Hills, FL, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

He received a Christian burial with military honors in Middletown, RI, on Nov. 16. There will be a Memorial Mass held in his honor at Our Lady of Grace Church in Beverly Hills on Monday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Peter "Big Pete" Lotz, 81

HERNANDO

Peter Edmund "Big Pete" Lotz, 81, of Hernando, Florida, went home to be with our Lord on December 6, 2011. He passed away at home under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Citrus County.

He was born on October 13, 1930, in Niagara Falls, NY, to his parents, Peter and Lottie Lotz. He assisted his parents, who owned and operated a Florist shop in Lewiston, NY. He later served his country in the United States Coast Guard from March 21, 1949 to June 12, 1950. After leaving the service, he married Leona M. Stoney, of East Boston, MA, whom he lovingly referred to as his "Polish Queen." He shared and dedicated his life to her for 61 years.

He was a millwright by trade, after leaving the service, and retired from Carborundum Abrasives Company in Niagara Falls, NY. Following retirement, he moved to St. Petersburg Beach, FL, where he lovingly took care of his father, Peter, until he passed in 1986. During that time he owned and operated "Pete's Pressure Washing" and spent his free time out on the water that he loved so much.

He came to this area in 1994, to be closer to his daughter Karen. He was a great man who loved his wife Leona, his two sons Peter and John, and his daughter Karen. He loved traveling and his best five years were spent on the road out west, in his RV with his wife. He will be deeply missed by us all and we thank God for the years we were blessed to have shared with him. We know that this is not goodbye, it is, until we meet again.

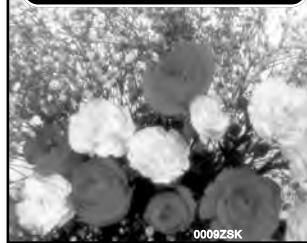
He is survived by his loving wife Leona, of Hernando, his two sons, Peter of Niagara Falls, NY, and John of Middleport, NY; his daughter Karen L. Lewis, of Hernando, FL; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and his brother Paul, of Youngstown, NY. Services will be held at the Hardison Funeral Home, Lewiston, NY, followed by a graveside service and interment at the Riverdale Cemetery, during the spring of 2012. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory of Inverness.

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Obituaries

Raymond Osteen, 54

HOMOSASSA

Former Muncie resident, Raymond Osteen, 54, of Homosassa, FL, went home to be with our Lord and Savior December 7, 2011. He was under the care of his loving family and Hospice.

Ray was born on December 20, 1956, to Orville and Joyce Osteen. He graduated from Garrett High School, where he excelled in football, wrestling and drama. He was a loving husband and father and never met a stranger. He was an avid bowler and loved playing golf. He was a longtime Kiwanian and was blessed with a Hixson Fellowship. He was a past Lt. Governor and served on the Governor's Board.

He was preceded in death by his father, Orville Osteen, and his brother, Lee Osteen.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Terri (Herod) Osteen; his two boys, 10-year-old Jeremy, and 5-year-old Stephen; his mother, Joyce Ohls, brother, Scott Osteen and "Aunt Laura," who reside in Muncie, IN; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church of Homosassa, FL, where he was the Chairman of the Trustees and served as a Sunday School Teacher as well as assistant choir director.

Friends may pay respects at Wilder Funeral Home in Homosassa, FL, on Friday Dec. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Services will be held on Saturday Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church in Homosassa, FL.

In lieu of flowers a trust has been set up for Jeremy and Stephen's education. Please make donations to Regions Bank in Homosassa, FL.

Sign the guest book at chronicleonline.com.

Maxine Lewis, 86

CRYSTAL RIVER

Maxine Elizabeth Lewis, 86, Crystal River, died Thursday Dec. 8, 2011, at Diamond Ridge Health and Rehab in Lecanto, FL. A Memorial service will be conducted on Saturday Dec. 10, 2011, at 3 p.m., at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL.



Frederick Thomas, 73

FLORAL CITY

Frederick R. Thomas, 73, Floral City, died Dec. 7, 2011. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private cremation arrangements. Interment at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

SO YOU KNOW

- Deadline is 3 p.m. for obituaries to appear in the next day's edition.

Joyce Richards, 71

Joyce Audrey Richards passed away in her sleep on Nov. 24, 2011. She was 71 years old. Joyce was born in Joliet, Illinois, on October 15, 1940. Joyce worked as a Department of Defense civil service employee, Circle K manager and Levy County School District bus driver. She retired from the Levy County School District in June 2009.



Joyce Richards

Joyce enjoyed working with children. She was involved in Girl Scouts and was a reading mentor at Yankeetown School. Joyce will be remembered, along with her mother Audrey, as one of the volunteer leaders for the construction of the gymnasium at the Yankeetown School.

Joyce was predeceased in death by her parents, Carlos Neal Richards and Audrey Mills Richards. She is survived by her sisters, Sandra Gardner and Kathy Surges; daughter, Penny Fewell; son-in-law, Jeff Fewell; and three grandsons, Nick, Chris and Brandon Fewell. She will be sadly missed by her friends and family.

A memorial service will take place at Parsons Memorial Church, 5850 Riverside Drive, Yankeetown, Florida, on December 10 at 2 p.m.

In Joyce's memory, donations can be made to the Yankeetown School Library, 4500 Hwy. 40 W., Yankeetown, FL 34498 or made to Parsons Memorial Presbyterian Church, 5850 Riverside Dr., Yankeetown, FL 34498.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Margaret Zarkowski, 78

INVERNESS

Margaret M. Zarkowski, 78, Inverness, died Dec. 7, 2011, at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Spring Hill. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation.

OBITUARIES

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Raymond Stimpson, 64

INVERNESS

Raymond R. Stimpson, 64, of Inverness, passed away on Dec. 5, 2011, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

A native of Manchester, Jamaica, he was born Nov. 23, 1947, to Eric and Olga (Herman) Stimpson, and moved to Citrus County in 2004, from Stony Point, Rockland County, NY. Raymond was a retired police officer for both the New Jersey and New York Port Authority Police Depts. and was one of the first responders in Manhattan on 9/11. Mr. Stimpson was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran in 1966 and was of the Presbyterian faith.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Maria C. Stimpson, of Inverness; sons Luis Torres (Jessica Larregui) and William Torres, both of Rockland County, NY; daughters Rachel and Joy Stimpson, both of Inverness; daughter Stephanie Michaels of Miami, FL; and also a grandson, Steven Flores. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. from Fero Funeral Home, Beverly Hills. Interment is private. www.ferofuneralhome.com.



Wayne Whitford, 82

INVERNESS

Mr. Wayne Allen Whitford, 82, of Inverness, Florida, died Monday, December 5, 2011, in Inverness, FL, surrounded by his family and special friend, Carol Weiser, by his side. He was born August 7, 1929, in Chattanooga, TN, son of the late Everett and Mae (Burrow) Whitford. He was an Army veteran serving during World War II. He worked as a truck driver for U.S. Pipe and Steel and moved to Inverness, Florida, from Soddy Daisy, TN, in 1984. Mr. Whitford was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge No. 418, Soddy Lodge F&AM, Soddy, TN, and a life member of VFW Post No. 4337, Inverness.

Mr. Whitford was preceded in death by his wife, Bobbie L. (Davis) Whitford, sister, Thelma Blair, and brother, Clarence Whitford. Survivors include stepson, Dennis E. Davis of Soddy Daisy, TN; sister, Nancy Housley of TN; 2 grandsons; 3 nephews; 1 niece; and many friends of Edgewater Oaks Park and Inverness.

Interment will take place in Tennessee at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Small towns fear losing holiday postmarks

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Ind. — Each December, a sleepy one-man post office in rural Indiana roars to life as thousands of holiday greeting cards arrive from around the world, each seeking the outpost's unique red-inked imprint that pays homage to the hamlet's biblical name.

Postmaster John Cable stamps each by hand, some with a simple postmark cachet that carries the phrase "Star of Bethlehem" above a five-pointed star. Others get a stamp depicting the three camel-riding wise men following the star of Bethlehem.

"My brother in California, my son in South Bend, my daughter — they really look forward to that stamp on their letters. They expect it every Christmas," said retiree Mike King of Scottsburg, Ind., who made a 30-mile trip to the post office this week so his holiday batch of mail could keep a two-decade tradition of carrying the festive flair.

This could be the last year for his trip: Those distinctive stamps offered for more than five decades by the tiny post office could soon be a ghost of Christmas past.

The Bethlehem post office is one of more than half a dozen with winter-themed names that are on a list of about 3,700 post offices nationwide the U.S. Postal Service has proposed shuttering to help slash costs. The postmarks from Snow, Okla., Antler, N.D., and Chestnut, Ill., might also fade away.

The agency will begin deciding the fate of those post offices early next year unless Congress intervenes, said Postal Service spokesman Victor Dubina.

There are other places that will still offer a holiday postmark. North Pole postmarks will still be available in Alaska and New York. Six other states have a Bethlehem. But the proposed closures mean that it could be the last time these rural outposts get to take pride in the purpose their postmark brings each holiday.

Some years, Antler Postmaster Sharon Tennyson stamps 1,000 letters with a special stamp sporting a reindeer in red or black ink. The tradition in the North Dakota town of about 35 just south of the Canadian border dates from the 1950s.

"People say it's neat to have their letters or Christmas cards postmarked with Antler on them," Tennyson said. "They come from all over."

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Fla. regulators approve water-pollution rule

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — State regulators on Thursday approved a pair of water pollution rules that are being administratively challenged by environmentalists who say they are too weak to stop algae blooms that are choking Florida's waters.

The numeric standards for nutrients contained in such pollutants as sewage, manure and fertilizer also must be approved by the Legislature and federal Environmental Protection Agency, which has given them preliminary clearance. The standards set specific limits on phosphate and nitrogen. They would replace existing state standards that rely simply on verbal descriptions of pollution.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection drafted the rules as an alternative to tougher EPA numeric standards, which have drawn opposition from agriculture and business interests, as well as utility officials. Those critics say the federal versions would cost billions to implement. Environmentalists and EPA officials say those cost projections are wildly inflated.

Monica Reimer, a lawyer with the environmental legal organization Earthjustice, pointed to a couple of poster-size photos of algae-filled waters as she spoke to the six-member Environmental Regulation Commission before it unanimously approved the state rules.

"The proposed rules are not only going to not prevent this condition from continuing, but it's also not going to keep it from getting worse," Reimer said.

The EPA drafted its numeric nutrient standards to settle a lawsuit that Earthjustice filed on behalf of several environmental groups.

"The primary distinction of the Florida rule is that it incorporates safeguards to avoid needless expenditures of misguided goals that can result" from the EPA version, said John Buss, stormwater management director for the Florida Stormwater Association.

Commission chairwoman Cari Roth said she agreed with Buss.

"I for one don't want to wait and try to make it perfect," Roth said. "It's been a long road getting here."

EPA ordered the states to set numeric standards in 1998. The environmental groups sued EPA for failing to make Florida comply. A federal judge approved their settlement two years ago.

Buss said the EPA rules could result in spending money to clean up water bodies that aren't impaired. The state rules require additional studies including biological assessments to confirm a water body is polluted before requiring utilities or businesses to clean up their discharges.

The state's rules would delay action until after a body of water is polluted, said Stephanie Kunkle of Clean Water Action, a national environmental group.

"DEP's approach of allowing pollution to build to harmful levels rather than incentivize prevention as EPA's does will cost the taxpayers for Florida far more overall," Kunkle said.

She said that's because polluters are required to help pay for prevention while taxpayers usually get stuck with most of the bill for cleanup.

A Florida State University study commissioned by DEP indicates that complying with the state rules would cost \$55 million to \$160 million a year with a median of \$80 million, said Drew Bartlett, DEP's environmental assessment and restoration director. Those expenses would be paid by public and private utilities, paper mills, chemical factories and other businesses that need permits to discharge wastewater — costs that many likely will pass on to their customers.

EPA estimates its rules

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would cost \$135 million to \$206 million, or no more than 20 cents per household in affected areas.

The commission made several changes in the proposed rules, including a couple sought by utilities before approving them.

Reimer told the panel that because of those amendments it must seek public comment, hold another hearing and then take a final vote.

DEP lawyer Stacy Cowley disagreed. She said the commission must seek additional comment but doesn't need to hold another hearing or vote again. The changes, though, could pro-

vide opponents with additional grounds for their administrative challenge, Cowley said.

The commission declined to consider a change proposed by Linda Young, director of the Clean Water Network of Florida. It would have required pollutants to be measured where they enter the water. The state rule would average measurements throughout a water body after the pollutants have been diluted.

Bartlett said that's not a new idea and had been discussed but that it would cost an estimated \$3.37 billion to upgrade sewage treatment plants to comply.

Vice president visits naval station



Associated Press

Vice President Joe Biden, second left, greets and thanks sailors Thursday as they exit the USS Gettysburg, which had just returned to Naval Station Mayport in Mayport, Fla., following a seven-month deployment. The stop in Mayport was followed by a stop at Duncan Fletcher High School, where he was joined by Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

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Afghan pass illustrates U.S. dilemma

Associated Press

GULRUDDIN OUTPOST, Afghanistan — U.S. forces scored a strategic victory against the Taliban four months ago when they seized a mountain pass that had enabled suicide bombers to make their way from Pakistan to the Afghan capital, Kabul.

But as American troops draw down in the war, it will fall on Afghan soldiers and police to hold this dirt road in eastern Afghanistan's Taba Kakar mountains. So far, the signs are not encouraging.

The district police chief was a drug addict who was fired at the end of November only after he punched a U.S. military translator, according to American soldiers. He then sold or stole everything from electronics to teacups, even removing the batteries from the remote control for the heating unit supplied by the Americans.

The Afghan soldiers aren't much help either. Westerners working in the area have found them to be unmotivated and undependable. The soldiers go out on few patrols and are mistrusted by the local population because most are from a different ethnic group.

The U.S. plans to hand over more and more volatile areas like Gulruddin before the end of 2014, when the Afghans are expected to oversee security nationwide. If the Afghan government cannot hold these key gateways, insecurity could quickly spread.

At Gulruddin, that could come as early as next summer. After the snows melt and the traditional fighting season begins, the Afghans may be asked to hold the pass with a lot less help from the Americans.

The U.S. force in Afghanistan is already shrinking, and President Barack Obama has pledged to pull out 33,000 American troops by the end of 2012. That's a third of those deployed in the country at the peak of the U.S. military presence in June.

As recently as June, the Gulruddin area of Paktika province was an insurgent sanctuary.



ABOVE: A U.S. soldier with Apache Company of Task Force 3-66 Armor, out of Grafenwoehr, Germany, fingerprints a man passing through a police checkpoint Dec. 1 at Gulruddin pass in Sar Hawza district of Paktika province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan. LEFT: A U.S. soldier stands guard Dec. 1 at a police checkpoint at Gulruddin pass. U.S. forces achieved a rare concrete victory in the often undefined Afghan war when they seized this key mountain pass from the Taliban four months ago.

Associated Press

Fighters crossing from Pakistan into eastern Afghanistan would travel by motorcycle for a day and a half over remote mountain tracks, sleeping in caves to evade U.S. surveillance, then funnel through Gulruddin pass into the unfolding valley below. In the first few villages, they'd find sympathetic locals with spare beds and warm meals. They'd recover their strength, resupply and continue the remaining 100 miles to the capital on a clear and flat road.

So the Americans decided to shut down what they called the "Taliban Motel 6." In late July U.S. special forces attacked nearby Marzak village, considered a key Taliban refuge, and killed nearly 100 insurgents. After the fighting subsided, U.S. troops intercepted a trailer truck piled high with bodies — some in coffins, some just loose corpses — that was headed back to Pakistan.

U.S. forces used the relative calm they had won to establish a presence at the pass. They brought in backhoes and carved a road up the hill to an overlook where they built an army outpost at 8,600 feet. On the road below, they erected a vehicle checkpoint. In September, Afghan soldiers moved into the outpost and police started manning the checkpoint.

Although the U.S. offensive appears to have decimated this year's supply of insurgent fighters, there



Soldiers with Apache Company walk down from an Afghan army outpost at Gulruddin pass. As American troops draw down in the war, it will fall on Afghan soldiers and police to hold this dirt road in eastern Afghanistan's Taba Kakar mountains. So far, the signs are not encouraging.

will likely be more next spring after border passes are clear of snow. U.S. commanders say new insurgents have arrived in Marzak even in the past two months.

U.S. military commanders in Paktika have recommended that the province be one of the last in Afghanistan to lose American forces. But higher-level commanders may be forced to make reductions, and the Afghan government is considering taking over parts of the province as early as July. In previous negotiations with international forces,

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has lobbied to transition areas that international forces think are still too insecure.

It's an issue still under debate — whether to transition difficult areas while a sizable U.S. force remains in the country, or to give these areas as much time as possible before handing them over to Afghan security forces.

The approximately 100 U.S. soldiers who are responsible for the area surrounding Gulruddin are defiantly optimistic. They say they expect to have until the

district, Sar Hawza, have a long way to go — the army even more so than the police. The supply lines are also dismal: The Afghan soldiers couldn't patrol for a month recently because they had run out of fuel and Kabul had not provided more.

To keep Sar Hawza district from gradually slipping back into the hands of the insurgents, the Americans are counting on a new government-sponsored militia program called the Afghan Local Police. About 30 men in the district are working for the program so far — all locals who are expected to have more invested and more at stake than the traditional security forces.

The idea is that the local force will help keep the insurgents out of the communities, taking pressure off the soldiers and police trying to hold the pass. It's just not clear when these three forces will be ready to stand on their own.

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Waterbody	Plant	Herbicide Used
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Inverness Pool	Limnophila / Cattails / Tallow / Torpedograss / Hydrilla / Nuphar / Tussocks / Willows / Lotus	Diquat / Glyphosate / Garlon 3A / Aquathol / Super K / 2,4D
Floral City Pool	Lotus / Tallow / Torpedograss / Tussocks / Willows	Glyphosate / Garlon 3A / 2,4D

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Ben Prestage

perform two sets with an intermission. Tickets are \$10 and include refreshments.

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● Jan. 6 — Rod MacDonald at Unity Church Fellowship Hall.

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■ **Loretta Lynn**, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, Lakeland Center Youkey Theatre, Lakeland. \$40.85, \$77.20. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **The Marion Civic Chorale** concert dates are:
● 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, St. George Anglican Cathedral, 5646 S.E. 28th Street, Ocala.

● 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Zion United Methodist Church, 510 N.W. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Ocala.

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● Sunday Dec. 11, FUMC.
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■ **Alice Cooper**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, Hard Rock Live Orlando. \$50.30, \$76.45. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Swing in the Holidays** with the Encore Swing Band on Friday, Dec. 16, at Calvary Chapel Hall of Inverness, 960 S. U.S. 41. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Beverages and

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Music from the Heart featuring "Oldies and Greaties" from Richard Michael Reyes will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Crystal River Mall. Call Richard Michael Reyes at (352) 527-1109 for information.

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■ **Citrus County Airboat Alliance's holiday airboat parade**, Saturday, Dec. 10, on Lake Hernando. Boats entering parade should meet at Hernando boat ramp one hour before dusk, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The parade will begin after dark. Admission donation for boats is a new, unwrapped child's toy for Citrus United Basket. For information, call (352) 344-1226.

desserts served all evening. Tickets are \$15. Call (352) 726-1480.

■ **The Country Sunshine Band**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays, East Citrus Community Center, 9907 East Gulf-to-Lake Hwy. (State Road 44 East), Inverness. Call Annie at (352) 465-4860.

■ **John Thomas Traditional Country Music Show and Jam**, 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays weekly, Oxford Community Center, 4027 Main St., Oxford. \$5. (352) 560-7496.

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■ **Jazz pianist Terry Coats**, 5:30 p.m. every Thursday through Saturday

in November and December, at The Olive Tree Restaurant, 963 N. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19), in Crystal River. Reservations not necessary, but recommended on weekends. Call (352) 563-0075 or visit www.olivetreedining.com.

■ **Crystal River Music in The Park** is looking for any talented individuals or groups who would be willing to perform for two hours on the third Saturday of any month. All are invited to audition. For details, call (352) 601-3506.

■ **Downtown Countdown**, a free New Year's Eve celebration concert, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at Bo Diddley Community Plaza, on the corner of Southeast

First Street and East University Avenue. Headlining the concert is the band Fast Lane. This six-piece band plays a blend of R&B, funk, soul and rock and roll. Opening for Fast Lane is the group Couch Messiahs. This Gainesville based band plays a varied mix of classic rock, Americana roots music, R&B and country alternative. For more information or to schedule an interview, contact David Ballard at (352) 393-8746.

■ **Jackie Mason**, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Capitol Theatre. Tickets cost \$45 and \$35. Call (727) 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com for information.

■ **International concert organist David Hart**, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd., (State Road 40), Ocala. Admission is free but a free-will offering will be taken. For information, call (352) 537-0207.

■ **Gregg Allman**, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, Ruth Eckerd Hall. Special guest is Jaimoe's Jasssz Band. Reserved tickets \$69.50, \$42.50 and \$35. Call (727) 791-7400, or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

■ **Gordon Lightfoot**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, Daytona Beach Peabody Auditorium. \$48.65, \$67.10. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **The Lennon Sisters**, 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, Daytona Beach Peabody Auditorium. \$43.50, \$49.65. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Travis Tritt**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, Lakeland Center Youkey Theatre, Lakeland. \$44.95, \$74.40. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Roberta Flack**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, The Peabody Daytona Beach. \$51.70, \$72.20. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **The Fabulous Country Diamonds**, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Curtis Peterson Auditorium, Lecanto. Listen to Carol and George Kline as they entertain with the classic country sounds of Patsy Cline, Kenny Rogers, Dottie West, George Jones, Dolly Parton and others. Cost \$15. Doors open at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Central Ridge Club of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County. Tickets available at Citrus Area Offices of BB&T Bank, Cadence (Superior) Bank, Nature Coast Bank and online at www.BurntheMortgage.com. For more info or tickets, call Gerry Jones (352) 527-8002 or Amy (352) 287-1421.

■ **George Jones**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, The Peabody Daytona Beach. \$52.75, \$65.05. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Ray Stevens**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, The Peabody Daytona Beach. \$49.65, \$70.15. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Andy Grammer**, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Capitol theatre in downtown Clearwater with special guest Ryan Star. Tickets on sale at noon Saturday, Dec. 3. Reserved tickets \$25 and \$17.50. For tickets, call (727) 791-7400 or visit www.atthecap.com.

■ **The Doobie Brothers**, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Ruth Eckerd Hall, with special guest Pablo Cruise. Reserved tickets \$87.50, \$53.50 and \$39.50. Call (727) 791-7400 or visit www.rutheckerdhall.com.

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Lack of ECB bond plan drops stocks

NEW YORK — Financial markets slumped Thursday after the head of Europe's central bank dashed hopes that the bank was preparing to help extinguish the region's debt crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped nearly 200 points on a day when investors around the world reacted to every word spoken and rumor spread at a summit of European Union leaders. The markets could be headed for another wild ride on Friday as European officials try to strike a deal to mandate greater oversight of government budgets.

Investors overlooked good news on the U.S. economy Thursday, Kelly said. Claims for unemployment benefits dropped, and wholesale companies increased their inventories in expectation of stronger sales.

Stock in the U.S. fell early Thursday after Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank, said there was no plan for large-scale purchases of European government bonds, as many in the markets had expected.

Draghi's remarks sent borrowing costs soaring for Italy, Spain and other countries with heavy debt burdens. European stock indexes fell and the euro weakened against the dollar.

Bank stocks led the way lower in the U.S. Citigroup Inc. plunged 7 percent; Morgan Stanley, 8.4 percent. JP-Morgan Chase & Co. slid 5.2 percent, as did the most of the 30 large companies in the Dow average.

The Dow fell 198.67 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 11,997.70. The drop was the worst since Nov. 23 and ended a three-day run of modest gains. The last time the Dow closed above 12,000 was Nov. 29.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 26.66, or 2.1 percent, to 1,234.35. The Nasdaq lost 52.83, or 2 percent, to 2,596.38.

The dollar and U.S. Treasury prices rose as traders shifted money into assets seen as relatively safe. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note dipped to 1.97 percent from 2.03 percent late Tuesday. The last time the yield was below 2 percent was Nov. 29.

In France, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel tried to muster support from other European leaders for their latest bid to save the euro currency from collapsing under the weight

of government debts. The summit that began late Thursday was billed as a make-or-break moment to convince markets that Europe will take bold enough action to prevent the euro from breaking up. Reports that Germany had rejected some proposals for stemming the crisis sent the Dow lower in the last half-hour of trading.

The yield on benchmark 10-year Italian government bonds jumped half a percentage point, a huge move, to 6.47 percent as traders sold European government debt following Draghi's remarks. The yield on Spain's 10-year bonds rose one-third of a percentage point to 5.71 percent. European markets fell. Italy's main index slumped 4.3 percent; Germany's DAX index 2 percent.

Yields on Italian government bonds soared above 7 percent last month, a level at which weaker countries like Greece and Portugal were forced to seek relief from their lenders. When borrowing costs jump too high, it threatens a government's ability to pay off existing debts and can ultimately lead a government to default.

Markets had interpreted recent remarks by Draghi to mean that the ECB would step in to buy government bonds if nobody else would. His comments Thursday dampened those expectations. Large-scale purchases of European government bonds by the ECB would lower borrowing rates for indebted European countries and ease strains on Europe's financial system.

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Market watch

Table showing market indices: Dow Jones Industrials (-198.67), Nasdaq Composite (-52.83), Standard & Poor's 500 (-26.66), Russell 2000 (-23.46), NYSE diary (Advanced: 411, Declined: 2,629, Unchanged: 74).

Nasdaq diary

Table showing Nasdaq diary: Advanced: 355, Declined: 2,170, Unchanged: 91.

Corzine blames predecessors

WASHINGTON — Jon Corzine told a congressional panel Thursday that he never intended to break rules requiring failed securities firm MF Global to safeguard client money.

Hiring outlook brightens

WASHINGTON — A steady decline in the number of people applying for weekly unemployment benefits is the latest signal that the economy has strengthened and businesses may be poised to step up hiring.

Fixed mortgage rates still low

WASHINGTON — The average rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage hovered above its record low for a sixth straight week. But the super-low rates aren't providing a lift to the struggling housing market.

Exxon Mobil sees hybrid surge

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil Corp. expects to see more and more hybrids on the world's roads, with gas-sipping models like the Toyota Prius making up half of all vehicles by 2040.

Household wealth takes big hit

WASHINGTON — Americans' wealth last summer suffered its biggest quarterly loss in more than two years as stocks, pension funds and homes lost value.

Brown-Forman profit rises

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Brown-Forman Corp. on Thursday said fiscal second-quarter profit rose 2 percent, helped by sales gains for its flagship Jack Daniel's whiskey as the liquor maker spent more to market its new flavored concoctions.

New York Stock Exchange

Table of New York Stock Exchange activity with columns for Name, Last, and Chg. Includes various stocks like SPY, AAPL, MSFT, and international indices.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Keep your dollars in Citrus County

It's the time of year when thoughts turn to holiday shopping and the perfect gift for a special person. Television, radio and newspaper ads lure shoppers with "special buys," often with only one or two in stock per store. Promises of huge discounts can often sway the shopper to take an hour's drive out of the area which, to some, may be worth the trip.

In another part of the world, the Christmas shopping season has also started, but with a different meaning. There it is the sound of underpaid factory workers kicking into high gear to produce hordes of cheap items with even cheaper price tags. Many of those standard gifts make their way to marketplaces throughout the nation.

If there is one thing the Editorial Board could wish for this holiday season, it would be for our readers to shop local. Keep the money in Citrus and buy from people who are your neighbors, not sweatshop workers from another country. With the economic downturn, many small business owners are struggling to keep the doors open. By shopping here at home, it could be the financial key to survival for many. If small mom-and-pop stores are forced to fold, traveling many miles to buy something as simple as a tool set or material for a dress will be a reality.

Right here at home, there's a variety of gifts to buy, such as tickets to a community theater production and concerts at Curtis Peterson Auditorium. For the husband or boyfriend, a day in the Gulf deep sea fish-

ing or scuba diving or a manual on hooking up a home theater system or building a deck is a great gift.

Several local outdoor stores sell kayaks, bicycles, fishing poles, guitars, used and new cars, skateboards, inline skates, bowling balls and tennis rackets.

There are music lessons, car detailing, art classes and tutors to teach Spanish. Or perhaps an oil change for the family vehicle, a motorcycle wash and wax, a computer tune-up, or certificates for lawn mowing or pest control — all necessary services.

For the wife or girlfriend, a day spa treatment — manicure, pedicure, massage and haircut — or maybe a visit from a house cleaning service, diamond bracelet or a nice bottle of perfume or wine.

Citrus even has several of its own wineries and wine stores with unique labels.

Gift certificates are always a win-win choice. The county boasts several fine dining restaurants and boutiques with designer clothes. Gift baskets filled with coffee, T-shirts, flowers, baked goods, homemade crafts and lots of traditional items are easy to make — and appreciated.

Don't let the ability to go online and have a truck in your driveway in a few days or the bling bling of outlet malls in Tampa and Orlando influence you. Instead, let's make an effort to not lose sight of how much we have right here in our backyard. Spend the dollars in Citrus and know you made a difference in the place we call home.

THE ISSUE:

Annual holiday retail rush.

OUR OPINION:

Support local merchants.

Obama is saving capitalism

DOUGLAS COHN AND ELEANOR CLIFT

Other VOICES

Four times in a hundred years, Robber Barons have attempted to undermine the American system. At the beginning of the 20th century, the original Robber Barons, unfettered by referees or regulations, ran roughshod over the economy. They returned with a vengeance in 1929, speculating the stock market into a crash and the country into a depression. Then came the go-go revolution of the 1960s against those who were holding their thumbs on women's rights, civil rights, and youth rights. Today, Robber Barons have morphed into cockroaches, slinking and crawling in the dark through every crack in the system, actually turning a progressive income tax into a regressive tax. They get the deductions while the workers get deducted. They only pay the Social Security tax on their first \$106,800 of income, leaving the regressive burden of caring for retirees almost entirely up to middle-income workers.

In an almost hour-long speech, President Obama addressed the problem, harking back to Teddy Roosevelt and the progressive era to channel the populist impulses once championed by Republicans. Obama traveled to Osawatimie, Kansas, where 110 years ago President Roosevelt delivered what became known as the "New Nationalism" speech, in which he called for, among other things, a graduated income tax, labor laws, and a strong federal government to insure ordinary working Americans a "square deal."

Obama likened that moment in time with the challenges the country faces today with a wealth gap that has people at the top doing exceptionally well while more Americans are falling out of the middle income strata, or finding it out of reach. The fact that Obama chose to align himself with a former Republican president was meant to highlight how far today's GOP has strayed from its roots.

The Rockefeller wing of the Republican Party carried on the spirit of Teddy Roosevelt, but its numbers have been decimated. Named for New York Governor and then Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, and centered mainly in the Northeast, the moderate wing barely exists. The two Republican women senators from Maine continue the tradition, with an occasional assist from Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, but that's about it for moderate Republicans in the Congress today, which is why Congress is at an impasse over whether to extend a payroll tax cut for working people and pay for it with a tiny surtax on people earning over a million dollars.

Just as Roosevelt railed against the Robber Barons, Obama pointed out that laws and loopholes today have gotten so lopsided that some billionaires pay as little as one percent in taxes. And just as Roosevelt's efforts to tame capitalism brought cries of socialism and even communism, Obama's efforts to regulate the financial services industry is meeting with continued resistance in a

Congress influenced by campaign contributions from Wall Street.

Obama called this "a make or break moment" for the middle income earners, for capitalism, and for our democratic system. Does our system work? Can it reward people for playing by the rules? How do we ensure everybody gets a fair share? Teddy Roosevelt believed in an activist government that acted as a referee and restrained the worst impulses of unfettered capitalism. He broke up the biggest business monopolies, and secured the legislation that established the FDA, to oversee the safety of food and drugs.

Roosevelt took on the Robber Barons and restored a sense of economic fairness without compromising capitalism and the entrepreneurial spirit that makes America great. His cousin, FDR, faced an even greater challenge with the Great Depression, which had serious people declaring capitalism had failed, and flirting with fascism and communism.

America met those challenges, and Obama is calling on Congress to join him and once again demonstrate our democratic system can meet this moment. "We need to up our game," he said, and that will take more than his words if we are to once again take on the Robber Barons and save the system.

Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift author the Washington Merry-Go-Round column, founded in 1932 by Drew Pearson.



LETTERS to the Editor

Another success

WOW! What a success! Sunny Cooter and the city of Inverness have celebrated their 8th Annual Great American Cooter Festival, and the event continues to grow in popularity and in rave reviews.

The weather held off as thousands of people packed the Historic Courthouse Square for the "Leather & Lace" Friday Night Block Party in late October. Miss Cooter Fest 2011 Shannon Barlow and Cooter Idol 2011 Mark Smythe were presented to the crowd. The on-stage performances by Fleetwood Max and Alter Eagles were nothing short of spectacular. B&W Rexall Drugs organized an impressive VIP area, with food and beverages provided by Elegant Catering.

The attendance at the weekend festival at Liberty Park was unprecedented. Great weather, a super lineup of fun family activities, on-stage entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, festival foods, and Sunny's hometown friendliness and atmosphere made memories for all.

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Tom Dick, assistant city manager, 2011 festival coordinator
 Inverness

Just opinion

With their repeated use of the phrases "... in our opinion, it is our belief..." etc., Arrigale and Mattos remind us with their overwrought presentation of cherry-picked quotes and simplistic conclusions that it is just that: their opinion — an opinion that I do not share.

They misstate the situation throughout the article, but particularly when they accuse "local boards" of setting themselves up as "the ultimate arbitrators and experts of what our children should be taught..." That is precisely what we, the local voters, elected them to do! Anger and passion must not be substituted for objective reason and fact. This is what Arrigale and Mattos are asking the school board, and the rest of us, to do.

Anthony Brannon
 Inverness



The United Way of Citrus County is trying to help feed the hungry this year and you can help. If each family in Citrus County contributed \$30 (or more), the fundraising organization could meet its goal for 2012. The United Way just gave \$50,000 to match a private \$50,000 grant to push for the completion of the food pantry in Homosassa Springs. Once completed, this pantry will provide food supplies to 51 nonprofit and church groups in our community that feed the hungry.

Do your part and mail a contribution to The United Way, c/o Gerry Mulligan, The Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.

Thanks for your help.

— Gerry Mulligan

Welcome back, Betty

Welcome back to the Chronicle, Betty Berger. I enjoy reading your folksy articles describing life up in Inglis and Yankeetown. I wish you the best of luck. You're a great writer and I admire your storytelling. Thank you.

Impeach Obama

When are you people going to learn that Obama just wants to make our country bankrupt? He does not like the United

States of America because he was not born here. And I want to tell you something else: All he

does is want to raise taxes because he needs taxes to pay for the deficit that he's made.

And he keeps making more and more deficit and he's willing to do it because he wants to raise taxes. And that's how he's going to pay for the deficit, by taking our money away from us by raising taxes.

When are you people going to get smart and impeach him? He's a disgrace.



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By Jason Delong
STAFF WRITER

Gold and silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.

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Yesterday at the **Holiday Inn Express**, locals lined up to cash in on their gold and silver, antiques, collectibles, at the "As seen on TV," Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in **Crystal River** all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box

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for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old Fender guitar his father had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow specialist that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$300.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow, commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket

watches and jewelry are valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow specialists find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over \$650.00. I would say



If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Holiday Inn Express, this week through Saturday, in Crystal River.



that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment: "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.

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Nation BRIEFS

Lighting



Associated Press
Steve and Samantha Rivera, of Philadelphia, stand near a Christmas tree Thursday after a lighting ceremony at John F. Kennedy Plaza in Philadelphia.

Troops' remains dumped in landfill

WASHINGTON — A published report stated the remains of many more U.S. troops have been dumped in a landfill than the military originally acknowledged.

The *Washington Post* said the incinerated partial remains of at least 274 troops were sent to a Virginia landfill. The report was based on database information at the Dover Air Base mortuary, where the remains of most war dead return.

The families of the dead authorized the military to dispose of the remains respectfully and with dignity. They were unaware of the landfill dumping, and Air Force officials told the newspaper they have no plans now to alert the families.

Military policy or regulations did not formally authorize the practice. The mortuary has handled the remains of more than 6,300 troops since 2001.

World BRIEFS

Flooding



Associated Press
A man carries a dog Thursday through floodwaters in the Bosa district of Bogota, Colombia. Officials said flooding caused by heavy rains has forced 3,500 families from homes near Bogota.

Cuban telephone books open to ads

HAVANA — The yellow pages are poised for a comeback — in Cuba, at least.

The back pages of the phone book are being opened up to ads for the country's growing class of private entrepreneurs, part of economic reforms pushed by President Raul Castro.

Currently only government and mixed companies advertise there.

Communist Party newspaper *Granma* says state phone company Etecsa will charge small-business owners \$10 to be included in a basic registry.

They can also purchase bigger ads for unspecified but presumably higher prices.

Granma said Tuesday that small-business owners will get an 80 percent discount on what bigger companies are paying for the larger ads.

The deadline is Dec. 23 to make it into next year's edition.

—From wire reports

CIA ran secret prison in Romania

Terror suspects interrogated at site

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One of the CIA's most important secrets in the war on terrorism was hiding in plain sight, on a leafy residential street along a busy set of train tracks in Romania's capital. There, tucked in the basement of a government building, the CIA ran a clandestine prison, former U.S. intelligence officials said.

For years, the building — code-named Bright Light — housed some of the CIA's most important terror suspects, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks against the U.S. Even after the detainees were shipped off to Guantanamo Bay in 2006 and reports about the prison began to surface, the Romanian government repeatedly denied any knowledge of its existence.

A joint investigation by The Associated Press and German public television, ARD Panorama, however, located the former prison and unearthed details of the facility where harsh interrogation tactics were carried out.

The Romanian prison was part of a network of so-called black sites



Associated Press

The National Registry Office for Classified Information, also known as ORNISS, sits in a busy residential neighborhood minutes from the center of Romania's capital city of Bucharest. Between 2003 and 2006, the CIA operated a secret prison from the building's basement, bringing in high-value terror suspects for interrogation and detention.

that the CIA operated and controlled overseas in Thailand, Lithuania and Poland. All the prisons were closed by May 2006, and the CIA's detention and interrogation program ended in 2009.

Unlike the CIA's facility in Lithuania's countryside or the one hidden in a Polish military installation, the CIA's prison in Romania was not in a remote location. The building is used as the National Registry Office for Classified Information, which is also known as ORNISS. Classified information from

NATO and the European Union is stored there. Former intelligence officials both described the location of the prison and identified pictures of the building.

In an interview at the building in November, senior ORNISS official Adrian Camarasan said the basement is one of the most secure rooms in all of Romania. But he said Americans never ran a prison there.

"No, no. Impossible, impossible," he said in an ARD interview for its "Panorama" news broadcast, as a

security official monitored the interview.

The CIA prison opened for business in the fall of 2003, after the CIA decided to empty the black site in Poland, according to former U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the detention program with reporters.

Shuttling detainees into the facility without being seen was relatively easy. After flying into Bucharest, the detainees were brought to the site in vans. CIA operatives then drove down a side road and entered the compound through a rear gate that led to the actual prison.

The detainees could then be unloaded and whisked into the ground floor of the prison and into the basement.

The basement consisted of six prefabricated cells, each with a clock and arrow pointing to Mecca, the officials said. The cells were on springs, keeping them slightly off balance and causing disorientation among some detainees.

The CIA declined to comment on the prison.

During the first month of their detention, the detainees endured sleep deprivation and were doused with water, slapped or forced to stand in painful positions, several former officials said. Waterboarding was not performed in Romania, they said.

Famed 'hanging tree' falls

Truck hits Zimbabwe landmark

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's famed colonial-era "Hanging Tree" crashed into the street after being struck by a workers' truck during highway repairs, city authorities said Thursday.

Mbuya Nehanda and other icons of the first uprising against white settlers were said to have been hanged from the tree in 1898.

Witnesses said the 200-year-old Msasa tree, declared a historic site and national monument, fell Wednesday and some workers fled, believing it a sacred omen of "bad things to come." Crowds gathered at the felled tree Thursday to take pieces of it, and a n'anga, known in the West as a witchdoctor, performed rites over the trunk and branches.

The indigenous African tree, or brachystegia speciformis, was commemorated on a Zimbabwe postage stamp in 1996, and political rallies have often been held there.

Historians, however, have cast doubt it was



Associated Press

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ever used for hangings.

Mbuya Nehanda, or the ancestral grandmother of the nation, was a tribal spirit medium believed to have had immense powers. She is upheld by highly superstitious Zimbabweans as the country's greatest symbol of black resistance to colonial rule.

Since independence from British rule, Nehanda has been revered with statues erected in the parliament house and main government build-

ings, and streets have been named after her in all of Zimbabwe's cities and towns.

Colonial records show she was executed for the 1897 killing of administrator Henry Pollard, known for his brutality toward blacks.

Zimbabwe historian Rob Burrett told The Associated Press Thursday that records indicated she was actually hanged on gallows at a prison where the main Harare Central Police Station

stands today. But a myth built up before independence and persisted that the colonial court presided over by "Hanging Judge" John Watermeyer sent Nehanda and those he condemned to death to the distinctive tree, Burrett said. At that time the tree was on the outskirts of the small colonial settlement that became Harare.

"It is a great urban myth that has grown over time. The Zimbabwean nationalist version has

been superimposed on earlier white stories," he said.

Successive city authorities resisted calls for the tree — seen as a traffic hazard — to be removed from a central island in the boulevard leading past the colonial-style Harare Sports Club and the State House used as offices by President Robert Mugabe.

Burrett said the tree was scarred at the base by traffic accidents and became diseased and rotten.

European Union weighs greater unity to save euro

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European leaders were wrestling Thursday over how much of their sovereignty they are willing to give up in a desperate attempt to save the ambitious project of continental unity that grew from the ashes of World War II.

At stake at the summit in Brussels is not only the future of the euro, but also the stability of the global financial system and the balance of power in Europe.

To convince financial markets that Europe's economy-crushing debt crisis is a one-time event, countries will have to give up signifi-

cant powers, such as some decisions on borrowing and spending, to a central authority.

President Nicolas Sarkozy and Chancellor Angela Merkel want to convince the other 15 eurozone leaders to agree to a plan that would require their governments to balance their budgets and accept automatic sanctions if they don't.

At the same time, the currency bloc's largest economies are being pushed to commit more money to boost the eurozone's firewalls as the crisis threatens to pull down Italy and Spain.

The overall plan must be

good enough to convince the European Central Bank to intervene in the government bond markets in a manner large enough to stop the panic there, said Paul De Grauwe, an economics professor and EU expert at the Catholic University of Leuven, in Belgium.

The president of the ECB said the bank currently has no plan to increase the scale of its bond interventions, which could keep down the borrowing costs of weak countries like Italy and Spain, as markets had been hoping. Stocks and the euro fell, while the borrowing rates for Italy and Spain skyrocketed.

Plan to boost employment for disabled workers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration wants to use the purchasing power of government to help increase the number of disabled people in the workforce.

A proposed rule announced Thursday by the Labor Department would require most federal contractors to set a goal of having disabled workers make up at least 7 percent of their employees.

Officials said the plan was one of the most significant efforts to protect the rights of disabled workers since passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. "This is really a historic

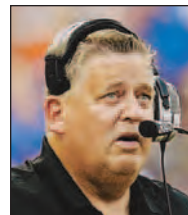
moment in the civil rights movement in America," said Patricia Shiu, director of the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

Federal contractors and subcontractors are accounting for nearly a quarter of the nation's workforce, so the proposal could have a major impact in bringing down the 13 percent unemployment rate for disabled workers. That's about 1 1/2 times the rate of those without disabilities.

There are about 200,000 federal contractors taking in approximately \$700 billion in contracts.

The government long has used the leverage of federal spending to promote affirmative action.

■ Gators offensive coordinator Charlie Weis takes head coaching job at Kansas./B3



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Angels land prized free agent Pujols

Player spurns Cards, gets \$254 million over 10 years

Associated Press

DALLAS — Albert Pujols could have been a wealthy Cardinal for life, planning for the day his statue would be erected outside Busch Stadium next to those of Stan Musial, Bob Gibson and the other St. Louis greats.

Instead, exactly six weeks after leading the Cardinals to a second title in one of the most thrilling World Series ever, he decided to

accept the second-highest contract in baseball history for a new future in southern California with the Los Angeles Angels.

The three-time NL MVP agreed Thursday to a \$254 million, 10-year contract with the Angels, leaving behind a heartbroken fan base by jilting one of the sport's traditional teams for an expansion club with only one championship in its half-century.

For baseball, it was a virtually unprecedented move.

Many top stars have changed teams in their careers, from Babe Ruth to Willie Mays to Barry Bonds. But this is perhaps the best player in the game over the past decade, exiting shortly after one of the great postseason power shows.

A big and burly offensive force with a shaved head, the nine-time All-Star has a room full of honors, winning the 2001 NL Rookie of the Year award, NL MVPs in 2005, 2008 and 2009, a batting title in 2003 and a pair of Gold Gloves at first base. Who would have predicted that when the Cardinals selected him in the 13th round of the 1999 amateur draft with the 402nd overall selection?

And now, he's going West.

As his deal fell into place on the final day of the winter meetings, the Angels struck another big agreement, a \$77.5 million, five-year contract with left-hander C.J. Wilson, the ace whose Texas

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Panthers pitch shutout

Defense, 2 goals by Sims helps Lecanto defeat Citrus, 2-0

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE
 Correspondent

INVERNESS — In a key district matchup of long-running rivals, the Lecanto Panthers boys soccer team prevailed Thursday night, edging host Citrus 2-0 on a pair of goals from senior forward Jacob Sims.

Citrus' opportunities were limited, and when they arose, the Lecanto defense proved up to the challenge. Trailing 1-0 late in the first half, Citrus' Ivan Espinoza sent a ball from midfield toward the left corner where Josh Marsden was racing in. But Lecanto sweeper Hunter Brower slid in for the solid tackle, thwarting what would have been a clear path to the net.

Early in the second half, Justin Carnivale's close-range shot for the Hurricanes was blocked by Lecanto's Scott Stearns, then moments later an Austin Killeen boot from the middle of the box sailed high after he freed himself up for an open look.

So all that was left for the Panthers (6-2-2 overall, 5-2-2 district) to do was to score a goal, and keep playing the type of solid defense and possession of the ball that would inevitably lead to the win.

"I think our defense played pretty strong and we were able to keep them out," said Lecanto coach Doug Warren. "We played well, and I thought we had lots of opportunities, and we were able to capitalize on a couple of them."

In the 14th minute, Sims took the ball up the left sideline from midfield, eluded converging defenders and crept into the box for a close, clean look at the goal. 1-0, Lecanto.

That would be all the Panthers needed, but Sims was not done. His second goal of the night came with just over four minutes remaining on a boot from the right side.

Sims charged in to find the ball on his feet off a feed from Chris Fernandez-Davila. Then, in stoppage time, Sims was this-close to the hat trick, rolling the ball just



CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

Lecanto High School's Blair Wunderly (31) fights for the ball with Citrus High School's Josh Marsden (14) on the Hurricanes' home turf Thursday evening in Inverness. Lecanto took a 2-0 victory from Citrus.

wide right off a nice cross from Blake Parsons.

The Panthers continued to put the pressure on the Citrus defense down the stretch, in the process crippling any chances for a Hurricane rally.

"It was good. They all did what they were supposed to do," Warren said. "Our defense has kept us in a lot of games this year."

Freshman Alan Verone had eight saves for Citrus (4-2-1, 2-1-1), as the Hurricanes were out-

shot by Lecanto, 15-8. Connor Erskine notched four saves for the Panthers to earn the win.

Lecanto will next travel to Crystal River Monday night for a 7 p.m. start, while Citrus hosts Nature Coast at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

SRCS Lady Warriors too much for CFCA

DAVE PIEKLIK
 Correspondent

LECANTO — They're called Warriors for a reason; the girls varsity team for Seven Rivers Christian School proved that Thursday night with a 66-22 victory at home over Central Florida Christian Academy.

Scrapping for loose balls, jostling for position around the basket and snagging rebounds, the Warriors (4-1) put up a relentless fight all night that the undermatched Eagles (3-6) from Orlando simply couldn't handle. Coach Rick Kiernan

said the knee pads the Seven Rivers team wears are there for a reason.

"If we don't have bodies on the floor, they'll hear about it," he said afterward about the aggressive play. "Knee pads are mandatory...we wear them, but we use them."

Indeed, the equipment got a workout as the team combined for 50 rebounds and 27 steals. The game tended to resemble a rugby match more than a basketball game at times, as numerous Warriors scrummed for

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Lecanto nips Hernando

LARRY BUGG
 Correspondent

LECANTO — Megan Straight scored nine of her game-high 19 points in the fourth quarter leading the Lecanto High School girls basketball team to a 56-50 win over Hernando High Thursday at the Panthers' Gym.

Straight scored five of her team's last seven points as Lecanto (7-1) held off a pesky Hernando (4-3) team.

Kylie Sisk added 15 points and Marie Buckley had 10 for the Panthers. Sisk added four rebounds and two steals.

Straight didn't feel this was one of the Panthers' best games.

"It was a close game and somebody had to step up," said Straight, a junior guard. "We missed a couple of lay-ups that we should have made. We didn't box out. The score was too close."

Remi Manual led Hernando with 17 points. Ebone Plummer netted 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Panthers' full-court press was able to force Hernando into 32 turnovers. However, Lecanto missed a number of easy baskets and made 19 turnovers.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Battier to sign with Miami Heat

MIAMI — Free agent forward Shane Battier says he will sign with the Miami Heat.

Battier announced his decision in a series of posts to his Twitter account Thursday morning. The 33-year-old is entering his 10th NBA season, having previously played for Memphis and Houston.

For his career, Battier has averaged 9.6 points and 4.7 rebounds. He's the first free agent to announce a decision to join the Heat this offseason. Battier is expected to be in camp when Miami is scheduled to hold its first formal practice Friday afternoon — assuming the tentative labor agreement is completed by then, as the NBA and its players expect.

The former Duke forward says on Twitter the chance to have "a winning role" in Miami helped him make the decision.

UCF hires Auburn defensive coach

ORLANDO — Ted Roof has been named as the new defensive coordinator at Central Florida.

The former Auburn defensive coordinator spoke for the first time since taking the job Thursday. He rejoins UCF coach George O'Leary, who he coached under at Georgia Tech from 1995 to 2001.

Roof says he is officially done with the Tigers and will not be coaching when they play Virginia in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl Dec. 31.

Roof takes over a UCF defense that led Conference USA in several major defensive categories, but had trouble stopping teams late in games during a disappointing 5-7 season.

Auburn was 78th in total defense (406 yards per game) and 79th in scoring (29.3 ppg) a year after their national title run.

O'Leary is still looking to hire a new linebackers' coach.

St. Louis struck in face by puck

NEW YORK — Martin St. Louis will be out of the Tampa Bay Lightning lineup indefinitely because of facial and nasal fractures sustained Thursday morning when he was struck in the face by a shot taken in practice by teammate Dominic Moore.

St. Louis sat out Thursday night against the New York Rangers, ending his consecutive games streak at 499 games — the third-longest current run in the NHL. The Lightning announced the star forward's injuries in a statement and said St. Louis would return to Tampa immediately and be evaluated by team doctors when the swelling subsides in and around his left eye.

— From wire reports

McIlroy trails by two at Dubai event

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy shot a 30 on the back nine Thursday at the Dubai World Championship to gain the early advantage over top-ranked Luke Donald in the duel for the European money title.

The 22-year-old McIlroy had six birdies — including a 20-foot putt at the last — on the back nine for a 6-under 66 and finished third behind leader Peter Hanson of Sweden (64) and 1999 British Open champion Paul Lawrie of Scotland (65).

Donald, who played alongside McIlroy, shot an even-par 72.

Rory McIlroy plays a ball in the bunker on the second hole during the first round of Dubai World Championship golf tournament Thursday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Associated Press

McIlroy, who came from behind to win last week's Hong Kong Open, made a "couple of silly mistakes" on the front nine. The Northern Irishman had a double bogey on the second hole and bogeyed No. 8 after hitting over the back of the green.

"It was a perfect start to the tournament for me," said McIlroy, who has been complaining of fatigue from a lingering virus. "To shoot a great score like that really sets me up nicely for the next three days. The back nine was just pretty much flawless."

"I held some really, really nice putts. Just giving myself chances and opportunities for birdies, and lucky enough I was able to make a few."

Donald made four birdies on the front nine but struggled on the back. He had three consecutive bogeys to finish tied for 26th.

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Lightning bust out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dominic Moore scored the tying short-handed goal with 1:57 left in regulation and then netted the only goal in the shootout to help the Tampa Bay Lightning snap a five-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

The Lightning ended their skid despite not having star forward Martin St. Louis in the lineup for the first time in 500 games. St. Louis was struck near his left eye Thursday morning by a shot taken by Moore and sustained facial and sinus fractures.

Ryan Malone had gotten Tampa Bay even at 1 in the second period.

Panthers 2, Bruins 0

BOSTON — Tomas Kopecky broke a scoreless tie with 2:32 left and Jose Theodore stopped 40 shots as Florida beat Boston and sent Tim Thomas to his first loss in 11 games.

It was the second shutout of the season for Theodore.

Thomas, who hadn't lost since Oct. 27, made 28 saves.

Kris Versteeg added an empty-netter with 42 seconds left, outracing the Bruins to a loose puck and backhanding it into the net to clinch it.

The Bruins went all of November without losing a game in regulation, but they are 2-2 in December. They have lost two in a row for the first time since back-to-back losses to Montreal at the end of October.

Flyers 3, Penguins 2

PHILADELPHIA — Danny Briere, Wayne Simmonds and Scott Hartnell each scored in Philadelphia's win over Pittsburgh.

Penguins star Sidney Crosby missed the first of two games as a precaution following a collision with teammate Chris Kunitz in Monday night's loss to Boston. The Penguins could have used him. James Neal and Evgeni Malkin scored for Pittsburgh.

The Flyers built a 3-0 lead and held on a night after they rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat Buffalo in overtime.

Blackhawks 3, Islanders 2, OT

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Patrick Sharp scored his second goal of the game 1:34 into overtime to lift Chicago past the New York Islanders.

Marian Hossa added a goal, and Ray Emery made 31 saves for the Blackhawks, who earned a 5-4 shootout victory against New York on Friday in Chicago.

Defensemen Travis Hamonic and Steve Staios scored for the Islanders, and Al Montoya made 25 saves.



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning's Dominic Moore (19) skates past New York Rangers' Ryan McDonagh (27) to score a goal during the third period Thursday in New York. The Lightning won 3-2 in a shootout.

Devils 5, Senators 4, OT

NEWARK, N.J. — Rookie Adam Henrique scored on a backhand in the fourth round of the shootout to give New Jersey a victory over Ottawa.

Zach Parise and Patrik Elias also scored in the shootout for the Devils, who trailed 3-0 with about 5 minutes left in the second period before scoring four unanswered goals.

Ottawa's Jesse Winchester scored a short-handed goal to tie it with just 5 seconds remaining in regulation.

Jason Spezza and Daniel Alfredsson scored in the shootout for the Senators, but goalie Johan Hedberg, who replaced Martin Brodeur to start the second period, stopped David Rundblad to earn the win.

Predators 4, Blue Jackets 3

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Sergei Kostitsyn's redirect with 12.1 seconds left forced overtime and Colin Wilson's one-timer 1:45 into the extra period gave Nashville a win over Columbus.

The Predators trailed by two goals until Patric Hornqvist scored with 1:36 left in the third period, setting up the final frantic minute.

Wilson converted on a 2-on-1 break, netting a nifty pass from Martin Erat, who had also set up Kostitsyn's tying goal.

Mike Fisher added a goal for the Predators, who had lost two in a row. Jeff Carter, Antoine Vermette and Derek Dorsett scored for Columbus, which never trailed in regulation.

Red Wings 5, Coyotes 2

DETROIT — Valtteri Filppula and Jiri Hudler both had a goal and assist, and Detroit scored five times in the first period against Phoenix.

Todd Bertuzzi, Tomas Holmstrom, Darren Helm also scored for Detroit, Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg had two assists each, and Jimmy Howard made 30 saves. The Red Wings scored on their first two shots of the game.

Datsyuk left in the second period because of an undisclosed lower body injury and didn't return.

Radim Vrbata and Martin Hanzal scored for Phoenix. Mike Smith stopped seven shots before being replaced late in the first period by Jason LaBarbera, who made 20 saves.

Blues 4, Ducks 2

ST. LOUIS — T.J. Oshie scored twice, defenseman Ian Cole added his first goal of the season and Jaroslav Halak made 20 saves to lead St. Louis over Anaheim.

St. Louis won for the sixth time in eight games. The Blues have at least one point in 13 of 15 games and improved to 10-2-3 under Ken Hitchcock, who took over for Davis Payne on Nov. 6.

The Ducks have won three times in 19 games.

Canucks 4, Canadiens 3, SO

MONTREAL — Cody Hodgson scored twice, including the only shootout goal, and Vancouver overcame a three-goal deficit for a win over Montreal.

Roberto Luongo, who stopped 20 shots, turned aside David Desharnais, Max Pacioretty and Michael Cammalleri in the tiebreaker as Vancouver won its third in a row. The Canucks, who trailed 3-0 in the second, have won eight of nine.

Sami Salo drew Vancouver even at 3 with a power-play goal with 4:40 left in the third.

Lecanto boys fall in 2 OT

Panthers suffer first loss of year on Wed. night

JOE KORNECKI III
Correspondent

LECANTO — The Lecanto Panthers suffered their first loss of the season in a dramatic double-overtime defeat to the Lake Minneola Hawks 79-67 Wednesday night in a non-district contest.

"It was a great contest," said Lecanto head coach Eddie Buckley. "They're a good team that's fast, athletic, and it is a great warm-up for other teams in our district. We'll have another test against Citrus on Friday and hopefully we'll pass."

The game was competitive right from the start. Guard Anthony Brown had six points and a steal, and guard Carlyle Holder added three points and a steal for Lake Minneola (3-3), which led 16-14 after the first. Mikey Makros had four points to lead the Panthers in the first.

Richie Rizzolo had nine points to lead the Panthers (6-1) in the second period, and Clayton Roessler scored four points and had four rebounds for the Panthers, but the Panthers trailed the Hawks 34-31 at the half.

Roessler led Lecanto with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Lecanto would tie the score when Richie Rizzolo assisted to Roessler for a 3-point play with 3:19 remaining in the third quarter. On the next play, however, Brown would convert a 3-point play of his own to give the Hawks a 49-46 lead.

In the fourth, Lecanto would come back again as an Angelo Rizzolo bucket knotted it at 53 apiece. Weech would score to make it 57-55 for Lake Minneola, but Mikey Makros connected on a 3-pointer to give Lecanto the lead at 58-57 with 2:41 left.

With the Panthers leading 59-57 and needing a stop to win the game, Brown tied it at 59-59 with just a couple seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

After the first overtime, the score was tied at 65-65 but Lake Minneola would pull away in the second overtime outscoring Lecanto 14-2. The Hawks went 10-for-12 from the free-throw line in that span.

Weech came up huge for the Hawks as he scored nine points and recorded three steals as the Hawks put the stamp on their victory.

No. 9 UConn handles No. 25 Harvard

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Jeremy Lamb had 18 points and Andre Drummond added 12 on 6-for-7 shooting and No. 9 Connecticut beat No. 25 Harvard 67-53 on Thursday night, spoiling the Crimson's first game ever as a ranked

team. The Huskies (8-1) appeared ready to pull away twice, once in the first half when they went up nine points and again in the second when they went up by 16 points. But Harvard, the first team from the Ivy League to be in the Top 25 since

Princeton in 1998, got back in the game by using its crisp passing attack and some solid work underneath.

Kyle Casey had 12 points to lead the Crimson (8-1), who were trying to start a season with nine straight wins for the time since the 1904-05 team opened 10-0.

The last Ivy League team to start 9-0 was Columbia in 1969-70.

The Huskies used a 9-0 run to go up 28-19 with 6:44 left in the first half, but Harvard closed the half on a 9-2 run to get within 30-28. The Huskies didn't score over the final 5:18 of the half,

missing five shots and committing two turnovers.

Connecticut turned it around quickly, opening the second half on a 9-2 run to re-establish the nine-point lead.

The run extended to 17-3 as the Huskies made seven of their first eight shots.

PUJOLS

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Rangers lost to the Cardinals in the seven-game World Series.

"This is obviously the moment where we have thrown our hat in the ring," new Angels manager Jerry Dipoto said.

Had he stayed in St. Louis before packed, adoring crowds, Pujols would've ger a 10-year deal that established a Cal Ripken-

like legacy of loyalty, a rare modern star who remained with a franchise from first at-bat to final swing.

Instead, some of his former fans will see him as a sellout.

Pujols rejected a multi-year extension last offseason that was said to include a small percentage of the franchise and cut off negotiations a day before he arrived at spring training. St. Louis also offered the slugger a 10-year deal that chairman Bill DeWitt Jr.

said was in excess of \$200 million.

"I would like our fans to know that we tried our best to make Albert a lifetime Cardinal," he said in a statement, adding later in a telephone interview: "They were substantially higher than our bid."

In St. Louis, Pujols has accomplished so much that he would have been beloved no matter his future performance. But in Anaheim, he will have to prove himself anew.

"I think his body's going to start breaking down and he's not going to be good for 10 years," said Katie Coyle, fitness coordinator at the Webster-Kirkwood YMCA in Missouira, a die-hard fan who wore team colors to work during the playoffs. "I think he's going to regret leaving here. If he'd stayed here and signed a long-term deal with the Cardinals, they'd have had compassion for him because they've seen him at his best."

LECANTO

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Sisk hit five first-quarter points as Lecanto took a 17-10 lead.

Hernando outscored the Panthers 14-11 in the second quarter. Sisk led everyone with six points.

Hernando came out more aggressive in the third period and outscored the Panthers 15-11. Manual scored six points for the Leopards.

Straight had five for Lecanto. Straight's nine points proved to be the difference as Lecanto outscored the visitors 19-11 in the fourth quarter.

This was not a visually appealing contest. Both teams had problems holding onto the ball and made many bad passes.

"(We) were playing with a lineup they are not used to," said Lecanto coach Brittany Szunko. "Megan did well. We didn't let down. It could have gone either way."

WEDNESDAY'S PREP BOXES

Boys basketball

Crystal River 48, St. John Lutheran 46
Saints 10 17 15 4 0 - 46
Pirates 11 12 15 8 2 - 48
SJ (46) - Jamonte Jones 6 2-2 14; J. Smith 3 1-2 8; Harrison Bucy 2 2-2 7; Skyler Doerflinger 3 0-2 6; Cole Whitlock 1 3-4 5; Stephen Bollinger 1 2-7 4; Spencer Smith 1 0-2 2. TOTALS: 17 10-21 46.
CR (48) - Ty Reynolds 7 3-7 17; Will Cleveland 3 4-8 10; Nic Ricca 3 0-0 7; Sam Franklin 2 0-0 3 4; Robert Speakman 2 0-0 4; Sean Hall 1 0-0 2; Kaleb McColley 0 2-5 2; Damien Westfall 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 19 9-23 48.
3-Point Goals: SJ 2 (Bucy, J. Smith); CR 1 (Ricca). **Fouls:** SJ 20, CR 16. **Fouled Out:** Doerflinger (SJ). **Records:** SJ (0-3, 0-0 district); CR (3-4, 0-2 district).

Lake Minneola 79, Lecanto 67, 2 OT
Hawks Leaders
Points: Anthony Brown 28, Chris Weech 19
Rebounds: D'won Maxwell 3
Steals: Anthony Brown 4, Chris Weech 4
Panthers Leaders
Points: Clayton Roessler 21, Richie Rizzolo 15, Mikey Makros 11, Angelo Rizzolo 7
Rebounds: Clayton Roessler 13
Steals: Angelo Rizzolo 2
Free Throws: LM 27-39; Lec-12-26

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
New England	9	3	0	.750	362
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246
	South				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174
	North				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	268
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	175
	West				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202
	South				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	393
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218
	North				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
x-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246
	West				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
x-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	288
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140

Thursday, Dec. 8
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, late
Sunday, Dec. 11
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 1 p.m.
New England at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12
St. Louis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 18
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Philadelphia	27	17	7	3	37	96
Pittsburgh	29	16	9	4	36	88
N.Y. Rangers	25	15	6	4	34	73
New Jersey	27	14	12	1	29	78
N.Y. Islanders	26	9	11	6	24	59
Northeast Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Boston	27	17	9	1	35	89
Toronto	28	15	10	3	33	89
Buffalo	27	14	11	2	30	76
Ottawa	29	13	12	4	30	90
Montreal	29	11	11	7	29	72
Southeast Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Florida	28	16	8	4	36	80
Washington	27	14	12	1	29	84
Winnipeg	27	12	11	4	28	77
Tampa Bay	28	12	14	2	26	73
Carolina	30	9	17	4	22	77
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Chicago	29	17	8	4	38	96
Detroit	27	17	9	1	35	82
St. Louis	28	16	9	3	35	70
Nashville	28	13	11	4	30	74
Columbus	28	8	16	4	20	68
Northwest Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Minnesota	28	18	7	3	39	71
Vancouver	28	17	10	1	35	93
Edmonton	28	13	12	3	29	75
Colorado	28	13	14	1	27	84
Calgary	27	12	13	2	26	67
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Phoenix	28	15	10	3	33	76
Dallas	26	15	10	1	31	69
Los Angeles	27	13	10	4	30	62
San Jose	24	14	9	1	29	68

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery:

CASH 3 (early)
9 - 7 - 3
CASH 3 (late)
1 - 2 - 9
PLAY 4 (early)
2 - 4 - 8 - 8
PLAY 4 (late)
5 - 3 - 2 - 0
FANTASY 5
6 - 9 - 17 - 25 - 26

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S TELEVISION SPORTS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
8 p.m. (ESPN2) Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
1 p.m. (SUN) Florida Class 2A Tournament, Finals: Admiral Farragut Academy vs. North Florida Christian
7 p.m. (SUN) Florida Class 1A Tournament, Final: Chipley vs. Jefferson County
10:30 p.m. (FSNFL) California Southern Section Division, Final: Westlake at Oaks Christian
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
8 p.m. (ESPN) NCAA Division I, Quarterfinal — Northern Iowa at Montana

GOLF

6 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Golf Dubai World Championship, Second Round
3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Franklin Templeton Shootout, First Round (Same-day tape)
3 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Golf Dubai World Championship, Third Round

NHL

7:30 p.m. (FSNFL) Florida Panthers at Buffalo Sabres

TODAY'S RADIO SPORTS

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. (104.3 WYKE FM) Citrus at Lecanto

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m. First Academy at Seven Rivers
7:30 p.m. Lecanto at Citrus
7:30 p.m. Tavares at Crystal River
BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. Citrus at Lecanto
7:30 p.m. Crystal River at Tavares
8 p.m. First Academy at Seven Rivers
BOYS SOCCER
7 p.m. Crystal River at Mount Dora
7:30 p.m. Nature Coast at Citrus
GIRLS SOCCER
5 p.m. Mount Dora at Crystal River
7:30 p.m. Citrus at Nature Coast
WRESTLING
3 p.m. Crystal River, Lecanto at Hernando Kiwanis Tournament
3:30 p.m. Citrus at Brandon Graves

Anaheim 28 815 5 21 65 92
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for over-time loss.

Wednesday's Games

Washington 5, Ottawa 3
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 4, OT
Carolina 5, Edmonton 3

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 5, Ottawa 4, SO
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO
Vancouver 4, Montreal 3, SO
Florida 2, Boston 0
Chicago 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
Nashville 4, Columbus 3, OT
Detroit 5, Phoenix 2
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 2
Colorado at Calgary, late
Minnesota at Los Angeles, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Montreal at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Acquired LHP Dana Eveland from the L.A. Dodgers for LHP Jarret Martin and OF Tyler Henson. Designated RHP Willie Eyre for assignment. Selected LHP Andrew Loomis from Philadelphia and INF Matt Sweeney from Tampa Bay in the Rule 5 draft. Sent INF Greg Miclat to Texas to complete the trade for C Taylor Teagarden.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Selected LHP Cesar Cabral from Boston and LHP Thomas Melgarejo from the L.A. Dodgers in the Rule 5 draft.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Reached tentative understandings, pending physicals, with 1B Albert Pujols and LHP C.J. Wilson.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired RHP Daniel Turpin from Colorado to complete the Kevin Slowey trade. Selected RHP Terry Doyle from the Chicago White Sox in the Rule 5 draft.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Acquired LHP Cesar Cabral from Kansas City for cash considerations. Selected RHP Brad Meyers from Washington in the Rule 5 draft. Released OF Greg Golson.
TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned INF Greg Miclat to Frisco (Texas). Selected LHP Fabian Williamson from Oakland, OF Efrain Nunez from Seattle and INF Alex Buchholz from Cincinnati in the Rule 5 draft.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Selected INF Gabe Jacobo from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Selected LHP Robert Fish from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
CHICAGO CUBS—Selected INF Ricky Alvarez from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
Acquired 3B Ian Stewart and RHP Casey Weathers from the Colorado Rockies for OF Tyler Colvin and INF D.J. LeMahieu.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Selected RHP Rhiner Cruz from the N.Y. Mets in the Rule 5

draft.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Harang on a two-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed OF Laynce Nix to a two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Selected OF Erik Komatsu from Washington and LHP Barrett Browning from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Selected INF Michael Wing from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Selected C Beau Seabury from Colorado and RHP Matthew Buschmann from San Diego in the Rule 5 draft.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NEW JERSEY NETS—Named P.J. Carlesimo and Mario Elie assistant coaches and Jeremy Bettle strength and conditioning coach.
UTAH JAZZ—Named Michael Sanders player development coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Placed K Rian Lindell on injured reserve.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed OL Alex Boone to a contract extension through the 2015 season.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Edmonton D Andy Sutton indefinitely for his hit on Carolina F Alexei Ponikarovsky in a game on Dec. 7. Suspended Colorado F Kevin Porter for four games for kneeling Vancouver F David Booth in a game on Dec. 6. Suspended Buffalo F Ville Leino for one game for elbowing Philadelphia F Matt Read in a game on Dec. 7.
BOSTON BRUINS—Signed D Dougie Hamilton to a three-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled F Jeff Taffe from Houston (AHL). Placed F Devin Setoguchi on injured reserve.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled D Matt Carkner from Binghamton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Activated D Michal Rozsival from injured reserve.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled F Blair Jones from Norfolk (AHL).
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
COLORADO MAMMOTH—Released D Brad Richardson, D Mark Farthing and F Brandon McMillen.
WASHINGTON STEALTH—Agreed to terms with F Jeff Zywicky on a two-year contract. Re-signed G Tyler Richards.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA—Named Rod Smith co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach and Mike Parrish director of football operations.
CHAMINADE—Announced the resignation of men's assistant basketball coach Mike Mathy.
COLUMBIA—Named Pete Mangurian football coach.
JOHN JAY—Named Lindsay Roderick athletic trainer.
KANSAS—Named Charlie Weis football coach.
MASSACHUSETTS—Named Charley Molnar football coach.
MEMPHIS—Named Justin Fuente football coach.
MONTANA STATE—Announced the resignation of volleyball coach Sara Schaub.
MONTANA TECH—Announced the contract of volleyball coach Marilyn Tobin will not be renewed.
ST. JOHN'S—Announced sophomore basketball G Nurideen Lindsey will transfer at the end of the semester.

Hurricanes rout Rattlers

SEAN ARNOLD
Correspondent

INVERNESS — The Citrus boys basketball squad doesn't always need the most stellar shooting performances to execute a winning game plan.

The Hurricanes' Thursday matchup against visiting Belleview was a good example of how Citrus' mindful and aggressive defense, coupled with productive foul shooting, can propel the 'Canes to success.

Citrus held the winless Rattlers scoreless for an 11-minute stretch that consumed all of the third period to win 48-29.

The 'Canes (3-1 overall) made just two more field goals than the Rattlers, but converted on 21 of their 32 free throws. Belleview (0-6), meanwhile, was just 3-for-7 at the stripe.

Citrus also totaled eight more steals than the Rattlers.

'Canes coach Tom Densmore knew his team was sharp defensively, but was surprised to learn just how effective they were.

"I didn't realize that," Densmore said when in-

formed of his opponent's 11-minute scoring absence. "We had our own scoring issues, but we try to keep others from scoring and then we can withstand our own little scoring droughts."

Densmore suspected his team could cause the Rattlers offensive fits.

"We thought we could force them into some turnovers with our half-court trap. And, in fact, that's what happened. We worked on that yesterday. We felt like that was our best defense for tonight and it worked."

Belleview (who also lost big to Lecanto and Seven Rivers Christian this season) actually led 17-14 at 5:25 in the second period following a basket by Rattlers senior Malachi Kamilovic.

'Canes junior guard Kyle Presnick then scored 8 of his game-high 10 points during the remainder of the half to help secure his team a 28-19 advantage at the break. Citrus senior forward Leroy Anderson also gave the 'Canes a boost during that second quarter stretch by going 4-for-4 at the line.

"We shot at a much better

percentage from the line than we have," Densmore said.

Citrus senior forward Ryan Labrador scored 6 points, all in the first half, and sophomore point guard Devin Pryor also added a half-dozen points and snatched seven steals for the 'Canes.

Rattlers senior Nathanael Joyner led his club with 8 points.

By growing their lead in the third period — when Citrus outscored Belleview 14-0 — the 'Canes were able to rotate in their reserves, ensuring the squad could have plenty in the tank for tonight's much-anticipated meeting at Lecanto.

"It was a good situation that we got everyone into the game and got some guys rested," Densmore said.

"Tomorrow night is the game everyone is looking forward to," he added. "I was worried about this game, because you often hear about sandwich games in college football. And maybe in the first quarter we weren't really too focused. So we may have been looking to tomorrow a little bit."

Weis accepts Kansas job

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Charlie Weis' first try at being a college head coach ended in disaster, the long-time NFL assistant unable to live up to the lofty expectations at Notre Dame.

He'll get another chance at a program with much more modest aspirations.

Weis accepted an offer to coach Kansas on Thursday, and will set about rebuilding a program that won the Orange Bowl just a few years ago but floundered under Turner Gill.

Weis will be introduced during a news conference Friday.

The longtime NFL assistant is wrapping up his first season as offensive coordinator at Florida after spending one season directing the Kansas City Chiefs'

offense. But his most extensive college experience came with the Fighting Irish, where he went 35-27 in five seasons.

The 55-year-old Weis helped the New England Patriots win three Super Bowls on the staff of Bill Belichick, and also spent time with the New York Jets and New York Giants.

"There aren't many opportunities you get to be a head coach," Florida coach Will Muschamp said. "I know Charlie, the last one didn't end the way he wanted it to. He's an outstanding football coach. He's a family man, and I'm extremely happy for him and his wife and Hannah and Charlie Jr."

Kansas Athletic Director Sheahon Zenger is hopeful that Weis' high profile will energize a fan base that had

ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Spotlight on PEOPLE

Jay-Z to perform at Carnegie Hall

NEW YORK — Jay-Z didn't graduate from high school, but he's encouraging others to value their education.



Jay-Z

The rapper announced Thursday that he will perform two shows at New York's Carnegie Hall in February to benefit the Shawn Carter Scholarship Foundation and the United Way of New York City.

"Education is super important," Jay-Z said. "I don't have a high school diploma or a college diploma, but still for me to articulate, I had to have some form of schooling to articulate my thoughts."

The concerts will take place on Feb. 6 and 7.

The press conference announced Jay-Z as the first solo hip-hop artist to play at the famed venue, though Wyclef Jean performed there in 2001 with Stevie Wonder, Eric Clapton and Whitney Houston.

Duggar suffers miscarriage

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — An Arkansas woman who stars on the TLC reality show "19 Kids and Counting" has suffered a miscarriage



Michelle Duggar

after announcing she was expecting her 20th child. Jim Bob Duggar said in a statement that he and his wife, Michelle, were told at a doctor's appointment Thursday morning that she had miscarried. He says she is resting comfortably at home and asked for privacy.

Michelle Duggar announced last month she was expecting her 20th child in April.

NBC to clear songs for Fallon

NEW YORK — NBC is now checking the songs the Roots play on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" after the band performed an off-



Questlove

color song during Michele Bachmann's show appearance last month.

Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson of The Roots says now he's "gotta clear a lot of the song choices" with the network.

When the Republican presidential candidate appeared on the show Nov. 22, house band The Roots played a snippet of a 1985 Fishbone song called "Lyn' Ass B—." She received an apology from NBC and Fallon.

— From wire reports

Assad faces Walters

When pushed, tells journalist "you don't live here"

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bashar Assad's first interview with a Western television journalist since a March uprising was a coup for Barbara Walters and ABC News, but not entirely for Assad.

In excerpts aired by ABC Wednesday, Assad denied ordering a violent crackdown on residents and denounced the United Nations when Walters asked about the U.N.'s claim that there had been widespread killings and torture of protesters in Syria.

Walters confronted Assad with pictures of civilians brutalized by his regime. When she asked him on camera about the torture of children, he said, "To be frank with you, Barbara, you don't live here."

She talked on Wednesday of Assad's "disconnect" with what is going on within his country and his own role, an attitude that may have extended to her discussions with him in his Presidential Palace.

"He was very happy with the interview," she said. "He likes the confrontation. He likes the tough questions. When it was over, he smiled and thanked me and he was happy. I don't know if it did him any good."

Walters said in an interview that she was apprehensive about going to Syria because the U.S. government had warned her not to leave her hotel room. Adding to the concern, a Jordanian airline booked for the last leg of her trip delayed its flight because it did not want its pilot to stay in Syria overnight.

But her fears dissipated by the time she arrived in Damascus from an airport about 18 miles away. She even wandered through some outdoor markets and talked to people, although she was accompanied by a government minder.

Walters said she had met Assad before, which cut down any fear she may have had of him. While in the Middle East several years ago, she said Assad's wife called and asked Walters for an off-the-record meeting with the couple in Damascus. Walters also traveled to Syria three years ago, hoping for an interview, but it didn't happen.

She thought this interview would not happen, either, after Assad canceled one get-together two weeks ago, presumably because it was to happen around the time the Arab League was condemning Syria. Then word came that Assad was willing to talk.

Assad hand-picked Walters for the interview.



ABC/Associated Press

Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad poses with ABC News Anchor Barbara Walters for an interview that aired Wednesday on ABC. Assad denied he ordered the deadly crackdown on a nearly nine-month-old uprising in his country, claiming he is not in charge of the troops behind the assault. Speaking to Walters in a rare interview that aired Wednesday, he maintained he did not give any commands "to kill or be brutal."

"I can't tell you why he requested me," she said. "I can only tell you that I have met him twice before."

ABC News, under its new division president Ben Sherwood, has made news-making interviews a priority. Within the past year, "World News" anchor Diane Sawyer has interviewed Jaycee Dugard and Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, and "This Week" host Christiane Amanpour talked with former Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak and late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Sawyer and Amanpour are more closely identified with breaking news; Walters, as co-host of "The View," a daytime talk show largely for women, is seen more in terms of entertainment than news, despite her long and laudatory history as news reporter, anchor and interviewer.

She may not have been the obvious choice for the Assad interview. When ABC seeks newsmaking interviews, it generally offers prospective subjects a choice of potential interviewees.

One critic, Affen Chowdhry of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, wrote Wednesday that if the Syrian government had expected a "soft" Wal-

ters interview of the type reserved for movie and pop stars, "it ended up getting something very different."

When ABC arrived in Damascus, an Assad aide first said that government cameras would be used to record the interview, but Walters rejected this. Two Assad assistants also asked for the right to look at the tape after the interview. ABC refused.

The government also said that reporter Alexander Marquardt, who accompanied Walters, would be given free rein to travel across the country. Marquardt, in an ABC blog, said this did not work out. He went to the city of Daraa, and found most residents unwilling to speak with him because they saw secret police agents nearby. Daraa's governor refused Marquardt's request to visit the village of Dael, saying it was unsafe, the reporter wrote.

Walters said that it appeared some of Assad's aides were interested in seeing the leader get more exposure in the West. The British-trained eye doctor is "not a crazy, wild man like Ghaddafi," Walters said.

"Why he did this now, I can't say," she said.

Designer serious about perfume

Associated Press



Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oscar de la Renta takes longer to create that small, fits-in-your-hand bottle of perfume than one of his elaborate embellished ballgowns. It's just the nature of the business.

The process is similar, starting with an inspiration that comes from the gut, quality materials and fine workmanship, but de la Renta says he'll continue tinkering with a perfume until he's fully satisfied.

Oscar de la Renta's latest fragrance, "Live in Love," is a classic scent with notes of ginger, orchid, hyacinth, muguet and jasmine, set against a base of white woods and musk.

There would be no point in rushing when he has the luxury of time, he explains.

"Fragrance — I look at in a different way than fashion," de la Renta says. "It's so unbelievably intimate in a person's life. When you discover the right one, it's like getting married: You don't change on a whim."

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For the name, de la Renta was in his workroom in the heat of the summer and noticed the tattoo on the arm of one of the employees: Live in Love. "It was so obvious, so extraordinary. It's what I wanted to say. No one had used it, which was sur-

prising, but that's the secret of life — sometimes the answer is so obvious."

When it came time to introduce the fragrance, he wanted to find the right spokesmodel. He laid out print ads of all the competition and took a hard look at whose image he could choose to stand out from the crowd.

Back in the 1950s and '60s when de la Renta was starting out, the trend wasn't celebrities; every designer who was anyone used an illustration of the chicest, most glamorous woman. That's who he wanted again — and that's the raven-haired, pen-and-ink "model" who looks back at you underneath the tagline, "The new fragrance for women created by a man who adores them."

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Powerball: 3 - 14 - 20 - 39 - 40
Powerball: 37
5-of-5 PB No winner
No Florida winner
5-of-5 No winner
Lotto: 5 - 9 - 26 - 30 - 34 - 39
6-of-6 No winner
5-of-6 65 \$3,324.50
4-of-6 2,660 \$62.50
3-of-6 51,921 \$5
Fantasy 5: 2 - 3 - 4 - 12 - 19
5-of-5 1 winner \$245,287.50
4-of-5 471 \$83.50
3-of-5 14,312 \$7.50

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

Mega Money: 20 - 22 - 34 - 42
Mega Ball: 20
4-of-4 MB No winner
4-of-4 3 \$2,620
3-of-4 MB 50 \$344.50
3-of-4 863 \$59.50
2-of-4 MB 1,229 \$29
1-of-4 MB 11,009 \$3
2-of-4 27,752 \$2
Fantasy 5: 1 - 6 - 23 - 24 - 26

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■ To verify the accuracy of winning lottery numbers, players should double-check the numbers printed above with numbers officially posted by the Florida Lottery. Go to www.flalottery.com, or call (850) 487-7777.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2011. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Dec. 9, 1911, an explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tenn., killed 84 workers. (Five were rescued.)

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.
In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.
In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.
In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide.

Ten years ago:

The United States disclosed the existence of a videotape in which Osama bin Laden said he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Five years ago: Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith won the Heisman Trophy.

One year ago: Florida's Clemency Board pardoned Jim Morrison on indecent exposure and profanity charges stemming from a Doors concert in 1969.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Kirk Douglas is 95. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 77. Actor Beau Bridges is 70. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 69. Author Joe McGinniss is 69. Actor Michael Nouri is 66. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 62. Actor Michael Dorn is 59. Actor John Malkovich is 58. Country singer Sylvia is 55. Singer Donny Osmond is 54. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 53. Comedian Mario Cantone is 52. Actress Felicity Huffman is 49. Crown Princess Masako of Japan is 48. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 44. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 43. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 42. Country musician Brian Hayes (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 42. Actress Allison Smith is 42. Songwriter and former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi is 41. Country singer David Kersh is 41. Rock musician The Cool (Green Day) is 39. Rock musician Eric Zamora (Save Ferris) is 35. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 33.

Thought for Today:

"There are no warlike peoples — just warlike leaders." — Ralph Bunche, Nobel Peace laureate (1903-1971).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Your Birthday: In the year ahead, regardless of whether or not the objectives you establish for yourself make sense to anybody else, stand by your guns and give them a try. You might find some ingenious ways to realize your ambitions. **Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Effective allies can sometimes be difficult to find, so when dealing with matters of extreme importance, it might be best to rely solely on your own assets. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Many persons might be able to be led, but not driven or pushed into submission. So if you need to get certain people working on your team, keep this in mind. **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Taking a big risk might be OK when you know the odds are tilted in your favor, but when things are not that certain, it would be far better to avoid taking chances. **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — If you take the position that

you are absolutely right and your mate is totally wrong, all you'll do is prolong the argument. Regardless of what you think, it is best to give an inch or two.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — If you're given some unfamiliar tools to work with, find somebody who is experienced in using them to teach you, and follow their instructions to the letter.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — A lack of discipline could quickly sow the seeds for spender's remorse. You had better get a handle on your funds right off the bat or risk being broke by day's end.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — In situations where it's okay to be a bit assertive, you should take care not to go overboard and become pushy. To protect yourself, use charm, not force, to get what you want.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — When you dig in it can be difficult for you to forgive and forget, and when this happens it

usually works against you. Let go and get on with living.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You won't have any problems being generous with others of your own volition. However, if someone requests it of you, you're not likely to be too magnanimous in your treatment.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Manipulative moves could jeopardize your relationships with others, so try to enjoy friends for what they are instead of what they have to offer. That would only work against you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It is never a good day to discuss politics or religion with somebody who feels as strongly about his or her views and opinions as you do. All it would do is send sparks flying.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — When it comes to involving yourself with someone in a close endeavor, make sure it is a person who is as honest and aboveboard as you. If you suspect the other party of being devious, back off.



Singers to rock holiday in Citrus Springs

New Dawn Singers, decorations transform community center

KAREN KENNEDY-HALL
Special to the Chronicle

There won't be any doubt it's that favorite time of year for the audience who attends tonight's "Rockin' the Holidays" at Citrus Springs Community Center on West Citrus Springs Boulevard.

First it's the decorations — the hall is transformed into a winter wonderland, of sorts.

Next it's the show — professional singers and dancers performing favorite holiday music, a la the Fox TV show, "Glee."

Dina Emmanuel and her elves started planning the

decorations last August. This week, they were busy hanging holiday cheer and going all out for tonight's 7 o'clock show.

"It's going to be 'Rockin' the Holidays' — all colorful, just fun, almost like a kids' fun land," said Emmanuel, who is the Citrus County Parks and Recreation supervisor in charge of the community centers.

"Each year, we have a different theme. The facility will not look the same," she said.

Last year, the theme was "Winter Wonderland" and everything was white. This year with the theme, "Rockin' the Holidays," the decorations will be very colorful.

"It's going to be bright and colorful, colorful is the word — and bright."

A 12-foot Christmas tree, decorated in the theme, will greet visitors when they enter the foyer.

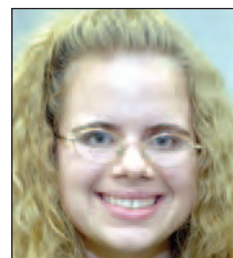


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The New Dawn Singers, a nonprofit group of six to eight professional performers, travel across Florida to put on shows. They will perform at 'Rockin' the Holidays.'

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Learning to act



Heather Foster
FOSTER ON FILM

'Arthur Christmas' lacks spirit

Ranking out winners like "Wallace and Gromit," "Chicken Run" and "Flushed Away," there's no ignoring Aardman Studios. Still, the latest Aardman addition, "Arthur Christmas," looks dubious.

The CG animation lacks Aardman's touch. I miss his toothy character design and stop motion technique and aesthetic. The frost-bitten, freckled skin wrapped around "Arthur's" characters is sumptuous, but I can't see past their cold nonexistence. Wanting clay, "Arthur Christmas" looks substandard.

Turns out, "Arthur Christmas" is decent, but the slick CGI is not all that put me off.

For a Christmas movie, it bristles with cynicism. Excluding Arthur, the main characters (even Santa) are selfish. The imagery, featuring space-ships, conveyor belts and icy command centers, wring out Christmas magic. Of course "Arthur" has adorable moments and a well-meaning message, but the kid in me still feels duped.

Either Arthur (voiced by James McAvoy) or Steve (voiced by Hugh Laurie) is next in line to be Santa. With Dad Santa (voiced by Jim Broadbent) devolving to a foggy, jelly-brained state, Steve is eager to seize the helm.

For years Steve, his Trekkian sleigh ship and elfin army delivers presents worldwide on one night — he's a shoe-in. But the night Santa is meant to retire, they miss a child. While Dad and Bro care less about the "infinite-mal" mistake, Arthur — the clumsy, goodhearted runt in the family — is horrified. With Grand-santa's (voiced by Bill Nighy) aid, Arthur makes a mad dash around the world to give little forgotten Gwen (Ramona Marquez) her present.

Apart from its protagonist, "Arthur Christmas" is bursting with unlikeable characters. Making the mythological figure human through Santa generations is clever — I love when Grandsanta spouts about women's suffrage, WWII and the Cuban Missile Crisis — but the dysfunctional family slant is grotesque. Power-hungry Steve borders coup d'état behavior; the puffy Dad Santa is a self-absorbed sloth; Mrs. Santa (voiced by Imelda Staunton) is a haughty old hen, and poor Arthur awkwardly tries to reconcile

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MAC HARRIS/Special to the Chronicle

ABOVE: In the original play "Tante Hilde," Daniella Welton, from left, portrays Tante Hilde while Cory Watson (seated, upstairs) portrays Dean. Mattie Roberts, seated, takes on the role as Grandma, and Deanna Williams is Mother Ada. Written by Mac and Sharon Harris, the play is performed by the young students at the Art Center Academy in Lecanto. BELOW: Roberts, from left, Watson, Williams, Welton and Ian Llewellyn as Grandpa practice a scene during a recent dress rehearsal. The play is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Young thespians perform original play 'Tante Hilde' this weekend

KAREN KENNEDY-HALL
Special to the Chronicle

Tante Hilde scraped together all she had in her native Germany to visit her sister in America for the Christmas holiday and present a special gift to the Greenlaw family.

When she arrived, the 80-something woman walked with a cane, slowly, deliberately and hunched over. She had noticeable memory lapses and, according to the Greenlaw's nine children, she spoke strangely, pronouncing American words, well, differently. They made fun of her, behind her back of course.

That's the premise for the original play, "Tante Hilde," written by Mac and Sharon Harris and presented this weekend by the young students at the Art Center Academy in Lecanto.

The hour-and-15-minute show is presented with no intermission at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Art Center Theater.

"It's a straight play," said Mac Harris, who directed. "But what we do is, in order to allow for a larger cast, periodically, the mother will say, 'Oh, listen — I hear carolers.'"



He said the chorus then comes forward to sing traditional Christmas carols and banter back and forth about typical teenage drama.

"It's fun. It's different," he said.

Thirteen-year-old Daniella Welton of Lecanto portrays the lead character, Tanta Hilde.

"I took the cane home and practiced with it, walking around the house, slowly and wobbly and bent over," said Daniella, who is home-schooled.

Since Tante Hilde also speaks with a German accent, Daniella's

father logged on to YouTube, the popular website where visitors upload amateur video, to find someone speaking in a German accent so she could practice.

Daniella said the director and her mother watched the videos with her and helped her master the dialect.

"I talk slowly and I have a little bit of a German accent," Daniella said.

The teenager has been acting for three years but this is her largest part.

"TANTE HILDE"

- **TIMES:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
- **LOCATION:** Art Center Theater, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave., Lecanto
- **COST:** \$8 adults, \$5 children
- **BOX OFFICE:** (352) 746-7606.

"I feel really excited, confident and really happy that I got such a big part," she said. "I really enjoy acting. It's fun to get up on stage and act."

Daniella also credits the adults who volunteer to help with costumes and props.

One of those volunteers is Margaret Welton, Daniella's mom.

"I'm a backstage mom," she said. "I handle the props and costumes, along with three or four other people."

Her younger daughter is also in the show and portrays Melanie, one of the children.

"My girls like learning their lines. They like everything about it," Welton said. "It's a confidence-builder and wonderful for

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Nature Coast Community Band horns will be featured in "Tidings" on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11. The horn section includes: from left, Martha Brown, Irene Dickinson, Marty Powell, Susan Boelk, Ken Hoeltzel, Bob Heifner and Lydia Zahavah.

Ring in Christmas with concert

Nature Coast Community Band plays this weekend

Special to the Chronicle

Nature Coast Community Band, under the direction of Cindy Hazzard, conductor and music director, has begun its 2011-12 season of five concerts, including 10 afternoon performances at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness and First United Methodist Church in Homosassa.

The first two concerts, "Flight," honoring America's military aviators, were performed Oct. 29 and 30. The next two will be holiday concerts Saturday, Dec. 10, at Cornerstone and Sunday, Dec. 11, at FUMC.

Both concerts will start at 2:30 p.m.

The NCCB is an all-volunteer, 75-musician symphonic concert band offering free concerts in Citrus County. The upcoming holiday concerts, narrated by Doreen Morgan of Homosassa, are titled "Tidings" and will feature symphonic favorites of Christmas and Hanukkah music.

In addition, the NCCB will feature its seven-member French horn section in the performance of a double concerto by Vivaldi. The program will also include the Grace Hand Bell Choir of Dunnellon, directed by Jean Wolfanger, and an octet of singers from Citrus County, all joining the band for a gala Christmas extravaganza.

The generosity of Cornerstone Baptist

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SPECIAL INTEREST

■ **Third annual Holiday Show, "Rockin' The Holidays,"** 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Citrus Springs Community Center. Song and dance group of college-age performers, The New Dawn Singers, to perform. Tickets \$7 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Citrus Springs Community Center or at the Parks & Recreation office at the Resource Center. Refreshments available for purchase. Call (352) 465-7007 or (352) 527-7540 for information.

■ **Yo Gabba Gabba! Live! It's Time to Dance!** 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg. \$25 to \$40 plus fees. www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Wildlife Jeopardy** programs monthly, noon to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in Children's Education Center, Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. December's subject will be on opossums.

■ **Second Three Sisters Springs open house** of this manatee season, 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 10, at Three Sisters Springs. Free water and portable restroom facilities available. Free shuttles to the property provided. Shuttles will depart from the southeast corner of the Kings Bay Shopping Plaza parking lot on U.S. 19, just north of the former Sonic fast food diner at 8 a.m. and running every 5 to 10 minutes. Last shuttle departs the at 11:45 a.m. Due to limited on-site parking, only mobility impaired individuals will be allowed to drive to the Three Sisters Springs property in their respective mobility impaired designated vehicles. All other visitors must use the shuttle to Three Sisters Springs. For more information, contact Ivan Vicente at (352) 563-2088, ext. 211.

■ **Universal Orlando's Holidays** celebration from Dec. 3 to Jan. 1 includes:

- Macy's Holiday Parade at Universal Studios Florida
- Mannheim Steamroller, masters of Christmas music, Music Plaza stage in Universal Studios on Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18.

For more information, visit www.UniversalOrlando.com/holidays.

■ **Gulfport's free clothing swap**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. South. Popular event second Tuesday of each month. Participants invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. Clothing may be for women, men or children. Please provide hangers for all garments. Vouchers may be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the five-garment limit are encouraged and accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes.

For more information, contact Daniel Hodge at (727) 366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

In case of rain, the clothing swap will be Tuesday, Jan. 10.

■ **Crystal River Preserve State Park boat tour**, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Crystal River Preserve State Park Visitor Center. \$10 for adults; \$8 for children age 7 to 12; free, children 6 and younger. Tickets go on sale in the Preserve Visitor Center one hour prior to departure; arrive no less than 15 minutes prior to departure. (352) 563-0450 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or www.crystalriverstateparks.org.

■ **Mental Flossing**, an Inverness community-based Comedy-4-Charity theatre, will have "running auditions" at noon Sundays at the Community Center in Rain Tree Apartments (behind Winn Dixie). These will continue until a full improv troupe is assembled. No experience necessary. For information or to register, email Sid@MentalFlossing.org and/or info@mentalflossing.org.

■ **Crystal River of Life Coffee House**, Christian Fellowship, conversation and music from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, Village Café, 789 N.E. Fifth St., State Road 44. (352) 817-6879.

■ **26th annual Weeki Wachee River Christmas Boat Parade**, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Rogers Park, 7244 Shoal Line Blvd., Spring Hill FL 34607. To enter, bring a new unwrapped toy for Hernando County Dawn Center or cash donation. No charge to watch the parade at Rogers Park or Bayport Pier. For more information, call (352) 596-2852 and ask for Jim Lanier Jr.

DANCE

■ **Hernando Jazz Society** performs annual "Holiday Celebration" 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Bring dancing shoes to the elegant Wellington Club House, 400 Wexford Blvd., in Spring Hill. A cash bar and barbecue buffet provided by Sioux City Grill from 1 to 3 p.m. Only \$7.99 for the buffet. Admission for HJS members is free and non-members, \$9. It does not include buffet. Non-members should call (352) 666-6888 ext. 504, to reserve space. For information, call Bill McLoughlin at (352) 799-9690.

■ **Mixer Dance** 8 to 11 p.m. first and third Fridays monthly at Lake Panasoffkee Recreation Center, 1582 C.R. 459 (off C.R. 470). Live music. Everyone welcome, singles and couples. Finger foods welcome, soda is provided. Sponsored by Sumter Singles. (352) 424-1688.

■ **Ballroom and Latin Dance Social**, 7 to 10 p.m. every other Saturday, at Beverly Hills Recreation Center, 77 Civic Circle. Free half-hour lesson at 7 p.m. Free snacks and beverages. Cost \$8 per person. Call (352) 746-5845 or visit www.ballroomsocials.com.

■ **Allan O'Neal** sings and deejays every first and third Saturday at Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto Hwy. (County Road 491 across from Havana House Café) Lecanto. The next dinner dance is Dec. 17.

The Buzz

Grinchmas celebration



Special to the Chronicle

'Grinchmas Wholiday Spectacular,' live stage show from Dec. 3 to Jan. 1 at Islands of Adventure in Universal Studios in Orlando.

BEST BETS

■ **Nature Coast Community Band** holiday concerts 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Cornerstone and Sunday, Dec. 11, at FUMC.

■ **"Tante Hilde,"** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Art Center Theater, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave., Lecanto. Tickets \$8 adults and \$5 children. Call (352) 746-7606.

Free dance lesson from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday with June Queripel. Dancing from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost \$10 per person including food and drinks Saturdays.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, the dinner dance is catered by Natalias Restaurant. Cost \$15 and advance ticket purchase recommended. Call Linda at (352) 464-0004 in advance to reserve table for eight guests \$65.

Two tables of eight are available for New Year's. Cost is \$35 per person. Ten individual seats at singles table also are available.

■ **Afternoon tea dances** and classical ballroom music, twice a month at the community centers, hosted by deejay Sapphire. On the second Wednesday monthly, the tea dance is at Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto (527-5993), at 1:30 to 4 p.m. On the last Friday monthly, the tea dance is at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa, (352) 795-3831, from 2 to 4 p.m.

\$5 per person with a portion of the proceeds to benefit In-Home Senior Services. This is an all-year, ongoing ballroom dance.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose dinner dance**, for members and qualified guests, 5:30

p.m. Fridays, Inverness Lodge 2112 in Inverness. (352) 726-2112.

■ **Line dancing classes with Kathy Reynolds**, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness. \$3 per class. (352) 344-9666.

■ **Inverness Square Dance Club's** beginner square dance lessons, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, east of Inverness on State Road 44. Call Robert Scoff at (352) 860-2090 or (352) 465-700. The next enrollment for square dance classes is in April.

■ **Country Line dancing**

classes, 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at Beverly Hills Recreation Center. \$3 nonmembers. (352) 746-4882 or (352) 527-3738.

■ **Citrus Squares**, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon, 21501 W. State Road 40, Dunnellon. (352) 489-1785 or (352) 465-2142.

■ **Coppélia**, the first and only comedic Ballet, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Curtis Peterson Auditorium, Lecanto. Tickets are \$12 in advance for general admission to \$18 in advance for preferred seating. Call (352) 489-6756 or visit www.vsdance.com for tickets.

■ **Spirit of Citrus Dancers'** dances are at the Kellner Auditorium Jewish Center in Beverly Hills. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. A complimentary dance lesson at 7 p.m.; general dancing from 7:30 until 10 p.m. Admission \$6 for members; \$9 for nonmembers. Ice and coffee provided; sodas and bottled water are available for a small fee.

For information, call Barb and Jack at (352) 344-1383 or Kathy at (352) 726-1495 or visit www.socdancers.org.

New Year's Eve dance tickets on sale now for \$25; four tables of eight and one of 16 are set aside for singles. Chances for giveaways from local businesses. Call Linda at (352) 464-0004 or (352) 746-7560.

MUSEUMS

■ **"Phosphate Boom Years in Citrus County"** exhibit opens at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and runs through spring 2012 at Floral City Heritage Museum. Exhibit features the history of the phosphate industry in Citrus County and includes new photos and artifacts. The Museum is open for free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday and Saturday and is in the new Town Center at 8394 E. Orange Avenue/County Road 48. For more information, visit www.floralcityhc.org or call Council Chairman and Museum Director Frank Peters at (352) 860-0101, email the-fchc@hotmail.com. Special viewing can be arranged.

■ **University of Florida's** project "Explore Research," is a new interactive multimedia exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus. Exhibit features short videos updated monthly and an interactive Smart Board to engage visitors in the journey of scientific discovery

at UF, including its relevance and benefits. Through December, the exhibit showcases a UF College of Veterinary Medicine program, developing strategies to anesthetize and free right whales entangled in lobster traps. It includes a video, displays that show some of the tools researchers are using and an interactive touchscreen activity related to whales.

The museum is at 3215 Hull Road, east of S.W. 34th Street in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu or call (352) 846-2000.

■ **"Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Stage and Screen"** exhibit runs through Jan. 22, at Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida. Exhibit features more than 40 costumes and performance clothes from the screen legend's personal collection. Admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors and students 19; \$3 for youths ages 10-18. For information call (352) 291-4455 or visit www.AppletonMuseum.org.


■ **"Scenes from the South: American Art from the Collection of James Fuller"** and **"For the Love of the Sea: Watercolors of Philip Steel"** are showcased in January at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida.

● "Scenes from the South" will run through Jan. 15 with landscapes of the southern U.S. painted by some of the country's finest artists.

● "For the Love of the Sea: Watercolors of Philip Steel" opens Jan. 21 and exhibits 35 original paintings produced by the award-winning New England artist whose nautical-themed works reflect his knowledge of the sea and deep respect for those who make a living from the ocean.

Daily admission to the Appleton Museum is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors 55 or better and students 19 and over; \$3 for youths ages 10-18; and free for members, CF students, children age 9 and under, and active military personnel and their families.

■ **Coastal Heritage Museum tours**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Coastal Heritage Museum, 532 Citrus Ave., Crystal River. Extended hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the second Saturday monthly. Free. (352) 795-1755.



We need your information

As our community grows, it becomes even more important that we know how to keep in touch with each other. The Chronicle's annual publication of Our Home Citrus is the best and most complete resource for all those important organizations, clubs, hobby groups, and other ways we make friends, share pastimes and help each other out.

If you would like your group to be listed in this publication please fill out the following form and mail or deliver by December 30, 2011 to:

Citrus County Chronicle
Attention: Our Home Citrus
1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd.
Crystal River, FL 34429

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: (must be non-profit) _____
 ORGANIZATION WEB PAGE: _____
 MEETING PLACE: Specific building designation (Elks Lodge, Resource Center, Town Restaurant, etc.) _____
 Street address: _____
 City: _____
 MEETING TIME: _____
 MEETING DATE: _____
 Day of the week (every Monday, third Monday of the month) _____
 CONTACT: _____
 Name: _____
 Phone number: _____
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Please check the category which best describes your organization – only one category, please:

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Can You Sing? Do You Sound Like Buffett?

Enter the "Sounds Like Buffett to Me Contest" at the Manatee Festival 2012 and walk away with one of the grand prizes!

Saturday, January 21 at the entertainment gazebo behind Crystal River City Hall beginning at 2:00pm
All contestants must pre-register to participate but everyone can come listen!
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Complete and return application by January 18, 2012 at noon to the Citrus County Chronicle Jimmy Buffett Contest 28 NW Hwy. 19, Crystal River, FL 34429

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone Number: _____
 Your Song Choices (2): _____

(Please be prepared to sing 2 songs)
 Accompaniment will be provided by:
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 For additional information call the Citrus County Chamber, 795-3149

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THEATER

■ A Night of One Acts — "Santa Man" and "If I were your Superhero" — will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Curtis Peterson Auditorium at Lecanto High School. Advance tickets \$5. Tickets at door \$8. To purchase early tickets, call (352) 746-2334 or email mathieu@citrus.k12.fl.us.

■ Auditions for "Around the World in 80 Days" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at State Theatre, 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis. The play will be presented Feb. 12, 19 and 26. Four males and one female will play collectively 45 roles. Actors must have facility with a variety of dialects. Adult actors of all ages, and ethnicities encouraged to au-

dition. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. For information, call (352) 357-7777.

■ "What in the Dickens Happened to Scrooge," 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at The Bridge Christian Life Center, 7279 Pinehurst Drive, Spring Hill, Florida 34606.

A social event will happen before each performance. They include:

● 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, picture with Santa and a "Victorian" arts and crafts Fair.

● 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, a delicious dessert bar.

● 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, a Victorian tea with tea bis-

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BEST BETS

■ **Citrus Springs Rockin' the Holiday**, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, featuring The New Dawn Singers at Citrus Springs Community Center. For information, call (352) 465-7007 or (352) 527-7540.

■ The annual **Nights of Lights at Fort Cooper State Park**, 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9 through Dec. 15/ Evenings include a visit from Santa Claus. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item or a new unwrapped toy. For more information, call (352) 726-0315.

■ **Inverness annual parade**, noon Saturday, Dec. 10. Vendors and exhibitors display good at 9 a.m. For more information, call (352) 726-3913.

■ **Country Rocks the Canyon**, Eric Church with Justin Moore, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, Rock Crusher Canyon, Crystal River. \$36, \$67.

cuits and delectable treats and tea. Bring own tea cup and saucer for high tea.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children 13 and younger. Student price for high school and college students with I.D. at \$10 one half hour before show time.

For information and to order tickets, call (352) 593-0027 or purchase tickets in person at The Bridge on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting Tuesday, Nov. 29.

FESTIVALS

■ **26th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire**, Jan. 28 and 29 and Feb. 4 and 5, at the Alachua County Fairgrounds in Gainesville. Special School Day celebration

CHANGES TO DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO BUZZ LISTING

■ Starting Jan. 1, the deadline for announcements in the Buzz will be 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's publication.

Friday, Feb. 3, features half-price tickets for guests. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5 to 17 and free for children younger than 5. For information, call (352) 334-ARTS or visit www.gviculturalaffairs.org.

ENTERTAINING NOTIONS



CHINA FIRST BUFFET

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The spacious dining room with bright colorful decor features both tables and booths for your comfort. Their professional, friendly staff believe your dining experience should be delightful and satisfying. They are always available should you need anything.

For your special event, a party room is available for up to 50 people. The main dining room offers 3 televisions set to news, sports or entertainment. Wi-Fi is also available.

The lunch buffet is open from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday (adults-\$6.99; kids up to 4 - \$3.99; kids 5-10 - \$4.99), and noon until 3:30 p.m. on Sunday (\$7.99 for adults; kids up to 4 - \$3.99; kids 5-10 - \$4.99).

The Dinner Buffet is open from 3:30-10 p.m. Dinner prices are: Sun-Thur \$8.99; Fri/Sat \$9.99; kids up to 4-\$4.99; kids 5-10 - \$6.99.

Don't miss Crazy Tuesday when the Buffet of \$6.99 ALL DAY!

The spacious dining room is set with both tables and booths for your convenience. Owner Lean Lian, his professional chef and friendly servers, believe your dining experience should be delightful and satisfying. China First Buffet is located in the Crystal River Shopping Center, 618 S.E. Hwy. 19, Crystal River. For more information, please call 795-5445.

Reserve Your Space in ENTERTAINING NOTIONS 563-6363

Restaurants marked on map include: Inglis, Beverly Hills, Crystal River, Homosassa, Inverness, and Floral City. Specific locations like Moschello's, Dan's Clam Stand, Heidi's Italian Restaurant, and McLeod House are also noted.

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ARTS & CRAFTS

■ **Citrus Watercolor Club** meeting, 1 p.m. second Friday monthly, United Methodist Church on County Road 581, Inverness. \$5. (352) 382-8973 or (352) 622-9352.

■ **Manatee Haven Decorative Artists** chapter of the National Society of Decorative Painters, meets second Saturday monthly at 8089 W. Pine Bluff St., Crystal River. 563-6349, (352) 861-8567. www.mhdartists.com.

■ **"Best of the Season: A Culinary Celebration"** is at Webber Center Gallery at College of Central Florida at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. Free. Exhibit is open through Saturday, Dec. 10. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Gallery closed Sundays, Mondays and college-observed holidays. For information, call (352) 873-5809 or visit www.CF.edu.

■ **The Spring Hill Art League** artist **Laura Diehm** will have her artwork on display in December at Art, Craft, Bridal & Frame. The store is in Town Square Shoppers Mall, 3021 U.S. 19, Spring Hill.

■ **Spring Hill Art League members Grace Ashcraft, Beverly Fromal, Sandra La Valley, Virginia Phillips and Ellen Snyder** will have their artwork on display at the Rising Sun Café during December. The Rising Sun Café is at 10 South Main St. in Brooksville. For information, call Sandra La Valley at (352) 722-9690

■ **Needlecraft Workshop of FCNA** offers instruction in quilting, embroidery, knitting, crochet and more, for beginners to advanced levels at no

charge. This is a group of needle artists who like to share knowledge and experiences of their craft. The group meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly at the Floral City Community House (between the library and the museum) on Orange Avenue. Call Beth for more information at (352) 344-5896.

■ **Spring Hill Art League and Easy Street Home Decor** will display **Valdora Ward's** for the month of December. An artist reception for her will be 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Free. Refreshments served. Free drawing for an umbrella hand-painted by Ward. Easy Street Home Decor is at 100 N. Brooksville Ave., Brooksville. For information, call Sandra LaValley at (352) 799-9690.

■ **Needlework Fun Groups**, 2 to 4 p.m. first and third Saturdays monthly, Wildwood Public Library, 310 S. Palmer Drive, Wildwood. (352) 748-1158. els34785@yahoo.com.

ART CLASSES

■ **Art Center Academy of the Arts** winter classes begin in January. Classes include:

Courses for 17-year-olds to adults:

● **Painting with Acrylics**, 1 p.m. Mondays. Instructor Sharon Harris. Limit of 15 students. Materials not included. Call (352) 527-9372.

● **Special Effects with Acrylics**, 3 p.m. Mondays. Instructor Sharon Harris. Limit of 15 students. Materials not included.

● **Dance improv/yoga**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays. Instructor Karen Hedley.

● **Acting**, 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Instructor Mac Harris. Limit of

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Every Christmas story



Special to the Chronicle

Jim Meadows and John Gracey perform in "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)." The show is at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at State Theatre at 109 N. Bay Street in downtown Eustis. Cost \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Bonus performance including after-show reception is 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and costs \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. For reservations, call (352) 357-7777 or visit www.baystreetplayers.org.

15 students.
Courses for 8-year-olds to adults:

● **Dance Technique/Improv**, 10 a.m. Saturdays. Instructor Jessica Watson. Limit of 20 students.

● **Line Dance**, 11 a.m. Saturdays. Instructor Chelsey Rigdon.

Courses for youths ages 7 to 16:

● **Acting**, 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. One course meets twice a week.

● **Youth Art**, Tuesdays. Instructor Sharon Harris. Limit of 15 students.

● **Choral Voice**, 4 p.m. Thursdays. Instructor Jackie Stevio. Limit of 30 students.

Registration is open. Limited space is available, so register before Jan. 13 for winter courses. Academy fees are \$25 for each 12-week course. For information, visit www.artcenter.cc. To register, call the Art Center at (352) 746-7606.

■ **Watercolor classes** with instructor Pat Sistrand, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Citrus Springs Community Center. \$10 per class, per person. Register online at www.citruscountyfl.org, click on Parks & Recreation to register. (352) 465-7007.

■ **Classes at The Garden Shed:**
● Party Time painting

■ **Watercolor classes**, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Delores Witt, at Lorna Jean Gallery, 6136 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call (352) 564-2781 to register.

FARMERS' MARKETS

■ **Market Day with Art & Treasures**, an outdoor event with plants, produce, arts, crafts, collectibles and more, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. second Saturdays on the grounds of Heritage Village, 657 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River. Call (352) 564-1400.

■ **Inverness Farmers' Market**, about 30 vendors, fresh produce, homemade crafts, baked goods and more, 8 a.m. to noon, first and third Saturdays monthly, Inverness Government Center parking lot. (352) 726-2611.

■ **Dunnellon's First Saturday Village Market**, includes a variety of street vendors, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. first Saturday monthly, Dunnellon's Historic District on West Pennsylvania Avenue, Cedar and Walnut streets. (352) 465-9200.

■ **Saturday at the Market**, Farmers' market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays weekly, in front of the historic Courthouse, downtown Brooksville. (352) 428-4275.

■ **Circle Square Commons Farmers' Market** new fall/winter hours, from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays. Winter hours end in May. Find fresh seasonal produce, flowers, plants, fresh baked goods, handmade soaps, delicious pies and more. Circle Square Commons is adjacent to On Top of the World Communities at 8405 S.W. 80th St. in Ocala. For information, call (352) 854-3670.

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- **Encore Swing Band** rehearses from 6 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Calvary Chapel Café, 900 S. U.S. 41, Inverness. We are seeking a bass guitar player at this time. For more information, call director Chaz Iannaci at (352) 464-4153 or co-director David Morgan at (352) 302-3742 or email EncoreSwingBand@embarqmail.com.
- **Chorus of The Highlands**, The Citrus County chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays weekly at First United Methodist Church, 3896 S. Pleasant Grove Road, Inverness, 34452. All male singers welcomed to join. For information, call (352) 382-0336.
- **Hernando Harmonizers**, part of Men's Barbershop Harmony Society, doors open at 6:45 p.m. and rehearsals start at 7 p.m. Mondays, Nativity Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 6363 Commercial Way, Spring Hill. Written arrangements, training techniques and professional direction provided. (352) 556-3936. (352) 666-0633 or BASSharmonySingR@aol.com.
- Summer Springs **Sweet Adeline's Chorus** invites women of all ages to their open rehearsals from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays at St. John's Lutheran Church, 10495 Sunset Harbor Road, Summerfield. Chorus membership is not required. Carpool is available from Inverness. Call Nancy at (352) 726-3323 for information or to schedule a holiday program with a quartet, ensemble, or whole chorus.
- The **Nature Coast Community Band**, under the musical direction of Cindy Hazzard, rehearses from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Citrus County Canning Plant Auditorium on Southern Street, Lecanto. Cindy at (352) 746-7567 or nccommunityband@earthlink.net.
- **Citrus Community Concert Choir Inc.**, rehearsals 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Lecanto. New members are welcome to audition, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call (352) 628-3492.
- **Sugarmill Chorale** rehearsals are from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in the choir room at First Baptist Church, North Citrus Avenue, Crystal River. Enter the building through the door under the black canopy by the big trees and exit the same way. Email the director at sugarmillchoraledirector@yahoo.com or call (352) 697-2309.
- **Nature Coast Festival Singers' rehearsals**, 7 p.m. Mondays, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way (State Road 50), Weeki Wachee. Shirley at (352) 597-2235.
- **Marion Civic Chorale** rehearses from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Mondays at St. George Anglican Cathedral, 5646 S.E. 28th Street in Ocala. Repertoire this "semester" will be Holocaust Cantata. Call (352) 342-1796. (352) 537-0207 or email wayne@fumcocala.org.
- **The Central Florida Master Choir** is auditioning for all voices, particularly tenors and basses. Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 State Road 200, in Ocala. Call (352) 615-7677 to schedule an audition.
- The **Ocala Accordion Club** meets and performs the last Wednesday monthly Cherrywood Club House, 6253 S.W. 100th Loop, Ocala. Free. (352) 854-6236. E-mail FLACCASSOC@bellsouth.net. www.accordions.com/florida.

* Music rehearsals will run at least once a month, space permitting.

HOLIDAY

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A life-size wooden gingerbread house will cover the kitchen area. "We've changed it to go with the theme." A sundae bar, coffee and tea will be available, for a small fee, at the gingerbread house during intermission. The large, life-size decorations will hang from the ceiling. And scenes, for the first time this year, will be three-dimensional. "That's the idea," Emmanuel said of the staff's first attempt at 3D. "We're going to try." Golden reindeer and a golden angel, plus snowmen, giant candy canes, smaller Christmas trees and more will be part of the panorama. For the children, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on one side and a pretty winter scene on the other. The back will be full of colorful lights on the windows. The staff of three — Jim Smith and Jim Payne, nicknamed "Jim 2 and Jim 3," and Emmanuel — go to ex-

'ROCKIN' THE HOLIDAYS'

- 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9
- Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.
- Tickets are \$7
- For tickets and information, call (352) 465-7007 or visit the Web site www.citruscountyparks.com

tremes to keep the decorations a secret by keeping the doors closed all week while they're busy transforming the hall. "I want them to be surprised," said Emmanuel, a Crystal River resident. "They're not going to have any idea what it's going to look like until they come in." This is the third annual holiday show and the house is usually packed with more than 500 seats. Barbara Sclafani of Citrus Springs wanted to make sure she got her tickets early. She's anxious to see what Emmanuel and her staff has created this year. "When you walk in, it's Christmas. It hits you right

in the face, whether you're in the spirit of Christmas or not, it hits you in the face," said Sclafani, who is president of the youth committee for the Citrus Springs Civic Association. "They overwhelm. They do it so elaborately," she said of the decorations and the work of the staff. Emmanuel hopes once the guests enter the hall and take in all the scenes and decorations, the Christmas spirit will grab them even more with the show. "Rockin' the Holidays" features the New Dawn Singers, a nonprofit group of six to eight professional performers, with some who are Disney World cast members. The group performs all over Florida and has different themed shows. "It's a lot of high-energy dancing and singing and because of the many costume changes, it's constantly creating a new effect on stage," said Ann Blake, vice president and manager of the production that boasts more than 20 elaborate costume changes. She said some of the songs include old favorites such as "The Christmas Song," "Chestnuts Roasting

on an Open Fire," "White Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "Sleigh Ride," and more. The show isn't just a choir standing there and singing, but it's "Christmas characters, reindeer, elves, too, that kind of stuff," Blake said. "It's also the charm of hearing all the songs you recognize." Citrus County Parks and Recreation Director Rafael Del Valle said the four shows a year are funded through program and ticket fees, not tax dollars. He said people come from all over the area to see the performances and he gives all the credit to Emmanuel. "They've been excellent," he said of the shows and since they're all geared toward the season and holidays, "people really have a good time." Emmanuel, who found the performers through an online search, has seen the show on DVD but not in person, and had to wait two years because they were booked solid. "It's going to be really good. The finale is amazing. I'm not going to give that out."

CONCERT

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Church, 110 Highland Ave., Inverness, and the First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa, in hosting the band performances enables NCCB to play for a

total of 1,500 audience members on each concert weekend. Because the concerts are usually filled to capacity, early arrival is suggested. No tickets are necessary, but donations to support the NCCB are welcomed. For information visit naturecoastcommunityband@earthlink.net.

NCCB CONCERT SCHEDULE

All concerts are at 2:30 p.m.

- Saturday, Dec. 10, Cornerstone Baptist Church.
- Sunday, Dec. 11, First United Methodist Church.
- Saturday, March 3, Cornerstone Baptist Church.
- Sunday, March 4, First United Methodist Church.
- Saturday, May 5, Cornerstone Baptist Church.
- Sunday, May 6, First United Methodist Church.

ACT

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a lot of different skills such as public speaking and other added benefits along with the creative aspect of it." The cast of 30 are primarily from the newly formed Arts Center Academy, an education program that offers young people art, dance, theater and acting classes. Jessica Watson is a member of the board and teaches dance.

She said the first 12-week-long classes began last winter with 60 to 70 students. The cost is \$25 and scholarships are available, thanks to a donation from Suncoast Dermatology in Lecanto. "It's really an amazing program," Watson said. "It's all run by volunteers, which is one of the great things about it." The Academy grew out of the five-year Youth Drama Program, which performed one show each Christmas, directed by Mac Harris's wife Sharon.

She also co-authored the script for "Tante Hilde" and revealed the moral experienced by the children at the end of the play. "They learn much more about the meaning of Christmas and that it's more important to give than to receive," she said. "They were given the gift of love."

DEADLINE CHANGES

- Starting Jan. 1, the deadline for Buzz listings will be 5 p.m. Friday.

MUSIC LISTINGS

- For music Buzz listings this week, see Page A9.

FOSTER

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the bozos. Even Grandsanta, who seems to live up to his *Saint Nick* title, is disappointing. While such a family dilemma can be great in an indie film such as "Little Miss Sunshine," it doesn't match up with the beloved holiday icon. Silly as it is, crafting a careless, dead-weight Santa feels wrong. Though outnumbered, Arthur and the elves make the CG flick worth it. Gawky, big eared, donning a Christmas tree sweater and reindeer slippers, Arthur just looks sweet. The earnest in which he reads children's

letters and naively idolizes his dad is doubly endearing. The elves' ferocious dogooding and ninja finesse gets me grinning, too. In the industrial, cutthroat atmosphere, these cinematic sweeties are relieving. All in all, "Arthur Christmas" is clean family entertainment and its message is noble. But the mood doesn't really suit Christmas. Much too strong, "Arthur's" negatives linger longer than I wish. I give "Arthur Christmas" a B-. With a running time of 97 minutes, "Arthur Christmas" is rated PG for some mild rude humor.

Heather Foster is a junior at the University of Florida.

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Toy drive aids local children

Special to the Chronicle

United Government Security Officers of America Local No. 37 at Progress Energy is having its 2011 Christmas Toy Drive.

The group is a nonprofit organization collecting toys to help needy families in Citrus County. All donations made to UGSOA for the Christmas Toy Drive will be used to provide new, unwrapped toys to struggling families with children in the community. All toys donated will go to Citrus County families.

The toy drive will continue through Dec. 19. Several area businesses are drop-off locations for the toys:

■ Ledger Dentistry, 3644 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

■ A-1 Title, 659 U.S. 19 Northeast, Crystal River.

■ Color Country Nursery, State Road 44, Lecanto.

■ Lecanto Veterinary Hospital, County Road 491, Lecanto.

■ Fatdaddy's Bar & Grill, County Road 486, Hernando.

■ Smart Interiors, 97 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto, and 5141 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill.

For more information, call Heather at (352) 228-3250 or Eric at (352) 270-0803.

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Special to the Chronicle

Jodie is a little shy at first, but is an adorable brown, 3-year-old spayed tweekie Dachshund. She has the best disposition, is mannerly, prefers women but is fine with men, in a quiet home with no children. She wants to be right by your side, so is looking for someone who is home a lot or will take her with them, is leash trained, house broken and rides well in the car. See this dog and others at A Humane Society of Central Florida Inc.'s 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekly Saturday adoption events at Pet Supermarket, Inverness. If you must give up your little dog, call (352) 527-9050, or are looking for a Doberman Pinscher phone (352) 795-1745 and leave your name, number and information.

Jazz up the holidays

Concert slated for Dec. 15 at Old Courthouse Heritage Museum

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Historical Society presents the next concert in its Jazz at the Museum Series, "Santa's Jazzy Wonderland," on Thursday, Dec. 15. Doors open at 6 p.m. Appetizers from Deco Café and a cash bar will be available. Music starts at 7 p.m.

An all-star cast of musicians known as Southern Exposure will perform the seasonal sounds with band leader Norman Bernard and vocalist Kim Evans.

Tickets for \$25 may be purchased at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum by calling (352) 341-6427.

The Jazz at the Museum Series is supported in part by the Sunflower Springs

Assisted Living Community, *Citrus County Chronicle*, Citrus Dental of Inverness PA, Comfort Keepers, Heinz Funeral Home and Cremation, Publix Super Market Charities, James A. Neal PA, Whalen Jewelers, Accent Travel, CenterState Bank, Tally Ho Vacations, David and Sharon Curtis, and Frank Di-Giovanni.

Johnson feted at Father Christmas Ball



Special to the Chronicle

Barbara Johnson was tapped as honoree at the Dec. 2 Father Christmas Ball.

Special to the Chronicle

The anticipation is over and this year's Father Christmas Ball honoree is Barbara Johnson. Johnson reigned over the ball on Friday, Dec. 2. The annual fundraiser was a sell-out again this year.

Johnson and her husband, Harv, retired to Florida in 2005. They joined Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Barb, as she prefers to be called, joined Guardian Ad Litem with Take Stock in Children, where she served two years.

She made a decision to join Outreach Ministry at Good Shepherd because she wanted to serve people in Citrus County who are hungry. She was asked to contact John Bordeaux, last year's Father Christmas

honoree, regarding Serving Our Savior (SOS). When they spoke, she suggested maybe they could find a few other churches willing to help the SOS effort.

Serving Our Savior now has five churches that provide people with love, food and help with daily needs. Her aspirations are to "be there" for SOS. She said her boss is a Jewish carpenter.

According to organizers, this year's Father Christmas Ball was spectacular. The silent auction and 50/50 drawing were very successful. Decorations were upscale but not overdone.

John Mason Catering provided dinner, and deejay Bob Arthur played music from the 1940s through the '70s for dancing.

The 2012 Father Christmas Ball has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 7.

Community theater family loses active member

Last month, our community theater family was shocked and saddened by the news of the sudden passing of John Chesnovitz. For many years John (fondly called Chez) was noted for his contribution to local theater in the areas of acting, directing and later serving on the board of directors at The Art Center Theatre, recently as treasurer. With his professional background and experience, he became instrumental in the construction of The Art Center Theater building. He and his wife, Wendy, an accomplished actor herself, appeared in several productions together, straight plays and comedies.

John started with the Citrus County Art League Performing Arts Group long before the current theater building was constructed. With no previous acting experience, he made his first theater appearance as the Indian in "The Fantasticks." He continued with that group and with Playhouse 19. According to Wendy, some of his favorite roles were the devil in "Damn Yankees" and Herod in "Joseph and the Many Colored Dream Coat." He enjoyed all his roles in the musicals, especially "Music Man" and My Fair Lady." The popular musical "Guys and Dolls" was performed under his direction, along with several other successful productions at The Art Center Theatre.

This well-respected actor leaves us a legacy of dedication to live theater, portraying an example of what a true lover of theater stands for. According to Wendy, John always said, "You could tell a true theater person because he has theater in his heart." John felt that if you really cared about theater you would be willing to take any job in order to be involved in a production. So, here's to you John: Break a leg! We'll miss you.



Jeri Augustine
THEATER SPOTLIGHT

At the Art Center Theatre the annual Halavan Theater Youth play opens Friday for a weekend run. Ocala Civic Theatre presents "The Nutcracker" ballet starting on Friday and playing through Dec. 16. Stage West Community Playhouse in Spring Hill will feature the drama "A Streetcar Named Desire" for its January offering.

Hold on to your hats, folks. Encore Ensemble Theater Inc. has some very special, exciting news: "Encore Ensemble Theater has a new home, new shows and new season. Encore Ensemble Theater is proud to announce that through an arrangement with Citrus County Parks & Recreation, we have a new home where we will now perform all our shows," reports Encore Ensemble Theater President Mike Shier Sr. "Our murder mystery dinner theater and musical revues will now be held in the new Encore Ensemble Ballroom in the former Beverly Hills Recreation Center, newly named the Central Ridge

Community Center, which is ideally located in the center of Citrus County — Beverly Hills.

"It is a dream of all fledgling theater groups to eventually find a permanent home. Since our founding in 2007 we were no different. This joint effort will allow us continuity and stability of venue and provide the Parks & Recreation Department with additional revenue flow, as well as the opportunity for the public to be exposed to the benefit of membership in the Central Ridge Community Center and the facilities available," said Shier.

Encore Ensemble Theater's first show of the new season is "The Last Dance of Dr. Disco," directed by Jeri Augustine. Open auditions are from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 and Jan. 8, at the new facility. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to come to the open auditions. Singing ability would be beneficial, since most of Encore Ensemble Theater's shows contain vocal music. For information, call (352) 212-5417.

For all those who love live theater and for those of you who have yet to experience it, we thank you for your interest. We community theater volunteers wish everyone a very delightful holiday season and look forward to seeing you at our productions in the coming year.

Jeri Augustine is a producer/director with Encore Ensemble Theater Inc. and a longtime member of The Art Center Theatre.

Religion NOTES

Congregation Beth Shalom

The public is invited to an outdoor Hanukkah Candle Lighting and Celebration at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Old Courthouse in downtown Inverness. There will be music, potato pancakes and doughnuts.

Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner — Join us for a traditional Shabbat dinner as we also celebrate Hanukkah at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, in Kellner Auditorium. Greek salad/pita and dip, grilled salmon, vegetarian lasagna with alfredo sauce, potato latkes with apple sauce and sour cream, dessert, beverages, wine/hallah are on the menu. Catered by Joe's Family Restaurant. Cost is \$20 for adults; children younger than 13 eat for \$10. Deadline for RSVPs is Dec. 19. Call Eileen at (352) 637-3947 or eileensilverstein8@gmail.com.

The fall semester of the Etz Hayim Institute-Adult Education Program of Congregation Beth Shalom continues Monday evenings:

"Medieval Jewish History" covers 1,300 years as students gain an insight into how the Dark Ages in European history was a period of "light" for Jewish history. Time is 7 to 8 p.m.; 20 sessions.

"Studies in Bible — The Writings (Part 2)" is a survey course on seven books of the last section of the Bible — The Writings. Time is 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.; 14 sessions.

Classes are open to the community. Each class is \$5 per session, plus textbook. Register by email to mkamlot2@gmail.com or call (352) 643-0995.

Congregation Beth Shalom with Hazzan Mordecai Kamlot as cantor/spiritual leader, is the only synagogue in Citrus County and offers spirited and participatory-style weekly Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services, along with social and cultural activities.

The address is 102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Call (352) 643-0995 or (352) 746-5303.

Inverness SDA

Saturday Sabbath school starts at 9:10 a.m.; Saturday Children's classes begin at 9:30; Toddler class at 9:45; adult Bible study at 9:50 a.m.

Pastor John Sabo will offer the sermon on "Our Daily Bread" at 11 a.m. Vespers will be at 4:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Prayer meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Thrift store is open 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. The Health Food Store is open 9 a.m. to noon and reopens again at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The Health

Food Store is also open after Vespers on Saturday.

The church is at 638 S. Eden Gardens, 4.5 miles east of Inverness off State Road 44.

The church phone number is (352) 726-9311. See www.sda-inverness.org.

Hernando SDA

Hernando Seventh-day Adventist services start at 11 a.m. Saturday. A fellowship luncheon will follow the service.

The adult Bible study begins at 9:15 a.m. Saturday with a song service, followed by a short program and then main Bible study at 10 a.m.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m.

The church is at 1880 N. Trucks Ave., west of Hernando; phone (352) 344-2008.

Glad Tidings

Sabbath school begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with song, then study at Glad Tidings Church. Divine hour follows at 11 a.m. Elder Shaffer will bring the "bread of life" this Sabbath. A vegan lunch will follow.

Bible study is at 6 p.m. Thursday. All are invited. CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Program) alumni meet at 5 p.m. the first Monday monthly. Interested persons are invited.

For information, call Bob at (352) 628-1743. The

church is at 520 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River (behind the Gettin' Place Pawn Shop).

Homosassa SDA

Pastor Dale Wolfe will be speaker at the 11 a.m. divine service Saturday. A fellowship luncheon will follow the service; all are invited.

The Sabbath school program at 9:30 a.m. will be with Steve Miller. Sabbath school study begins at 10 a.m. with John Adams on "Freedom in Christ." Sue Halstead will talk about "Rescue from Above" at the 10 a.m. adult beginners Bible study class.

Bible study is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Men's study group is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Call Bob Halstead at (352) 382-7753. The church is at 5863 Cardinal St., Homosassa.

Advent Hope

Bible study is at 10 a.m. Saturday for all ages. The worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. After the service, there is a weekly potluck to which all are invited.

Vegetarian store is open from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. The church is at 428 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River. Call (352) 794-0071 or visit online at www.adventhopechurch.com.

News NOTES

Golden Agers Christmas lunch

The Golden Agers Christmas luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Ruby Tuesday's restaurant.

Seniors are invited for lunch and fellowship.

Inventors to meet in January

The Dec. 9 meeting of the Citrus County Inventors will be suspended due to holiday constraints during the month. The club will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the Lakes Region Library on Druid Road in Inverness.

The Citrus County Inventors is a group dedicated to all inventors past, present and future. All those interested are invited and there is no cost. Call Mary at (352) 527-2827 for additional information.

Lions to serve pancakes Sunday

Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle Drive, will have its pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 11. Cost for adults is \$4; children younger than 12 eat for \$2.

Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of bacon or sausage or combo, orange juice and coffee or tea.

For more information, call Lion Karen at (352) 746-2980.

Holiday show to rock on Friday

Citrus County Parks & Recreation will have its third annual Holiday Show, "Rockin' the Holidays," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Citrus Springs Community Center.

Everyone is welcome to hear this year's high-energy song and dance group of college-age performers, The New Dawn Singers, and enjoy the holiday display.

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Citrus Springs Community Center or at the Parks & Recreation office at the Resource Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Call (352) 465-7007 or (352) 527-7540.

Civic group to have holiday party

Inverness Highlands Civic Association will have its Christmas Party from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The evening will include a catered meal, dancing and entertainment.

The party will provide a complete Christmas for selected military children. Join in as Santa and Mrs. Claus hand out gifts to these children.

Tickets are \$18; RSVP to Bubbles at (352) 634-1516.

Tickets can be picked up at the door, but must be reserved in advance.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.

■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at (352) 563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.

■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 9, 2011

C: Comcast, Citrus B: Bright House D: Comcast, Dunnellon I: Comcast, Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'Nightly News', 'Jeopardy!', 'The Bachelor', and 'The Simpsons'.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

This week we have been studying deals in which declarer has had to be patient, even sacrificing one trick to get at least two in return. However, the defenders sometimes also must show patience. How should East and West card to try to defeat this contract of three no-trump after West leads the spade queen? When South rebid two no-trump, North correctly raised to three no-trump. With a long minor, no singleton or void, and no thought of a slam, responder should either raise to three no-trump or sign off in three of his suit (if that is possible and he is sure that three no-trump will not make). South starts with six top tricks: two spades, two hearts, one diamond and one club. He must make

Bridge puzzle diagram showing North, South, East, and West hands with cards and suits. Includes dealer information and opening lead.

finesses. So, declarer wins the first trick in his hand and plays a diamond to dummy's 10. Now East must play low in tempo. If he takes the trick or spends some time considering that option, South will end up with an overtrick or two. But as long as East ducks smoothly, the defense is still alive. Declarer will cross to his hand and lead his second diamond. Now it is West's turn in the spotlight. If he plays the nine, South should realize that if West started with K-J-9-3 of diamonds, the contract is hopeless. In desperation, South will call for the diamond ace and be pleasantly surprised when the king drops. Instead, West must play his jack, looking like someone who started with the tripleton K-J-3. Then South will surely call for dummy's queen and go down four!

JUMBLE word game section. Includes a cartoon of a man and a woman, a grid of letters, and instructions to unscramble words. Answers are listed at the bottom.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues. Includes clues like 'Dairy animal', 'Future fish', 'Semi fronts', 'Jumble', 'Make one's way', 'Shogun's warrior', 'Part of MIT', 'In the buff', 'Tropical yellow fruit', 'Stretchy bandage', 'Inventory wd.', 'Dallas cager', 'Bullring shout', 'Caesar's man', 'Tombstone deputy', 'Lawyer's charge', 'House addition', 'Pants problem', 'Reprimands', 'Largest bird', 'Westworld name', 'Stompin' at the', 'Wrapping material', 'Tattered', 'Ordered', 'Grounded birds', 'Heck!', 'Des Moines locale', 'Ten-four buddy'.

Answer to Previous Puzzle crossword grid with filled-in letters.

Dear Annie: I have been married to my husband for more than nine years and still have a problem with my mother-in-law. When I had a bridal shower, Mom didn't reply, didn't show up and never sent a card. This made me feel unwelcome. (She still has a picture of my husband and his ex-girlfriend on her wall.) I told my husband when we have a baby shower, I really want his mother to attend. After years of struggling with infertility, we received wonderful news. We are adopting a baby girl. My aunt offered to give me a baby shower, and I waited until the judge's final decision before I said yes. My husband told his mother how important it was she be there, and not showing up would be hurtful to me. Due to circumstances beyond our control, our adoption case is hung up in the courts. We had the shower anyway, but my mother-in-law didn't attend, saying we don't actually have a baby yet. She said she'd visit after we get her. Again, she didn't even send a card. Annie, it's not about a gift. It's about caring enough to be there. My in-laws only visit once a year, but they expect us to make numerous trips to their home and often make my husband feel guilty when we don't make it down for occasions that are important to them. I can't stop feeling my mother-

in-law doesn't accept me. Should I tell her how hurt I am or let it go? — Disappointed Daughter-in-Law Dear Disappointed: We don't know if Mom doesn't see you, if she has difficulty traveling or if she is simply socially ignorant. But you can't fix what you don't address. After nine years of marriage, it's time to have a heart-to-heart with Mom, in person, with your husband and your father-in-law present. Do it in as loving a manner as you can manage. Don't bring up past hurts — it will put her on the defensive. Simply say how important she is to you and how much you want her to be part of your daughter's life. We hope it helps. Dear Annie: What do we do when Granny is too old to keep driving, but won't stop? Any mention of her not getting behind the wheel is met with screaming rage. Even though Grandma has had many near accidents, she feels she is still a competent driver and the other motorists are to blame. My whole family is afraid to ride with her. How do we get her to give up her driver's license after almost 40 years on the road? — Road Worrier Dear Worried: Suggest Grandma enroll in the AARP Driver Safety Course (aarp.org) as a way to brush up on her skills. Also check into alternative means of transportation, including local senior transportation,

willing family members, etc. If she still won't give up her license and you believe she is a danger on the road, enlist the help of her doctor, the DMV and, if necessary, the police. Dear Annie: Like many of your readers, I am an adult child who hadn't been in touch with my family. I didn't realize my mom needed to hear from me. I have three active children, work full time and am a caregiver for a family member in my home, so I am really busy. I figured if Mom wanted to talk, she'd phone. But during a recent visit, she said she hates always being the one to call and would love to hear from me once a week, even if it's only a text message to say "I love you" or "I'm thinking of you." That was all I needed to be reminded I'm her kiddo. She just wants to hear my voice and know how I'm doing. — Long-Distance Daughter Dear Daughter: Bless you for getting the message that it's all about love. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

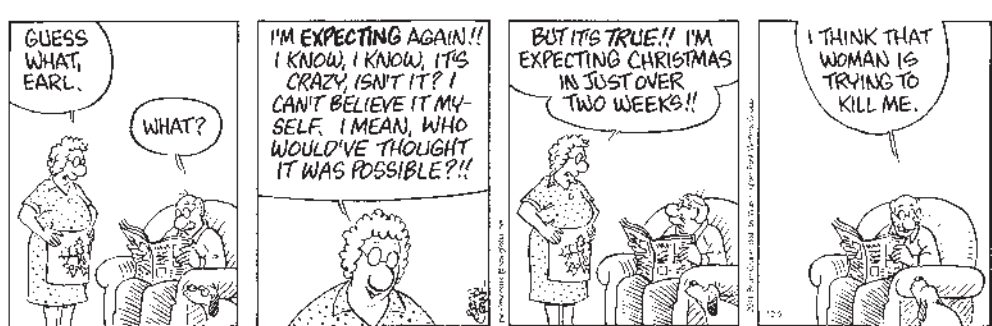
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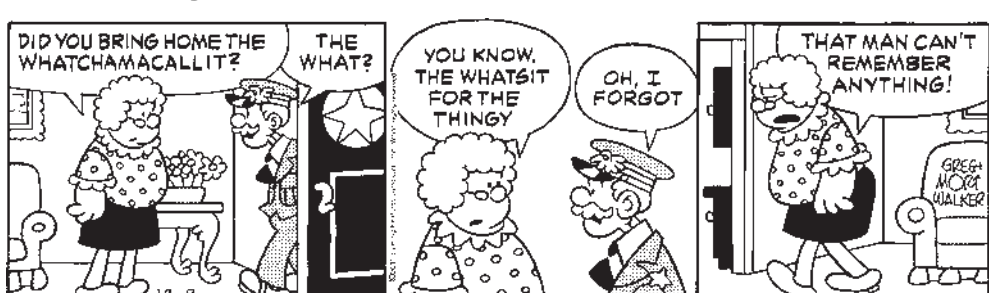
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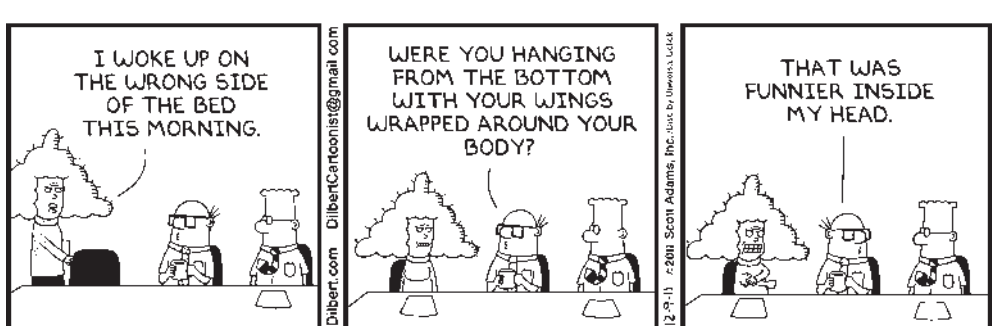
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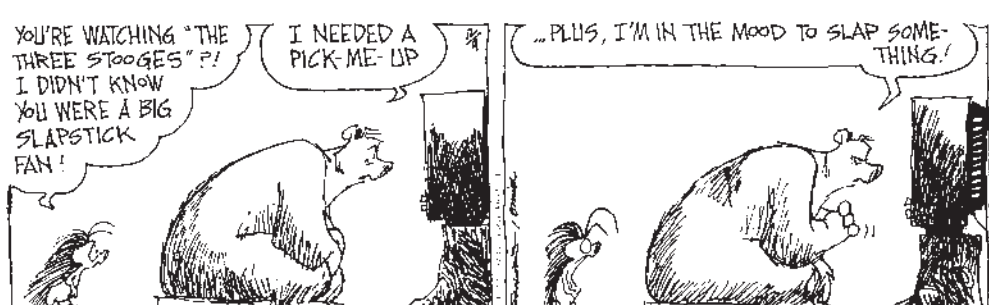
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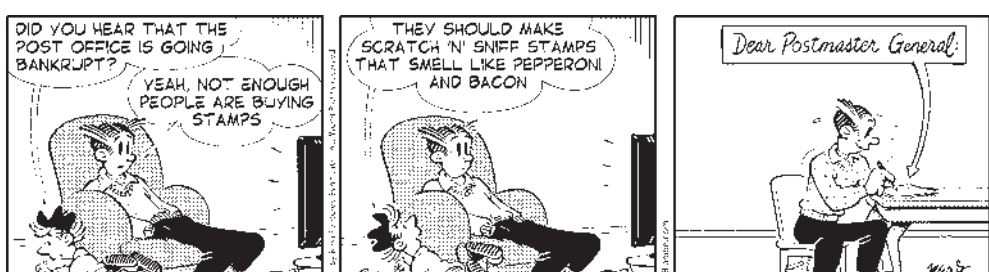
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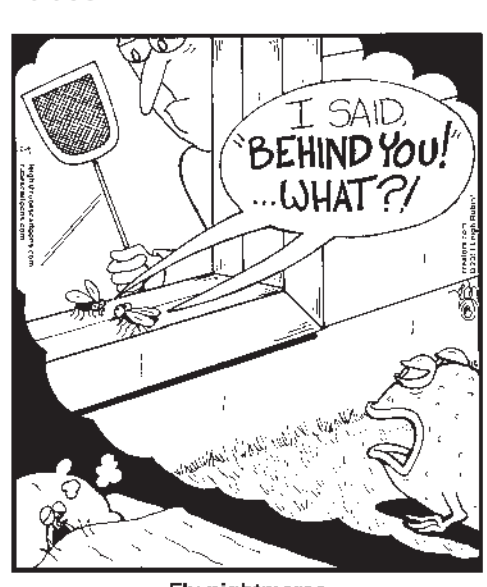
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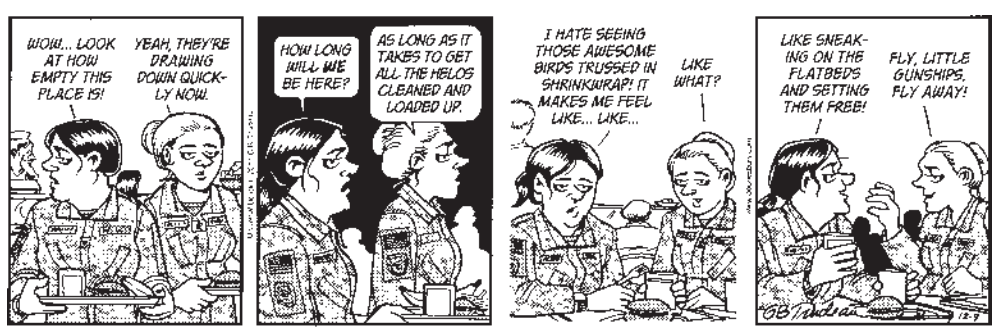
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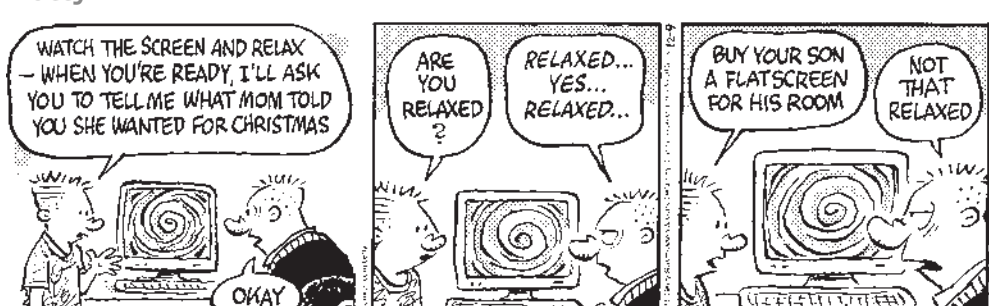
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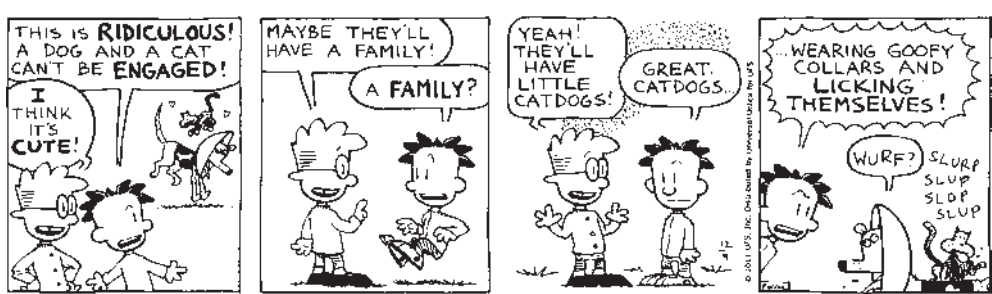
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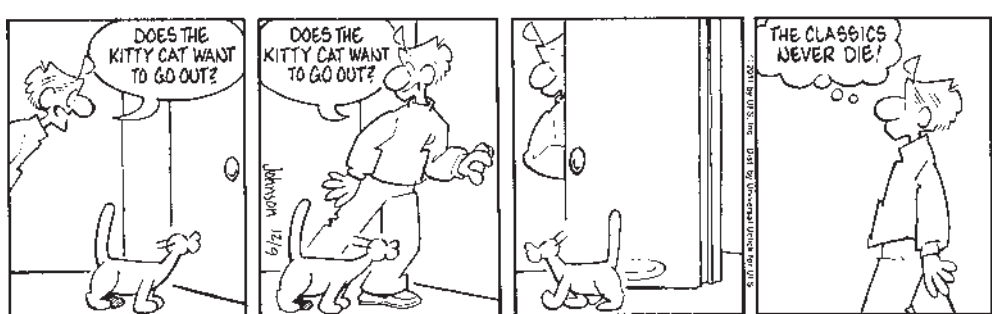
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"Hugo" (PG) 3:50 p.m.

"Hugo" (PG) In Real 3D. 1 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:55 p.m. No passes.

"Arthur Christmas" (PG) In Real 3D. 1:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m. No passes.

"Arthur Christmas" (PG) 4:30 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

"The Muppets" (PG) 1:30 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

"The Twilight Saga: "Breaking Dawn - Part I" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10 p.m.

Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864

"The Sitter" (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

"New Year's Eve" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10 p.m.

"Hugo" (PG) In Real 3D. 1 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:50 p.m. No passes.

"Hugo" (PG) 4 p.m.

"Arthur Christmas" (PG) 4:35 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

"Arthur Christmas" (PG) In Real 3D. 1:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m. No passes.

"The Muppets" (PG) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:05 p.m. No passes.

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"Happy Feet 2" (PG) 4:50 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

The Twilight Saga: "Breaking Dawn - Part I" (PG-13) 1:05 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

"Jack and Jill" (PG) 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

"Immortals" (R) In Real 3D. ID required. 9:40 p.m. No passes.

"Puss in Boots" (PG) In Real 3D. 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m. No passes.

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by Luis Campos

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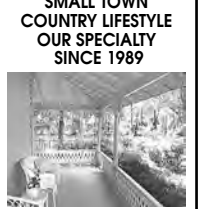
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Dissolution of Marriage Notices

875-1209 FCRN
Alicia & Loren Lea 2011-DR-1005 Dissolution of Marriage
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2011-DR-1005 Division: DOMESTIC RELATIONS
ALICIA ANNETTE LEA,
Petitioner,
and
LOREN W. LEA,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: LOREN W. LEA
(Last Known Address): 5787 S. Bennetts Point, Homosassa, FL 34446
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALICIA ANNETTE LEA, whose address is C/O RHONDA PORTWOOD, 101 N. OSCEOLA AVE., INVERNESS, FL 34450 on or before December 19, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: November 1, 2011.
BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(COURT SEAL)
By: /s/ Kathy Staibbaum, Deputy Clerk
November 18, 25, December 2 and 9, 2011.

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

813-1216 FCRN
Naylor, Dorothy J. 2011-CP-767 Notice to Cred.
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2011-CP-767 Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY J. NAYLOR
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Dorothy J. Naylor, deceased, whose date of death was September 22, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is December 9, 2011.
Personal Representative:
/s/ David E. Naylor
752 W. Olympia, Hernando, Florida 34442

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'02, Explorer. High miles, great shape, \$4,000 firm (352) 382-4377

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Optima EX V6. All leather, fully loaded. One owner 87K mis. \$4800.(352) 422-4055

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'06 Signature Town Car silver w/ leather interior, new Michelin tires, new battery, excel. cond. 95K mi. asking \$9,750 352-527-3276, 697-2274

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1988 Grand Marquis Low mileage, good condition, \$1,000 352-621-3135

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'99, Grand Marquis LS, all options, perfect cond. 65K mi., \$6,000 (352) 503-2959

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TOYOTA '09, PRIUS
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Dual carb wanted for type II 2 liter (352) 400-2066

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'96 Audi Cabriolet Convrt. AT, 126k, Pearl white w/bluetop leather interior \$3850 (352) 586-9498

FORD
'66, F100 Camper special, 351 eng. all org. runs good, \$4,800 obo (352) 726-6864

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Lien Notices

812-1209 FCRN 12/24 sale PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: ADVANCED TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 12/24/2011, 8:00 a.m., at 4875 S FLORIDA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450 pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. ADVANCED TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 2B4FK41C2ER134247 1984 DODGE Dec. 9, 2011.

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

819-1216 FCRN Vs. Raffa, Dolores 09-2009-CA-006710 Notice of Action PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09-2009-CA-006710

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. DOLORES RAFFA A/K/A DOLORES KUEFNER; JOSEPH F. KUEFNER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOSEPH F. KUEFNER; Whose residence are/is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice. The nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

LOT 62, BLOCK B, INDIAN SPRINGS, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 73 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED AT CITRUS County this 28 day of November, 2011.

BETTY STRIFLER, Clerk of the Circuit Court (Seal)

By /s/ Kathy Staibbaum, Deputy Clerk

816-1216 FCRN Vs. Murphree, Richard D. 09-2010-CA-002231 Notice of Action PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09-2010-CA-002231

FORECLOSURE ADVISORS, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. RICHARD D. MURPHREE A/K/A RICHARD E. MURPHREE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD D. MURPHREE A/K/A RICHARD E. MURPHREE; TINA M. MURPHREE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA M. MURPHREE; A/K/A THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST GLENN NEWTON CHAFFIN, DECEASED; ALMA MARIE ST. CHARLES F/K/A ALMA CHAFFIN; JUANITA M. JENNINGS; LUCILLE M. BUNNER; ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ALBERTA A. MCDONALD LILES, DECEASED.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERTA M. LILES, DECEASED; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, INC.; F/K/A NORWEST FINANCIAL, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s): ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST GLENN NEWTON CHAFFIN, DECEASED. (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ALBERTA MCDONALD LILES, DECEASED. (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 15, BLOCK C OF GLEN FLORA ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 15, BLOCK C, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50' 15" WEST 521.86 FEET, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 06' 24" WEST 354.27 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 38' 00" WEST 699.66 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 38' 00" WEST 234.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 20' 10" WEST 301.11 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27' 00" EAST 234.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20' 10" WEST 301.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH: THAT SINGLE WIDE 1984 CLARK WELDING MOBILE HOME. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: FL11AE087006414.

a/k/ 4245 W ROADRUNNER CT, HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA 34446

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324, on or before Jan. 9, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2,065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4299, Phone No. (352) 637-9853 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 28 day of November, 2011.

BETTY STRIFLER, As Clerk of the Court (Seal)

By: /s/ Kathy Staibbaum, As Deputy Clerk

December 9 and 16, 2011. 10-08272 FA

Misc. Notices

811-1209 FCRN PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE The following personal property of James Lee Snuffer and Ardella Bucy Snuffer, will on the 19th day of December, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., on property 8801 E. Moorrise Lane, Lot #68, Floral City, Citrus County, Florida, 34436, be sold for cash to satisfy storage fees in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 715.109: 1982 BUDD House Trailer VIN #: 4610564R Title #: 2142387 Additional personal property - Any property in the home

PREPARED BY: Donna M. Chatham Lutz, Bobo, Telfair, Eastman, Gabel & Lee 2155 Delta Blvd, Suite 210-B, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

December 2 and 9, 2011.

Misc. Notices

820-1209 FCRN 12/13 - Citrus County School Board PUBLIC NOTICE The Citrus County School Board will hold an Administrative Hearing; 1:00 p.m., a Regular Meeting; 3:00 p.m. and an Attorney/Client Executive Conference; 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 in the Board Room of the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida.

The purpose of the Administrative Hearing is to act upon proposed student expulsion(s). The Regular Meeting is to discuss and act upon other business that needs to come before the Board. The Attorney/Client Executive Conference will be held pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8) to gain advice concerning the pending litigation between the R.K., a minor, by V.K., his next friend, parent and natural guardian - v Citrus County School Board, Citrus County School District and Heather Ivanly, individually, Case No. 5:10-cv-677-OC-10DAB.

If any person decides to appeal a decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he may need a record of the proceedings and may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include testimony and evidence upon which his appeal is to be based. Sandra Himmel, Superintendent Citrus County School Board

December 9, 2011.

Meeting Notices

821-1209 FCRN PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Board of the Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will meet on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM at the Inverness Government Center, City Council Chambers, 212 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida, to discuss the business of the Transportation Planning Organization.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Citrus County Administrator's Office, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, (352) 341-6560, at least two (2) days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD Telephone (352) 341-6580.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Transportation Planning Organization with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

BY: Gary W. Maidhoff, Operations and Projects Officer

December 9, 2011.

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BY: Gary W. Maidhoff, Operations and Projects Officer

December 9, 2011.

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