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Romney wins N.H. primary

CONCORD, N.H. — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night, adding to a first-place finish in last week's Iowa caucuses and establishing himself as the man to beat for the Republican presidential nomination.



Mitt Romney

Texas Rep. Ron Paul led former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman for second place, with Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum trailing.

Returns from the first 13 percent of the state's precincts showed Romney with 36 percent of the vote, followed by Paul with 24 percent and Huntsman with 18 percent.

Former House Speaker Gingrich and former Pennsylvania Sen. Santorum had 10 percent and 9 percent respectively.

About one-third of Republican voters interviewed as they left their polling places said the most important factor in choosing a candidate was finding someone who could defeat President Barack Obama in the fall.

About one-quarter of those interviewed cited strong moral character or experience as the most important factor.

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We want to hear from you

The Chronicle is working on a major package on Medicaid in Citrus County, and we would like to hear from recipients, doctors, advocates, hospitals, charities, etc. If you will be affected by possible cuts, call reporters A.B. Sidibe at 352-564-2925 or Mike Wright at 352-563-3228, or email them at asidibe@chronicleonline.com or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

Be aware of road closure

As the County Road 486 road project continues, motorists should be aware of a traffic detour. The intersection of Pine Cone Avenue and C.R. 486 will be closed for road reconstruction for three weeks. The closure started Tuesday.

Motorists are encouraged to use Brandywine Terrace as a detour until the work is complete.

This construction is part of Citrus County's Long Range Transportation and Capital Improvement Program, which covers a five-year period and is updated annually in conjunction with the operating budget and future transportation needs.

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Feds OK whooper flight

Despite one-time waiver, government regulators say program violates law

A.B. SIDIBE Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — The pilots and young whooping cranes grounded late last month en route to their Florida winter homes have been cleared to resume flying.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Monday it has provided a one-time waiver to Operation Migration, a conservation organization trying to re-establish an Eastern flyway or route for whooping cranes by teaching young birds how to make the flight.

The Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge and the St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge in Wakulla County are the destinations the flyers and their young students are trying to reach.

Operation Migration ran into trouble with the FAA because it pays salaries to pilots. FAA regulations say sport planes — a category that sometimes includes aircraft of exotic design — can only be flown for personal use.

"We will be glad to have them,"

said Michael Lusk, manager of the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge.

Lusk said the cranes could get here in 10 days or it may take up to a month.

"It all depends on the weather conditions," Lusk added.

FAA officials notified the conservation group's pilots in late November that the agency had opened an investigation. Just before Christmas, Operation Migration voluntarily

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Oh, and it's also educational ...



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

A pair of bottlenose dolphins and a brown pelican take advantage of several mullet jumping into the air Tuesday morning on the Homosassa River. A group of more than 60 fifth-grade students from Homosassa Elementary School were on the river Tuesday, counting wildlife in preparation for their upcoming FCAT test.

Homosassa pupils prep for upcoming FCAT with fun day of hands-on learning

MATTHEW BECK Chronicle

WHO KNEW a day on the water fishing could be so educational?

For the fourth consecutive year, members of the Homosassa Guides Association have entertained the fifth-graders from the Homosassa Elementary School to give them an up-close-and-personal experience with nature.

Captain Mike Baize, a fifth-grade teacher at the school, organized the event and said the experience is more than just a fun day on the water.

"They learn about the

ecosystem and their surroundings out here," he said. "A lot of the things that the students are going to be learning out here today deal with science and math, and many of those things will be on the FCAT they will take later this year. A lot of people don't know this, but last year our fifth-graders at Homosassa Elementary were number one in the state of Florida on the science FCAT. A lot of that was due to these guys here at the Homosassa Guides Association."

Along with the opportunity to reel in a few fish, Baize explained some of

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From left, Erin McDougald, Kari Giannone, Madeline Campellone and Zoe Baxter watch as one of the first fish of the morning is landed.

Gov. Scott talks up cooperation

State of the state speech upbeat, but keeps eye on horizon

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The state of the state is improving, Gov. Rick Scott argued Tuesday in his second annual address to lawmakers, a blend of optimism that Florida is already coming back and a plea for support to continue to make it a sunnier place for business.

There were no surprises in Scott's roughly half-hour speech, with the governor sticking to his year-long theme of getting the state back to work, and spelling out, as he has in the past,

that he wants lawmakers to help him increase education spending and to reduce the cost of auto insurance.

Scott, a year into his first term, and obviously more familiar with the terrain, was a little less brash than last year as he warned lawmakers not to blink because he was going to take bold actions and warned them he wouldn't stand for the status quo. This year, Scott was more cooperative in his tone, asking lawmakers to look carefully at his agenda rather than

promising to blow past them, and he thanked them profusely for helping him so far in trying to create jobs.

Scott noted on his way in for the late-morning speech that he's more comfortable with lawmakers now, and less adversarial than when he won an election as an outsider, in part by bashing legislative business as usual in Tallahassee.

Entering the House chamber from the rear and having to make his way to the podium for the speech through the traditional hand-shaking gauntlet, Scott noted before he started in on his prepared remarks: "It took me

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Board spans school officials for traffic fiasco

MIKE WRIGHT Staff Writer



Pat Deutschman School board member said officials should seek parental input.

INVERNESS — It was as if Pat Deutschman had channeled the anger and frustration felt last week by parents and motorists caught in the three-day Inverness Middle School morning schoollock.

Deutschman, senior member of the Citrus County School Board, lashed out at district officials in the fallout of an ex-

periment that didn't work.

Superintendent of Schools Sandra "Sam" Himmel said district officials planned to monitor traffic patterns in the morning and afternoon near the school and then discuss alternatives to traffic problems with school officials.

Deutschman said that wasn't enough. She said the district should seek

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CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

Rescue workers check out the passenger's side door of an overturned 1998 Mercury SUV on State Road 44 in Crystal River near North Haggerty Point in Crystal River.

No injuries in wreck on S.R. 44

CATHY KAPULKA
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — A single-vehicle accident occurred at 11:20 a.m. on State Road 44 near North Haggerty Point in Crystal River resulting in an overturned 1998 Mercury SUV driven by Rebecca Lynn Kimbrough, 41, of Orlando.

Highway Patrol's report, Kimbrough was traveling east in the left lane on State Road 44. She swerved to the right to avoid hitting an unknown red vehicle that was not involved in the crash.

The report stated that after swerving to the right, she lost control of the vehicle and swerved to the left and overcorrected. The vehicle came to rest on its

roof, facing west. Kimbrough and her passenger, Preston Lee Holland, also of Orlando and owner of the vehicle, were not injured. Traffic was backed up for more than an hour following the crash.

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Cannon: Focus on higher ed.

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — House Speaker Dean Cannon said Florida's higher education system is "racing toward mediocrity" and told lawmakers as the Legislature opened its annual session Tuesday that they need to work on fixing the problems with the state's colleges and universities.

Cannon chose to zero in on higher education in his opening statement as the annual session began two months earlier than usual, due to redistricting. He said higher education is too critical to Florida's economy to be ignored. The address came amid political rallies and protests, as well as the traditional pomp and ceremony surrounding Gov. Rick Scott's State of the State address.

The Winter Park Republican, who began his political life as the University of Florida's student body



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president, said the higher education system lacks a clear mission. Universities are pursuing overlapping agendas while community colleges are transitioning into four-year state colleges, he said.

Meanwhile, the Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's 11 state universities, is "unsure of how to exercise its authority or execute its mission," Cannon said.

He blamed lawmakers, including himself, for contributing to the problems by promoting parochial inter-

ests of their local schools at the expense of the entire system.

"If left unchecked, members, we will continue to have a higher education system that is aggressively racing toward mediocrity," Cannon told his chamber.

Senate President Mike Haridopolos stressed the importance of balancing the budget in his opening remarks. Lawmakers are facing a potential \$2 billion shortfall.

Every 10 years the Legislature begins its annual 60-day session in January instead of March to make sure legislative and congressional redistricting is completed on time for the August primary and November general election. Once the lawmakers have finished the maps, they must be reviewed by the courts and federal government to make sure they meet constitutional and legal requirements.

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**WPNCC to meet
 Jan. 17 in Lecanto**

There will be two special guests at the next meeting of the Women's Political Network of Citrus County (WPNCC), from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at The Cafe in the Citrus County Resource Center at 2804 Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

Sandy Balfour, candidate for Citrus County superintendent of schools, will be there and available to discuss issues related to the schools and associated costs to taxpayers.

Diane Finegan, director of the Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA), will give an update on CASA. Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for CASA's pantry, cleaning or paper supplies and baby supplies.

Marc Knighton Court is on the west side of County Road 491 just south of Beverly Hills.

For more information, contact Jeanne McIntosh, president, at 352-484-9975, or 342-746-5660.

**Groups sponsor day
 of service on MLK Day**

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Project will be Monday, Jan. 16.

Citrus County residents are invited to honor King's legacy by making the holiday "A Day On, Not a Day Off."

Organizers of this day of service are Nature Coast Volunteer Center, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program and Citrus Builders Care Inc.

Residents are encouraged to gather friends, neighbors, church groups, clubs and civic organizations to join in supporting the project.

Registered volunteers will meet at the Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, for a brief orientation and then drive to their assigned locations. A light breakfast and T-shirts will be supplied.

For more information or to register for the event, call the Nature Coast Volunteer Center at 352-527-5950 or send an email to ncvc@bocc.citrus.fl.us. Registration forms can be found at www.naturecoastvolunteercenter.org.

**Man accused of
 throwing machete**

A machete-wielding Citrus Springs man reportedly threw the weapon at a woman during an argument Sunday evening, according to Citrus County Sheriff's Office records.

Joe Nathan Betsy, 58, 8343 N. Valerian Way, is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and has a \$5,000 bond.

Betsy reportedly was drinking and began arguing with a woman in the garage. He first allegedly told the woman if he could find a bullet he would shoot her, then grabbed a 2-foot-long machete and pointed it at the woman.

The woman reportedly yelled at Betsy to put down the machete, but he instead hurled it at the woman, who was able to get out of the way. Investigators found the machete, but Betsy denied using it. He admitted to an altercation with the woman.

—From staff reports

Clarification

Readers who would like to donate money to aid the care of sickly and special needs animals at the Citrus County Animal Shelter in Inverness are asked to make checks payable to the Citrus County BOCC and write the words "Special Needs" on the check's notes line.

The check should be mailed to the shelter at 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, FL 34450, where it will be deposited into the shelter's special needs account.

Atomic safety board to take statements

Public meeting Thursday is part of process for building new nuclear plant in Levy County

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — A meeting is set for Thursday as part of the process to build a nuclear power station in Levy County.

A group of three judges has been assigned by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Com-

mission (NRC) Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) to conduct contested hearings for the Levy Nuclear Plant Combined License Application.

The ASLB will accept oral or written limited appearance statements from members of the public regarding the application of Progress

Energy Florida Inc. (PEF) to the NRC for a license to construct and operate two nuclear power plants in Levy County.

According to PEF, the proposed Levy County nuclear project, which has a planned in-service date of 2021, is expected to generate about 3,400 construction

- **WHAT:** Statement session regarding the Levy County nuclear power plant
- **WHEN:** 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday.
- **WHERE:** Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

jobs at its peak and about 800 permanent jobs at the plant.

Once the nuclear units are in operation, customers would benefit from up to \$1 billion per year in estimated fuel cost savings, according to the utility. The company

also currently estimates savings of about \$500 million per year in avoided carbon emissions.

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Drive through



CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

Demolition crews from C.W. Hayes Construction Company take down the Inverness Taco Bell located at 616 U.S. 44 in Inverness. Carsten Madson, onsite manager, said the company has been hired to demolish and rebuild a new Taco Bell on the same site. "We do everything; we do the whole project," he said. "Construction on the new Taco Bell starts next week and will be completed by the end of March. It takes about 75 to 80 days."

Land code workshop set to show off updates, changes

Revisions to make 'kinder, gentler' development rulebook

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Finalizing work on the Land Development Code, county staff will present a public workshop this month.

"The land development code that the county has been working on has finally come together and we are getting ready to present it to our board of county commissioners (BOCC)," said Jenette Collins, director of land development.

Collins was speaking Monday at a meeting of the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County.

"We have been drafting and working on this document for the last year and have brought it before several workshops, before the

Planning and Development Review Board, as well as some other committees," Collins said. "We have finally got the document together to bring it to the first workshop."

Collins described the rewrite project.

"I'd like to call this a gentler, kinder land development code," Collins said. "We've been doing it under the guidance of our new department director, Vince Cautero. We've streamlined it."

The job was to combine county regulations with state regulations where they were found to conflict. Collins said the county generally defaulted to state regulations in most cases.

Collins regularly attends

- **WHAT:** Land Development Code (LDC) Rewrite project, application OA-11-07.
- **WHEN:** 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24.
- **WHERE:** Commission chamber, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

Agricultural Alliance meetings, where she said she learned more about agricultural needs in land planning.

"We've taken into consideration a lot of the stuff that I'm learning now about agriculture," Collins said. "We have simplified a lot of steps."

However, Collins said making the code simpler did not make it smaller.

"It's kind of a smart code so that it will be online," Collins said. "We've also added a lot of pictures to it, so where we slimmed down, we fattened up with pictures and diagrams."

After the workshop, the code will go back to the

planning board, Collins said. The anticipated adoption would be in May.

The BOCC's public hearing is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the commission chamber at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness. Officially, it is the Land Development Code (LDC) Re-write project, application OA-11-07.

The primary purpose of the LDC is to provide guidance to accomplish coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development in accordance with existing and future needs of the county by promoting orderly development of residential, agricultural, business, in-

dustrial, recreational and public areas, while protecting and, where necessary, preserving the county's natural resources.

The latest updated versions of each chapter the BOCC will review are available online at: www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/devservices/landdev/ldc/new/ldc.htm.

Each chapter update is listed under BCC Re-write updates, Update 1, along with the updated comment chart.

For more information or questions, contact Vince Cautero, 352-527-5220 or vince.cautero@bocc.citrus.fl.us, or contact Jenette Collins at 352-527-5244 or jenette.collins@bocc.citrus.fl.us.

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Sample primary ballots coming

Special to the Chronicle

Susan Gill, Citrus County's supervisor of elections, announced the official sample ballots for the Jan. 31, 2012, Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) are in the mail. Voters who have requested a vote-by-mail ballot will not receive a sample ballot.

By law, Florida is a closed-primary state and, as such, the PPP is a partisan election for registered Republicans only. Only registered Republicans will be voting in this PPP election. This is a sample ballot. Voters are encouraged to mark the sample ballot and take it with them to use as a guide when they go to vote at an early-voting site or at the

polls on Election Day. Copies of the sample ballot are available on the Supervisor of Elections website at www.vote Citrus.com or by calling 352-341-6740.

Early voting for the PPP begins Saturday, Jan. 21, and continues through Saturday, Jan. 28 (including Sundays).

Early voting locations are: Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills; Crystal River Elections Office, 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd.; Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.; Inverness City Hall, 212 W. Main St. Early voting hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Governor struggles with low numbers

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott remains pretty much under water with Florida voters.

A new poll released Tuesday by Quinnipiac University showed 38 percent of the 1,412 registered voters responding on a random telephone survey taken between Jan. 4 and Jan. 8 gave the first-term Republican a positive job approval compared to 50 percent who rated Scott's job performance negatively. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.6 percentage points.

The 38 percent approval rating, though, was the best Scott has received since taking of-

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office a year ago and better than the Legislature, which was seen positively by a third of respondents compared to 49 percent negative.

Couple found dead near Tampa

TAMPA — Deputies say a man and a woman were found dead in an exclusive north Tampa neighborhood.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter said the bodies of 76-year-old Hector Rivera and 55-year-old Debra Rivera were discovered Monday night inside a home in the Avila subdivision.

Carter said the sheriff's office received a call just before 8 p.m. Monday. Responding deputies found two bodies at

the home. Deputies obtained a search warrant around 3 a.m. Tuesday. Avila residents have included former Tampa Bay Rays manager Lou Piniella and New York Yankee Joe Posada.

22-year-old driver hits, kills jogger

SARASOTA — State troopers said a 22-year-old driver was drunk and fleeing another accident when he hit and killed a jogger over the weekend in Sarasota. The Florida Highway Patrol said Blake C. Talma was driving a Nissan Altima and hit another car blocks away before fleeing and running over 53-year-old Donna Chen. Chen was jogging on the sidewalk in Siesta Key.

—From wire reports

TRAFFIC

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parental involvement in solving the parent dropoff and pickup problem at Inverness Middle School.

"I hope we will spend more time asking the people with the problem to help us solve the problem," she said.

The board decided to create a committee to seek ways to solve the problem without spending thousands of dollars on engineers who recommend adding turn lanes or more parking.

"Engineers are only going to solve the problem by spending money," she said. "Pavement is not a solution for 20 minutes a day."

Inverness Middle School

has two entryways to Middle School Drive — on U.S. 41 and Ella Street, off Turner Camp Road.

District officials said students walking to and from school mix with motorists at the Ella entrance, and so they decided to close access from Ella to Middle School Drive at morning school start and when school releases students in the afternoon.

That left access to the campus solely from U.S. 41 when the new traffic pattern went into place Wednesday, the first day of school following the winter break.

Traffic backed up on both U.S. 41 and Middle School Drive. District officials hoped the problem would correct itself in time, but they abruptly changed their minds Friday and reopened the Ella Street

access on Monday.

Deutschman and board member Thomas Kennedy said they were disappointed that an engineer recommended closing the Ella access without considering that it would result in a traffic backup on U.S. 41.

"I'm not surprised this didn't work out," Deutschman said.

"That's why we pulled the plug," assistant superintendent Kenny Blocker said.

The committee will return to the board with recommendations.

Also Tuesday, the board approved a 2012-13 calendar that has school starting Aug. 8.

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SPEECH

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longer to walk in this year because I think I know a lot more people."

Scott's most forceful line to the Legislature, which is controlled overwhelmingly by his own Republican Party, was on education spending. Scott has proposed spending an extra \$1 billion on education, a year after lawmakers cut a bit more than that from the schools' budget.

"On this point, I just can't budge," Scott said.

Senate Budget Chairman JD Alexander, R-Lake Wales, said the Senate, at least, was likely to go along with Scott's insistence on the \$1 billion figure.

"We'll make it work," Alexander said. "We'll figure it out."

Democrats, however, downplayed Scott's new interest in spending on education, noting that it would be offset — \$444 million would replace one-time state funding and the loss of local tax income, and another \$190 million would pay for enrollment growth. The per-student increase would be about \$142, or 2.3 percent. And they noted that it would come largely from cuts to hospital rates under Medicaid, under Scott's budget proposal.

"The state of the state will improve, but on the backs of whom?" asked Senate Minority Leader Nan Rich, D-Weston.

House Democratic Leader Ron Saunders said his party supports better

funding for public schools. But, he said, "we don't support the Republican strategy of pitting the needs of Floridas students and school teachers against the needs of pregnant women and sick kids."

To avoid such a tradeoff, "we need additional revenues," argued Sen. Arthenia Joyner, D-Tampa.

Scott said the opposite, arguing that taxes are what prevent businesses from creating jobs.

Scott called taxes and regulations "the great destroyers of capital and time" to small businesses, which he argues are the backbone of the economy and the key to returning the state to prosperity.

He returned to another familiar theme, his early career peddling doughnuts.

"Almost every dollar I earned as a shop owner went toward growing our little doughnut shop. So, every dollar taken in taxes slowed that growth," Scott said, adding that dealing with regulations also slowed his ability to make more doughnuts, and thus more money.

"When growth slows in small businesses, what happens? New jobs are the first casualties," Scott said.

But in addition to creating new jobs which was almost exclusively his focus in his first state of the state speech last year, Scott also hit the education agenda hard. In the audience for his speech was a teacher he met in Immokalee. Scott pointed her out to showcase his new focus on K-12 policy.

But he didn't come to that focus in a vacuum. Scott

was tied that to economic development and job creation, as well.

"Floridians truly believe that support for education is the most significant thing we can do to ensure both short-term job growth and long-term economic prosperity for our state," he said. "And you know what? They are absolutely right."

That's the case in higher education, too, Scott said, noting his longer term interest in making changes to the state's colleges and university system.

"Somewhere out there today, there are government officials meeting in Brazil, or India, or China, and they're not debating about whether they should provide students with the pragmatic knowledge to seize a larger piece of the global economy," Scott said. "No, the only debate they are having is about how quickly they can become the dominant global players. I look forward to working with you to closely look at our higher education system; to understand how we can ensure that in the future, job creators from around the world will have to look to Florida to find the talented and educated workforce they will need to compete in the 21st century."

Scott's third priority, he said, would be in lowering the cost of personal injury protection auto insurance. It's an odd item for a big picture speech about a year-long agenda, but Scott said fraud in the system is costing almost a billion dollars a year and it's the top thing lawmakers can do, he said, to keep the cost of living low for Florida residents.

FLIGHT

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grounded the plane and the birds in northwestern Alabama — more than half-way to their destination.

Joe Duff, an Operation Migration co-founder and one of the organization's pilots, said more than 1,400 people have signed an online petition asking that the flight be allowed to continue.

"We're very pleased. This is probably a record for turning around a waiver," Duff said.

He said he has sympathy for FAA officials, who don't want to "open the floodgates" to potentially risky uses of ultralight aircraft.

Lusk said the cranes are expected to make their return trip back north in March.

Most of the whooping cranes spend the summer in central Wisconsin, where they use areas on or near Necedah National Wildlife

Refuge, as well as other public and private lands.

Whooping cranes were on the verge of extinction in the 1940s. Today, there are only about 570 birds in existence, approximately 400 of them in the wild.

The only other migrating population of whooping cranes nests at Wood Buffalo National Park in northern Alberta, Canada, and winters at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast. A non-migrating flock of approximately 20 birds lives year-round in the Kissimmee region.

Whooping cranes, named for their loud and penetrating unison calls, live and breed in wetland areas, where they feed on crabs, clams, frogs and aquatic plants. They are distinctive animals, standing five feet tall, with white bodies, black wing tips and red crowns on their heads.

Operation Migration is part of a U.S.-Canadian partnership of government

and private organizations trying to re-establish migrating flocks of whooping cranes. One flyway has already been re-established, but that flock of more than 100 birds is vulnerable to extinction should a disaster strike.

Another Eastern flyway disappeared in the late 1800s when the last whooping crane flying that route died off, he said. Since there were no birds still flying the route, conservationists have been showing young cranes how to make the journey.

There were 10 cranes when the flock left Wisconsin this fall. But one young bird took a detour and was later found hanging out with a flock of migrating sandhill cranes. That youngster has already arrived in Florida.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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the things the children would experience on their boat ride to and from their fishing holes.

"They're going to see manatees and they're going to talk about vertebrates, being mammals and what makes them a mammal," he said. "They're going to see all types of birds, and on the FCAT there are questions about bird beaks. They may be asked what the beak is used for, tearing flesh or fishing? The feet on a bird can be different. They will see webbed feet versus feet that are used for perching. All of these can be questions on the FCAT. They talk about dolphins, too. Hopefully we'll see some of those. Is it a mammal? Things like that could be asked."

The students also had a chart with a variety of birds to count whenever they were seen.

Captain William Toney, president of the Homosassa Guides Association, feels strongly about the opportunity to introduce children

to a world that some have never experienced.

"Some of these kids have never been in a boat or gone fishing," he said. "You find that hard to believe with these kids growing up in Homosassa being surrounded by water, but every year I see kids who have never gone fishing. This sport of fishing is suffering with young people because there are so many video games. It's hard to get them off the couch. This is a way to introduce kids to fishing, as well as help them in the classroom."

Students were carefully loaded onto the waiting guide boats, 16 in all, and securely fitted their life jackets around their bodies.

A small armada of boats slowly made their way down the river. Most headed west to the salt water and two headed to the fresh water.

Fourteen of the guides are members of the Homosassa Guides Association, and two others pitched in to help, including Captain Aaron Shields of Fantasy Fisherman of Homosassa.

"When I have a child on the boat and they hook up a

fish for the first time, their excitement kind of flows through me at the same time," he said. "I love to see that excitement in them."

Zoie Baxter, 11, made repeated casts in the headwaters of the Homosassa River as her guide for the day, Captain Rick Spratt, chummed the water with small pieces of shrimp, hoping to entice mangrove snapper.

"Got one," said Erin McDougald, who caught two snapper early in the morning. The youngster reeled in the fish and estimated its length and weight. "I'm pretty good at estimating," she said.

Capt. Spratt happily unhooked the small, aggressive fish for his young anglers.

"This is always a highlight of my year," he said. "We realize that this is going to be a nice day on the water. We're surrounded by beautiful scenery and people are usually in their best spirits. We want to make the reels sing and the lines tight."

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Obituaries



Robert Cater Jr., 91
HOMOSASSA

Robert Blakey Cater Jr., 91, of Homosassa, passed away Jan. 8, 2012, in the HPH Hospice Care Center in Inverness.

Mr. Cater was born in Selma, AL, on May 25, 1920, to the late Robert B. Cater Sr., and Elizabeth Lockhart Cater and came to this area in 1988 from Deltona, FL and was a proud graduate of Auburn University. He was a retired mechanical engineer in the aerospace industry and served our country in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Cater was a member of Shepherd Of The Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Welsh Cater, of Homosassa; three children, Robert B. Cater III, and wife, Debra, of Homosassa, Catherine Pope and husband, Greg, of Valrico, Bonnie White of Hoschtan, GA; four grandchildren: Valerie, Gregory Jr., Shay and Ty; four great-grandchildren.

A Holy Requiem Eucharist will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, from Shepherd Of The Hills Episcopal Church with Bishop Jim Adams, Celebrant. Interment will follow at a later date in Florida National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to Shepherd of The Hills Episcopal Church.

Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory is serving the family.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Roger Brooks, 51
HOMOSASSA

Roger Ellis Brooks, 51, Homosassa, died Friday Jan. 6, 2012, at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal River. Private cremation arrangements are under the care of Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory in Crystal River.

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- The Citrus County Chronicle's policy permits both free and paid obituaries.

Marjorie Espinoza, 98
BEVERLY HILLS

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Marjorie Grace Espinoza, age 98, of Beverly Hills, Florida, will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. Interment will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Florida.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, at the chapel. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Mrs. Espinoza was born July 10, 1913, in Mount Clemens, MI, daughter of the late Harvey and Clara (Duby) Babbitt. She died January 8, 2012, in Lecanto, FL. She worked as a homemaker and was Protestant by faith. She enjoyed painting.

Mrs. Espinoza was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Caesar S. Espinoza, three sons, Ralph "Sonny" H. Ramirez, Caesar J. Espinoza and John R. Espinoza.

Survivors include son, Valerio Ramirez, of Beverly Hills, FL; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Espinoza, of Beverly Hills, FL; sister, Armintha Pegalo, of Mount Clemens, MI; 10 grandchildren, Victor (Jenn) Ramirez, Robert (Jessica) Ramirez, Kevin (Rachel) Ramirez, Caesar Espinoza, Donnie (Stephanie) Espinoza, Steve Espinoza, Sandy (Rich) Goins, Mike (Nathalie) Espinoza, Ronnie (Monica) Espinoza and Kenny (Cristina) Espinoza; many great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Alidene Hall, 76
LECANTO

Alidene Virginia Hall, of Lecanto, FL, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2012.

She was born February 3, 1935, in Albany, KY, daughter of Porter and Sybil (Stephens) Duvall. Mrs. Hall was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather George Stephens, husband Virgil Leroy Hall, brother Robert Duvall and granddaughter Robin Christian Miley.

She is survived by her five children, Mary Eder and her husband Fred, Shirley Hall, Sana Collins, Bobby Hall and wife, Marcy, and Johnny Hall; sister Madene Craig; 10 grandchildren: Jodi Lunsford and husband, Tobin, Nick Dwiggin, Sean Collins, Johnna and Josh, B.J., Bryce, Amy and Jeremy Hall and Ryan Miley; four great-grandchildren: Porter, Kennedy, Carson and Palmer Lunsford; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Alidene will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother (G.G.). Those who shared in her life will fondly remember her as "Mama Hall," a spirited woman who loved to play bingo and Texas hold 'em, a woman with a great passion and love for her family and friends.

An intimate gathering will be held in remembrance at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2012. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464, and (352) 527-2020. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

Bonnie Jorgens, 45
INVERNESS

Bonnie L. Jorgens, 45, of Inverness, FL, died on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at the Hospice of Citrus County Care Unit in Inverness.

Bonnie was born on January 23, 1966, in Lakewood, NJ, the daughter of Louis and Nancy Miceli. She moved to Inverness 15 years ago from New Jersey. She enjoyed sports and recreational related activities. She loved bicycling and the beach. She also loved sunflowers, sunsets and sunshine to match her radiant smile that shined on everyone she met.

Survivors include her husband, Eric K. Jorgens, of Inverness; children Ashley Miceli of Inverness, FL, and Nicholas Rivituso of Pittsburgh, PA; parents Louis and Nancy Miceli of Vineland, NJ; and brothers, David Miceli of Vineland, NJ, Ron Rose of Wylie, TX, and Robert Rose of Garland, TX.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jorgens will be held at the Heinz Funeral Home on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the hour of service. Brother Jeffrey Mills will preside. Burial will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Amanda Jones, 16
TAMPA

Amanda Noelle Jones, 16, of Tampa, FL, died Friday, January 6, 2012, in Tampa, FL.

She was born November 9, 1995, in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Amanda attended the Florida Virtual School and was a member of The River at Tampa Bay Church Youth Group. She was part of I.M. Student Ministries at The River and a leader at Robles Park Outreach in Tampa, FL. Amanda was a soul winner and led hundreds to Christ. She is very loved and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her father, Steven Roger Jones, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL; mother, Nancy Lynn Lewis, of Tampa, FL; stepfather, Richard Wesley Lewis, of Tampa, FL; brothers, Aaron Jones, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, Ryan Italiano and Tyler Lewis, of Tampa, FL; sisters, Megan Jones, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, and Emma Jones of Inverness, FL; grandparents, John and Betsi Stanley, of Bushnell, FL, Carl Jones of Bushnell, FL, Jerald and Patricia Moyers, of Huntsville, AL, and Roger and Cheryl Nichols, of Salt Lake City, UT; great-grandmothers, LeNoir Nichols and Louise Stanley; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A visitation will be held at the Purcell Funeral Home Chapel, Bushnell, FL, on Friday, January 13, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. and at First Baptist Church of Bushnell, Bushnell, FL, on Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 10 to 11 a.m. A Life's Celebration will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Allen Hawes presiding. Interment will follow at the Old Center Hill Cemetery, Center Hill, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.purcellfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, FL.

Claims bills top first-day agenda

Both clear Fla. Senate



2012 SESSION

TALLAHASSEE — Bills compensating a crash victim and a man who spent 27 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit again have cleared the Florida Senate.

They were the first bills to pass in either chamber after the Legislature convened its annual 60-day regular session Tuesday.

The two claims bills are top priorities for Senate President Mike Haridopolos. Both passed the Senate last year but died in the House.

One measure would pay \$10.75 million to Eric Brody. He was paralyzed when a speeding Broward County sheriff's deputy, who was late for work, crashed into his car in 1998.

The other would compensate William Dillon with \$1.35 million. DNA testing cleared Dillon of a Brevard County murder.

Brody's award reflects a settlement announced just before the vote.

—From wire reports

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Stocks close higher on hopes for earnings

Associated Press

U.S. stocks rose solidly Tuesday after European markets rallied and corporate bellwether Alcoa predicted stronger demand in 2012.

European markets soared after Fitch Ratings said that it will not downgrade France's credit rating this year.

A downgrade for France could stifle the region's efforts to stem its debt crisis. Europe's bailout fund needs France and Germany to keep their sterling credit ratings so it can borrow at affordable rates.

Kicking off U.S. corporate earnings season, aluminum maker Alcoa said late Monday that its fourth-quarter revenue far outpaced analysts' projections.

The S&P 500 index rose 11.38 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,292.08. All 10 of its industry groups rose. Among

Market watch

Market watch table showing indices like Dow Jones Industrials (+69.78), Nasdaq Composite (+25.94), Standard & Poor's 500 (+11.38), Russell 2000 (+11.24), NYSE diary, and Nasdaq diary.

Hedge fund manager Peter Tchir said recent market swings exaggerate the importance of minor news such as Alcoa's guidance and the Fitch announcement.

Their is closing squarely on Europe's fundamental problem, which remains unresolved: Sky-high borrowing costs for indebted nations such as Italy and Spain.

Traders hope the brighter economic outlook will translate into rich fourth-quarter profits, which companies will announce over the next few weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 69.78 points, or 0.6 percent, to 12,462.47. The Nasdaq composite index gained 25.94, or 1 percent, to

Internet address expansion slated despite 'worries'

NEW YORK — Bidding will begin this week for words and brand names such as "sport," "NYC" and "bank" to join ".com" as online monikers.

The idea is to let Las Vegas hotels, casinos and other attractions congregate around "Vegas," or a company such as Canon Inc. to draw customers to "cameras.Canon"

Others are skeptical, though. They worry that an expansion will mean more addresses available to lead to "cash." To others, it will mean "confusion."

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Justice William O. Douglas, 1898-1980

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RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

Online info offers public eatery insight

Americans are dining out more than ever. It is estimated that the average American family spends about half of its food dollars on dining out and that each American eats out at least five times per week.

America's food service industry is one of the safest in the world. Considering that tens of millions of meals are served in hundreds of thousands of food service establishments daily, it is doing a commendable job of ensuring the food we eat is safe.

Nevertheless, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 48 million Americans get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die yearly from food-borne illnesses with data indicating that 41 percent of all food-borne illness can be traced to dining out. Consequently, diners are placing responsibility for the safety of their food in the hands of food service establishments multiple times each week.

Most food service establishments view food safety as being paramount. However, as attested to by the Food Network's TV show "Restaurant Impossible," some fail in their food safety responsibility.

With food safety being non-egotiable, the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation's (DBPR) Division of Hotels and Restaurants conducts random inspections of food service establishments.

While these inspections are the first line of defense for combating food-borne illnesses, informed diners are the second line of defense.

To aid diners in making informed decisions, the DBPR posts food service inspection results online at myfloridalicense.com.

When using this online tool, diners should bear in mind several points. Faced with a host of inspection items, only a very small number ever achieve a perfect score. Most violations are corrected on the spot or in a timely manner. And, given that inspection results are only a snapshot in time, they should be considered within the context of recurring violations and the overall, long-term conditions at the establishment.

Since food safety should top the menu, diners are encouraged to use the DBPR's helpful online tool to assure that the food served by their favorite establishments is not only tasty but safe, as well.

Bon appetit!

THE ISSUE:

Dining out.

OUR OPINION:

Food safety should top the menu.

Is N.H. fit to pick a president?

— NASHUA, N.H.

Is New Hampshire too white, too old and too godless to play a key role in selecting the next president?

After a season in which political observers asked whether it was appropriate for Iowa to wield such political clout, why hasn't anyone asked such fundamental questions about the Granite State?

"The rap on Iowa: It doesn't represent the rest of the country — too white, too evangelical, too rural," NBC's Andrea Mitchell famously said shortly before the Jan. 3 caucuses. Other critics called Iowa too old.

If such concerns about Iowa are legitimate, then so are concerns about New Hampshire. For example, the first-in-the-nation primary state is actually whiter than Iowa. According to the 2010 census, New Hampshire is 93.9 percent white, 2.8 percent Hispanic and 1.1 percent black, while Iowa is a virtual rainbow at 91.3 percent white, 5 percent Hispanic and 2.9 percent black.

As far as age is concerned, both states have higher-than-national-average numbers of residents above retirement age. In New Hampshire, 13.5 percent of the population is 65 or older; in Iowa, it's 14.9 percent. Not a lot of difference.

As far as rural is concerned, yes, Iowa is full of farms. But New Hampshire isn't exactly a great urban center. In fact, the primary and caucus path does not lead to any really big cities until the Florida primary on Jan. 31.

Then there is religion. During

the run-up to Iowa, pundits talked endlessly about Iowa's evangelical Christians. Are they too conservative to pick a president? Are their views on social issues too extreme? Are they really representative of the country as a whole?

Many of the questions were ill-informed. According to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life's "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey," Iowa is, in fact, slightly less evangelical than the rest of the country: 24 percent of Iowans are evangelicals, while 26 percent of Americans are.

Iowa does have a higher percentage of mainline Protestants than the rest of the country. So when one combines the evangelical and mainline strands, Iowa is more Protestant (54 percent) than the rest of the country, which is 44 percent combined evangelical and mainline.

And New Hampshire? Its combined number is 34 percent, meaning the state is less Protestant than the rest of the country by about the same margin that Iowa is more Protestant. Will pundits see that as a problem?

There is one big difference between the two states, and that is the number of people who have no religious affiliation. According to Pew, about 15 percent of Iowans say they have no affiliation — nearly right on the national average of 16 percent. But in New Hampshire, 26 percent have no religious affiliation — well above the national average.

So is New Hampshire just too godless to pick a president? Of course not. States differ in their balance of faith and non-faith, and when you add up the early

voting states — Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida, Nevada — you get a pretty good mix. New Hampshire is as qualified as any to make a political statement. But it will be interesting to see if commentators who fretted about Iowa's religiosity will be equally concerned about New Hampshire's lack thereof.

In the heat of a campaign, it's difficult to speak with much subtlety about the role religion plays in voting. The entrance polls measure religion very crudely, says John C. Green, professor of politics at the University of Akron and a top authority on evangelicals in politics. A lot of the evangelicals in Iowa may belong to mainline Protestant churches, or even be Catholic.

Many such distinctions were lost in the punditry. Also, the statistics above describe each state's entire population, not just its most politically active residents. Which means that, yes, lots of political activists are evangelicals. But lots of evangelicals aren't active in politics.

Finally, there was a lot of bias in the pundits' descriptions of Iowa and conservatives in general. A number of commentators are alarmed to see conservative evangelicals in great numbers playing a key role in politics, and out of that concern, they ask whether Iowa is too evangelical. New Hampshire is a little more moderate, so the religion question doesn't occur to them.

Also, most pundits live in the Northeast or in Washington, so New Hampshire seems almost in the neighborhood. Really, what's the problem?

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.



Byron York
OTHER VOICES



Hot Corner: SEARS

Be nice in final days

I work at the Sears in the Crystal River Mall that is closing soon. I would like to remind a few customers to be a little more caring and show some kindness to the employees there who are losing their jobs. We understand you will have nowhere to go in the county to repair your mower, exchange Craftsman tools or even get auto warranty work done. Please stop and think about other people's livelihoods for a moment. Don't you think we would want to stay open?

Something different

The Crystal River Mall has been (in) decline for years. The handwriting was on the wall and somebody forgot to read it. But in any case, when Sears moves out, a boost to that mall would be a Michael's or Bed, Bath and Beyond, or at the Blockbuster store — it used to be the blockbuster store — next to Publix in Crystal River. Could certainly use a Bed, Bath and Beyond or a Michael's, something different. We have enough food stores.

Sad to see

They should close Inverness, not Crystal River, Sears. Inverness doesn't have half the products ... Sad to see it go.

Bring in Target

The closing of Sears at the mall is really terrible because usually, you know, they have two of the (stores) are quality and the other departments are quality also. However, being that they're leaving, it would make sense maybe to try to get a Target in there. Target is a quality store. I think they should shoot for Target.

Mall in trouble

I'm reading in the paper the Sears (in the) mall is going to close. Unfortunately, I've been a businessman for over 25 years in Citrus County. The mall will eventually close. When people have to pay (so much) for these little stores, they just can't afford it in these economic times. Unfortunately, the mall will not survive unless they come up with a low-rent strategy.

Don't leave leaves

To the person who dumped 17 bags of leaves on Indian River Drive: Shame on you...I dumped the leaves and disposed of the bags for you. It's too bad you didn't leave a clue to your identity, because I would have had you arrested for dumping. I know you did it at night so you wouldn't get caught.



Hometown honey

Would anyone know where I can purchase honey produced by local bees? I have allergies and I was told that they might be alleviated if I could take some honey that was produced by local bees, due to local pollen. If anyone knows, would they please call in and let me know where I can purchase some?

LETTERS to the Editor

Organization's motives

Let's talk about Moveon.org, which is an ultra-left-wing socialist organization funded by George Soros. Its goal is a one-world socialist government. Its website used to say it has an objective of societal change. It doesn't say that anymore, but that's still the goal. You have to recognize that certain key words in any discussion involving political science, like Obama's "spread the wealth around" statement and "societal change," are calls for socialism. That's what they mean; they just try to hide their true objectives. Today it's "fair share."

In over 200 years since the concept of socialism first reared its ugly head in the modern era, there has not been one successful sustained example of a socialist state. Let's define a socialist state. It's a state where the state owns the means of production and the citizens exist to serve the state, as opposed to our democratic republic where the state exists to serve the citizens and the citizens own the means of production. The main difference between socialism and communism is the method of changing their leaders. That's Marx in a nutshell.

The USSR lasted 74 years, and that's the current record for longevity. The Democratic Socialist states of Europe lasted 66

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Some of the greatest minds of the 19th and 20th centuries have tried and failed to make socialism work. It's a tried and failed system. It's the "spread the wealth around" part that is attracting people today.

Harley Lawrence
Homosassa

Go slow and save

The U.S. Department of Energy states the difference in driving a distance of 50 miles at 65 or 75 mph for an average driver with 22 mpg vehicle is one half of a gallon of gas saved. At \$3.20 per gallon that's \$1.60 saved.

Unfortunately, it means six minutes more driving time.

With a national speed reduction of 75 to 65 mph, the estimated savings per year would amount to almost 1 billion barrels of oil.

Today's prices for crude oil range from \$98 to \$108.

Thirty percent of 43,000 annual automobile fatalities are attributed to speeding.

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Nation BRIEFS

Murder case



Associated Press

This mug shot shows Alyssa Bustamante, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to second-degree murder in the Oct. 21, 2009, killing of Elizabeth Otten in St. Martins, Mo.

Teen pleads guilty to killing 9-year-old

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Alyssa Bustamante looked down, her long brown hair covering her teenage eyes, as a judge read the charges against her: murder and armed criminal action, for knowingly strangling, cutting and stabbing her 9-year-old neighbor.

Bustamante had been charged with first-degree murder, and by pleading guilty to a lesser murder charge she avoided a trial and the possibility of spending her life in an adult prison with no chance of release. Cole County Circuit Judge Patricia Joyce will decide after a Feb. 6 sentencing hearing how long Bustamante should remain locked up. Her sentence could be as short as 10 years, or as long as life with the possibility of parole after about 25 years.

Panel: Victims should get \$50K

RALEIGH, N.C. — A task force is recommending that people who were sterilized against their will under an old North Carolina state program be paid \$50,000 each in compensation.

About half a dozen states have apologized for similar 20th century practices, called eugenics. But North Carolina is the first to move toward paying damages to the surviving victims.

World BRIEFS

Election time



Associated Press

A supporter of Democratic Progressive Party presidential candidate Tsai Ing-wen cheers with a pet dog during a presidential campaign rally on Tuesday in Taichung, Taiwan. Taiwan will have its presidential election Saturday.

Pakistani court warns premier

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's top court said Tuesday it could dismiss the prime minister unless he begins corruption proceedings against the president, opening another front against a government already under pressure from the army.

The political turmoil comes as the nuclear-armed country is struggling with urgent economic and security challenges and a deteriorating relationship with the United States, which believes Islamabad's help will be crucial in ending the war in Afghanistan.

Hours before the Supreme Court ruling, Islamist militants bombed a tribal militia opposed to the insurgency in its heartland close to the Afghan border, killing 30 people.

—From wire reports

Tough talk escalates

Tehran could hold world economy hostage as payback for tougher U.S.-led sanctions

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — In the high desert along Iran's Afghan border this week, soldiers from the powerful Revolutionary Guard practiced ambush tactics in subzero temperatures. Next month, the Guard's warships are expected to resume battle drills near Gulf shipping lanes that carry much of the world's oil.

Iran looks like a country

preparing for war. But Tehran's leaders are already using whatever leverage they can muster — including military displays and threats to choke off Gulf oil tanker traffic — to counter international pressure against the Iranian nuclear program.

A month after Iran embarrassed Washington with the capture of a CIA spy drone, the messages from the Islamic Republic couldn't be clearer or more taunting:

Tehran could turn the hook-shaped Strait of Hormuz into a dead end for tankers and hold the world economy hostage as payback for tighter U.S.-led sanctions.

Despite Iran's escalating tough talk, there are contradictions and complications that cast doubt on the likelihood of drastic military action by Tehran that could trigger a Gulf conflict. It also shows how much Iran's foreign policies are now shaped by its military

commanders as the country views itself in a virtual state of war with Western powers and their allies.

It appears to be part of the kind of seesaw brinkmanship that has become an Iranian hallmark: Pushing to the edge with the West and then retreating after weighing the reactions.

"Iran sees pressures coming from all sides and sanctions seem to be taking a major bite," said Salman Shaikh, director of The Brookings Doha Center in Qatar. "Iran's military is stepping up as the outside threats increase."



Associated Press

A shackled detainee is transported away from his annual Administrative Review Board hearing with U.S. officials Dec. 6, 2006, in Camp Delta detention center at the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba. Open for 10 years on Wednesday, the Guantanamo Bay prison seems more established than ever.

Gitmo closure hopes fade as prison turns 10

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — Suleiman al-Nahdi waits with dozens of other prisoners in a seemingly permanent state of limbo five years after he was cleared for release from Guantanamo Bay.

"I wonder if the U.S. government wants to keep us here forever," the 37-year-old al-Nahdi wrote in a recent letter to his lawyers.

Open for 10 years on Wednesday, the prison seems more established than ever. The deadline set by President Barack Obama to close Guantanamo came and went two years ago. No detainee has left in a year because of restrictions on transfers, and indefinite military detention is now enshrined in U.S. law.

The 10th anniversary will be the subject of demonstrations in London and Washington. Prisoners at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba plan to mark the day with sit-ins, banners and a refusal of meals, said Ramzi Kassem, a lawyer who represents seven inmates.

"They would like to send a message that the prisoners of Guantanamo still reject the injustice of their imprisonment," said Kassem, a law professor at the City University of New York.

Human rights groups and lawyers for prisoners are dismayed that Obama not only failed to overcome resistance in Congress and close the prison, but that his administration has resumed military tribunals at the base and continues to hold men like al-Nahdi who have been cleared for release.

Critics are also angry over the president's Dec. 31 signing of the National Defense Authorization Act, which includes a provision allowing indefinite military detention without trial.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Monday that Obama still wants to close Guantanamo because "it's the right thing to do for our national security interest," a view that he says is shared by senior members of the military.

"The commitment that the president has to closing Guantanamo Bay is as firm today as it was during the campaign ... I think this is a process that faces obstacles that we're all aware of and we will continue to work through them," Carney said.

Today, Guantanamo holds 171 prisoners and it's an odd mix. Thirty-six await trial on war crimes charges, including the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

At the polls



Associated Press

Ron Paul supporter Melina Brajovic calls out to voters driving into a polling station Tuesday during the first-in-the-nation presidential primary, at Hilltop Middle School in Manchester, N.H.

Economy easily tops concerns among N.H. primary voters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy was easily the biggest concern of people voting in the New Hampshire Republican presidential primary, according to early results of an exit poll of voters Tuesday.

In addition, about a third said the top criterion they want in a candidate was one who can defeat President Barack Obama in this fall's elections. That was slightly more than said they were seeking a GOP contender with the right experience or with strong moral character. It was also roughly the same proportion who said in last week's Iowa GOP caucuses that they were mostly looking for someone who could oust Obama.

A majority of voters said they're considering the candidates' issue positions more than their personal qualities. In one measure of voters' overall view of the contenders, about two-thirds said they were satisfied with the GOP field.

Tuesday's exit poll underscored how dominant the economy is as an issue in New Hampshire, even

About two-thirds said their finances were holding steady, while one in six said they were losing ground.

though the state's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent is well below the national average.

About 6 in 10 who voted Tuesday cited the economy as their chief worry, more than twice the number who named the federal budget deficit, the next most frequently cited concern.

In addition, about two-thirds said their families' finances were holding steady, while 1 in 6 said they were losing ground.

Nearly half said they'd decided who to vote for over the last few days, similar to when Iowans said they'd made up their minds.

Tuesday's voters were split about evenly between Republicans and independents, reflecting state voting rules that let unaffiliated

voters participate in either party's primary.

Underscoring the state's more moderate bent than Iowa, around half of those voting Tuesday considered themselves conservative, compared to 8 in 10 Iowa voters last week. About half in New Hampshire expressed support for the tea party, less than the nearly two-thirds who said so in Iowa. And voters were divided about evenly between those who prefer compromise and those who want officials who don't abandon their principles.

Only about a quarter in New Hampshire considered themselves born again or evangelical Christians, less than half the proportion who said so in Iowa.

The survey was conducted for AP and the television networks by Edison Research as voters left their polling places at 40 randomly selected sites in New Hampshire. The preliminary results are based on interviews with 1,774 voters and have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Supreme Court debates: Can you say that on TV?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In colorful give and take, the Supreme Court debated whether policing curse words and nudity on broadcast television makes sense in the cable era, one justice suggesting the policy is fast becoming moot as broadcast TV heads the way of "vinyl records and 8-track tapes."

The case involves programming that is available to all viewers free over the air — even though many now receive it through paid cable connections — during hours when children are likely to be watching.

Some justices said they

Supreme Court debates rules on TV

■ **Before the Supreme Court:** Whether policing curse words and nudity on broadcast television makes sense in the cable era.

■ **The backdrop:** Programs are available to viewers free over the air during hours when children are likely to be watching.

were troubled by inconsistent standards that allowed certain words and displays in some contexts but not others.

One example frequently cited by the networks was the Federal Communications Commission's decision

not to punish ABC for airing "Saving Private Ryan," with its strong language, while objecting to the same words when uttered by celebrities on live awards shows.

Justice Elena Kagan said the FCC policy was, "No-

body can use dirty words or nudity except Steven Spielberg," director of the World War II movie. Other justices seemed more open to maintaining the current rules because they allow parents to put their children in front of the television without having to worry they will be bombarded by vulgarity.

Chief Justice John Roberts, the only member of the court with young children, hammered away at that point. Roberts wondered why broadcasters would oppose FCC regulation, especially when cable and satellite service can offer hundreds of channels with few restrictions.

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CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Panthers' Putney scores hat trick in LHS win

Lecanto leads way with 34 shots on goal

JAMES BLEVINS
Correspondent

LECANTO — The visiting Central girls soccer team would come calling in

the first minute of play, but it would be home-standing Lecanto who answered time and time again throughout Tuesday night's soccer match between the Panthers and Bears.

It would take a little while, after Central's opening goal in the first 45 seconds of play, but once Lecanto (12-4-2) warmed up, shots would start to fly as the Panthers roared to a



Lecanto 6 Central 2

■ The Panthers' next game is at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Lake Weir.

6-2 victory Tuesday night. "We want to increase our shots on goal," Lecanto head coach Roselle Lattin said. Increase their shots on

goal, the Panthers certainly did.

Lecanto easily led the game with 34 total shots on goal, 21 of those in the first half alone. Central wouldn't even manage a quarter of Lecanto's first-half effort in the entire game.

Midfielder Brittany Putney would earn a hat trick (an incredibly accurate effort with only three additional shots that didn't find

net) and her first of three goals came five minutes into the game, assisted by Breanna Martin, to tie it up.

Breanna Martin would follow up with her own goal about 10 minutes later (assisted by her sister Jordan Martin) to put the score at 2-1, giving the Panthers a lead they would never relinquish.

Chloe Benoist (a goal on seven shots) would have a

fantastic game, dominating the midfield throughout and using her fancy footwork to dazzle Central defenders. It was as if a line had been drawn at midfield, a line that very few Central players were able to cross.

Benoist, the Martin sisters and midfielder Kayla Perry (eight shots) would

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Punishing Pirates

Crystal River downs district foe Eustis, 59-41

JUSTIN PLANTE
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — The Crystal River High School girls basketball team displayed some of the most team-oriented basketball it's played all season, as the Pirates took down district foe Eustis High School 59-41 on Tuesday night at Crystal River High School.

The game didn't start off the way the Lady Pirates would have hoped, as Eustis's early pressure would cause seven Crystal River turnovers in the first quarter, and pushed the Panthers into a 16-11 lead going into the second.

After that first quarter, however, the game would never look the same. The Lady Pirates (7-5) switched up their defensive strategy after getting burned from the outside in the first quarter.

Sophomore Katelyn Hannigan, who finished with a game-high 17 points, led the Lady Pirates' offensive charge, while Jasmine Eason, who finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds, helped Alexis Ulseth, Kiersten Croyle and Lemachia Richburg dominate Eustis on the boards.

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Lecanto boys survive game against Central

SEAN ARNOLD
Correspondent

LECANTO — The Lecanto boys basketball team survived a fierce defensive battle in its gym Tuesday with a 56-54 district victory over Brooksville Central High School.

The Bears (9-3, 2-3) trailed by three on the game's final possession when Central junior guard Joey Stokes (12 points) drew a foul on a 3-point attempt at the buzzer. Stokes, who had eight points in the fourth, missed his second foul shot, clinching the win for the Panthers and improving their overall record to 13-4 and district mark to 4-1.

Central executed an aggressive press against Lecanto, and made eight more field goals than the Panthers. But Lecanto dominated

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Crystal River High School's Ashley Meiman is fouled by Eustis High School's Rebecca Froemar while attempting to shoot in the second period Tuesday at Crystal River.

DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Magee leads Lecanto in lifting victory
Panthers beat River Ridge

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

LECANTO — Dalea Magee did exactly what she hoped to do Tuesday afternoon.

The Lecanto senior weightlifter won her 119-pound weight class in a dual meet between Lecanto High School and New Port Richey River Ridge in the Lecanto cafeteria. Magee had a best lift of 115 pounds in the clean and jerk for a 235-pound total.

Lecanto won the meet 54-35, but River Ridge held out most of its best lifters. Alexis LiCalsi, for instance, was lifting exhibition. The junior Knight lifter won a national weightlifting title last summer in Georgia.

River Ridge has one of the top girls' weightlifting teams in the North Suncoast region and usually brings home some medals from the state meet.

For Magee, the meet was nice, but the 18-year-old has her sights on the state meet in February in Kissimmee.

She knows what she wants to do after high school.

Magee has a 3.0 grade point average. She is taking dual enrollment at Central Florida College and wants to become a fitness nurse. She also runs cross-country and track.

It's weightlifting she loves, though.

"It's my sport," she said. "I was so excited at state. I'm pretty sure I cried when I found I was going. I want to go back."

"It also makes you feel better. If I'm really mad, I just go outside and do pull-ups or benches."

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Not every AP voter picks 'Bama as best football team in nation



Alabama's Trent Richardson celebrates after the BCS National Championship game against LSU on Monday in New Orleans. Alabama won 21-0.

Associated Press

Four panelists vote Oklahoma State as No. 1

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Alabama's convincing victory in the BCS championship wasn't enough to convince all 60 Associated Press college football poll voters that the Crimson Tide is No. 1.

Four members of the media panel had Oklahoma State at No. 1, and Erik Gee, of KNML-AM in Albuquerque, N.M., picked LSU — as he said he would before the game.

"I was a lot closer than I thought I would be to changing my mind," Gee said during a telephone interview Tuesday. "I don't think I necessarily felt good about voting for LSU. But I also didn't feel good about voting for Alabama. I stared at the computer for 10 minutes. It wasn't an easy decision."

Alabama (12-1) was an overwhelming No. 1 in the final Top 25, receiving 55 votes. LSU (13-1), which beat Alabama 9-6 in overtime

on the road in November and played a much tougher schedule than the Tide, finished second and Oklahoma State (12-1) was third.

The USA Today coaches' poll had the same top three, but those voters are contractually obligated to put the winner of the BCS title game No. 1 on their ballots. While there have been occasions when coaches have ignored the rule, it was not the case this season. Alabama received all 59 first-place votes.

Only once in the last five years has the final AP No. 1 been unanimous. Unbeaten Alabama received all 60 first-place votes after the 2009 season.

The Crimson Tide's 21-0 victory Monday night at the Superdome didn't sway Gee, but it did persuade two other AP voters who had said they expected to vote LSU (13-1) No. 1 even if the Tigers lost.

"The score says it all," Joe Giglio, of the *News & Observer* in Raleigh, N.C., said in an email early Tuesday morning.

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AP source: Florida hires Boise State's Pease as OC

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida has hired Boise State's Brent Pease as its offensive coordinator, said a person familiar with the search.

The person spoke to The Associated Press Tuesday on condition of anonymity because an official announcement is scheduled for Wednesday.

Pease has agreed to a three-year deal worth a little more than \$500,000, the person said, on par with what other play-callers are

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OUTDOORS

COMING TOMORROW



YOUTH SPORTS

COMING FRIDAY



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GET IN THE GAME

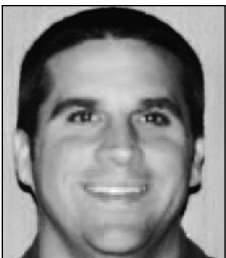


Google photos

An 18-degree hybrid similar to this one can be used off the green during the winter months.

Golfing in the wintertime

Wintertime in Florida creates some new conditions for which we have to adjust. During the colder winter months, the non-overseeded Bermuda grass goes dormant. When this happens, the grass loses its green coloring and turns brown. While this is good for full shots because the rough will not slow down your ball as much and we get more roll, short shots around the green can become more difficult due to the thinning of the grass. During this time of year, I like to utilize a shot from off the green using my 18-degree hybrid. I see many amateurs using a putter from off the green in this type of situation. The problem with using a putter is the club only has about four degrees of loft. The reason the hybrid is a better choice is it has more loft to help get the ball rolling on top of the grass. When deciding whether to play the hybrid from off the green, there are a couple of things to consider. The first thing is to consider the distance between your ball and the green. If it is more than a couple of yards, you may want to consider chipping instead. The second thing is to make sure the rough between you and the green is relatively smooth, without a lot of



Herb Hurley
HERB'S HINTS

bumps for indentations. The setup for this shot is much like a putt. You want the ball in the same location that you do when you are putting, which should be relatively in the center. It is very important you choke down to the bottom of the grip so you can get as close to your normal putting setup as possible.

The biggest mistake I see made during this shot is golfers try to use their chipping stroke to strike the ball. When you use your chipping stroke, the extra mass of the hybrid club head usually sends the ball running past the pin. You must make sure when utilizing the hybrid putt from off the green, you use your putting stroke. The stroke needs to be smooth and controlled like a putt.

The best way to look at this shot is to pretend you are on the green and holding your putter. Make sure the stroke you use is the same as if you were striking a putt of the same length.

I know with a little practice you can master the hybrid putt.

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Formula for winning

Steve Stricker says
'I just do what I do'

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Mention the best American golfers and Steve Stricker is on everyone's list, just as he was 15 years ago.

The difference is he bought into it back then.

Now he doesn't care.

He was the highest-ranked American in the field at Kapalua, where the no-show list of 11 players included three major champions. Stricker was asked at the start of the week if he saw himself as the main headliner. He smiled sheepishly and said, "No." "There's nobody I would rather watch play golf than Steve Stricker, personally, as a fan," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said Sunday as Stricker was leading by five shots in the third round.

When this was mentioned to Stricker, someone jokingly suggested Finchem was sipping a Mai Tai when he said it.

"Was he drunk?" Stricker said with a laugh.

Stricker won the Tournament of Champions by three shots Monday. It was his eighth win in his last 50 tournaments, the highest winning rate of anyone on the PGA Tour in that span. Martin Laird, the runner-up, called Stricker the most underrated player in golf.

His reaction? Another smile.

"You're asking the wrong guy," Stricker said.

Winning for the 12th time in his career was special, along with telling his family they get to come back to Maui next year. Having his two daughters greet him with a hug on the 18th green made it even sweeter. The plaudits? The world ranking? Trying to assess where he belong among a global lineup of stars?

It no longer matters to him.

What defines Stricker is what caddy Jimmy Johnson says to him whenever he needs a pep talk.

"Do what you do."

"I think that sums it up the best," Stricker said. "We just go about and do our thing. It may not be the flashiest thing at times, but I do other things well. I chip and putt well. I'm driving the ball well. Everybody has got a little bit different game, and that's the way I look at mine. Do the things that we know how to do the best."

It wasn't always that way.

Just when he was starting to hit his stride, Stricker looked around and started to wonder if he was good enough.

"I tried to compare myself to guys when I was playing well back in the



Associated Press

Steve Stricker says he does the things he knows how to do the best.

mid-90s, and I got into some bad things," he said.

One of those guys was Tiger Woods. Stricker was regarded as one of the rising Americans in 1996, when he broke through by winning the Kemper Open and the Western Open and finished at No. 4 on the money list. A few months later, Woods turned pro and won twice in seven starts.

When he arrived at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am the following February, Stricker was at No. 13 in the world ranking. Woods was one spot behind at No. 14. Phil Mickelson was No. 7, the highest of American golfers in their 20s.

Stricker was paired with Woods for three rounds — Stricker had sportscaster Bryant Gumbel as an amateur partner; Woods had actor Kevin Costner. Stricker didn't make it to Sunday, tying for 66th. Woods was runner-up to Mark O'Meara.

Stricker left the Monterey Peninsula feeling inadequate.

"We were paired together at Pebble Beach, and I walked away from there feeling my game was not anywhere close to him. And it wasn't," Stricker said. "He's probably done that to other

players, too, don't you think? I just didn't think I had the skills or ability he had. But I'm OK with it now."

That was the beginning of what once looked like the end.

Stricker traveled too much in the offseason after his banner year; going to South Africa and Scotland. He typically spends a long offseason home in Wisconsin, and when he returned to golf, it felt more like work than pleasure.

He also took advantage of his success by signing lucrative deals with equipment companies, which added to his troubles. And then came the pairing with Woods at Pebble Beach.

Stricker plunged to No. 130 on the money list that year; recovered briefly in 1998 when he had a back-nine duel with Vijay Singh at Sahalee in the PGA Championship, the big Fijian's first major.

There also was a brief return in 2001 when Stricker, who was No. 90 in the world, got into the Match Play Championship in Australia because more than two dozen players ahead of him decided not to play. Stricker wound up winning, beating Ryder Cup players Padraig Harrington and Justin Leonard in the opening two rounds.

Local LEADERS

HOLE-IN-ONE

In December, Marlene Friberg had a hole-in-one No. 8 at Lake Side.

BRENTWOOD

MEN	
Jan. 4 — Wednesday Point Quota Group results.	
First	+11
Angelo Deyeso/Jay Hylemon	
Second	+8 (MOC)
Basil Varney/Don Gittings	
Most over quota +6	
Clair Lockwood	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Don Oslance
No. 4	Russel Clark
50/50 Winner	
Dick Hunt	
Jan. 7 — Saturday Morning Scramble results.	
First	
Pete Krol/Larry Lietzke	
Kathy Anderson/Bob Anderson	
Second	
Bill Bozarth/Mike Saunders	
Neil Swanton/Gene Moff	
Third	
Steve Arena/C. W. Goschen	
Clair Lockwood/Joe Leary	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Marie St. Pierre
No. 4	Larry Lietzke
Jan. 8 — Sunday Morning Scramble results.	
First	
3 under (MOC)	
Bruce Liston/Rolf Kettenberg	
Wayne Brooks/Chuck Taylor	
Second	
3 under	
Kevin Grace/Frank Buonomo	
Dick Sorrells/Larry Holcomb	
Third	
2 under	
Anita McCabe/Andy Mc Kenney	
Jim Kieffer/Jennie Diaz	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Jerry Walker
No. 4	Bruce Liston
Jan. 9 — Monday Morning Mens Group	

results.

First	+7
Herb Holbrook	
Second	+1
Bob Lewis	
Most over quota	
Jim Kieffer	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Jim Kieffer
No. 4	Bob Lewis

WOMEN

Jan. 10 — Brentwood Tuesday Ladies League Standings.	
Team Standings:	
First	20.5
Kay Fitzsimmons and Dianne Joyner	
Second	19
Penny Magliano and Jane Vandenbergh	
Third	18
Glenora Hilton and Dorothy Gratien	
Individual Standings:	
First	Dianne Joyner 10
(Tie)	Gail Nowicki 10
Third	Penny Magliano 9.5
Low Gross	Penny Magliano 45
Low Net	Penny Magliano 33
(Tie)	Dianne Joyner 33
(Tie)	Joan Minnelli 33
Birdie:	
No. 4	Sandi Luther
Chip-in:	
No. 8	Dianne Joyner
Game of the Day — Best Score on Even	
Holes:	
Penny Magliano	17

CITRUS SPRINGS

MEN	
Jan. 7 — The Citrus Springs Men's Association played Team Net.	
First	281
Balas, William, Smith and Hunt	
Second	291
Feltner, Colletti, Rocky, Gecl and Woodworth (blind)	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 4	Rocky

No. 8	Fehér	Low Gross	103
No. 11	Gecl	Low Net	76
No. 14	Curry		
No. 16	Gecl	Low Gross	110
Jan. 10 — The Citrus Springs Men's Association played 3 best balls.			
First	182		
Bill Curry, Don Gonczy, Ed Miller, Bob Gecl and (blind) Walt Norton			
Second	188	Low Gross	92
Bob Manecky, Bob Hunt, Emil Colletti and Walt Norton			
Closest to the Pin:			
No. 4	Leon Smith	Chip-ins:	92
No. 8	Dave Balas	No. 12	92
No. 11	Pete Clutter	No. 18	65
No. 14	Mike Feltner	No. 9	65
No. 16	Jack Williamson	Marilyn Kirkpatrick	69
		Lee Stryker	69

WOMEN	
Jan. 10 — The Citrus Springs Ladies played 9's.	
First	60
Noreen Elliott	
Birdies:	
No. 5	Maria Valdes
Jan. 6 — Points Quota "Chicks with Sticks" results.	
Bev McGonnigal	+3
Jan Kominski	+2
Marj Sibley	+1
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 11	June Goyette
No. 16	Roberta Gendron
"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Jan at 352-344-9550 or Carole at 352-746-2082.	

INVERNESS

Jan. 10 — Inverness Golf & Country Club Women's Golf Association played Low Gross/Low Net.	
Low Gross	Linda Hertig 98
Low Net	Carol McHugh 76
First Flight	
Low Gross	Linda Hertig 98
Low Net	Carol McHugh 76
Second Flight	
No. 2	Pam Atkinson

Sue Sasso	103	No. 15	Marlene Friberg	61		
Jean Neil	76	The first meeting of the new year will be Thursday, Jan. 12, after play in the Lake Side Grill room.		Third Flight	64	
Third Flight		Tere Wood	110	Alex Stevens		
		Di Arnell	72	Closest to the pin:		
		Dee Knox	72	No. 7	Bill Stallings	
		No. 11		No. 11	Bill Stallings	
		First Flight		Dec. 29 — Today the 7 Rivers Men's Golf Association played a scramble tournament.		
		Linda Hertig	92	First		69
		Sally Hunt	92	Don Eddy, Alf Silliman		
		Nancy Bennett	65	Bill Stallings, Bob Burns		
		Tere Wood	65	Second		71
		Marilyn Kirkpatrick	69	Gene Kelly, Clayton Jeck		
		Lee Stryker	69	Don Tures		
		Miriam Jacobs	69	Closest to the pin:		
		Linda Hertig	69	No. 7	Frank Wade	
		Bonnie Williams	65	No. 11	Paul Collins	
		Marilyn Kirkpatrick	65			
		Di Arnell	69			
		Carol McHugh	69			

LAKESIDE

Lake Side W.G.A. had a "Mistletoe & Holly" tournament with 90 area golfers on Dec. 15 and Dec. 29.	
Dec. 15 — Points Quota winners.	
A Flight	
First	Jan Kominski +4
Second	Marj Sibley +1
Third	Mary McConnell Even
B Flight	
First	Diane Atterson Even
Second	Quirine Belderbos -2
Third	Pam Atkinson -3
Chip-ins:	
No. 7	Pam Atkinson
No. 15	Mary McConnell
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 15	Kathleen Littlefield
No. 8	Mary McConnell
Dec. 19 — Blind Holes results.	
First	Arlene Elwell
Second	Marlene Friberg
Third	Marj Sibley
Fourth	June Goyette
(Tie)	Jan Kominski
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Pam Atkinson

PINE RIDGE

MEN	
Jan. 10 — Beverly Hills Men's Nine Hole Tuesday Morning Group results.	
Low scorers	
Frank Hughes	32
Tom Richards	34
Walter Novak	35
OTG	Jim Graham
Golfers of any age and ability are welcome to join the friendly nine hole round of competitive golf every Tuesday morning at Pine Ridge. The group alternates weekly front nine and back nine and tees off at 8 a.m. Call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800.	
WOMEN	
Dec. 28 — Wednesday Little Pine Ladies Association played a scramble.	
First	27
Jan Lassiter, Jo Steele	
Second	29
Linda Snell, Joyce Brown	
Lois Smith	31
Third	Kit Ogg, Carol Ranney
Sandy Robinson and Donna Jacks	
Chip-in:	
No. 5	Jo Steele
Birdies:	
No. 4	Jan Lassiter
No. 5	Jo Steele
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 1	Joyce Brown
No. 2	Jo Steele
No. 7	Carol Ranney
No. 6	Margie Ebbert

SUGARMILL WOODS

Jan. 5 — Sugarmill Woods Country Club Men's Golf Association played individual point quota.	
Flight 1	
First	+8
Carl Pedersen	
Second	+5 (2Way Tie)
Doug Martin, Felix Tarorick	
Fourth	+4
John Doyle	
Flight 2	
First	+5 (2Way Tie)
Jim Bodenstein, Fred Dibattista	
Third	+3
Ron Broadbent	
Fourth	+2 (2 Way Tie)
Reese Kilgore, Bob Chadderton	
Flight 3	
First	+5
Bill Lent	
Second	+4
Howard Wallace	
Third	+2 (3 Way Tie)
Bob Elgart, Bob Carriaveu, Dick Henry	
Golfers of the Week:	
Low Gross	Carl Pedersen 76
Low Net	Felix Tarorick 66
Low Net Senior	Bob Carriaveu 69

SEVEN RIVERS

Jan. 5 — Today the 7 Rivers Men's Golf Association played a low net tournament.	
First Flight	
Paul Collins	67
Second Flight	

UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS PGA TOUR

SONY OPEN IN HAWAII

■ **Site:** Honolulu.

■ **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.

■ **Course:** Waialae Country Club (7,044 yards, par 70).

■ **Purse:** \$5.5 million. **Winner's share:** \$990,000.

■ **Television:** Golf Channel (Thursday, 7-10:30 p.m., 11 p.m.-2:30 a.m.; Friday-Saturday, 3-6:30 p.m.; 7-10:30 p.m., 11 p.m.-2:30 a.m.; Sunday, 3-6:30 p.m.; 7-10 p.m., 11 p.m.-2 a.m.)

■ **Last year:** Mark Wilson won the first of his two 2011 PGA Tour titles, shooting 65-67 in the 36-hole Sunday finale for a two-stroke victory over Tim Clark and Steve Marino. Wilson also won the Phoenix Open.

■ **Last week:** Steve Stricker won the season-opening Tournament of Champions at Kapalua for his 12th PGA Tour title and eighth in his last 50 events. The 44-year-old Stricker shot 68-63-69-69 to finish at 23 under. He moved up to No. 5 in the world.

■ **Notes:** The tournament is the first full-field event of the season.

GOLF STATS

PGA Tour

Through Jan. 9 Scoring Average

1, Steve Stricker, 69.81. 2, Martin Laird, 70.56. 3 (tie), Jonathan Byrd and Webb Simpson, 70.81. 5 (tie), Harrison Frazer and K.J. Choi, 71.81. 7 (tie), Bryce Molder and Chris Kirk, 72.06. 9, 3 tied with 72.31.

Driving Distance

1, Bubba Watson, 296.4. 2, Jhonattan Vegas, 293.4. 3, Martin Laird, 285.3. 4, Harrison Frazer, 281.5. 5, Keegan Bradley, 279.0. 6, Scott Stallings, 276.1. 7 (tie), Aaron Baddeley and Gary Woodland, 276.0. 9, Bill Haas, 275.6. 10, Ben Crane, 273.0.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1 (tie), David Tom, Mark Wilson and Bill Haas, 75.00%. 4, Chris Kirk, 73.33%. 5, Jonathan Byrd, 70.00%. 6 (tie), Michael Bradley, Bryce Molder, D.A. Points, Kevin Na and Scott Piercy, 68.33%.

Greens in Regulation Pct.

1 (tie), Bill Haas and Webb Simpson, 87.50%. 3 (tie), Mark Wilson, Jonathan Byrd, D.A. Points, Scott Piercy, Martin Laird and Keegan Bradley, 86.11%. 9, Sean O'Hair, 84.72%. 10, 3 tied with 83.33%.

Total Driving

1, Bill Haas, 10.2 (tie), Scott Piercy and Martin Laird, 19.4 (tie), Michael Bradley and Harrison Frazer, 20.6, Keegan Bradley, 21.7, Chris Kirk, 22.8 (tie), Aaron Baddeley and Ben Crane, 23.10, 2 tied with 24.

Strokes Gained - Putting

1, Jonathan Byrd, 1.860. 2, Johnson Wagner, 1.476. 3, Nick Watney, 1.224. 4, Rory Sabbatini, 1.220. 5, Bryce Molder, 1.011. 6, Kevin Na, .817. 7, Harrison Frazer, .801. 8, Webb Simpson, .694. 9, Ben Crane, .619. 10, Martin Laird, .551.

Birdie Average

1, Martin Laird, 7.25. 2, Steve Stricker, 6.50. 3, Ben Crane, 6.00. 4 (tie), Rory Sabbatini, K.J. Choi and Jonathan Byrd, 5.75. 7, Bubba Watson, 5.25. 8, Chris Kirk, 5.00. 9, 6 tied with 4.75.

Eagles (Holes per)

1, (tie), Aaron Baddeley, Rory Sabbatini, K.J. Choi, Scott Piercy, Chris Kirk and Gary Woodland, 100.00%. 7, 6 tied with 50.00%.

All-Around Ranking

1, Jonathan Byrd, 55.2. Steve Stricker, 56.3. Martin Laird, 57.4. Chris Kirk, 65.5. Rory Sabbatini, 70.6. Harrison Frazer, 75.7. Ben Crane, 76.8. Scott Piercy, 78.9 (tie), Webb Simpson and Keegan Bradley, 90.

PGA TOUR Official Money Leaders

1, Steve Stricker, (1), \$1,120,000. 2, Martin Laird, (1), \$650,000. 3, Jonathan Byrd, (1), \$369,000. 3, Webb Simpson, (1), \$369,000. 5, Harrison Frazer, (1), \$245,000. 5, K.J. Choi, (1), \$245,000. 7, Bryce Molder, (1), \$190,000. 7, Chris Kirk, (1), \$190,000. 9, Ben Crane, (1), \$165,000. 9, Rory Sabbatini, (1), \$165,000. 9, Johnson Wagner, (1), \$165,000.

GOLF SCHEDULE

PGA Tour

Jan. 6-9 — Hyundai Tournament of Champions (Steve Stricker)
Jan. 12-15 — Sony Open, Waialae CC, Honolulu

Jan. 19-22 — Humana Challenge, PGA West (Palmer Private, Nicklaus Private), La Quinta CC, La Quinta, Calif.
Jan. 22-29 — Farmers Insurance Open, Torrey Pines GC (North and South), San Diego.

Feb. 2-5 — Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Feb. 9-12 — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, Monterey Peninsula (Shore Course), Pebble Beach, Calif.

Feb. 16-19 — Northern Trust Open, Riviera CC, Los Angeles
Feb. 22-26 — WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, Ritz-Carlton GC at Dove Mountain, Marana, Ariz.

Feb. 23-26 — Mayakoba Golf Classic, El Camaleon GC, Maya, Mexico.

March 1-4 — Honda Classic, PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
March 8-11 — WGC-Cadillac Championship, TPC Blue Monster at Dorland, Dorland, Fla.

March 8-11 — Puerto Rico Open, Trump International GC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
March 15-18 — Transitions Championship, Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course), Palm Harbor, Fla.

March 22-25 — Arnold Palmer Invitational, Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Fla.

Tebow puzzling QB

Broncos leader keeps opponents guessing on field

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Bury the blueprints on how to thwart Tim Tebow. He can beat you with his arm as well as his legs.

The formula up until last weekend was to stack the box and dare him to beat you with all those errant passes.

But coming off his worst game as a pro, the most-maligned quarterback in football morphed into a conventional quarterback Sunday in snapping out of a three-game funk and sending the mighty Pittsburgh Steelers to an early playoff exit.

Tebow, whose record-setting redemption kept Denver's thrilling roller coaster of a season roaring right along, is more challenging than ever to defend. So, the top-seeded New England Patriots are preparing for deep passes as much as the Broncos' bothersome read-option offense.

"They're a tough team to prepare for because they do a lot of different things," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "There aren't really any other teams like them in the league, so there's no other team you can really draw that experience from. What they do offensively is a little bit unique."

After relying all season on the league's best ground game, Tebow turned into an Aaron Rodgers-Drew Brees-Tom Brady lookalike by throwing for 316 yards against the league's No. 1 defense in his first playoff appearance.



Associated Press

Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow celebrates after beating the Pittsburgh Steelers 29-23 in overtime of an NFL wild card playoff game Sunday in Denver.

It wasn't just his 80-yard bullet to Demaryius Thomas, which allowed the Broncos to beat the Steelers 29-23 on the first play of overtime. In the second quarter, Tebow completed four passes of 30 yards or better, something that hadn't been done in the NFL in half a century.

Belichick insists this isn't Tebow 2.0, however.

"I think he's done a lot of those things all year," Belichick said. "He had a great game against Pittsburgh, no doubt about it. But he's played well throughout the season, whether it be managing the team, making decisions, running the ball, throwing the ball, scrambling, any and all of the above. He's a good football player."

One who's now multidimensional.

At John Elway's urging, Tebow was more aggressive Sunday, heeding his boss's advice to "pull the trigger."

"Yeah, I think I did play pretty aggressive in the game," Tebow said Tuesday after the Broncos returned to work following their exhilarating weekend win.

"We were playing a very good team, very good defense. And you have to be willing to take some chances to make some big plays against them, because they have so many good players and so many good guys that are rushing, getting to the quarterback. And the offensive line did a great job and the receivers stepped up and made huge plays."

The Broncos (9-8) need an encore performance to beat the heavily favored and well-rested Patriots (13-3).

Tebow's 31.6 yards per completion Sunday were the second-most ever for an NFL quarterback in the regular season or playoffs, surpassed only by Joe Namath's 33.7-yard average against Baltimore in September 1972.

"It was big for us because in this league, you have to keep people off balance," wide receiver Eddie Royal said. "Before last week, people knew they had to stop the run. Stop the run and shut down our offense. But now, they have to second-guess themselves, 'Oh, they can throw the ball and be explosive and make some pass plays.'"

It was the Broncos' reliance on the run that sold the play-fake on the first snap of overtime — they had rushed on 23 of 25 first downs up to that point.

Two junior tennis singles tournaments still on slate

The last JCT tournament had to be rescheduled because of conflicts, but the junior players can still practice before high school tennis starts.

They can first play at the Crystal River Open Tennis Tournament and second at the Simon Toftgaard Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament at Deltona Woods Tennis Park, Spring Hill, on Jan. 28 and 29.

The entry fee is \$30. The fee is tax deductible and will go to the scholarship set up in memory of Simon Toftgaard. Registration deadline is Jan. 26.

The singles-only event is for boys and girls. Match times will be available at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 and can be found on the tournaments website nctf.usta.com.

All players must check in on the website and be at the tournament 30 minutes before their scheduled match time.

For the upcoming weekend, the USTA will start its new season. Be on the lookout for scores of local teams in the *Chronicle*.

Also in the next couple of weeks, we will have some information about the Sony Ericsson Open at Key Biscayne, the one professional tournament close to home where you can see all the best players, male and female, in the world.

Monday Night Ladies Doubles League
Standings, including rain

make ups:

■ Brooksville Kick Butt, 25;

■ Pine Ridge,

24;

■ Brooksville

Aces, 20;

■ Bicentennial

Babes, 12.

This league is geared toward the 3.5 and 4.0 female players, who cannot play during the day and don't mind traveling for tennis matches.

For more information, contact

Vivian Amabile at tonykg-bird@aol.com.

Citrus County Tuesday Womens Team Tennis League

Standings:

■ Riverhaven Reds, 18;

■ Pine Ridge Palominos, 13;

■ Crystal River Chip and

Charge, 11;

■ Bicentennial Breakers, 8.

This ladies-only league is geared toward players rated 3.0 to 3.5. If interested in playing or being a team captain, call chairperson Candace Charles at 352-563-5859 or email Candacecharles@tampabay.rr.com.

Citrus Area Senior Ladies 3.0/3.5 Tuesday League

Results for Jan. 3 are:

■ Citrus Hills def. River-

haven Ospreys, 4-0;

■ Meadowcrest Aces vs

Meadowcrest Racquettes, 2-2;

■ Crystal River def. Pine

Ridge Mustangs, 4-2.

For information, contact new chairwoman Luanne Miller at lumiller62@yahoo.com or 352-794-7247.

Thursday Morning Citrus Area Doubles League

Standings:

■ Bicentennial Babes, 35;

■ Skyview, 34;

■ Pine Ridge Mavericks, 34;

■ Sugarmill Woods, 33;

■ Pine Ridge Fillies, 32;

■ Skyview Aces, 32;

■ Skyview Advantage, 32;

■ Bicentennial Bratz, 21.

For information, contact chairwoman Carol Keatts at 352-382-5280 or ckeatts@aol.com.

Ladies on the Court

Results for Jan. 12 are: Candace, Barbara and Kelley.

Ladies on The Court play at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays at Le Grone Park courts in Crystal River. Bring a new can of balls and 50 cents and sign up to play two out of three tie-break sets.

For more information, contact Barbara Shook at dshook@tampabay.rr.com or 352-795-0872.

The Friday Senior Ladies Doubles 3.0-3.5 League

Standings:

■ Riverhaven Eagles, 36;

■ Bicentennial Flyers, 29;

■ Citrus Hills Hot Shots, 23;

■ Pine Ridge Mustangs, 22;

■ Sugarmill Shooting

Stars, 14;

■ Meadowcrest Aces, 8.

For information, contact chairwoman Joyce Shiver at 352-795-1086 or jshiver@tampabay.rr.com.

USTA Leagues

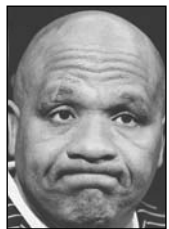
Local teams that participate in the new Spring 2012 season are:

■ 3.5 Senior Women: Bicentennial Park, Skyview, and Sugarmill Woods.

NFL BRIEFS

Raiders fire coach Hue Jackson

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders fired coach Hue Jackson on Tuesday after one season at the helm in the first major move since Reggie McKenzie was hired as general manager.



Hue Jackson

The decision to get rid of Jackson came four days after the team announced the hiring of McKenzie as the team's first general manager since the death of longtime owner Al Davis in October. McKenzie was formally introduced later Tuesday.

Zimmer interviews for Dolphins job

MIAMI — Cincinnati Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer has completed an interview for the Miami Dolphins' head coaching job.

Former Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher remains the Dolphins' top choice. He interviewed last week, and the Dolphins are waiting for him to choose between them and the St. Louis Rams.

The Dolphins also were planning to interview Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey. They earlier interviewed Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin, Chicago Bears special teams coordinator Dave Toub, and Todd Bowles, who was Miami's interim coach for the final three games this season after Tony Sparano was fired.

Zimmer, who completed his interview Tuesday, has been an NFL defensive coordinator for 12 years and joined the Bengals in 2008.

— From wire reports

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Tournaments

■ Jan. 28 and 29: Crystal River Open at Crystal River High School will benefit local food program.

■ Jan. 28 and 29: Simon Toftgaard Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament at Deltona Woods Tennis Park, Spring Hill.

■ Feb. 4 and 5: 5th Junior Circuit Tournament at Southern Hills.

Eric van den Hoogen, Chronicle tennis columnist, can be reached at hoera@juno.com.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

The AP Top 25 poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Pv	
1.	Alabama (54)	12-1	1,470	2
2.	LSU (1)	13-1	1,401	1
3.	Oklahoma St. (4)	12-1	1,376	3
4.	Oregon	12-2	1,228	6
5.	Arkansas	11-2	1,178	7
6.	Southern Cal	10-2	1,167	5
7.	Stanford	11-2	1,146	4
8.	Boise St.	12-1	1,108	8
9.	South Carolina	11-2	995	10
10.	Wisconsin	11-3	890	9
11.	Michigan St.	11-3	861	12
12.	Michigan	11-2	822	13
13.	Baylor	10-3	764	15
14.	TCU	11-2	642	16
15.	Kansas St.	10-3	608	11
16.	Oklahoma	10-3	562	19
17.	West Virginia	10-3	539	23
18.	Houston	13-1	509	20
19.	Georgia	10-4	433	18
20.	Southern Miss.	12-2	406	22
21.	Virginia Tech	11-3	322	17
22.	Clemson	10-4	188	14
23.	Florida St.	9-4	150	25
24.	Nebraska	9-4	143	21
25.	Cincinnati	10-3	100	NR

Others receiving votes: BYU 49, Auburn 40, N. Illinois 33, Missouri 22, Texas 15, Rutgers 3, N. Dakota St. 2, Penn St. 2, Virginia 1.

USA Today Top 25 poll

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1.	Alabama (59)	12-1	1,475	2
2.	LSU	13-1	1,404	1
3.	Oklahoma State	12-1	1,367	3
4.	Oregon	12-2	1,290	5
5.	Arkansas	11-2	1,188	7
6.	Boise State	12-1	1,162	6
7.	Stanford	11-2	1,106	4
8.	South Carolina	11-2	1,084	9
9.	Michigan	11-2	925	12
10.	Michigan State	11-3	912	13
11.	Wisconsin	11-3	911	8
12.	Baylor	10-3	775	16
13.	TCU	11-2	710	15
14.	Houston	13-1	673	17
15.	Oklahoma	10-3	610	19
16.	Kansas State	10-3	602	10
17.	Virginia Tech	11-3	574	11
18.	West Virginia	10-3	554	22
19.	Southern Mississippi	12-2	429	21
20.	Georgia	10-4	345	18
21.	Cincinnati	10-3	248	24
22.	Clemson	10-4	237	14
23.	Florida State	9-4	205	25
24.	Nebraska	9-4	144	20
25.	Brigham Young	10-3	79	NR

Others receiving votes: Northern Illinois 36; Missouri 33; Texas 29; Auburn 28; Rutgers 11; Penn State 10; Texas A&M 5; Virginia 4; Temple 2; Washington 2; Arkansas State 1; Florida 1; Louisiana-Lafayette 1; Mississippi State 1; Notre Dame 1; Ohio 1.

TENNIS

Australian Open Seeds

At Melbourne Park in Melbourne, Australia
Jan. 16-29

- Men**
1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia
 2. Rafael Nadal, Spain
 3. Roger Federer, Switzerland
 4. Andy Murray, Britain
 5. David Ferrer, Spain
 6. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France
 7. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic
 8. Mardy Fish, United States
 9. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia
 10. Nicolas Pietrangolo, Spain
 11. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina
 12. Gilles Simon, France
 13. Alexandr Dolgopopolov, Ukraine.
 14. Gael Monfils, France
 15. Andy Roddick, United States
 16. John Isner, United States
 17. Richard Gasquet, France
 18. Feliciano Lopez, Spain
 19. Viktor Troicki, Serbia
 20. Florian Mayer, Germany
 21. Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland
 22. Fernando Verdasco, Spain
 23. Milos Raonic, Canada
 24. Kei Nishikori, Japan
 25. Juan Monaco, Argentina
 26. Marcel Granollers, Spain
 27. Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina
 28. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia
 29. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic
 30. Kevin Anderson, South Africa
 31. Jurgen Melzer, Austria
 32. Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia.

- Women**
1. Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark
 2. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic
 3. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus
 4. Maria Sharapova, Russia
 5. Li Na, China
 6. Sam Stosur, Australia
 7. Vera Zvonareva, Russia
 8. Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland
 9. Marion Bartoli, France
 10. Andrea Petkovic, Germany
 11. Francesca Schiavone, Italy
 12. Kim Clijsters, Belgium
 13. Serena Williams, United States
 14. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia
 15. Sabine Lisicki, Germany
 16. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia
 17. Peng Shuai, China
 18. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia
 19. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia
 20. Flavia Pennetta, Italy
 21. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia
 22. Ana Ivanovic, Serbia
 23. Julia Goerges, Germany
 24. Roberta Vinci, Italy
 25. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic
 26. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia
 27. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain
 28. Maria Kirilenko, Russia
 29. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium
 30. Nadia Petrova, Russia
 31. Angelique Kerber, Germany
 32. Monica Niculescu, Romania.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with LHP Wei-yin Chen on a three-year contract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP Paul Maholm on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Announced the retirement of clubhouse manager Dennis Liborio.
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHP Miguel Batista and RHP Fernando Cabrera on minor league contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Released OF John Bowker.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Announced the retirement of WR Derrick Mason.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed WR D'Andre Goodwin from the practice squad. Placed FB Spencer Larsen on injured reserve.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed G Darryl Harris.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Fired coach Hue Jackson.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed RB Tyrrell Sutton to a reserve/future contract.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



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

CASH 3 (early)
0 - 9 - 9
CASH 3 (late)
1 - 7 - 4
PLAY 4 (early)
2 - 2 - 2 - 2
PLAY 4 (late)
9 - 9 - 3 - 4
FANTASY 5
9 - 16 - 25 - 26 - 32
MEGA MONEY
30 - 41 - 42 - 43
MEGA BALL
9

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Syracuse at Villanova
7 p.m. (FSNFL) Wake Forest at Maryland
8 p.m. (MNT) Kentucky at Auburn
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Texas A&M at Texas
9 p.m. (FSNFL) Georgia Tech at North Carolina State

NBA

8 p.m. (ESPN) Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) (SUN) Miami Heat at Los Angeles Clippers
4 a.m. (ESPN2) Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics (Same-day tape)

NHL

7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals

TENNIS

7 p.m. (SUN) Champions Series: Seattle (Taped)

Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS GIRLS BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Lecanto at Lake Mineola

BOYS SOCCER

7 p.m. Crystal River at Lecanto

GIRLS SOCCER

7 p.m. Lecanto at Lake Weir

7 p.m. Dunnellon at Crystal River

WRESTLING

7 p.m. Belleview at Lecanto

FLORIDA

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making in the Southeastern Conference. Pease replaces Charlie Weis, who left last month to take the head job at Kansas.

The Gators met with Pease last Friday, and the interview seemingly went so well that Pease canceled an interview with national champion Alabama. The Crimson Tide is looking for a coordinator to replace Jim McElwain, who is leaving to take the head job at Colorado State.

The 47-year-old Pease spent the last six years at Boise State. He left briefly following the 2010 season to become Indiana's offensive coordinator, but returned a short time later to take the same job with the Broncos.

Pease served as Boise State's receivers coach from 2006 through 2010. Before that, he was offensive coordinator at Baylor (2003-05)

'BAMA

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Giglio ended up voting Alabama No. 1.

Seth Emerson, of The Macon Telegraph in Georgia, was also leaning hard toward keeping LSU in the top spot.

"My thinking was I was going to keep the Tigers No. 1 unless they got trounced — and they did," he said.

Emerson, however, ended up giving Oklahoma State his first-place vote, along with Matt Markey, of The Toledo Blade in Ohio, Steve Conroy, of the Boston Herald, and Scott Wolf, of the Los Angeles Daily News.

Big 12 champion Oklahoma State finished its sea-

son and Kentucky (2001-02). He also spent time at Football Championship Subdivision schools Montana (1991-98) and Northern Arizona (1999-2000).

He has eight years of experience as a play-caller, including two in the SEC.

Boise State ranked ninth in the nation in total offense this season, averaging 481 yards a game.

Florida was 102nd, averaging 334 yards a game. Coach Will Muschamp hired Weis to improve the offense, but the Gators totaled fewer yards and points in 2011 than they did in 2010.

Muschamp interviewed Jacksonville University coach Kerwin Bell for the offensive coordinator job last month. He also was considering running backs coach Brian White, who called plays in Florida's win against Ohio State in Gator Bowl. Florida's offense managed 263 yards and scored 10 points against the Buckeyes. The Gators scored twice on special teams in the 24-17 victory.

son with a 41-38 overtime victory against Stanford in the Fiesta Bowl last week, and many fans believed the Cowboys should have played LSU instead of Alabama getting a second chance to beat its Southeastern Conference rival.

But when the final BCS standings were posted in December, the Tide was second behind LSU and just ahead of Oklahoma State. The AP Top 25 isn't part of the formula used to determine the championship matchup.

Emerson had Oklahoma State second and Alabama third in his final regular-season rankings, and said the Cowboys had done enough to stay ahead of the Tide after both won bowl games.

LECANTO

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She appreciates weightlifting coach Bob LeCours.

"He is my second dad," she said. "I do better when he is spotting me."

LeCours values his senior lifter's efforts.

"She is my strongest lifter," LeCours said. "If she keeps her focus, she can do very well."

Dostal-Purk second

Lecanto's Allison Dostal-Purk

was happy to take a second place in the 199-pound class. She had a 105-pound bench press and a 120-pound clean and jerk for a 225-pound total.

"I think I am doing very well," Dostal-Purk said. "I was going to lift last year, but I had family problems. I started lifting this year and I love it. I want to get to state."

Lecanto wins

Lecanto won the meet 54-35, but LeCours wasn't impressed.

"I'm a little disappointed," he said. "It was the best lifting some of them did. I don't know where this team is headed. I don't know what they are capable of."

Prep sports BRIEFS

Hurricanes storm pass Wildwood, 68-59

Behind 27 points from sophomore guard Devon Pryor — all in the second half — the Citrus boys basketball team defeated Wildwood. Pryor was 13-of-15 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter alone. Hurricanes senior Ryan Labrador added 25 points in the winning effort. Citrus (7-5 overall, 2-2 district) plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Springstead in Spring Hill.

SR boys basketball grabs another win

The Seven Rivers Christian boys basketball team coasted to a 62-20 victory over Cornerstone Academy in Gainesville.

Sam Jones, a senior point guard, led the Warriors with 15 points while Lucas Ebert had nine points for Seven Rivers.

The Warriors, now 12-4 overall and 5-1 in district, play 8 p.m. Friday at home against Ocala St. John Lutheran.

Pirates run into buzz saw that is Eustis

The Crystal River boys basketball team suffered a 66-36 loss at the hands of undefeated Eustis.

Will Cleveland paced the Pirates with 8 points and 8 rebounds. Eustis is now a perfect 16-0.

Crystal River (6-8 overall) hosts Nature Coast on Friday.

Straight's shooting sets record in Lecanto win

Lecanto guard Megan Straight scored all 30 of her points on 3-pointers to lead the Panthers' girls basketball team to a 74-40 victory at

Brooksville Central on Tuesday night. Straight hit 10 shots from beyond the arc to break Lecanto's record in a single contest.

Miranda Barber netted 18 points for the Panthers while teammate Paige Richards added 15.

Lecanto (10-5 overall, 3-2 district) hosts Lake Minneola at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Lady Warriors roll past Cornerstone Academy

The Seven Rivers Christian girls basketball team ran its District 2A-3 record to a league-best 5-0 following a 56-19 blowout at Cornerstone Academy in Gainesville on Tuesday night.

Warriors senior point guard Kayleigh Kiernan had 17 points and 10 assists to pace Seven Rivers to victory while teammates Andrea Zachar (16 points, 8 rebounds) and Alyssa Gage (13 points) also had big games.

Seven Rivers, now 11-4 overall, hosts St. John Lutheran at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Lady Hurricanes power past Springstead

The Citrus girls weightlifting team went to Spring Hill and defeated host Springstead, 57-33.

The Hurricanes had seven lifters win their weight classes. The results below are the Citrus winners:

- 110 pounds — Lauryn Rashley 255 total
 - 129 pounds — Savannah Bingham 280 total
 - 139 pounds — Vickie Lapps 290 total
 - 154 pounds — Hannah Evans 285 total
 - 169 pounds — Sam Kanawall 275 total
 - 183 pounds — Anna Venero 255 total
 - 199 pounds — Swade Kelleher 270 total
- Citrus is now 3-0 overall and hosts Weeki Wachee and Crystal River at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

— From staff reports

LHS

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all have a big hand in making that line permanent, dominating possession of the ball.

"They definitely allowed us to control the midfield," Lattin said. "Ultimately that's what allowed us to create some good passes (and) give our strikers opportunities to score."

A testament to great defensive work by Panthers Lauren Cole and Danyelle Uyolla, who kept the midfield backed up consistently. Together their efforts would keep the Bears' strikers from being much of a presence in Panther territory.

The second half would

start very similar to the opening of the first, this time it would be Lecanto coming out in the first 45 seconds with Putney scoring her second goal, putting Lecanto up by two.

Benoist would score four minutes later on a penalty kick, making it 4-1.

A few yellow cards would pop up against Lecanto in the late stages of the game, giving Central a new life and another goal as the Bears hit a 40-yard free kick over goalkeeper Darah Nason's head, cutting the Panther lead to two.

Lecanto would dash any hopes that Central could muster up following its goal with Putney's third and final strike of the game in the 70th minute (assisted by forward

Taylor Christian). Panthers midfielder Tawnie Tricomi's goal in the 74th minute, her first goal of the season, capped the game off at 6-2.

"Overall everyone had a real good game," Lattin said. "Brittany Putney did great. She had a hat trick tonight. Overall I'm pretty happy with our performance. We played well and want to make sure we end the regular season as best we can. Have good momentum going into districts."

Lecanto faces Lake Weir on the road Wednesday night for its final regular season game. The No. 1 seeded Panthers (7-1-2 in district play) will start their post-season campaign next week at Booster Stadium in Ocala for the beginning of the district playoffs.

PIRATES

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What helped the Lady Pirates in the second quarter was the man pressure that head coach Jason Rodgers decided to switch to after the first quarter:

"It was frustrating in that first quarter with that zone," Rodgers said. "We wanted to try the zone, and keep our legs fresh for the later points in the game, but they were hitting those threes and we just weren't in position. So we switched it up and put

pressure on the ball and it put us back in the game."

The man defense forced Eustis to turn the ball over six times in the second quarter, which helped set a frantic pace for the Lady Pirates.

While the pace may have hurt Crystal River with a couple of missed buckets in transition, it hurt the Lady Panthers even more so. Eustis was shut down for almost the entire second quarter, not scoring until 1:46 before halftime.

The big second quarter gave Crystal River an eight-point lead that it would hold onto until the fourth.

BOYS

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on free throws, going 23-for-34 as the Bears managed to convert just five of their 18 attempts at the foul line.

Central's effort reminded Panthers coach Eddie Buckley and his team just how much parity exists in his squad's district, which also features Citrus, West Port, and Springstead.

"Anyone in the district can win it," Buckley said. "There is no juggernaut that can run through everyone."

"The first time we played Central, we beat them by one at their place, so it's been some tough and competitive games with them," Buckley added. "They're a great defensive team. They really get after it. You don't want to face them in a tournament. They'd be a tough out."

Senior forward Clayton Roessler led the Panthers

with 14 points, and fellow senior forward Winsor Sineus added nine points as he made life difficult for Central's leading shooter, senior guard Rudy Robinson, who ended with a game-high 18 points.

A two-point basket by Sineus off an assist by junior guard Matthew Michelet at the 2:35 mark of the third quarter culminated a 14-3 run for Lecanto, giving the Panthers a 40-29 advantage.

"Winsor did a tremendous job on Rudy, defensively," Buckley said. "And Matthew got a big timeout for us on a scramble down by the basket late in the game. It was a heads-up move."

Roessler was 6-for-8 on foul shots, while Central's two main post players, senior Brandon Olsen (eight points) and junior Troy Stewart, each fouled out.

"Clayton had a couple big baskets down the stretch," Buckley said. "Whenever they would have a run, it seemed like he'd have an

answer: It was a feeling-out process for the big guys, tonight, as they wrestled with foul trouble."

Beal breaks slump as Gators stop Georgia

Florida extends home winning streak

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Bradley Beal broke out of his shooting slump, scoring 17 points and leading No. 19 Florida to a 70-48 victory over Georgia on Tuesday night.

Beal was 4 of 6 from 3-point range, making more shots from behind the arc than he did in the last four games combined, and added 10 rebounds for the Gators.

Kenny Boynton scored 17 for the Gators (13-4, 1-1 Southeastern Conference), who extended their home winning streak to 15 games.

Georgia (9-7, 0-2) lost to Florida for the 15th time in the past 17

meetings. The Bulldogs have dropped 10 in a row in Gainesville.

Nemanja Djuric led Georgia with 14 points. Gerald Robinson Jr. added eight points, six rebounds and five assists.

Providence 90, No. 14 Louisville 59

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Bryce Cotton and Kadeem Batts each scored 27 points and Providence made Louisville coach Rick Pitino's night miserable on a day the school honored his 1987 squad, beating the No. 14 Cardinals.

Vincent Council added 15 points and LaDontae Henton 14 for the Friars (12-6, 1-4 Big East). Providence

snapped a four-game losing streak. Chris Smith led the Cardinals with 16 points. Louisville (13-4, 1-3) has lost four of its last five, including a 67-65 setback in double-overtime at home against Notre Dame on Saturday.

No. 6 Michigan St. 95, Iowa 61

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Draymond Green had 22 points and nine rebounds to help No. 6 Michigan State beat Iowa for its 15th straight win.

The win gives the Spartans (15-2, 4-0 Big Ten) their longest winning streak since the 1998-99 season, when they won 22 in a row before losing to Duke in the national championship game.

The Hawkeyes (10-8, 2-3) have been routed in two straight games — they

also lost to Ohio State — after beating Wisconsin and Minnesota on the road.

Aaron White scored 15 points and Devyn Marble had 12 for Iowa.

No. 24 Seton Hall 94, DePaul 73

NEWARK, N.J. — Fuquan Edwin scored 24 of his career-high 28 points in the first half and No. 24 Seton Hall rolled to a victory over DePaul in its first game as a ranked team since 2001.

Jordan Theodore matched his career bests with 26 points and 11 assists as the Pirates (15-2, 4-1 Big East) won their fourth straight game — all in league play.

Herb Pope had 11 points and 13 rebounds, and Aaron Cosby added a career-high 15 points for Seton Hall,

which shot 58.7 percent from the field.

Brandon Young had 16 points, and Cleveland Melvin and Worrel Clahar 14 apiece for DePaul (10-6, 1-3).

OTHER SCORES

Florida St. 63, Va. Tech 59

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Bernard James had 18 points and 14 rebounds and Florida State survived a furious comeback by Virginia Tech to win.

Ian Miller added 15 points for the Seminoles (10-6, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

The Hokies (11-5, 0-2) trailed most of the game against the Seminoles' ACC-best field goal defense before rallying behind Erick Green, who scored 19 of his 21 after halftime.



St. Louis Blues goalie Jaroslav Halak, right, makes a save of Montreal forward Tomas Plekanec's shot during the first period Tuesday in Montreal. The Blues won 3-0 in Montreal.

Singing the Blues

St. Louis goalie shuts out Montreal

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Jaroslav Halak got the shutout in his first game back in Montreal and the St. Louis Blues extended their winning streak to four with a 3-0 victory over the Canadiens on Tuesday night.

David Backes and Chris Stewart each had a goal and an assist, and Jason Arnott also scored for St. Louis.

Halak, who was traded by Montreal to the Blues on June 10, 2010, made 19 saves for his second shutout of the season.

The Slovakian goalie denied former teammate Tomas Plekanec on a short-handed breakaway early in the first. He made a sprawling glove save on Mathieu Darche in the third. It was his 18th career shutout.

Canucks 5, Lightning 4, SO

TAMPA — Mason Raymond scored the lone goal in the shootout on a spinning backhand and the Vancouver Canucks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-4.

Canucks goalie Cory Schneider stopped all three shots he faced during the shootout, including one by NHL goals leader Steven Stamkos on Tampa Bay's final opportunity.

The Lightning tied it at 4 with a minute remaining in the third period when Ryan Malone scored from near the post off a nifty pass by Martin St. Louis. The goal was upheld after a video review.

Alexander Edler, Jannik Hansen, Manny Malhotra and Ryan Kesler scored in regulation for Vancouver. Henrik Sedin had an assist, giving him 39 assists and 50 points this season.

Rangers 2, Coyotes 1, SO

NEW YORK — Derek Stepan's goal in the sixth round of the shootout lifted the New York Rangers past the Phoenix Coyotes.

Stepan beat Phoenix goalie Mike Smith high to the glove

side before the Rangers' Henrik Lundqvist stopped Coyotes captain Shane Doan to secure the win. The Rangers, who won for the 10th time in 11 games, improved to 27-9-4 for a league-leading 58 points and their best start since 1993-94 when they won the Stanley Cup.

After two scoreless periods, Ruslan Fedotenko put New York ahead at 2:27 of the third with his sixth goal of the season. Phoenix's Radim Vrbata tied it with his team-leading 20th with 9:23 remaining in regulation.

Smith made a spectacular stick save on Marion Gaborik at 3:10 of overtime on a penalty shot.

Senators 5, Penguins 1

PITTSBURGH — Milan Michalek scored twice, Craig Anderson stopped 29 shots and the Ottawa Senators made quick work of the slumping Pittsburgh Penguins.

Chris Neil, Bobby Butler and Jason Spezza also scored for the Senators, while Colin Greening had three assists. Ottawa scored on four consecutive shots spanning the first and second period to break it open and send the reeling Penguins to their fifth straight loss.

Evgeni Malkin scored his 17th goal of the season for Pittsburgh but couldn't stop the Penguins from matching their longest losing streak in two years. Brent Johnson made five saves on eight shots before being pulled early in the second period in favor of Marc-Andre Fleury.

Bruins 5, Jets 3

BOSTON — Nathan Horton's second goal of the game keyed Boston's three-goal third period as the Bruins beat the Winnipeg Jets.

After Horton scored 8 seconds into the final period, Tyler Seguin and Benoit Pouliot followed over the next 6:33 to lift Boston in a game that featured a penalty shot by both teams.

Boston goalie Tuukka Rask stopped Chris Thorburn in the first period and Shawn Thornton beat Winnipeg's Ondrej Pavelec in the second for a short-handed goal after he came flying out of the penalty box and grabbed a loose puck.

Andrew Ladd, former Bruin Blake Wheeler and Eric Fehr scored for the Jets, who got two assists apiece from defensemen Zach Bogosian and Tobias

Enstrom. Maple Leafs 2, Sabres 0

TORONTO — Jonas Gustavsson had 32 saves for his second shutout in three starts and the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Buffalo Sabres.

The Maple Leafs moved eight points ahead of the struggling Sabres heading into Friday's rematch at First Niagara Center. It also gave them a three-point cushion over ninth-place Winnipeg.

Nikolai Kulemin and Mikhail Grabovski scored for Toronto (22-15-5), which won all four games on a homestand that started last Tuesday.

Flyers 2, Hurricanes 1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Sean Couturier scored the tiebreaking goal 3:23 into the third period and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Carolina Hurricanes.

Brayden Schenn had the Flyers' other goal and Sergei Bobrovsky made 35 saves. Philadelphia is 18-3-3 against the Hurricanes since the start of the 2006-07 season, including 10-1-1 in Carolina.

Jerome Samson scored his first NHL goal for the Hurricanes, who were 4-0-1 in their previous five home games. Carolina has dropped four five overall.

Cam Ward made 35 saves for the Hurricanes, and the game was close throughout despite the disparity in records.

Islanders 5, Red Wings 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — John Tavares had a goal and assist in the second period, shortly after being struck in the head with a puck, and Evgeni Nabokov made 23 saves as the New York Islanders beat the Detroit Red Wings.

Matt Moulson had two goals, and Kyle Okposo and Michael Grabner also scored for the Islanders.

Justin Abdelkader spoiled Nabokov's shutout bid 2:36 into the third when he pulled the Red Wings to 4-1. Ty Conklin stopped 25 shots for Detroit.

Wild 5, Sharks 4, SO

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Matt Cullen scored in the third period and in the first round of the shootout to help the skidding Minnesota Wild recover from a late stumble to beat San Jose, stopping the Sharks' four-game

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	40	27	9	4	58	118	83
Philadelphia	41	25	12	4	54	139	122
New Jersey	41	23	16	2	48	114	117
Pittsburgh	41	21	16	4	46	124	111
N.Y. Islanders	40	15	19	6	36	96	126
Northeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	27	11	1	55	146	76
Ottawa	44	23	15	6	52	144	144
Toronto	42	22	15	5	49	135	131
Buffalo	42	18	19	5	41	107	123
Montreal	42	16	19	7	39	109	117
Southeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	42	21	13	8	50	109	116
Winnipeg	42	20	17	5	45	112	124
Washington	40	21	17	2	44	118	120
Tampa Bay	41	17	20	4	38	113	141
Carolina	44	14	23	7	35	113	148

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	25	12	5	55	110	89
Detroit	42	26	15	1	53	135	99
Chicago	42	24	13	5	53	134	123
Nashville	41	22	15	4	48	111	114
Columbus	41	11	25	5	27	99	137
Northwest Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	44	27	14	3	57	144	108
Minnesota	43	22	15	6	50	101	105
Colorado	43	23	19	1	47	114	120
Calgary	43	19	19	5	43	109	111
Edmonton	41	16	22	3	35	111	119
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	39	23	11	5	51	116	94
Los Angeles	43	21	15	7	49	93	95
Dallas	40	23	16	1	47	112	114
Phoenix	43	20	17	6	46	109	113
Anaheim	40	12	22	6	30	99	131

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games

Florida 2, Vancouver 1

Los Angeles 5, Washington 2

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 1, SO

Vancouver 5, Tampa Bay 4, SO

Minnesota 5, San Jose 4, SO

Boston 5, Winnipeg 3

Toronto 2, Buffalo 0

N.Y. Islanders 5, Detroit 1

Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1

Philadelphia 2, Carolina 1

St. Louis 3, Montreal 0

Columbus at Chicago, late

Nashville at Colorado, late

New Jersey at Calgary, late

Dallas at Anaheim, late

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

76ers rout Kings for 6th straight win

Brand scores season-high 21 points

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Elton Brand had a season-high 21 points and 10 rebounds, and the Philadelphia 76ers routed the Sacramento Kings 112-85 Tuesday night for their sixth straight victory.

The Sixers are 7-2 and lead the Atlantic Division. It's their best start since Allen Iverson helped them open 10-0 on their way to the NBA finals in 2000-01.

Rookie Jimmer Fredette scored seven points in his first start for Sacramento. Filling in for injured leading scorer Marcus Thornton, the former BYU sensation shot 2 for 7. DeMarcus Cousins led the struggling Kings with 17 points.

Evan Turner had 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and Jrue Holiday added 17 for Philadelphia, which had six players reach double figures.

Rockets 82, Bobcats 70

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rookie Chandler Parsons scored 20 points and Kevin Martin added 17 points and the Houston Rockets defeated the Charlotte Bobcats to snap a four-game losing streak.

Jordan Hill had a double-double for the Rockets off the bench with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

The Rockets (3-6) broke open a tight game in the third quarter and the poor-shooting Bobcats could never put together a big run.

They did manage to cut the lead to five with 2:30 left, but Parsons made a 3-pointer from the right wing and a jumper from deep in the left corner to put the Rockets back up by double digits.

The Rockets held the Bobcats to 35 percent shooting from the field and out-rebounded them 57-44.

Mavericks 100, Pistons 86

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 points, and the Dallas Mavericks reached the .500 mark by routing the Detroit Pistons.

The defending champion Mavericks (5-5) started their NBA title defense slowly, losing four of their first five games, but they've bounced back. Tuesday's win was their first on the road. Shawn Marion scored 14 points and Vince Carter added 11 for Dallas, which led by as many as 28 in the second half.

Will Bynum led Detroit with 20 points. The Pistons (2-8) have lost five straight games, and this was actually the least lopsided of the bunch thanks to a late run.

The Mavericks, playing without injured point guard Jason Kidd, went on runs of 13-0 in the first quarter and 16-0 in the third.

Wizards 93, Raptors 78

WASHINGTON — Rashard Lewis and Nick Young each had 15 points to lead the Washington Wizards to their first win after eight straight losses, a 93-78 vic-

tory over the Toronto Raptors.

After the worst start in franchise history, Coach Flip Saunders left Andray Blatche and Lewis on the bench to start the game. It was the first time this season Blatche didn't start. Before the game, a team official said Blatche had a right shoulder injury, and his participation would be a game-time decision.

Trevor Booker and Chris Singleton started in their places, but Blatche and Lewis, who missed Sunday's game with a sore right knee, entered the game with three minutes to play in the first quarter.

Blatche had nine points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes.

Bulls 111, Timberwolves 100

MINNEAPOLIS — Derrick Rose scored a season-high 31 points and had 11 assists to outlast Ricky Rubio in a thrilling duel, leading the Chicago Bulls to a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Luol Deng had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Kyle Korver scored 13 points off the bench for the Bulls, who were on their way to a blowout early before Rudy led the Wolves back.

Rubio had 13 points, 12 assists and four rebounds. Luke Ridnour scored 22 points for the Timberwolves, who couldn't find an answer for Rose down the stretch.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7	2	.778	—
New York	5	4	.556	2
Boston	4	4	.500	2½
Toronto	4	6	.400	3½
New Jersey	2	8	.200	5½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	8	1	.889	—
Atlanta	7	3	.700	1½
Orlando	6	3	.667	2
Charlotte	2	8	.200	6½
Washington	1	8	.111	7
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	2	.818	—
Indiana	6	3	.667	2
Cleveland	4	4	.500	3½
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	5
Detroit	2	8	.200	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	6	4	.600	—
Dallas	5	5	.500	1
Memphis	3	6	.333	2½
Houston	3	6	.333	2½
New Orleans	3	6	.333	2½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	9	2	.818	—
Portland	6	2	.750	1½
Utah	5	3	.625	2½
Denver	6	4	.600	2½
Minnesota	3	7	.300	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	6	4	.600	—
Phoenix	4	4	.500	1
Sacramento	3	7	.300	3
Golden State	2	6	.250	3
Monday's Games				
Toronto 97, Minnesota 87				
Philadelphia 96, Indiana 86				
Atlanta 106, New Jersey 101				
New York 91, Charlotte 87				
Chicago 92, Detroit 88				
New Orleans 94, Denver 81				
Tuesday's Games				
Houston 82, Charlotte 70				
Washington 93, Toronto 78				
Philadelphia 112, Sacramento 85				

Spotlight on PEOPLE

Longoria looks on bright side

PASADENA, Calif. — Eva Longoria knows marriage can be tough, but she was startled to hear what a “Desperate Housewives” co-star had to say on the subject. Longoria, who split in 2010 from athlete-husband Tony Parker, was promoting her ABC show Tuesday with other cast members at a Television Critics Association meeting.

Felicity Huffman, discussing her character’s marital woes on “Desperate Housewives,” claimed that 60 percent of first marriages and 80 percent of second unions end in divorce. Huffman didn’t cite a source for the percentages.

Longoria, with exaggerated panic, responded, “It gets higher?” Then she looked on the bright side, suggesting the third time would be the charm.

“Desperate Housewives” will end its eight-year run this season on ABC.

Shatner to star in Broadway show

NEW YORK — William Shatner is boldly going back to where he once appeared — Broadway.

The actor, singer and writer best known as James T. Kirk on “Star Trek” will star in a

one-man show called “Shatner’s World: We Just Live in It.” Previews begin Feb. 14 and it runs at the Music Box Theatre until March 4.

Producers said Tuesday “The two-hour show will take audiences on a voyage through Shatner’s life and career, from Shakespearean stage actor to internationally known icon and raconteur.”

Shatner was last on Broadway in “A Shot in the Dark” in 1961.

‘Designing’ star’s new TV role

PASADENA, Calif. — Former “Designing Women” star Annie Potts is connecting with her TV and family roots in the new ABC series “GCB.”

Potts plays a Dallas socialite in the prime-time comedy-drama also known as “Good Christian Belles.” She said she sees a lot of “my beloved Dixie Carter” in the show. Carter died at age 70 in 2010.

—From wire reports

Encore pairing

Shelton returns to co-host ACM Awards with Reba

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Get ready for another dose of Blake Shelton, as country’s hottest leading man joins Reba McEntire again this year as co-host of The Academy of Country Music Awards.

The 47th annual show will be Sunday, April 1, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Like Shelton, the ACM’s Fan Jam also will return for a second year. This time Zac Brown Band will host the parallel event at the Mandalay Events Center.

The academy also will salute Lionel Richie with “ACM Presents: Lionel Richie and Friends — A Lifetime of Hits,” its annual television special taped the day after the awards and aired later on CBS. Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Lady Antebellum, Kenny Rogers, Rascal Flatts, The Band Perry, Martina McBride and others will join Richie on the show.

The appearance, his first on the ACMs, will continue country music’s love affair with Richie, who is preparing to release a country duets album this spring called “Tuskegee.” Most of today’s top country stars have said recently that Richie is an influence and his recent appearances at celebrity events have drawn crowds of star-struck celebrities.

“Being a part of the ACMs is an honor,” Richie said in an email to the Associated Press. “I am excited to share such an amazing evening with some of my closest friends.”

Shelton was an easy-going foil for his good friend Reba last year in his first extended television appearance.

It turned out to be a sign of things to come as Shelton rode his ap-



Associated Press

Hosts Blake Shelton and Reba McEntire speak onstage April 3, 2011, at the 46th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. The 47th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards will be broadcast live from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 1.

pearance on singing contest reality show “The Voice” as a coach later that month to a new level of popularity.

Sugarland hosted the new Fan Jam event and after party at Mandalay Bay in 2010 with occasional

live remotes that appeared on the broadcast, including a duet featuring Jennifer Nettles and Rihauna.

Zac Brown Band, known for its kinetic live shows, will be joined by special guests that will be announced later.

Amazon on board with UltraViolet movie system

Deal will allow users to download movies from ‘locker’ system

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — An Amazon.com executive said Tuesday that the retailer has signed a deal with a Hollywood studio to sell movies that can be downloaded from an online “locker” system five studios have put together.

The extent of Amazon.com Inc.’s support of the UltraViolet online locker system is unclear. But the deal signals that Amazon is at least open to trying it. Studios are hopeful that UltraViolet is attractive enough to consumers that they keep buying movies rather than renting, which is less profitable for studios.

If Amazon fully joins the system, it would hugely boost UltraViolet’s chance of becoming a mainstream technology.

“We’re excited about additional possibilities,” said Bill Carr, executive vice president of digital media at Amazon.

Carr didn’t name the studio. He was speaking on a panel about UltraViolet at the International Consumer Electronics Show, which opened Tuesday in Las Vegas.

UltraViolet launched late last year. The idea is to let consumers play purchased

movies, whether downloads or as physical DVDs, on any device. A customer who buys an UltraViolet-enabled DVD can enter a code online to make the movie available as a download to an iPhone or PC. So far, there are only 19 UltraViolet-enabled discs on sale, and many people who have tried to take advantage of the online feature were dismayed at how difficult it was. For instance, playing a movie on an iPad requires the creation of two new online accounts.

Mitch Singer, president of the Digital Entertainment Content Ecosystem, the consortium of movie and consumer electronics companies that created UltraViolet, acknowledged the problems but said most have been fixed.

“We built this great house and we had a great foundation ... and in our excitement to move in, we kind of moved in and there was some carpentry left to be done,” he said on the panel.

UltraViolet is set for mass adoption next holiday season, he said. Representatives of Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, Universal Studios Home Entertainment and Warner Home Video on the

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panel agreed. Among the major studios, only The Walt Disney Co. has not joined the consortium.

Analyst Jan Dawson of Ovum said the biggest challenge to UltraViolet comes from the top competitors in online retail for entertainment: Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. Each of them maintains its own online “lockers” for purchases. If Amazon really commits to UltraViolet, that would be a “total game changer,” Dawson said.

Hollywood wants badly for UltraViolet to succeed, and hopes it will lift sales of digital copies of movies, which in the U.S. rose 9 percent to just \$554 million last year, a fraction of the \$18 billion spent on home videos overall. By allowing consumers to store and manage digital collections online with playback on multiple devices, studios are trying to ease concerns

surrounding the limitations of digital movie ownership.

In further moves to demonstrate the growth of the system, UltraViolet’s backers also announced several partnerships with consumer electronics companies that will enable playback on other devices.

Warner Bros.’ online movie service, Flixster, will be installed this year on certain Panasonic flat-panel TVs and Blu-ray players that connect to the Internet. Flixster gives consumers access to all of the movies they have stored in their UltraViolet lockers, even if they come from another participating studio.

Samsung also said that it plans this year to sell Blu-ray players that can recognize discs from a consumer’s existing library and add them to their UltraViolet accounts for a nominal fee, using software developed by Flixster and Rovi Corp.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night’s winning numbers, Page B4.

MONDAY, JAN. 9
Fantasy 5: 2 - 4 - 12 - 29 - 36
5-of-5 No winner
4-of-5 258 \$555
3-of-5 9,254 \$21
SUNDAY, JAN. 8
Fantasy 5: 1 - 5 - 7 - 11 - 23
5-of-5 2 winners \$92,266.07
4-of-5 550 \$54
3-of-5 12,677 \$6.50
SATURDAY, JAN. 7
Powerball: 3 - 21 - 24 - 38 - 39
Powerball: 24
5-of-5 PB No winner
5-of-5 1 winner \$200,000
No Florida winner
Lotto: 8 - 14 - 18 - 29 - 33 - 37
6-of-6 1 winner \$6 million
5-of-6 32 \$5,230.50
4-of-6 2,200 \$71.50
3-of-6 46,511 \$5
Fantasy 5: 5 - 16 - 20 - 23 - 29
5-of-5 2 winners \$139,916.48
4-of-5 381 \$118
3-of-5 11,750 \$10.50

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

■ 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 Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2012. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight:

On Jan. 11, 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Imperial Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

On this date:

In 1759, the first American life insurance corporation, for “poor and distressed” Presbyterian ministers and their widows and children, was chartered in Philadelphia.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report that said smoking may be hazardous to one’s health.

Ten years ago: The first planeload of al-Qaida prisoners from Afghanistan arrived at a U.S. military detention camp in Guantanamo, Cuba.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush’s plan to send more troops to Iraq ran into a wall of criticism on Capitol Hill from both Democrats and Republicans.

One year ago: Several hundred mourners remembered the victims of the Arizona shooting rampage during a public Mass at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Tucson.

Today’s Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 87. Actor Rod Taylor is 82. Composer Mary Rodgers is 81. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien is 78. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 78. Actor Felix Silla is 75. Movie director Joel Zwick is 70. Country singer Naomi Judd is 66. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 60. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 56. Actress Kim Coles is 50. Actor Jason Connery is 49. Contemporary Rhythm-and-blues singer Mavee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 43. Singer Mary J. Blige is 41. Actress Amanda Peet is 40.

Thought for Today: “In much wisdom is much grief, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.” — Ecclesiastes 1:18.

Today’s HOROSCOPE

Birthday: Something you’ve always treated as a simple hobby could become a paying endeavor in the year ahead. Of course, it’s going to require marketing expertise and knowledge of just how to spread the word. If you don’t have the goods, find someone who does. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don’t let too much time elapse before correcting a business arrangement that needs some readjustment. The calendar isn’t your ally, and you could lose out. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Consistency is a must if you hope to achieve an important objective. If you do things in fits and starts, it might look impressive but could prove to be completely unproductive. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make every effort to perform a distasteful assignment properly, the first time around. If you don’t, you’ll only drag it out by having to rework it over and over until you get it right.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — There may be a good reason why companions will resist using your methods or procedures to accomplish a joint endeavor. Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You shouldn’t have any trouble achieving your goals, but you could have a problem going after something that you think you want but really don’t. Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Just because someone has a title, it doesn’t automatically make him or her smarter than you. Don’t be intimidated by rank or position — look deeply at the substance of the individual. Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Although everything might not be optimum or exactly as you’d like, things in general should go rather well for you. Be grateful for whatever you can accomplish or achieve. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — The only way you’re going to get any concessions from others is to first show that you’re pre-

pared to make some compromises yourself. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless duties and responsibilities are equally distributed among co-workers, friction could quickly arise. In a perfect world, each person would see how much she or he could do, not how little they can get away with. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A friend won’t appreciate it if you make light of his or her problems, because the matter is extremely serious to them. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Do what you can, and don’t expect anything from yourself that you know you won’t be able to deliver. If your hopes and expectations are unrealistic, you’ll be asking for disappointment. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You’re not likely to have much luck trying to sell something that you don’t believe in, because your apathy will show. Don’t try to peddle an item that you think is worthless.

Researchers build custom prosthetics for vets

JEREMY SCHWARTZ
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN, Texas — In a laboratory deep inside the University of Texas' school of engineering sits a box of ankles, each one powdery and pale. Some are thin; some are wide; some are more flexible when bent sideways.

The prosthetic ankles are part of new research that a UT scientist hopes will result in custom limbs for amputees returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

By making small adjustments to computer designs of prosthetic

feet, legs and ankles, UT researchers are able to produce customized prosthetics that take into account the particular characteristics of each patient: their height, their weight, the way they walk.

And while most amputee research looks at how patients walk in a straight line over a smooth surface, the UT research is looking at how amputees walk or run in more real-world situations, such as a rocky path.

The research, led by mechanical engineering professor Rick Neptune and his class of graduate students, takes advantage of UT-produced manufacturing technol-

ogy in which a laser melts a powder nylon polymer into exact and complex shapes, resulting in subtle adjustments that are relatively easy to produce.

"We can come up with new, novel ideas and not be constrained by manufacturing capabilities because of this technology," Neptune said. "Our big end goal is to come up with a whole custom, subject-specific system for an amputee."

Neptune hopes that the more customized prosthetics, in addition to being more comfortable, will cut down on joint disorders and injuries that often occur when

prosthetic recipients overuse their intact limbs.

Neptune and his class of graduate students are developing the prosthetic feet, legs and ankles in collaboration with the Center for the Intrepid at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, a rehabilitation center for active-duty service members and veterans, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs' Center of Excellence

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Associated Press

University of Texas Associate Professor Rick Neptune holds a prosthetic in Austin, Texas.



Cultivating a new culture



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

David Kelly, 11, right, seems less enthused than his fifth-grade classmates Karyl Sonza, center and Haleigh Morgan, as they inspect a tanned-skunk pelt. The students have been studying American Indians and their culture.

Teacher tutors in a teepee to give students insight into American Indians



MATTHEW BECK
Staff Writer

— INVERNESS
The fifth-grade social studies students in Barbie Anderson's class traded in their desks and chairs in a classroom Monday for a seat on a bearskin rug on the floor of a teepee.

Anderson, a Pleasant Grove Elementary School instructor, has worked in the school district for more than 30 years. She says as part of the benchmarks her students must complete by year's end, her classes are studying Native American culture.

In recent weeks, her six fifth-grade classes have been studying that culture by reading and watching videos, but she says the

Fifth-grade teacher Barbie Anderson explains some of the many items that adorn this large teepee.

first-hand experience can't be topped.

"The students are much more tuned into what we are doing," she said of the out of the classroom lesson.

She says watching videos and the lessons from their books are not tangible to the youngsters.

"Now they're making connections to what they've seen on a video and what they see in front of their eyes. They'll remember a lot of that."

More than 20 students made their way from the school building and into the narrow opening of the gigantic teepee, which measures 16 feet across the floor. The class had room to spare inside the living quarters.

Anderson carefully explained each of the items she brought to her students.

Beaded necklaces, clothing items made from white-tail deer and cowhide, decorative jewelry that included one piece made from elk teeth were just some of the items she passed around the teepee during the 45-minute lesson.

Students closely inspected all of the trinkets, clothing and headdresses.

One item that got quite a reaction was a skunk pelt that had been tanned, smell-free of course.

"The thing I liked best was the skunk skin. That was cool," Karyl Sonza, 10, said.

Students seemed amazed at the amount of people and belongings a large teepee can hold.

"It's really big and I've never seen a teepee before," said Karyl Sonza.

Classmate Haleigh Morgan, 10, was equally

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Darrick Buettner
GUEST COLUMN

Story behind the B rating

One of my favorite radio personalities was Paul Harvey, the broadcaster who enlightened listeners with "the rest of the story." Usually at noon, Harvey would give the "sound bite" news and then (just before commercial break) leave the reader dangling with promises to fill in the rest of the story — the truth behind the superficial news.

In our hectic world, we too often reduce our understanding to fast judgments, to simple numbers or letters. Last week, Lecanto High School was rated a B school. Like Paul Harvey would say ... now "for the rest of the story."

One criterion Florida uses to judge high schools is the "learning gains in reading" of the lowest 25 percent of students. LHS needs to literally make sure that no child is left behind. The state of Florida expects every high school to increase its percentage of these students with learning gains by 1 percent. Lecanto High School students showed an increase of 12 percent.

That's improvement!
 And that's important, because it demonstrates the commitment that the entire LHS faculty has toward improving literacy. All LHS teachers promote reading in every subject area. After all, the jobs of the future — which means right now — demand literate workers.

Writing is another component to literacy. Every year, 10th grade students take the FCAT Writes, a test in which they can earn a 1 to a 6. In Florida, a passing score is a four, and 75 percent of Florida 10th graders passed last year. What about Lecanto students? Eighty-five percent passed.

These, however, are just minimum standards. Lecanto High School goes beyond the minimum. How? By engaging more students every year in Advanced Placement classes. Ten years ago, LHS gave 51 AP tests. Last year, it gave 737 — an

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New sex education standards call for age-appropriate talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elementary school students should use the proper names for body parts and, by the end of fifth grade, know that sexual orientation is "the romantic attraction of an individual to someone of the same gender or a different gender," according to new sexual education guidelines released Monday by a coalition of health and education groups.

The non-binding recommendations to states and school districts seek to encourage age-appropriate discussions about sex, bullying and healthy relationships — starting

with a foundation even before second grade.

By presenting minimum standards that schools can use to formulate school curriculums for each age level, the groups hope that schools can build a sequential foundation that in the long term will better help teens as they grow into adults.

Experts say schools across America are inconsistent in how they address such sensitive topics

Despite awareness of bullying, for example, Debra Hauser, president of Advocates for Youth, one of the groups involved with creating the standards, said some schools

don't address it — or at least not in relation to sexual orientation or gender identity, which is where she said a lot of the bullying occurs.

"They should tackle it head on," Hauser said.

Other organizations involved with the release include the American Association of School Education, the American School Health Association, the National Education Association - Health Information Network, the Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education and the Future of Sex Education Initiative. The latest suggestions were already drawing less enthusiastic reactions from some.

By the end of second grade, the guidelines say students should use the correct body part names for the male and female anatomy, and also understand that all living things reproduce and that all people have the right to not be touched if they don't want to be. They also say elementary school kids should be able to identify different kinds of family structures and explain why bullying and teasing are wrong.

Beyond lessons about puberty by the end of fifth grade, the guidelines say students should be able to define sexual harassment and abuse.

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HONORS

Two local students received **President's Recognition** at Clearwater Christian College, for scholastic achievement during the 2011 fall semester. In order to be recognized for this award, honorees must have been enrolled full-time and earned a minimum grade point average of 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

Jake Ward Taliereio, of Homosassa, is a 2010 home-school graduate and the son of Richard and Shari Taliereio, of Dover. Taliereio is a junior biology major.

Jessica Stewart, of Lecanto, is a 2009 home-school graduate and the daughter of Scot and Cynthia Stewart, of Lecanto. Stewart is a senior accounting major.

Brevard College, in Brevard, N.C., has named Joseph Lepore, of Beverly Hills, to the **Honor Roll** for the fall semester of the 2011-12 academic year.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, students must be enrolled full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 during the semester.

Marie A. Liu, of Crystal River, a member of the Class of 2012, has been named to the **Honor Roll** at Phillips Academy for the fall term.

To be named to the Honor Roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

FUNDRAISERS

Hernando Elementary School is looking for **donations of working Kindles, Nooks, iPod Touches, iPads, Internet tablets, digital cameras** and digital recording devices to be used by our students in the classroom. If you have any used but working electronic devices from the list above or would like to donate a new electronic device, contact Heather Bone or Laura Manos at 352-726-1833 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. If you would like to contact someone outside of these hours, call Heather Bone at 352-462-4768.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

The Homosassa Civic Club is offering the **Beri Hagerty-Phelps Scholarship(s)** to students to help further their educations at colleges or technical schools. Applicants must live within the Homosassa Elementary School District. Applications are available at local high schools' guidance offices, and at WTI and CCF. Applications must be received on or before March 31. For more information, call 352-628-9333.

Citrus Garden Club is accepting applications for its annual **\$500 Environmental Scholarship** to be awarded to a senior graduate from Citrus High School, Crystal River High School, Lecanto High School and the Academy of Environmental Science.

The scholarship will be awarded to a senior planning to continue his or her education in an environmental field. Applications can be obtained from school guidance counselors' departments. Deadline to apply is March 31.

For more information, call Lucy Murphy at 352-527-4239.

The **Business Women's Alliance** of Citrus County Chamber of Commerce an-

nounces the opening of its 2012 scholarship award program to offer financial assistance for students planning further education for health occupations, as well as for students planning a future in businesses other than health care. Proceeds from BWA's 2011 Women's Health & Fitness Expo and quarterly networking luncheons will fund the scholarships, being offered to students in Lecanto, Crystal River and Citrus high schools, plus Withlacoochee Technical Institute.

Applicants must be Citrus County residents planning to attend a university, college or technical school in Florida, or attend WTI, and who demonstrate financial need. Completed application form and personal statement, financial resources affidavit, transcript and letters of reference are required. Applications are available at the school guidance offices. For the high schools, deadline date for return of completed applications to the guidance office is March 30. For WTI, consult the Student Services office. For more information, call the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's Crystal River office at 352-795-3149.

The Citrus County Shooting Club is offering **scholarship money** to students graduating from Citrus County High Schools who are planning on a career in law enforcement. Students interested can inquire at their school's guidance office. Applications are available at the club's website, www.ccsc.us, or by calling Greg Cwick at 352-382-2530 or Luis Michaels at 352-746-2414.

At the beginning of the school year, the **Citrus County YMCA** received a grant for its afterschool programs, and through the fall, 95 children in Citrus County have received full scholarships. The scholarships are through a grant made possible by the Florida Department of Children and Families, and Kids Central Inc. To apply for financial assistance through the YMCA to receive a scholarship, call the Citrus YMCA office at 352-637-0132.

There are 70 scholarships available for the third session of the programs, which begins the week of Jan. 23 at nine local elementary schools. The six-week programs will feature soccer, dance, science and art, and will be at the schools following dismissal, from 3:40 to 4:40 p.m.

Registration is due by Jan. 13. Both registration and financial assistance forms are available at each participating school office and online at www.ymcasuncoast.org. Visit the Citrus County page on the Y website and download the form for your child's school, along with the financial assistance form. The YMCA office is at 3909 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

The Art Institute of Tampa, a branch of Miami International University of Art & Design and Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education, are accepting entries for the **2012 Poster Design Competition** until Feb. 3.

This year's competition challenges high school seniors and high school graduates from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico to design a poster that best expresses the competition's new theme — "You Can Create Tomorrow." Contestants will compete in two different categories: high school senior or high school graduate/adult.

Chalk Talk



Special to the Chronicle

The Rotary Club of Inverness recently honored the Inverness Middle School and Citrus High School December students of the month. Pictured are: Rob Tessmer, Jr., Inverness Rotary Club president; parent Cindy Riverbark; CHS student of the month Tess Riverbark; parents Bruce and Cherise Wenger; CHS student of the month Tim Wenger; IMS student of the month Dakota Homan; parents Jennifer and Roger Homan; IMS student of the month Chelsea Ellis; IMS school liaison Sherina Anderson; and CHS school liaison Dr. Roy Swihart.

Academic Year 2012-13.

Chapter 776 Scholarship: Chapter 776's CF Endowed Scholarship for Academic Year 2012-13 awards up to \$500 to an applicant accepted or enrolled at CF as a full-time student (12 or more semester credit hours). Chapter 776 scholarship information and application can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org or by calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive scholarship applications no later than 5 p.m., Feb. 28.

MOPH Scholarship: The MOPH Scholarship for Academic Year 2012-13 awards \$3,000 to a member of the MOPH; a spouse or widow of a MOPH member or a veteran killed in action or died of wounds; a direct descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, great-grandchild) of a MOPH member or of a veteran killed in action or died of wounds before having the opportunity to become a MOPH member. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, be accepted or enrolled as a full time student (12 semester credit hours or 18 quarter hours) at a U.S. college or trade school and have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA based on a 4.0 grading system. Scholarship applications must be received at MOPH headquarters in Springfield, Virginia no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 15. MOPH scholarship information and application can be obtained by visiting the MOPH website at www.purpleheart.org and clicking on programs and then scholarships.

American Legion Post 155 has been running its **Oratorical Contests** in Citrus County area high schools since 1950. Information packets with rules and entry forms for The American Legion Oratorical Contest have been given to the guidance counselors of Crystal River, Lecanto and Seven Rivers Christian High Schools.

All high school students (no matter what grade) — public, private or home-schooled children — are eligible to enter. Scholarships are awarded the winning contestants ranging from \$100 to \$18,000. The contest consists of an eight- to 10-minute prepared oration on some phase of the Constitution of the United States and a three- to five-minute assigned topic discourse on a particular article or amendment. Each year American Legion Post 155 does this contest; in

2009, Ben Ferrone of Homosassa went on to win the Department of Florida contest and took third place in the national contest and won an accumulative total of \$18,500 in American Legion scholarship money.

The purpose of the American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution. Other objectives include development of leadership qualities, ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

For more about scholarships, including grants, visit www.NeedALift.org (College Financial Aid Handbook). The American Legion puts out the book to educate students on educational opportunities, scholarships, grants, student loans, careers and employment. The latest downloadable copy of the book, now in its 61st year of publication, is available on the website. Copies are also at county and school libraries.

More information and entry forms are available by calling Oratorical Contest coordinator Larry White at 352-249-7663.

CLASSES AND COURSES

For information about out-doors and recreational classes in Citrus County, see the *Sunday sports section of the Chronicle*.

The College of Central Florida will offer **Keyboarding Fundamentals** at the Citrus Campus in January.

The course will meet Fridays, Jan. 13 to 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dorothea G. Jerome Building, Room 201B, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. The course fee is \$45.

The course is for beginning typists who want to move from four-finger typing to full-blown touch typing. Students should have access to a computer with Internet access for practicing lessons between classes.

To register or for information on other noncredit courses, call 352-249-1210 or visit the Citrus Campus.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute would like input from community members regarding what classes they would like to see offered at the school. To offer suggestions, log on to wtionline.cc, then click on

"Community Education" and fill out a suggestion form.

The College of Central Florida offers **basic motorcycle training** in cooperation with the Motorcycle Training Institute.

The Motorcycle Basic Rider Course is a research-based and action-oriented curriculum designed to teach beginning motorcyclists of all ages the physical and mental skills necessary to ride safely on the road. It includes basic motorcycle operation, maximum effective braking techniques, turning skills, obstacle avoidance maneuvers, classroom instruction and 10 hours of on-cycle training.

The three-day course is held most Fridays from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sundays 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The course fee of \$225 includes the use of student workbooks, helmets and motorcycles.

RiderCoach Trainers for the program are all experienced motorcycle operators who are nationally certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

For more information, call Continuing Education at the Citrus Campus, 352-249-1210. For enrollment, call MTI at 877-308-7246. The schedule is also available at www.mtiii.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rotary Club of Inverness will have an online and live television auction fundraising event on Feb. 4, with proceeds benefitting the Rotary Club of Inverness Charitable Foundation. This auction is a major fundraiser for scholarships, which last year provided \$7,000 for Citrus High School and Withlacoochee Technical Institute students.

The club needs donations of items, a tax-deductible contribution, to help the foundation continue to help make life better for individuals in need. Donor companies will also benefit with exposure of the company's name to those who attend and watch the event. Businesses that donate items for the auction will also get exposure in the newspaper, online and in email marketing, as well as during the televised auction itself.

For more information or to make a donation, call Ron Lundberg at 352-746-9502, or email him at rlundberg@embarqmail.com.

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INDIAN

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impressed with the teepee. "I thought that it was really cool. There was all of this ancient Indian stuff," she said. "It was all old and cool with all of the colors and deer skins. From the outside the teepee looked really, really small. I didn't think the whole class could fit inside but when you got inside it was really big."

Anderson and her husband Paul have been married more than 40 years and the couple have participated in pow-wows their entire marriage, according to Anderson.

Paul Anderson is a Boy Scout leader and has been involved in studying and sharing of the culture since the age of 12, his wife said.

"He's been doing it for years and years and years, its part of the Boy Scout life," she said.

Her husband will visit the school Friday to continue the lesson and teach the students about



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

TOP: Students look at a necklace made from beads and coins.



RIGHT: More than 20 students easily fit into the teepee.

ancient Indians, using authentic Indian artifacts.

The teacher says that Native American culture continues to be an important part of her family, including when raising the couple's children and sharing what they know with other youngsters is special to her. She said she wants this lesson to be more than every other lesson the children in

her class learn.

"I want them to see and feel and touch," she said. "They saw the splashy stuff on the screen. I want them to understand that what they see sometimes in cowboys and Indians movies isn't the real Native American Indian. These people have a culture and they were very family oriented."

BUETTNER

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increase of more than 1,000 percent.

Finally, more students have graduated from Lecanto than ever before. During the last two years, 92 percent of LHS students graduated. In years past, it was typical for approximately only 80 percent of students to graduate.

Many factors go into evaluating high schools before they earn a

final letter grade, a letter that can be very misleading. This year, Lecanto High School had more than enough points to be an A school. LHS handily beat the minimum requirements in all but one category — graduation rate for at-risk students. The state goal was 75 percent; LHS had 72 percent.

Despite having 100 points above the minimum for an A, despite improving in all categories but one, despite easily beating most state averages, Lecanto was given a B. Why? Because of one small cate-

gory. That's analogous to earning a 98 percent in a history class but getting a B on your report card because you earned a B on only one assignment.

Is that fair? I don't know. What I do know, however, is that Lecanto High School is proud of its wonderful accomplishments and the quality of instruction it gives to every single student — regardless of where they come from.

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Darrick Buettner is the IB coordinator at Lecanto High School.

PROSTHETIC

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for Limb Loss Prevention and Prosthetic Engineering in Seattle.

The research largely focuses on ankle-foot prostheses and the so-called strut, which acts as the device's muscle.

The proliferation of improvised explosive devices on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan has made amputations increasingly common. According to the Congressional Research Service, amputations were performed on more than 1,600 service members between 2001 and 2010.

But unlike past wars, amputations no longer mean an end to a military career. One study found that 16.5 percent of amputee soldiers were able to return to active duty, compared with just 2.3 per-

cent during the 1980s.

Much of that regained mobility is thanks to both better battlefield medical care and advances in prosthetic science over the past 10 years, say researchers.

Advances in prosthetics include such futuristic technology as legs that can communicate with each other through Bluetooth, and artificial limbs that provide amputees the sensation of feeling.

For Neptune, who became interested in biomechanics as a football player at the University of California at Davis, working with soldiers and veterans has been a humbling experience.

"They are great people to work with," he said. "They are highly motivated, energetic. It's 'Yes, sir, how far do you want me to jump with this foot?' If we can help one patient, it would make it all worthwhile."

SEX

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When they leave middle school, they should be able to differentiate between gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation, according to the guidelines. And they say students should be able to explain why a rape victim is not at fault, know about bullying and dating violence and describe the signs and impacts of sexually transmitted diseases.

It calls for high school graduates to evaluate the effectiveness of abstinence, condoms and other "safer sex methods" and know

how emergency contraception works.

It's unclear how much influence the recommendations will have among educators.

Cora Collette Breuner, a pediatrics professor at the University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics committee on adolescence who was not involved in the creation of the standards, praised the approach of encouraging discussions at an early age.

"The data points that trying to cover this stuff when kids have already formulated their own opinions and biases by the time they're in middle and high school, it's too late," Breuner said.



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An Eventful Year

Your Guide to 2012

It'll be sporting!

London, England, will be the site of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

Over the last three years, workers in London have been transforming the east side of the city into a modern, green Olympic Park.

Beginning July 27 and continuing through Aug. 12, more than 10,000 athletes will represent their countries as they compete for gold, silver and bronze medals.

Choosing a president

In November, Americans will go to the polls in a general election to vote for the next president of the United States.

Many members of Congress and local representatives will also be up for election.

Keep this 2012 calendar and watch for coming special events.

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National Skating Month

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New Year's Day

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Chinese New Year

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National African-American History Month

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Groundhog Day

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Presidents Day

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Leap Day

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American Red Cross Month

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Newspaper in Education Week

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Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary

17
St. Patrick's Day

April

School Library Month

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April Fools' Day

8
Easter

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Earth Day

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are filling in their calendar with events they want to remember. See if you can find:

- flyswatter
- ruler
- carrot
- umbrella
- Popsicle
- letter D
- bell
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- hot dog
- golf club
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- word MINI
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- letter A
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JANUARY 2012

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Tasty Lentils

Lentils are a healthy legume that most likely originated in India or Pakistan.

You'll need:

- 1 cup dry lentils
- 3 cups water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped yellow or red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped carrot
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

What to do:

- Bring water and lentils to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 25 minutes until lentils are tender.
- Meanwhile, heat the olive oil and add the garlic, pepper, carrot and onion. Season with cumin and chili powder.
- Cook for 3 minutes until the vegetables are tender-crisp.
- Stir in the tomato sauce, vinegar and brown sugar. Simmer for 2 minutes.
- When the lentils are done, add the vegetable mixture and combine until well-mixed. Heat through before serving. Serves 4 to 6.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Asa Butterfield

Asa Butterfield stars as Hugo Cabret in the movie "Hugo." Now 14, he has been acting since he was 8. He has been in several movies, including "Nanny McPhee Returns." He has appeared on TV shows such as "Merlin."

Asa was born in London, England, and lives there with his older brother and younger sister. He plays the piano and enjoys playing squash, a racquet sport especially popular in England. He loves his pet cats, reading and playing computer games.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Brittney Griner

Height: 6-8 Hometown: Houston, Texas

Baylor fans cheer her. Baylor's opponents fear her. Brittney Griner, the women's preseason National Player of the Year, is a dominating force at both ends of the basketball court.

With an 88-inch wingspan, the Bears' All-American blocked 170 shots last season and won Division I Defensive Player of the Year honors. She did that while averaging 23 points and 7.8 rebounds.

After two great seasons, the intimidating junior is off to another rocking start for No. 1-ranked Baylor. Through eight games she averaged 23.9 points, 11 rebounds and had 41 blocks.

Away from basketball, Griner enjoys watching football and tinkering on cars. She also volunteers with several community service organizations.

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Fun With Months

There are many superstitions, sayings and fun facts about our calendar months. Share these with your friends and family at the beginning of each month!

January
In early Britain, on Jan. 1, a farmer would place a flat cake on the horn of one of his cows. Then he and his workers would dance around the cow until the cake fell off. If it landed in front of the cow, it would be a good year. If it landed behind, it would be a bad year.

February
"If it thunders in February, it will snow in April."

March
Until the late 1500s, March was the first month of the year. Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar, and we still use the Gregorian calendar today.

April
Some people refused to accept the Gregorian calendar. They continued to celebrate the new year from March 25 to April 1. Others called them April Fools' Day.

May
On May Day, May 1, young girls would rush out to wash their faces in the early morning dew. This was thought to give them healthy skin all year long.

June
June gets its name from Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. Therefore, June is thought to be the best month in which to get married.

July
July was named for Julius Caesar, who was born on July 12.

August
"If the first week of August be warm, the winter will be white and long."

September
Some people believe that on the autumnal equinox, Sept. 21, an egg can be balanced on its end.

October
"If the October moon comes without frost, expect no frost 'til the moon of November."

November
In ancient Ireland, people believed that a man who slept with a spindle of wool or flax under his head during November would dream of the girl he was to marry.

December
"If a girl raps at the henhouse door on Christmas Eve and a rooster crows, she will marry within the year."

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May

National Bike Month

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Teacher Appreciation Week

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Mother's Day

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Memorial Day

June

World Oceans Day

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Flag Day

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Father's Day

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Longest day of the year

July

Independence Day

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Canada Day

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National Ice Cream Day

27
Summer Olympics begin

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Alex: Why are calendars so popular?
Ian: Because they have a date every day!

Nan: Why did the tired worker tear off part of the calendar?
Ted: Because he wanted to take a month off!

Luis: Why do soldiers get so tired in the third month?
Andrew: Because it is the month of March!

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August

International Clown Week

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National Mustard Day

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National Aviation Week

27-30
Republican National Convention

September

Backpack Safety America Month

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Democratic National Convention

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Labor Day

17-23
Constitution Week

October

National Stamp Collecting Month

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7-13
Fire Prevention Week

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Columbus Day

31
Halloween

Basset Brown The News Hound's 2012 Calendar

Words that remind us of a new year are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY, CALENDAR, DAY, ELECTION, FALL, GREGORIAN, LEAP, LONDON, MONTH, NEWS, OLYMPICS, PRESIDENT, SPRING, SUMMER, SUPERSTITION, WEEK, WINTER, YEAR.

TAKE A LEAP FORWARD THIS YEAR!

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November

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Election Day

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Thanksgiving

For family members' and friends' birthdays

Look through your newspaper for upcoming events that you're interested in.

Next week, The Mini Page learns about the Mayan people.

December

Hanukkah

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14-Jan. 5
Christmas Bird Count

25
Christmas

26-Jan. 1
Kwanzaa

Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- olympic.org/london-2012-summer-olympics
- bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/election/president.html

At the library:

- "National Geographic Kids Almanac 2012"
- "The 2012 London Olympics" by Nick Hunter
- "Presidential Races: Campaigning for the White House" by Arlene Morris-Lipsman

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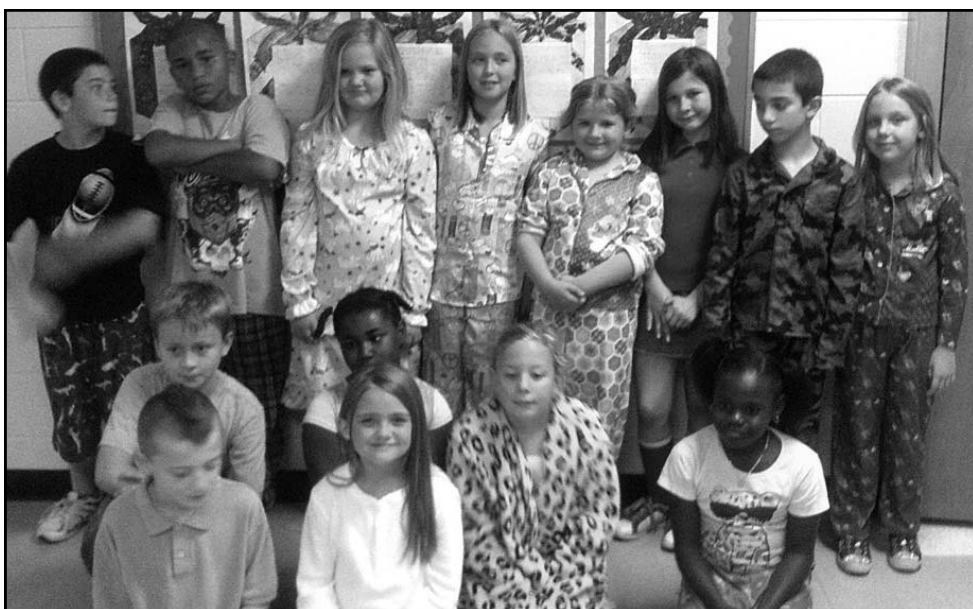


READING ROCKS WINNERS!

Reading Rocks is a special program sponsored by **Van Allen Insurance** and the **Citrus County Chronicle** to promote reading within the county's third grade elementary school classes. A \$50 prize is awarded quarterly to the third grade class in each school that reads the most books. A grand prize will be awarded for the school with the highest percentage of books read during the program. For more information, call 352-637-5191.



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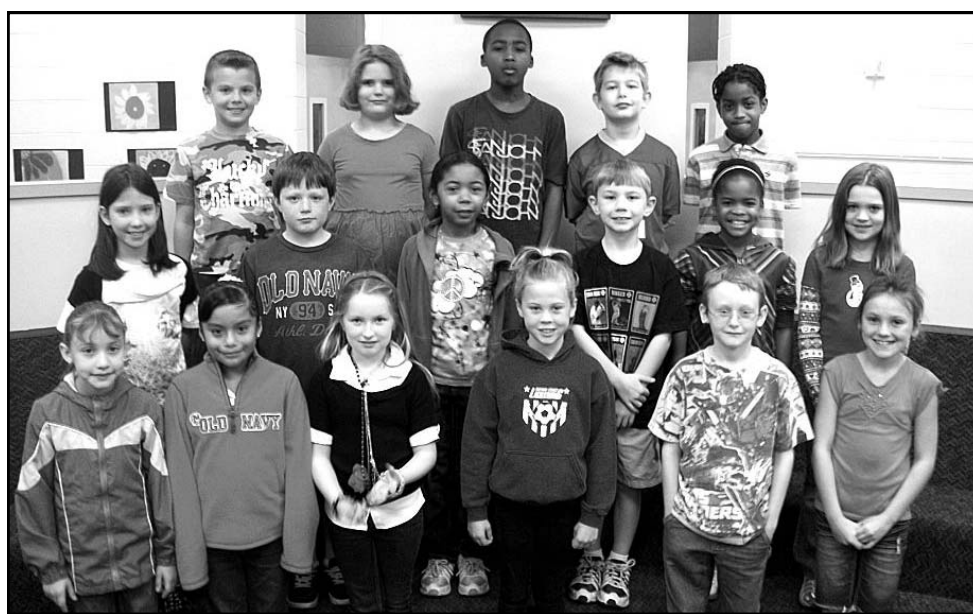
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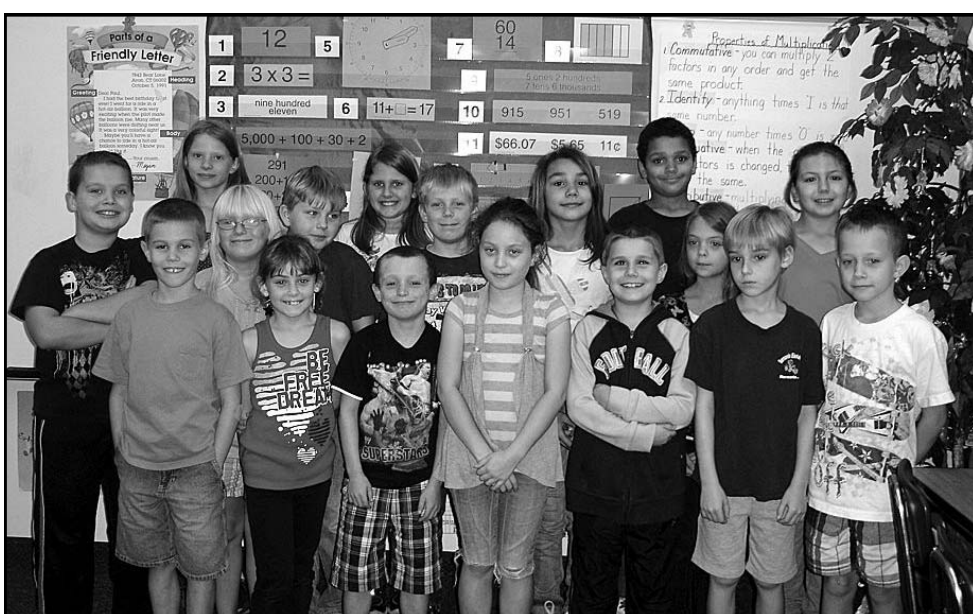
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MS. CHAMBERS - HOMOSSASSA ELEMENTARY



MRS. BUETTNER - INVERNESS PRIMARY



MS. CURTIS - LECANTO PRIMARY



MS. BORST - PLEASANT GROVE ELEMENTARY



MRS. BYRNE - ROCK CRUSHER ELEMENTARY

News NOTES

Nonprofit FFRA to meet Jan. 20

Citrus County has a nonprofit organization known as "Family & Friends Reaching for the Abilities." FFRA is a support program comprised of caregivers and their loved ones who get together frequently for activities, informative discussions on government programs, social activities and more regarding their situations.

The next meeting is 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Call Ron Phillips at 352-382-7819 for more information, or attend one of the regular meetings the third Friday monthly at the Key Center in Inverness, 130 Heights Ave.

Shuffle over, cut a rug at centers

Get transported back to the Roaring '20s at special tea dances planned for Central Citrus and West Citrus community centers.

Pull out those sequins, beads and feathers. Learn the Charleston and do the Peabody, ragtime shuffle and Twelfth Street rag.

The first dance will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. today, Jan. 11, at Central Citrus Community Center, then from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at West Citrus Community Center. Both dances are \$5 per person and a portion of the proceeds go to In-Home Senior Services.

For more information, call Kris at 352-527-5993, Central Citrus, 2804 Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto; or Brenda at 352-795-3831, West Citrus, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa.

Eagle riders slate poker run Jan. 14

Crystal River Eagle Riders Aerie 4272 will stage a poker run to benefit the Humane Society of Citrus County on Saturday, Jan. 14.

All vehicles are welcome. Registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the aerie, 5340 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa. Kickstands up at 11 a.m.

The run will be to Mac's Place, Inverness Eagles, Bubba's Fin and Feather, Blue Gator and Castaways.

There will also be a sock hop at Aerie 4272. Poker run participants will receive their dinner tickets at registration. For more information, call Patti at 352-613-4034.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Yoda



Special to the Chronicle

Yoda is a beautiful, small, purebred Boston terrier and is 7 or 8 years old. She is very affectionate and wants to be held all the time; she will bond to her new owner quickly. She has had no accidents in the house, is leash trained and eats very well. However, she would like to have all of the attention, so it would be best if she was the only dog in the home. Adopt A Rescued Pet Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions; therefore, can only adopt to the Citrus County area. Call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name for a return call. Visit www.adoptarescuedpet.com for pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

Learn history at courthouse

Speakers' series begins Jan. 12 in Inverness

Special to the Chronicle

All are welcome at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in the second floor courtroom at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Inverness to hear Dr. Jack Davis.

As part of the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum's first "Coffee and Conversation" program of the year, University of Florida history professor Davis will share with program participants the role the Gulf of Mexico has played in the course of Florida history. He is interested in the way people — from the pre-Span-

ish Indians to Florida's current residents — have organized their societies and individual lives around nature, and how Gulf nature has been a positive force in human events. Unfortunately, human activities have sometimes led to unintended consequences that have undermined the Gulf's beneficence. Davis is the author of "An Everglades Providence: Marjory Stoneman Douglas and the American Environmental Century" (2009, recipient of the gold medal from the Florida Book Awards) and "Race Against Time: Culture and Separation in

Natchez Since 1930" (2001), which received the Charles S. Sydnor Award from the Southern Historical Association for outstanding book on Southern history.

His edited volumes include "The Civil Rights Movement" (2000); "The Wide Brim: Early Poems and Ponderings of Marjory Stoneman Douglas" (2002); "Making Waves: Female Activists in Twentieth-Century Florida" (2003); and "Paradise Lost? The Environmental History of Florida" (2005).

He is currently writing a book on the environmental history of the Gulf of Mexico.

For more information, call 352-341-6436 or e-mail csociety@tampabay.rr.com to reserve a seat.

Centerpiece winner



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Shirley Novak won a holiday centerpiece arrangement by entering the "Thank You Subscriber" contest in the Chronicle. The arrangement came from The Flower Basket in Inverness. Each month, the newspaper runs a contest for subscribers only and offers a variety of prizes.

Support for seniors



Special to the Chronicle

At the Dec. 13 Board of County Commission regular meeting, Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Community Executive Director Theresa Foster presented a check for \$2,500 to the Citrus County Support Services Senior Programs to provide respite and day care to those with Alzheimer's. From left are Operations Manager Amy Engelken, Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Community Executive Director Theresa Foster and Operations Supervisor Pat Coles. For more information about Citrus County Support Services Senior Programs, call the Division of Support Services at 352-527-5930.

Dressing pets to help animals

Young brothers sell bandanas, donate proceeds to park

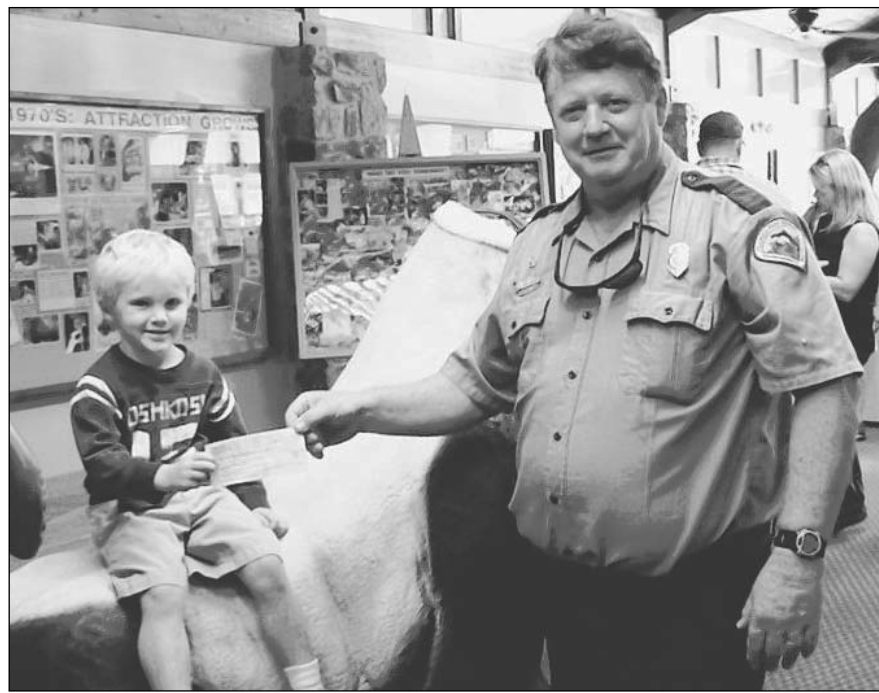
SUSAN STRAWBRIDGE
Special to the Chronicle

Two young brothers — Cody Wright, 4, and Joey Wright, 14, of Brooksville — visited Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Friday, Dec. 23, to donate the money they raised to Park Manager Art Yerian. They wanted the money to go to help the animals at the park.

Their grandmother, Lynda Reep of Hudson, and their mother, Kristen Wright, accompanied Cody and Joey.

When Cody asked his mother for 50 cents, she decided it was a good opportunity to encourage them to start a small business selling bandanas for dogs and cats. Their grandmother told them she would help them with the sewing. They set up the website bandannasandblessings.com, where pet lovers could select a bandanna in the fabric of their choice in a size to fit a favorite dog or cat.

Before long, the orders were coming in and Cody, Joey and their grandmother were busy filling orders. By Christmas time, they had raised \$89. Their grandmother asked Cody and Joey if there was a cause they really



Special to the Chronicle

Cody Wright, 4, and brother Joey, 14, of Brooksville, visited Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State park recently and presented Park Manager Art Yerian with a donation for the park's animals from money they raised selling bandanas for dogs and cats. Cody is shown presenting the check to Yerian.

cared about. Cody, who loves animals, thought he would like to donate the money to the animals that live at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Reep then emailed the park and asked if she could bring Cody, Joey

and their mother to the park to meet Yerian. They met him on Friday afternoon before Christmas and gave him their donation for the animals. In return, the park presented the family with a Friends' family associate membership.

Come learn how to improve fiscal, physical health

Free session is open to the public

Special to the Chronicle

In many ways, your financial health is like your physical health: Both require knowledgeable advice, a long-term view and proactive participation.

World-renowned investment strategist Jeff Saut will share the stage with Citrus County's own Dr. C. Joseph Bennett Jr. at a special public session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at College of Cen-

tral Florida Citrus Campus Conference Center, 3800 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

Saut will review 2011 and his strategies for 2012. On behalf of Relay For Life Team HEALTH, Dr. Bennett will speak on Citrus County cancer statistics and how Relay For

Life makes a difference in the community.

The event is open to the public, free to attend and will include light refreshments.

Limited seating; reservations are required. For more information and to reserve a seat, call 800-443-4368.

News NOTES

Woman's club seeks sale items

The GFWC Woman's Club of Beverly Hills will have its annual garage sale at 5253 W. Wichita Drive in Pine Ridge on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. Proceeds benefit the annual scholarship fund.

The club needs saleable items and is accepting donations. Call 352-527-4239 if you have anything you would like to donate.

Calligraphers meet in Citrus Springs

Creative Calligraphers of Citrus Springs will begin 2012 with a special meeting Thursday, Jan. 12, at Citrus Springs Library, 1826 W. Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Following a practice session on the foundational hand at 12:30 p.m., the group will hold a brief business meeting and show-and-tell session of last month's projects.

The program will concentrate on a video done by Ted Mayhall, who was one of the creators of the Creative Calligraphers and was a teacher and mentor. He could work in a variety of languages and many different calligraphic hands. His daughter, Barbara Hunter, has put some of his work on display at Citrus Springs Library and will possibly attend the meeting.

All interested persons are welcome. No previous knowledge of calligraphy is required and there is no fee. Call 352-489-2313.

Garden club to gather Friday

Floral City Garden Club will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 13, at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue.

The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Program for January will be presented by Matthew Lenhardt, horticulture agent, and Jim Bruno, master gardener from the Citrus County Extension Service, talking about vegetable gardening.

Note the change of time for programs this year. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call club President Christine Hamden at 352-341-3247.

Citrus inventors convene at library

Citrus County Inventors will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at Lakes Region Library.

Charles Hannagan will discuss his business plan for assisting inventors in the process of taking their ideas to market. He is in the process of creating a website, as well as documentation that will aid potential inventors with their plans.

The meeting is open to all those interested in the invention process, including seasoned inventors as well as potential inventors.

There is no cost associated with the group. Call Mary at 352-527-2827 for more information.

Nordic sons meet in Spring Hill

SPRING HILL — Sons of Norway, Sun Viking Lodge No. 607 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6193 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill.

Come join us for our installation of officers. We will have open-face sandwiches, coffee and cake. The public is welcome.

Sons of Norway is an international fraternal society open to persons of Scandinavian background, affiliation by marriage or any other interested in Nordic culture. For more information, call Elsie at 352-666-2220 or Nellie at 727-846-1584.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 11, 2012. Table listing TV programs, channels, and times from 6:00 to 11:30 PM.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes word grids and a cartoon illustration.

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Ramakrishna, an acclaimed mystic in 19th-century India, said, "The world is indeed a mixture of truth and make-believe. Discard the make-believe and take the truth." Today we are looking at the truth in deals requiring the discard of a loser by declarer.

Bridge hand analysis. Includes a deal with cards and a solution. Dealer: South, Vulnerable: Both. Opening lead: ♦ Q.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with words filled in: KOI, DAH, FARE, UMA, ELIA, AVOU, DIGESTED, JIVE, UTOPIA, OLIVES, SPACE, STRATA, ARCH, MEEK, RMP, COLPIED, ZETA, PUPILS, QUEST, LTD, BUN, KARATE, WAISTS, IRON, STARSHIP, ELLE, TINTARI, VOLT, PAIS, WET.

Dear Annie: I am increasingly disgusted by my dad. He is obese and getting bigger, and he won't (can't?) stop eating. He and my mother recently stayed in our home for a long weekend. When we went out for breakfast, Dad ordered enough food to feed three people — steak, eggs, hash browns, toast and biscuits and gravy. He ate all of that and half of my son's pancakes. His main topic of conversation during breakfast was what we would eat the following day. It is like he is addicted to a drug. Even when he orders a salad, he drenches it in so much creamy dressing that it negates the health benefits. At night, he raids the kitchen. He ate so many of my kids' lunch snacks that I started storing them in the bottom cabinets, since he can't bend over to reach them. He also cannot cut his own toenails and gets winded playing with his grandchildren. I already have suggested he start taking little walks, but he insists he has genetically bad knees — as opposed to having bad knees from the extra 200 pounds he carries around. He recently had open-heart surgery to replace a bad valve and claimed the same genetic excuse. He has damaged my couch, and I had to replace two patio chairs. He was offended when I asked him not to sit on the more delicate furniture since it has a

250-pound weight limit. I know my mom is disgusted, too, but Dad is incredibly stubborn. I think he also has been depressed since my brother died in Afghanistan. But Dad is eating himself to death. Just being in his presence now irritates the daylight hours out of me. What are we to do? — Disgusted by the Glutton Dear Disgusted: Dad already feels worthless, so instead of anger and disgust, try compassion. You are right about this being a form of addiction, which means it is extremely hard for Dad to control his food cravings. We think you will have better luck working on his depression, which can interfere with his willingness to become healthier. Enlist your mother's help to encourage Dad to see his doctor about the possibility of medication. Dear Annie: I have not trusted my husband since a family member told me he was cheating on me with a girl he knew before we married. The other night, he was a little drunk and said he never had to hide having sex with someone until he got married. When I asked for an explanation, he claimed to be "just messing" with me. We've been married a long time and have grown kids and grandkids. I still wonder who he's with when he is out late. A few years ago, I was certain he was seeing another woman, and when

I yelled, "I hope it was good," he screamed, "It sure was!" Then he said there was no one else and he simply wanted to hurt me. It worked. I no longer feel the same way about him. I'm tired of being told I have a problem, but I don't intend to leave at this late date. What do you think? — S.P. Dear S.P.: If you are going to stay with a man you don't trust, you need to separate yourself emotionally from his behavior. Consider him a wayward child, and occupy yourself with activities that make you happy. Perhaps when you stop paying attention to his nocturnal wanderings, he'll lose interest in them, as well. Dear Annie: I have a solution for "Noisy Dog Next Door," whose neighbors' guard dog is kept outside and barks all night long. If the dog barks at 2 a.m., I suggest they phone the neighbors at 4 a.m. to let them know their dog woke them up two hours earlier. A few calls like that should take care of the problem. — Sevierville, Tenn. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Email 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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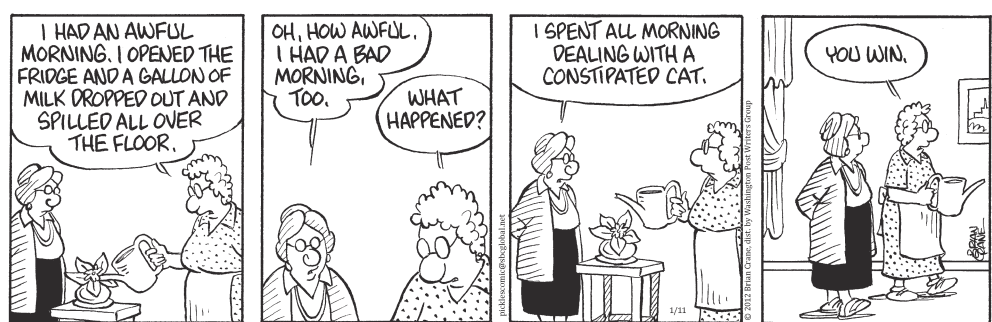
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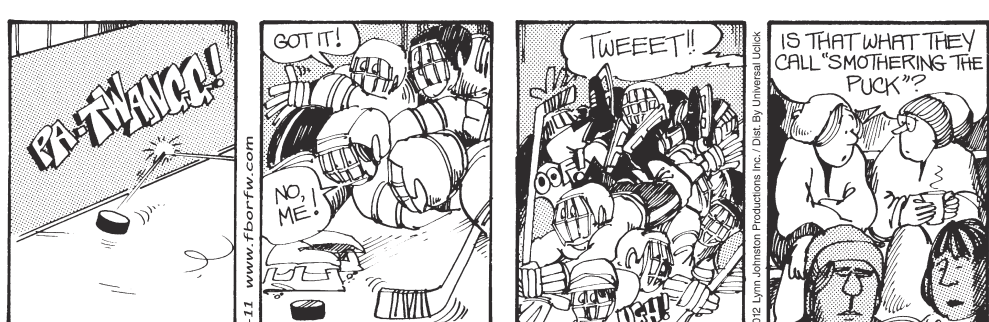
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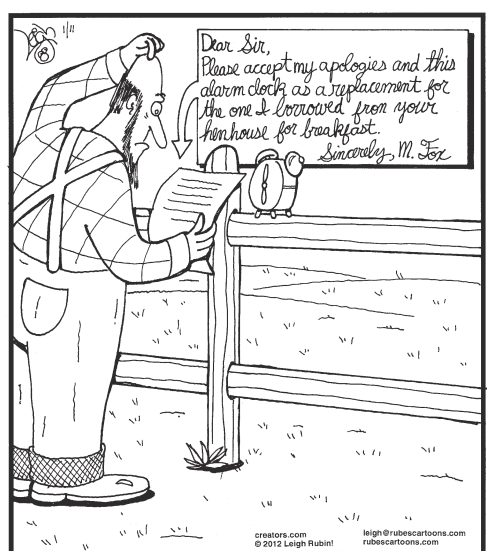
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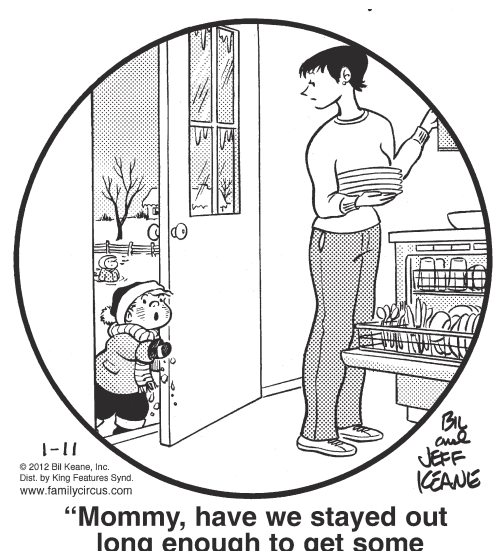
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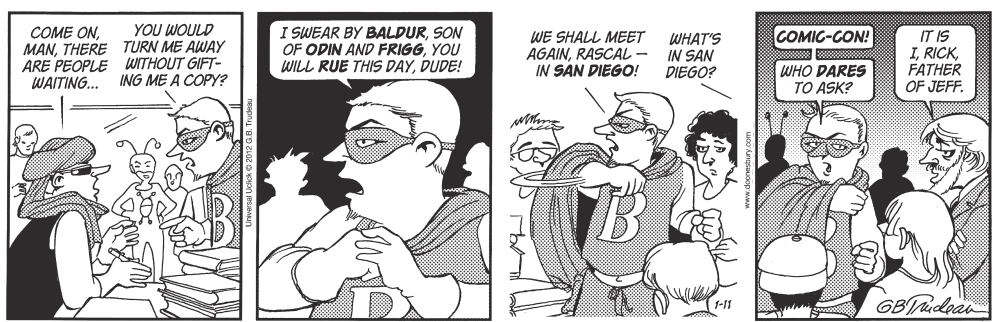
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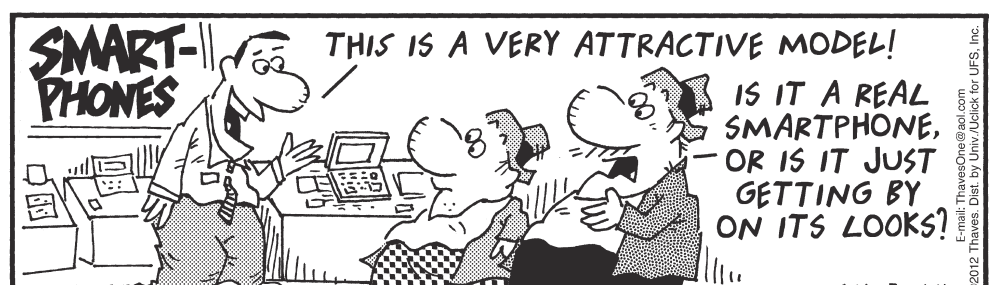
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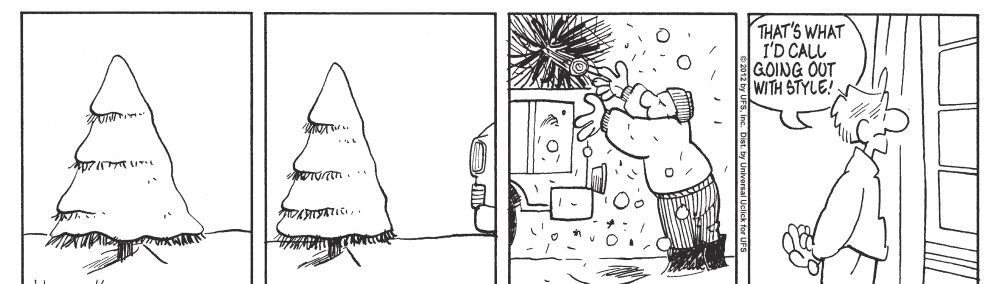
Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

List of movies including 'War Horse', 'We Bought a Zoo', 'Adventures of Tintin', 'Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol', 'Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked', 'Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows', 'The Devil Inside', and 'The Darkest Hour'.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos. Includes a clue 'TODAY'S CLUE: E equals B' and a cryptogram 'PZH RAMP RHBWCNST PZCDF CD PZH YABTO ... CM PZH CDVECTCPL AN PZH ZSRVD RCDO PA WABBHTVPH VTT CPM WADPHDPM.' - Z.K. TAJHWBVP. Previous Solution: 'The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor.' - H.L. Mencken.

