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NEWS BRIEFS

Brush fire burns building

HOMOSASSA — The Citrus County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division responded to a report of a brush fire at 5045 W. Meadow St. on Tuesday at 11:45 a.m.

When firefighters arrived, they found a 1,000-square-foot structure was on fire with a 1-acre brush fire moving toward other structures.

The brush fire was contained within 30 minutes allowing the firefighters to concentrate on extinguishing the severely damaged structures. Additional engines arrived from the fire stations at Sugarmill Woods, Lecanto, Connell Heights, Beverly Hills, DeRosa and Crystal River. Nature Coast EMS and the rehabilitation units provided support, according to the sheriff's office.

The fire caused extensive damage to two storage buildings. Superficial damage occurred to the primary residence on the property.

Total damage to the structures and the contents of the structures was estimated at \$27,000.

No one was hurt in the blaze.

Manatee Fest this weekend

CRYSTAL RIVER — The Florida Manatee Festival takes place in downtown Crystal River on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per person and children under 12 are free.

Parking is free at the event. Additional parking will be available at the Crystal River Mall with shuttle service provided for \$1 (round trip).

There will be an open house at Three Sisters Springs Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking is free. Parking is available in the King's Bay Shopping Center parking lot behind the former Sonic Drive-In. Shuttles will run every five to 10 minutes.

Boat tours of King's Bay will depart from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday from the city dock at the end of Northwest Third Street. Tickets are \$9.

For more information, call the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce at 352-795-3149 or visit www.citruscounty.com.

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Law enforcement costs gnaw at city official

C.R. residents pay almost triple for sheriff's services

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — A little over a week ago, city officials were setting their goals agenda for 2012 and City Manager Andy Houston brought up something that has been gnawing at him for a while — city residents are paying nearly three times more than county residents for law enforcement service.

When Houston crunched the numbers, every county resident should be

paying about .777 mils for first response service at current budgetary levels. But in Crystal River, residents are paying an additional 2 mils for the service. A mil represents \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

"Basically, we are paying more than twice as much as everybody else, but that second patrol car doesn't come when a citizen makes a call," Houston told the City Council during the goal-setting workshop.

On Tuesday, he said it is OK that a second police vehicle doesn't show up because it is unnecessary, "but I think it is unfair that we are paying what we pay."

It's an unfair tax burden that

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Report: Crime numbers fall in city of Inverness

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — Overall, 2011 was a very good year, according to Citrus County Sheriff's Office Capt. Buddy Grant.

On Tuesday, Grant presented his semi-annual report to members of the Inverness City Council.



Buddy Grant

Grant's report reflects only what goes on within the city limits.

Comparing numbers, 2011 saw the second-highest year for arrests since the Sheriff's Office absorbed the Inverness Police Department in 2004 — 660 arrests. In 2010 there were 728 arrests. In 2003, there were 874 under the city police department.

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Considering the cows



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Dale McClellan, president of M&B Dairy in Lecanto, stands on one of the dairy cow waterbeds his cows rest on. He says a more relaxed, comfortable dairy cow can produce more milk.

Lecanto dairy showcases facility to Marion County school food service workers

MATTHEW BECK
Chronicle

LECANTO — If you ask Dale McClellan, "Happy cows equal more milk."

That's what McClellan, president of M&B Dairy in Lecanto, said while standing on one of 700 dairy cow waterbeds at his farm Wednesday while he hosted a tour to more than a dozen Marion County public schools food and nutrition services personnel.

The cozy beds make the animals more comfortable and relaxed. In turn, he says, they produce more milk. McClellan provided the tour as part of an educational field trip organized

by the Dairy Council of Florida.

The Marion County School District purchases products from M&B and the field trip offered a unique perspective on where some of their products come from.

McClellan provided the tour and showed the group all facets of his operation.

"We're going to teach them about agriculture," he said. "We're going to show them where milk comes from and show them how we've evolved."

The farmer said that while his facility doesn't provide milk products to Marion County Schools, he does provide fruit juices and hopes one day to serve dairy to the district.

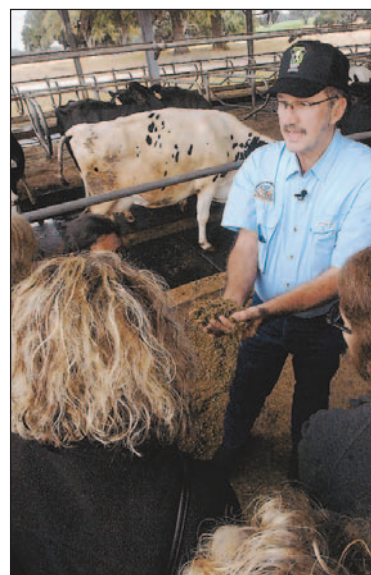
Linda Hallermeier, area manager for the food service office with the Marion County School District, said the tour of the farm provided her with a great deal of information.

"It's very informative and I've learned a lot," she said. "They really take their cows into consideration in regards to their comfort and feeding. This is very educational. It's nice to know where your drinks are coming from."

Jamie Marshall, manager,

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McClellan describes the feed his 700 head of dairy cattle consume.



Senate bill would allow privatization to be secret

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A Senate committee, bucking a decades-long trend of open government in Florida, formally introduced two bills on Wednesday aimed at allowing the secret privatization of prisons.

But the measures also would make secret the outsourcing of other state agency functions, which has raised concerns from open government advocates.

The Senate rules committee introduced the first bill (PCB 7170), which essentially means an agency would not have to report its privatization of a program or service until after the contract is signed.

Committee chair John Thrasher, a St. Augustine Republican, told a standing-room-only audience that the introduction of the bill and that



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of its companion (PCB 7172) means both will be assigned to other committees for "substantive consideration."

A staff analysis says the first bill "makes clear that the Legislature may direct privatization of agency

function itself, without any agency request."

The bills' opponents, which include the First Amendment Foundation, have said the bills would keep the public in the dark about the costs of outsourcing any government service, not just prisons.

Supporters, including committee vice-chair JD Alexander, counter that the measures ultimately require any privatization deal to first offer a substantial savings to the state.

Thrasher said the bills were meant to address a South Florida prison-privatization plan stymied by a Tallahassee judge. Privatizing those prisons could save taxpayers up to \$40 million a year, Alexander said.

The state tried to privatize about 30 state prison facilities and was sued by the Police Benevolent

Association, the union that formerly represented corrections officers.

Circuit Judge Jackie Fulford later ruled that the state's plan is unconstitutional because it was passed as part of the annual budget and not as a separate law. Attorney General Pam Bondi is appealing Fulford's decision.

But when asked, the Lake Wales Republican said he couldn't explain the bills' secrecy provisions. "I didn't draft the bill," Alexander said. "I haven't looked at all the language."

Brian Pitts, a lobbyist for a group called Justice-2-Jesus, told the committee both bills undermine "the transparency, accountability and due diligence of this body and citizens of this state."

Two Democrats on the panel —

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Gov. names new elections chief

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott tapped a longtime Tallahassee veteran on Wednesday to take over as the state's elections chief.

Scott appointed Ken Detzner to become secretary of state once Kurt Browning leaves office after the Jan. 31 presidential primary. Detzner, who has spent time working for both state government and serving as a beer industry lobbyist, already had a short stint as secretary of state in 2003 under then-Gov. Jeb Bush.

Scott last week had suggested he would like to

have someone with hands-on elections experience to take over. Browning had spent 26 years as elections supervisor for Pasco County before he was appointed to secretary by then-Gov. Charlie Crist.

But Scott predicted that Detzner's past experience with the office would ensure a "smooth transition" as Florida moves into a critical election year. He also pointed out that the secretary of state — who is the state's chief cultural officer — will also be responsible for helping prepare Florida for next year's celebration of the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon's land-

ing on the state's east coast.

"The benefit of Ken is that he has experience," Scott said. "I think Ken is going to do a great job."

Detzner's experience includes spending six years as director of legislative and policy affairs for the Attorney General's office, 13 years as executive director of the Florida Beer Wholesalers Association and time as chief of staff for former Secretary of State Jim Smith.

"He's a very competent person," said Smith.

Detzner also has spent the last several years working with the Collins Center for Public Policy where he

helped with the center's foreclosure mediation program. Lobbyist records show that Detzner this year has been representing two clients, including Career Edge of Manatee/Sarasota.

Detzner, 59, said the governor's office approached him about serving as secretary of state while he was talking to administration officials about a possible workday for Scott.

He said he thought about it for 24 hours and then decided to say yes.

"It's one of the most fun jobs in state government," Detzner said.

But Detzner added that

the "heavy burden" and "responsibility of elections" will be something that he will focus on.

Detzner was in the job of secretary of state during a contentious period when Bush recommended shuttering the state library and relocating its collection of books to colleges in the state. The plan was eventually dropped, but public access to most of the collections was eventually eliminated.

Browning announced last week that he was leaving as secretary of state to return to his home in Pasco County where he may run for local schools superintendent.

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dairy health and wellness for the Dairy Council of Florida followed along with the group as they strolled between the massive, open-air barns that house the 700 head of dairy cows.

She said the information provided by McClellan would help those food service workers better understand the industry.

"Not everybody grows up with agriculture. So this is a great opportunity to highlight what these dairies do for people who may not live the dairy or agriculture lifestyle," she said. "Part of the reason it's so important is because dairy farmers nationally have made a \$250 million commitment to Fuel Up to Play 60."

She said the program, "teaches children all about health and wellness. It's about letting them know about low fat and fat free dairy products, fruits, vegetables and whole grains which are the food groups to encourage. We want kids eating more of those things so they get the nutrition they need. The Dairy Council of Florida offers schools up to \$4,000 in funding to implement healthy eating and physical activity projects on campus."

Recently the Dairy Council of Florida awarded more than \$84,000 to schools statewide to support the program. Fuel Up to Play 60 is a program of the National Dairy Council and the National Football League in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Marshall said that all school districts in the state are participating in the program.

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BILL

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Gwen Margolis of Miami and Chris Smith of Fort Lauderdale — also voiced their opposition.

"The language is pretty broad, sir," Margolis told Thrasher. "It's very disturbing."

Most people who spoke on the bills, however, focused on the impact that privatization has on state-employed corrections officers and other prison workers.

They're also smarting from last week's announcement that the state plans to close seven state prisons and four work camps, all of which employ nearly 1,300 people, because of a decreasing prison population.

"I'm here first of all as a wife and a mother," said Reshae Cherry, a corrections officer at Charlotte Correctional Institution in Punta Gorda.

She's looking forward to the birth of her second daughter, but still spends nights worrying whether privatization will cost her a job.

"My situation is not unique," she

told the committee. "There are countless families who depend on the Department of Corrections ... I want to keep food on my table and I want to continue to serve the department because I am proud of what I do."

The bills, now referred to as SB 2036 and SB 2038, haven't yet been assigned to their next committee.

TAX

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Houston said he would like to see solved for city residents.

Houston noted that his queries about this particular levy are absolutely not related to the quality of service the sheriff's office delivers in the city nor does it have anything to do with the contractual obligations the city has for law enforcement services, but only to address what he sees as being taxed more than is required.

Houston plans to present to city officials a plan to address the issue with the county as the year rolls along.

"It's in the preliminary stages right now, but I will have something for the council and we will see what happens when we present it to the county," he said.

But at least two county commissioners, Dennis Damato and Winn Webb, said the issue is something the cities and the sheriff's office have to work out.

"It's a budgetary issue. The city wanted enhanced services when they had their contract with the sheriff's office, but if they are now saying they have problems with it then they should contact the sheriff or bring it up during budget time," Damato said.

Webb, who is also running for sheriff, said he agrees with Houston about

the more than double taxation for city residents, but also thinks the city should take the issue up with the sheriff's office.

"It's a city tax that they had when they had a police department and when the sheriff's office took over, the tax continued. I don't see what we (county) can really do about it," Webb said.

However, Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said his office is a law enforcement agency not a taxing authority.

"This is a tax matter and Commissioner Webb should know it is the county or state that can address tax issues. I think the city should take their concerns to the county and see what they can work out. This is a matter for the city and county to work out," Dawsey said.

"We would be of course available if they want us to participate to help find a solution or come up with alternative plans," he added.

Frank DiGiovanni, Inverness city manager said city officials are aware that residents and businesses in the city are taxed to the "fullest extent by the county." He said his council has had discussions and that at this point the feeling is that there is a tax applied to city residents so that Inverness has a voice as to how the services are delivered.

DiGiovanni said that doesn't mean those

conversations are over.

"We have no plans to bring anything forward to the city council, but as we begin work on the 2013 budget these are real items that will move forward and we will make decisions accordingly."

Both Inverness and Crystal River used to have police departments that have since been absorbed into the sheriff's office.

Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy contributed to this story.

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CRIME

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Grant explained that one trend of a dozen crimes, such as a rash of burglaries or vandalism, greatly affects the numbers and doesn't mean Inverness is any less safe.

"In 2011, we had 87 tracked crimes — our lowest year," Grant said. Tracked crime refers to crimes such as rape, murder, armed robbery, etc. "The crimes people worry about," Grant said.

In 2004, there were 95 tracked crimes; in 2007 there were 92 and in 2009 there were 103.

Last year deputies logged 20,329 calls for service, which includes everything from traffic stops to checks on businesses to emergency calls.

"This was our lowest year, down 3,000 from last year," Grant said. "We had a decrease in crime in every area and a significant decrease in commercial burglaries in the nine years we've been doing this."

However, residential burglaries increased by two in 2011.

Warnings and citations were down — 4,393 from last year's highest total of 6,598. Crashes were also down — 366 from 418 in 2010.

"We're always looking for ways to reduce those crash numbers," Grant said. "We know where the problem intersections are where a lot of the crashes happen and spend a lot of time there during peak times. Just the presence of a deputy keeps people from speeding or running a red light."

Despite budget cuts reducing staff by three patrol positions, Grant said crime is down in the city limit.

"Our guys are keeping busy; they're very proactive," he said. "They're making traffic stops; they're looking for drugs."

City councilwoman Linda Bega remarked Tuesday, "With the budget (cuts) we were worried what services would be cut, but from your report tonight, the numbers are even better."

Grant said any crime is "more crime than we want, but overall, we had a good year."

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Inverness

Road closing for construction

Motorists should be aware of a pending traffic detour at the intersection of County Road 581 and Anna Jo Drive as a turn lane project continues in Inverness.

The construction will take place Thursday, Jan. 19, Friday, Jan. 20, and Monday, Jan. 23. Contractors will temporarily close Anna Jo Drive at the intersection of C.R. 581 to install a new storm pipe during daylight hours but reopen to traffic after dark. Local traffic will be detoured with marked routes around the closure.

C.R. 581 traffic flow will not be affected by the construction. The completion date for the entire project is scheduled for March 20.

For more information, contact Lindsay Ubinas, Public Information Officer at 352-527-5484.

Ocala

Port presentation made to Ocala EDC

The proposed plan for Port Citrus was presented Wednesday to the Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Corporation.

Citrus County Commissioner Joe Meek, who also sits on the Port Authority of Citrus County, and Brad Thorpe, county administrator and port director, were given 15 minutes to present a proposal to develop a seaport within private properties in the north part of Citrus County using the waterway formerly known as the Cross Florida Barge Canal.

The presentation was not open to the public, according to Lindsay Ubinas, public information officer.

A public opening of the responses to the port authority's request for qualifications to conduct a feasibility study for a potential port has been scheduled at 2:12 p.m. Friday in Room 283 at the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, according to a public notice published Dec. 31, 2011, in the *Chronicle*.

—From staff reports

Correction

Because of a photographer's error, a photograph caption on Page A2 of Wednesday's edition for a story, "County offices open at Meadowcrest," contained an incorrect telephone number. The West Citrus Government Center has no central switchboard. Each of the four offices must be contacted through a separate phone number, as follows:

- TAX COLLECTOR**
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 - SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**
 - Main Line (now until Feb. 1): 352-795-5338
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- The *Chronicle* regrets the error.
- Readers can alert The Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing dmann@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

Farmers: Yield makes up for low tax

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

County ranchers recently called for a discussion with the county property appraiser to clear up what a tax break means.

At the January meeting of the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County, Jimmy Brooks, chairman of the government affairs committee, said wording in a Dec. 25 edition *Chronicle* story, "Experts: Potts, Flying Eagle not prime real estate," gave a misleading impression about agricultural land use.

Alliance members asked Geoff Greene, county property appraiser, and Les Cook, chief deputy property appraiser, to attend their meeting, after which a letter to the *Chronicle* would be drafted.

Dale McClellan, alliance president, said the issue arose from the article making the point that vacant land has had a significant drop in value because land isn't selling.

"If property is used for conservation or agriculture, the tax revenue is virtually non-existent because those uses bring huge property tax breaks," McClellan quoted from the article.

"Let me just say that that was a paraphrase," said Cook. "I don't use the term tax break in any conversation."

Greene said the question of land value was brought into the article with interviews of other individuals, not county staff.

McClellan said the alliance had 100 percent confidence in Greene's department.

"We want to keep a perception correct and by the way this was paraphrased, from the property tax perspective it's partially correct, probably completely correct, but it loses what we do," McClellan said.

The draft of the letter stated that according to University of Florida research, agriculture, natural resources and related indus-

tries in the county contributed \$29.2 million from indirect business tax revenues. It also stated that a study from the Farmland Information Center found that on a national scale, for every dollar paid in taxes, agriculture received in return only 35 cents in services, while residences received \$1.16 in public services.

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Strength in numbers

For four local women, battling the pounds means teaming up

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

LECANTO — When it comes to fighting a common enemy, there's strength in numbers. As part of our Healthy Resolutions 2012 series, the women who work at Sew What by Debbie alterations in Lecanto have decided this is the year they all want to lose weight and they're banding together for mutual support and encouragement.

Business owner Debbie Raymond even bought each of them a three-month membership to Anytime Fitness, less than five miles from the shop.

The four women have resolved to eat together during the day, sharing the same meals they'll prepare either from home or in the Crock Pot they keep at the shop, as well as exercise together.

Each Monday they'll weigh in at the shop. Whoever does not meet her weight loss goal will be fined \$1 per pound. The fine for weight gained — \$2 per pound. At the end of 30 weeks, the "biggest loser" gets the pot.

The *Chronicle* will be checking in with them periodically throughout the year, charting their progress. Meet the women:

Debbie Raymond, age 59

- Height: 5 feet, 7 inches
- Current weight: 175
- Goal: 140 (lose 35 pounds)
- Weight history: "I've struggled forever with weight. I weighed 185 pounds in the fifth grade and have been over 200 pounds four times. On my 39th birthday I weighed 247 and on my 40th birthday I weighed 147 — I lost 100 pounds in one year. I worked at Main Street Gym for eight years and maintained that weight, until it started creeping up."
- Food trigger: "I'm a stress eater and eat everything in sight that's not nailed down. I'm a junk food junkie."
- Diet plan: "Cutting carbs. That's what worked for me when I lost 100 pounds."
- Why choose to lose now? "It's time to get healthy so I can live longer. I have eight grandbabies I want to live for."

Holly Van Cleve, age 46

- Height: 5 feet, 6 inches
- Current weight: 228
- Goal: 140 (lose 88 pounds)
- Weight history: "I was thin all my life until I got married and moved to Alaska, where I was stuck in the house and gained a lot of weight very quickly. This is not my heaviest; I weighed 260 at one time. I've tried everything to lose weight — subliminal tapes,



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

The women who work at Sew What by Debbie alterations in Lecanto have decided when it comes to losing weight, doing it as a group beats going it alone. Pictured from the left: Debbie Raymond, who wants to lose 35 pounds; Gina Berger with 25 pounds to lose, Kathleen "Kat" Stayton, who wants to lose 115 pounds; and Holly Van Cleve, who wants to lose 88 pounds.

Richard Simmons — but I gain it back."

■ Other health issues: "I've had Type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure for five years and thyroid issues. I take medication for all three, and I know if I get the weight off, I could get off of diabetes and blood pressure medications."

■ Food trigger: "I'm an emotional eater, all emotions, but more when I'm unhappy. I really like potatoes and pasta."

■ Diet plan: "Modifying what I eat, cutting portion sizes and exercising."

■ Why choose to lose now? "I lost both parents in 2008, and that was a wake-up call. I have to do something. Plus, I'm a grandmother, raising one of them myself, and I want to see them grow up."

Kathleen "Kat" Stayton, age 48

- Height: 5 feet, 11 inches
- Current weight: 275
- Goal: 160 (lose 115 pounds)
- Weight history: "I did professional belly dancing — I was glamorous until I started having children. It's being sedentary, sitting and sewing and not exercising. With kids you do for everyone else and don't make time for yourself to exercise."
- Other health issues: "Thyroid issues for 20 years."
- Food trigger: "It's living an indulgent life. I don't drink or smoke, but I love food — seafood and chocolate."

■ Diet plan: Low-carb and eliminate sugar and snacks, similar to the diet on the "Biggest Loser."

■ Why choose to lose now? "I'm turning 49 next week, so this is my last year before I'm 50. Plus, I have a family history of diabetes and I had breast cancer eight years ago. My mom keeps reading articles in the paper about if you're obese, you're looking for cancer to reoccur. So, I want to reduce my risk of cancer reoccurring."

Gina Berger, age 43

- Height: 5 feet
- Current weight: 150
- Goal: 120 (lose 30 pounds)
- Weight history: "This is my heaviest. I moved here in 2004 from the Philippines and stayed home and gained 20 pounds right away. When I was in the Philippines, I used to do karate two hours a day and went jogging."
- Other health issues: "High blood pressure."
- Food trigger: "I don't have any real weaknesses and I'm not a big eater. I just gain weight easily."
- Diet plan: Watching calories and sugar
- Why choose to lose now? "My doctor gave me medication for high blood pressure, but told me to lose weight."

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University leaders: Don't forget general education

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida university presidents urged lawmakers on Wednesday not to forget general education in the push for expanding science, technology, engineering and math studies.

The emphasis on the so-called STEM fields remained a major focus as the House Education Committee continued its talks with presidents of Florida's 11 public universities.

Gov. Rick Scott, who has made job creation the top priority of his administration, is among politicians pushing to increase the output of STEM graduates because they have better employment prospects.

That's already happening, and it began before Scott took office a year ago, according to a new report by the State University System.

It shows a 27 percent increase in undergraduate STEM enrollment and a 20 percent increase at the graduate level over a four-year period through the fall of 2010.

That compares to increases of just 3 percent in non-STEM undergraduate enrollment and 17 percent in graduate classes.

University of Central Florida President John Hitt said the Orlando school traditionally has focused on the core subjects and has one of the nation's largest engineering schools.

But he noted employers complain those graduates often lack writing, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills typically taught in liberal arts and general studies classes.

"Just getting the information is the beginning," Hitt said. "If you don't help students understand how to



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process it, how to analyze it, how to pick the good from the bad or the strong from the weak, you're not really serving them very well."

University of West Florida President Judy Bense said she's trying to beef up general studies requirements at her campus in Pensacola by adding critical thinking and interpersonal communications classes and getting rid of some general studies courses that are too easy.

She said she'd like to add statistics and algebra to the requirements.

University of North Florida President John Delaney said he encourages a well-rounded education for all students at his Jacksonville campus. That includes writing classes for business and engineering majors and economics, finance, accounting and marketing for liberal arts majors.

"Half the Fortune 500 CEOs are liberal arts majors," Delaney said.

He said engineering firms often are not led by those with the best technical expertise but those with management, communications, leadership and financial skills.

Last week, University of Florida President Bernie Machen told the panel many students are skipping general studies because of credits they earned by tak-

ing advanced placement and dual enrollment classes in high school.

Machen said that's fracturing the Gainesville campus because general education courses are the place students from different disciplines can interact.

"They only time they get together is on football Saturday," Machen said.

Delaney, who once served as the university system's interim chancellor, said there's unnecessary duplication at the graduate rather than undergraduate level.

"We need somebody that can put up a stop sign," Delaney said. "Where the meddling comes in, it's the presidents and then it's occasionally, with all due respect, the Legislature that has something they want to have for the hometown university or for their alma mater."

DEATHS

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Jack Gundrum INVERNESS

Retired Air Force Maj. Jack Warren Gundrum passed into everlasting peace January 17, 2012.



Jack Gundrum

Jack was born and raised in Mt. Carmel Township, PA, and graduated from the Mt. Carmel Joint Senior High School in 1955. He immediately entered the United States Air Force after graduation. He subsequently graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and later from Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama, with a Masters in Public Administration. Jack served 24 years in the Air Force, and in addition to serving at various air bases in the United States, he served in Labrador, Japan, South Korea and Thailand. Upon his retirement from the service, he worked for Consumers Power Company, Midland, Mich.; Textron Locomotives, Stratford, Conn.; and Yale University, New Haven, Conn. He moved to Inverness, Florida in 2000, where he resided until his death. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Inverness.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Mignon; a son, Jack C. and his wife, Svetlana, of Simpsonville, SC; a daughter, Michelle Gundrum-King and her husband, John, of Covington, GA; a son, Fred A. Morris of Savannah, GA; a daughter, Luanne R. Morris of Harrisburg, PA; and son Lon D. Morris and his wife Laurie of Catawissa, PA; 11 grandchildren, Kristin, Lindsay, Julie, Amanda, Serge, Kailley, Lon Jr., Whitney, Meadow, Garrison and Wyatt; and two great-grandchildren, Austin and Aubree. Also surviving Jack are three sisters, Nancy Bitner and her husband Dave of Ogallala, NE, Donna Beahm of Phoenix, AZ, and Kathy DeMarco-Joyce and her husband, Rick, of Middle Village, NY.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home followed by a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 4 p.m. from the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Craig Davies officiating. The urn will be laid to rest at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

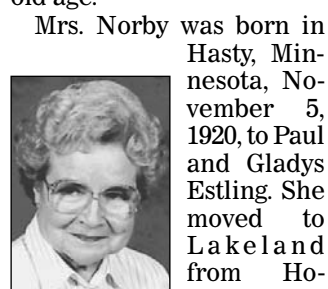
In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the First Presbyterian Church. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Ronald Oehlert, 73 SPRING HILL

Ronald William Oehlert, 73, of Spring Hill, died Jan. 1, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Ballwin, MO.

Floy Norby, 91 LAKELAND

Floy Norby, 91, passed away due to the effects of old age.



Floy Norby

Mrs. Norby was born in Hasty, Minnesota, November 5, 1920, to Paul and Gladys Estling. She moved to Lakeland from Homosassa in Sugarmill Woods, Florida, in 2000. She married Jewell Norby on Valentine's Day in 1945 after his return from North Africa and Italy in World War II. They chose a military career and traveled to Japan and numerous assignments in the U.S. Jewell was assigned to the Pentagon in 1960. Floy eventually got a job in the White House and worked as a secretary from 1965 to 1977. She was especially sad the day President Gerald R. Ford died. She said he was the last of "her boys" she had worked for. Having lived in the Washington suburbs for many years, she and her husband retired to Florida and took up golf and oil painting, and she was a member of the Women's Loyal Order of the Moose in Homosassa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jewell; and son, Paul. She is survived by her son Gary, wife Linda; and two grandchildren, Paul Norby (Carolina) and Christie Alston (Fred), all of whom reside in Lakeland, Fla.

She requested that her gratitude to the staff at Car-

enter's Home be expressed, as she resided there since 2000.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery with her husband, Jewell, and her son, Paul.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Frank Hazeldine, 68 LECANTO

Frank L. Hazeldine, 68, of Lecanto, died Jan. 15, 2012. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Sarah Kapusin, 81 THE VILLAGES

Sarah Kapusin, 81, of The Villages, died Jan. 13, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Detroit, MI.

Raymond Kendall, 84 MERRITT ISLAND

Raymond W. Kendall, 84, of Merritt Island, died Jan. 12, 2012. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Debra Kingdon, 57 INVERNESS

Debra A. Kingdon, 57, Inverness, died Jan. 16, 2012. Private cremation arrangements, Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory.

Carl Mullins, 76 HOMOSASSA

Carl C. Mullins, 76, of Homosassa and Cheboygan, MI, died Jan. 15, 2012. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Irene Needles, 73 SILVER SPRINGS

Irene Mertice Needles, 73, of Silver Springs, died Jan. 8, 2012.

Private arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Patricia Pant, 75 SPRING HILL

Patricia Anne Pant, 75, of Spring Hill, died Jan. 15, 2012.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Ottawa Hills, OH.

Angela Shoff, 94 WILDWOOD

Angela Shoff, 94, of Wildwood, died Jan. 9, 2012.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in North Syracuse, NY.

Helen Waite, 93 BROOKSVILLE

Helen C. Waite, 93, of Brooksville, died Jan. 4, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto with services taking place at a later date in Lake Orion, MI.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

How TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 825 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 765 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 116 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Tables show name, price and net change.

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list. Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... Stock Footnotes: cld - Issue has been called for redemption by company. d - New 52-week low. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. ec - Company formerly listed on the American Exchange's Emerging Company Marketplace. h - Temporary exempt from Nasdaq capital and surplus listing qualification. n - Stock was a new issue in the last year. The 52-week high and low figures date only from the beginning of trading. pf - Preferred stock issue, pr - Preferences, pp - Holder owns installments of purchase price. rt - Right to buy security at a specified price. s - Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. wt - Trades will be settled when the stock is issued. wd - With 20 percent, wt - Warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock. u - New 52-week high. un - Unit, including more than one security. vj - Company in bankruptcy or receivership, or being reorganized under the bankruptcy law. Appears in front of the name.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

NYSE MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Vol(00), Last, Chg. Includes entries like BkofAm, S&P500ETF, SPDR Fnd, Citigrp, iShEMkts.

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like Starlek, OwensCv, OfficeMax, Suntech, DrxSOXB, BcpSouth.

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like IP SXPRK, DSOXBrs, iPBNetNG, TorchEng, BcpSouth.

DIARY

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like Advanced, Declined, Unchanged, Total issues, New Highs, New Lows, Volume.

AMEX MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Vol(00), Last, Chg. Includes entries like CheniereEn, VantageDrl, NA Pallg, NwGoldg, NovaGoldg.

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like BarIPVx, BarIPVx, BarIPVx, BarIPVx, BarIPVx.

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Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like SwGA Fn, SDQo pIB, CPI Aero, UniPwr, HKN.

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NASDAQ MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Vol(00), Last, Chg. Includes entries like SiriusXM, Intel, Microsoft, AsureSoft, MicronT.

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like EuroTchs, NetlUEPS, Gentium, AmSpr, GenFin un.

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg. Includes entries like Majesco, KuoMedia, AsureSoft, GIoTAdh, Lantronx.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, Yld, PE, Last Chg, YTD. Includes entries like AK Steel, AT&T Inc, Ametek, BkofAm, CapCityBk, Citigrp, CmsyREIT, Dmsrey, EKodak, EnterPT, ExxonMbl, FormD, GenElec, HomeDp, IBM, Lowes, McDNlds.

INDEXES

Table with columns: High, Low, Name, Last, Net Chg, YTD % Chg, 52-wk High, 52-wk Low. Includes entries like 12,876.00, 10,404.49, Dow Jones Industrials, 5,218.18, 49.45, +9.6, +7.8, +2.96, +6.37.

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Large table of stock listings from the New York Stock Exchange, categorized by A-B-C, G-H-I, J-K-L, M-N-O, P-Q-R, S-T-U, V-W-X-Y-Z. Includes columns for Name, Last, Chg and various financial metrics.

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Table of currency exchange rates, categorized by Yesterday, Pvs Day. Includes entries for Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Rep, Denmark, Dominican Rep, Euro, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, N. Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Russia, Singapore, So. Africa, So. Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, U.A.E., Uruguay, Venezuela.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

HOW TO READ THE MUTUAL FUND TABLES

Here are the 1,000 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or Net Asset Value (NAV) and daily net change.

Name: Name of mutual fund and family.
NAV: Net asset value.
Chg: Net change in price of NAV.
Data based on NAVs reported to Lipper by 6 p.m. Eastern.

Name	NAV	Chg	Name	NAV	Chg
Advance Capital	16.25	+11	D500Int	35.77	+40
Balanc	8.75	-01	GNMA	16.03	+44
Retinc	8.75	-01	GrChinaA	31.42	+43
Alger Funds B:			HydA	6.28	+01
SmCapGr	6.65	+12	StratValA	28.09	+44
TechGroA	31.51	+86	TechGroA	31.51	+86
BalanA	15.90	+00	DrehsAcnc	10.21	+03
GibThGrA	62.72	+131	DrehsAcnc	10.21	+03
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5000dxlv	46.32	+52	LSAGgr	11.78	+16
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Dow, S&P 500 close at their highest since July

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A surprisingly strong report on the housing market and the prospect of more cash for the International Monetary Fund to fight off a financial crisis powered stocks Wednesday to their highest close since last summer.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,300 for the first time since July 28, and the Dow Jones industrial average finished at its highest since July 25. That was just before the bitter fight in Washington over the federal debt limit.

It was also the first time since Jan. 3, the first trading day of the year, that the S&P 500 moved more than 1 percent. The market has made a quiet ascent since then.

The S&P is up 4 percent for the year, the Dow 3 percent.

Smaller stocks had the strongest gains, a sign that investors are becoming more comfortable taking on risk. The Russell 2000 of small-company stocks rose 1.8 percent, more than the 1.1 percent gain in the S&P and the 0.8 percent gain in the Dow. The Nasdaq rose 1.5 percent.

"We think things are setting up to be better than last year," said Brad Sorensen, director of market research at Charles Schwab. "The worst-case scenario is off the table."

The National Association of Home Builders index, a measure of sentiment among builders, rose to its highest level since June 2007 as sales jumped. Analysts said it could be a sign the housing market has bottomed out.

The index is rising because builders are seeing a

Market watch

Jan. 18, 2012

Dow Jones industrials	+96.88	12,578.95
Nasdaq composite	+41.63	2,769.71
Standard & Poor's 500	+14.37	1,308.04
Russell 2000	+13.73	779.26

NYSE diary

Advanced: 2,403
Declined: 646
Unchanged: 87
Volume: 4.0 b

Nasdaq diary

Advanced: 1,945
Declined: 595
Unchanged: 98
Volume: 2.0 b

rise in people shopping for a home, not because they are seeing more sales, at least not yet. Those in a position to buy are benefiting from lower prices and mortgage rates.

Stocks of home construction companies jumped. PulteGroup Inc. rose 6 percent, Toll Brothers Inc. rose 5 percent, and KB Home rose 8 percent.

In another encouraging sign, the Federal Reserve said manufacturing rose 0.9 percent from November to December, the biggest gain since December 2010.

Christine Lagarde, managing director of the IMF, said the fund wanted to raise \$500 billion more to lend to countries. The IMF has put up roughly a third of the rescue loans to debt-hobbled European countries over the past two years.

Investors are eager for signs that the world can con-

tain Europe's debt problem. Besides an already likely recession in Europe, a messy default by Greece or another country could lead to a financial crisis around the globe.

In other trading, Goldman Sachs stock added almost 7 percent after its quarterly profit beat Wall Street expectations. Net income still fell 58 percent in the last three months of 2011, a result of choppy financial markets.

Some bank stocks followed Goldman higher. Morgan Stanley, another investment bank, rose 6.8 percent. Bank of America rose 4.9 percent, JPMorgan Chase 4.7 percent and Citigroup 2.9 percent.

Other financial stocks sank after disappointing earnings reports. State Street Corp. plunged 6.6 percent, the largest fall in the S&P 500. PNC Financial Services Group Inc. fell 2.6 percent, and Northern Trust Corp. slipped 2 percent.

The Dow finished up 96.88 at 12,578.95. The S&P rose 14.37 to 1,308.04. The Nasdaq composite index, which has outperformed the other two this year, rose 41.63 points to 2,769.71.

Among other stocks making large moves Wednesday: Yahoo climbed 3 percent on news that co-founder Jerry Yang is leaving the struggling Internet pioneer. The departure clears the way for newly hired CEO Scott Thompson to take more radical action to shake up the company.

Amphenol Corp., which makes fiber-optic cables, soared 11 percent. Its earnings beat analysts' expectations

EBay says higher 4Q earnings, revenue

NEW YORK — Greed on Wall Street set a record, authorities said Wednesday as they unveiled a nearly \$78 million insider trading case that involved at least seven financial industry professionals and included a hedge fund co-founder who triggered a single trade that earned \$53 million in profits, the largest single transaction ever prosecuted in Manhattan.

"Today's charges illustrate something that should disturb all of us: They show that insider trading activity in recent times has, indeed, been rampant and routine and that this criminal behavior was known, encouraged and exploited by authority figures in several investment funds," U.S. Attorney Peter Bharara told a news conference.

Bharara said nearly \$62 million was earned through tips provided by a Dell Inc. employee to a former Dell worker who spread the information among his friends at at least five investment houses, including three hedge funds. He called it "a stunning portrait of organized corruption on a broad scale" and said it raised to 63 the number of people arrested in a government crackdown on insider trading.

Factory output soared in December, lifting economy

WASHINGTON — U.S. factory output surged in December by the most in years. Stronger demand for business equipment, vehicles and energy offered the most visible evidence that manufacturing has roared back from the depths of the recession.

The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that manufacturing increased 0.9 percent in December, the biggest gain since December 2010.

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StatelS	25.20	+3.2	TeleBras	29.65	+1.9

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 — David S. Arthurs publisher emeritus

ON THE MOVE

YMCA revs up youth programs

If you grew up in a city or large town, you may have been lucky enough to "belong to the Y" (the YMCA) — a place to play ball, swim, develop hobbies, do lots of interesting activities and meet other kids.

If you grew up in a more rural area, chances are your after-school activities were more along the lines of chores.

Citrus County is doubly fortunate to enjoy the benefits of a semi-rural environment but also now an active Y in the community. The YMCA of the Sun-coast-Citrus County branch has been a long time coming. It's here now, though, and intent on nullifying that old complaint of "there's nothing for kids to do."

Transportation and cost have been issues for our population. Citrus County's YMCA is responding by taking physical activity and enrichment activities to the participants at school and community venues as well as making scholarships from private donations and grant funding available for those in need.

The Y's programs are especially important during this time when public schools often can't offer after-school activities to keep youths interested and engaged, and when summer or after-school jobs are scarce. With determined new executive and program direc-

tors, the Citrus County YMCA is primed to take up the slack.

The Y has a 160-year history in the U.S. of offering enriching programming, a background that provides some 10,000 local Y units with successful program models and best practices. The Y's focus is on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. It gives youngsters opportunities to stay active, learn healthy behaviors

and build relationships and skills that will help them in the future.

Locally, programs have included basketball and cheer-leading leagues, soccer, dance, science and art, among others. It wouldn't surprise us to hear that a future marine or wildlife biologist caught the bug when he or she participated in the Y summer program at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

There's also good news for those who yearn for a bricks-and-mortar Y facility that caters to adults as well as youths: the Citrus County Y group will soon be kicking off its capital campaign. The very successful facility in neighboring Hernando County shows what a community cornerstone the Y can be. We say it's overdue here, and support this program's development for Citrus County.

THE ISSUE:

Citrus County YMCA programming extended.

OUR OPINION:

They Y is good for our kids and for our community.

Hot Corner: **BIRDS**

Animals disappearing

We also have noticed that the birds are gone. Where did they go to? Is there a government agency that can help us? We also lost squirrels and other wildlife. And now I've seen a few squirrels lately, but very few birds, and I'm really concerned, as well.

Birds gone

I'm calling about "Silent skies." I live in Beverly Hills. I'm "Bird Lady." There's been no birds here. I call them in the morning. I call them in the evening. I sit outside calling my birds and there's none. I live across from the entrance to Pine Ridge on the other side of (County Road) 491. There's no

birds. There's none. Where'd my birds go? I have seen some wild cats around here, but I'm going to have to move my bird feeder. But, no, there are no birds. Where are the birds? I don't know. I'm in Beverly Hills. This article says: "Does anybody know? It's quite a mystery." Well, she's talking (about) Homosassa, Crystal River. I'm in Beverly Hills, the "Bird Lady," and there's no birds. Where did they go?

Where are they?

I have also noticed that there's no birds, so I was also wondering what has happened to them. If anyone knows, please publish it in the paper.

We need help

All registered voters should read "Fact check: Promising gain without pain" in Monday's Chronicle (Jan. 9). These are the choice of characters we have for president? Good gosh. Voters need lots of help.

Preventing fires

I read another Sound Off where people are complaining about the forest being burnt and the smoke. If they had bothered to have done



a little checking, a little thinking and reading national newspapers, they would know this is done nationally. It is to prevent large forest fires. It's called a controlled burn to clear the dead brush out of the forest. It has been proven that it will help the forest. It is done nationally. These people have to stop thinking about their own little world and start thinking about the nation and what people, engineers a lot smarter than them, and forest rangers have come up with.

Haiti: Not trendy, just real news

The news of the day is burning with big questions: Who'll be the next head coach of the Miami Dolphins?

Why is Rosie O'Donnell killing hammerhead sharks? Is Khloe Kardashian really a Kardashian?

And each of those stories is being devoured and debated by many thousands of readers, far more than are looking at the sober bylined reports from Haiti, which last week marked the two-year anniversary of its catastrophic earthquake.

Even before that disaster, Haiti was a place of such hellish poverty and corruption that people on the outside often turned away because it was all too much, too sad, too hopeless.

And too close to home. The 7.0 earthquake was freakishly fierce for that part of the Caribbean, and it seemed to be almost a preternatural act of cruelty. No country in the hemisphere was more vulnerable and ill prepared. Still, the devastation was shocking.

Eventually the number of fatalities surpassed 300,000, a mind-blowing figure, almost 20 times higher than the death toll from last year's Japanese earthquake and tsunami. For a few weeks the world took notice — volunteers arrived by the plane-load in Port-au-Prince, and supplies poured in along with money.

Two years later, the question is: How is Haiti?

Of course it's still poor, still in desperate need of jobs, competent political leadership and decent housing. More than half a million Haitians left homeless by the quake still live in tent cities, and a cholera outbreak a year ago killed more than 4,000, including many children.

Last week brought peaceful street demonstrations by those exasperated with the slow pace of rebuilding and the lack of

work. Sadly, Haiti has no history of efficient governance and no template to work from.

The Interim Haiti Recovery Commission, formed with international support to rebuild the country, is in limbo because the Haitian Parliament has balked at extending its legal mandate. More than \$2 billion in aid committed by other

nations remains uncollected and unspent.

Not surprisingly, donor nations are directing most funds toward established relief agencies and private contractors rather than the government ministries, which have a notorious legacy of waste, neglect and outright theft.

Throughout the long recovery, celebrities (including one of the genetically verified Kardashians) have popped in and out of the country. If nothing else, such fleeting though well-publicized appearances serve to remind distracted segments of the world public that Haiti is still there, still hanging on.

Others are in it for the long haul.

A musician who is a friend of mine has quietly funded a new grade school in the countryside. The actor Sean Penn arrived in Port-au-Prince shortly after the earthquake and was so overwhelmed that he's been a fixture ever since. He manages a tent camp for 55,000 persons who lost their homes in the disaster.

Dr. Paul Farmer, whose intrepid Partners in Health organization has been operating medical clinics for years in Haiti, last week described plans for a 320-bed teaching hospital — the

country's largest.

It is being built with private funds in the city of Mirebalais. When finished, the earthquake-proof facility will treat about 500 patients a day. Given the scarcity of good healthcare in Haiti, this is nothing short of a godsend.

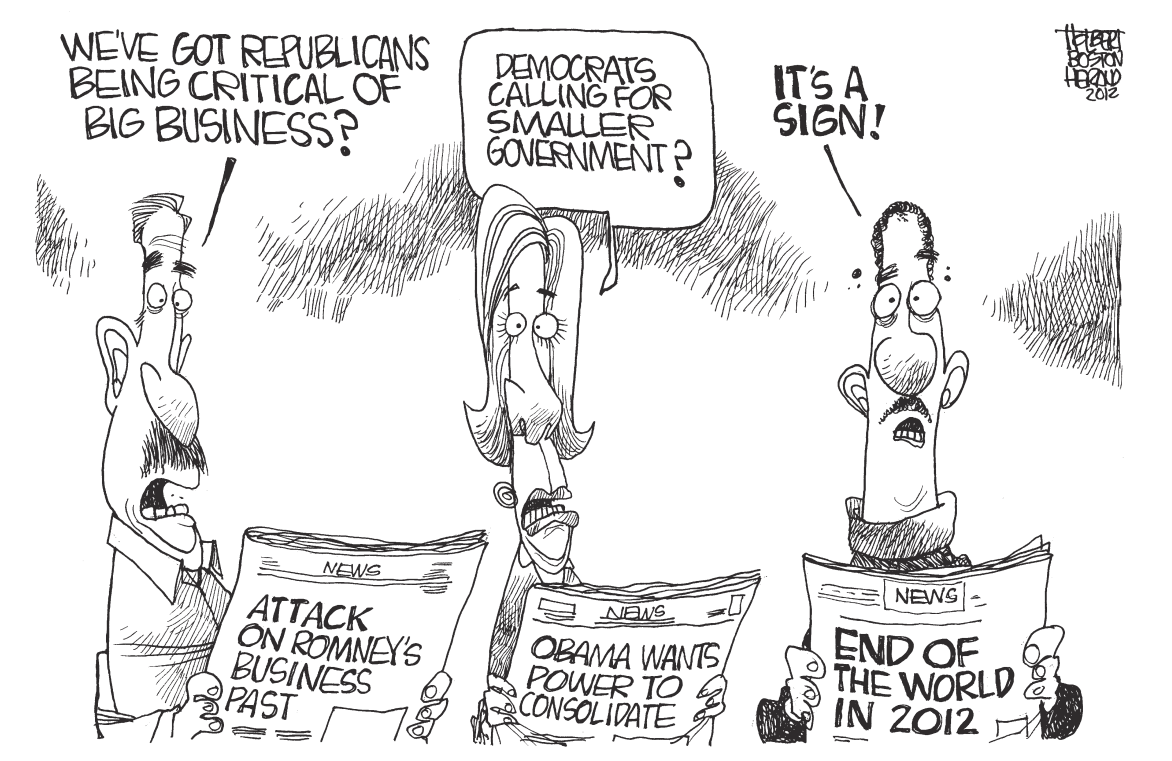
Then there's former President Bill Clinton, whose interest in Haiti also predates the earthquake, and who has surely spent more street time there than any American political figure past or present. He returned again last week to mark the anniversary of the tragedy by visiting a Timberland shoe factory in an industrial park where about 7,000 Haitians are employed.

Clinton has been relentlessly pushing for more foreign investment in Haiti's private sector, which is its only true hope for moving forward. While the earthquake brought a gusher of humanitarian funds from the United States, Canada, Brazil and other nations, the long-term prospects depend on firms like the Korean garment company that's sinking serious money into a Haiti-based manufacturing operation.

Two years is hardly enough time to erase a century of ruinous policies, violent politics and graft, but there is something happening that resembles progress. For example, more people in Port-au-Prince can now get clean water than before the quake.

A new hospital here, a new factory there — these are small miracles but must be multiplied for Haiti to lift itself from the rubble of 2010. It won't happen without the likes of Farmer, Clinton and others who are keeping this important story alive.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Silent support

Your New Year's Eve *Citrus County Chronicle* listed as the No. 3 issue of the year the proposed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rules for King's Bay. Unfortunately, the story by A.B. Sidibe was one-sided and an inaccurate description of the situation. The author failed to make any mention of the many local citizens who support the proposed rule. I believe they are the silent majority in this issue. Supporters turned out in great numbers at the hearing in Lecanto last summer and have provided the majority of the comments to the FWS website.

The issue is really quite simple. Almost everyone claims they love the manatees, but a small number don't and believe they are overprotected. Obviously, these people oppose the proposed rules. Of those who claim to love the manatees, some are unwilling to make the sacrifice to slow down where manatees congregate. To them it is more important to speed around the bay, so they also oppose the rules.

All the other arguments against the rules are spurious. The FWS is not trying to take over the bay. The FWS will not take control of your property if you live on a canal or on the bay. The FWS rules will not put crabbers and fishermen out of business. The

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rules will not drive tourists away. In fact, most guides in the "swim with the manatees" industry support the rules. All these arguments of the opposition are just plain fear mongering.

The opposition includes some moneyed interests who can afford full-page ads in the *Chroni-*

cle. They're trying to make it look like they want to save Crystal River, as if the rules would destroy our town. Don't believe it.

They just want to speed around the bay in their big motorboats. Our politicians have joined the opposition because either they, too, want to speed around the bay or they want to make themselves look good for these moneyed interests so they can get re-elected.

Ralph Shafer
 Crystal River

Foe of fireworks

After hearing of the deaths of thousands of birds in Arkansas for the second continuous year following fireworks, I hope fireworks can be banned here. The reasons include that gunpowder pollution from fireworks is a problem for people with asthma, COPD, etc., the noise terrifies pets and wild animals, deafness can be brought on by continuous loud noises, people who handle fireworks can be burned, blinded or injured, fires can be started by them, and finally, I just can't understand why a person would want to watch their hard-earned money go up in smoke in seconds!

Mary Abraham
 Citrus Springs

Celebrated centenarian



CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

Sarah Myrtle Bogar, 100, right, hugs Christina Moynihan, a personal service assistant at Highland Terrace assisted living facility, Wednesday during Bogar's 100th birthday party at the facility in Inverness. Bogar retired from Southern Bell in Atlanta, Ga., after working 33 years as a telephone operator. She has lived in Inverness for the past 14 years. "I don't know why I have lived this long," Bogar said. "I just happened to be lucky enough. The Lord has left me here until I get good enough to go see him."

War's lessons being applied to ease combat stress

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — When the Marine unit that suffered the greatest casualties in the 10-year Afghan war returned home last spring, they didn't rush back to their everyday lives.

Instead, the Marine Corps put them into a kind of decompression chamber, keeping them at Camp Pendleton for 90 days with the hope that a slow re-entry into mundane daily life would ease their trauma.

The program was just one of many that the military created as it tries to address the emotional toll of war, a focus that is getting renewed attention as veterans struggling to adjust back home are accused of violent crimes, including murder.

While veterans are no more likely to commit such crimes than the general population, the latest cases have sparked a debate over whether they are isolated cases or a worrying reminder of what can happen when service members don't get the help they need.

"This is a big focus of all the services, that we take care of our warriors who are returning because they have taken such good care of us," Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said, pointing out that tens of thousands of veterans return home to lead productive lives.

Some, however, fall on hard times, getting into trouble with the law. Others quietly suffer, with their families and friends trying to pull them out of depression.

In the latest high-profile criminal case involving an Iraq war veteran, a former Camp Pendleton Marine is accused of killing four homeless men in California. His family said he was never the same after his 2008 deployment. In Washington state, an Iraq War veteran described as struggling emotionally killed a Mount Rainier National Park ranger and later died trying to escape.

Suffering from combat stress is an age-old problem. What's new is the kind of

wars that troops fight now. They produce their own unique pressures, said psychologist Eric Zillmer, a Drexel University professor and co-editor of the book "Military Psychology: Clinical and Operational Applications."

The war on terror "is very ambiguous, with no front lines, where you can't tell who the enemy is. During the day, he may be a community leader and, at night, a guerrilla fighter. You never know when an assault takes place. It's very complicated, and people feel always on edge," he said.

Add to that, multiple deployments that tax the central nervous system, said Zillmer: "The human brain can only stay in danger mode for so long before it feels like it's lost it. It gets exhausted." He compared going into combat like "diving to the depths of the ocean, and when you have to go back to the surface you have to decompress."

"It's the same process," he said. "It's almost a biological process."

A 2009 Army report concluded that the psychological trauma of fierce combat in Iraq might have helped drive soldiers from one brigade to kill as many as 11 people in Colorado and other states. The study found the soldiers also faced "significant disruptions in family-social support."

The military's stubbornly high suicide rate has proven more help is needed, and that is why it has been investing in helping troops transition back from war zones.

Few units know war's pain more than the 3rd

Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. The Camp Pendleton battalion nicknamed "The Dark Horse" lost 25 members in some of the heaviest fighting ever seen in Afghanistan. More than 150 Marines were wounded. More than a dozen lost limbs.

The Marine Corps brass, concerned about the traumatic deployment's fallout, ordered the entire 950-member unit to remain on the Southern California base after it returned home. The 90 days was the same amount of time crews aboard war ships usually spend upon returning home.

During that time, the Marines participated in a memorial service for their fallen comrades. They held barbecues and banquets, where they talked about their time at war. Before the program, troops would go their separate ways, with many finding they had no one to talk to about what they had just seen.

Mental health professionals are monitoring the group, which has since scattered. They say it is too early to tell what kind of impact keeping them together made. Combat veterans believe it likely will help in the long run. The Marines have ordered combat units since then to stick together for 90 days after leaving the battlefield.

"They share a commonality because they've gone through the same thing, so it helps them to come down," said Maj. Gen. Ronald Bailey, the commanding general of one of Camp Pendleton's most storied units, the 1st Marine Division.

Shuttle near end of final journey

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA's retired space shuttle Atlantis is a step closer to completing its final journey.

The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex broke ground Wednesday for Atlantis' permanent home, a \$100 million exhibit due to open in summer 2013. Schoolchildren waved red, white and blue Atlantis flags — 33 flags representing each of Atlantis' space missions — as state and local dignitaries joined former shuttle staff at the con-

struction site.

The astronaut who commanded Atlantis' final spaceflight, Christopher Ferguson, told the more than 100 guests that Atlantis will serve as "a reminder of the limitless potential" of Americans and also inspire children, some of whom will become future space travelers.

Ferguson, who now works for Boeing on new space vehicles, made note of the effort to preserve the past while working toward the future: "I'd like you all to stay tuned as we turn to

the next chapter of the journey that will never end."

Shuttle Discovery will actually be the first to ship out to museums. In April, it will head to the National Air and Space Museum's display hangar outside Washington. Shuttle Endeavour will travel to the California Science Center in Los Angeles in the second half of the year.

NASA's 30-year shuttle program ended last July with the voyage of Atlantis. Since then, workers have been getting them ready for display.



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Nation BRIEFS

White out



Associated Press
A white peacock fans its feathers Wednesday at the Spring River Zoo in Roswell, N.M.

Calif. Gov.: Dream big, approve taxes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Jerry Brown outlined his plan Wednesday to raise taxes to pull the state out of its financial malaise, casting his proposals as an investment in the future of California like those of the visionaries and achievers whose big dreams made the state the envy of the nation during economic boom times. The State of the State speech served as a launching pad for his campaign for the November ballot initiative to raise taxes. He has said that if voters don't support his plan, there would be drastic cuts to public education. Brown's proposal aims to raise income taxes on individuals who make \$250,000 a year or more and boost the state sales tax by half a cent. The governor also said the state needs massive investments in mega-projects such as renewable energy, education, high-speed rail and water — all of which are exceedingly expensive.

World BRIEFS

Protest



Associated Press
Two Israeli Ethiopian youths have their faces painted Wednesday as they take part in a demonstration against racism and discrimination in Jerusalem. Thousands of young Ethiopian immigrants and other supporters gathered outside the Israeli parliament to protest racism.

NATO: Taliban chief has lost control

KABUL, Afghanistan — Dozens of civilians, NATO coalition troops and Afghan security forces were killed and wounded Wednesday when a suicide attacker blew himself up in a bazaar, according to the top commander of international troops in Afghanistan, who alleged that the Taliban's leader had "lost all control" of his footsoldiers. U.S. Gen. John Allen condemned the attack in the Kajaki district of Helmand province and said it was evidence that the insurgents had "declared outright war" on the Afghan people. While the Taliban work to intimidate civilians and kill anyone aligned with the Afghan government, the U.S.-led coalition emphasizes that civilians deaths should weaken the Taliban's appeal. Daud Ahmadi, a provincial spokesman, said a suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed 12 Afghans, including two policemen, and wounded at least 23 other people. A statement released late Wednesday by NATO headquarters in Kabul said the explosion killed and injured dozens of Afghan civilians, Afghan national security forces and coalition troops.

Obama rejects pipeline

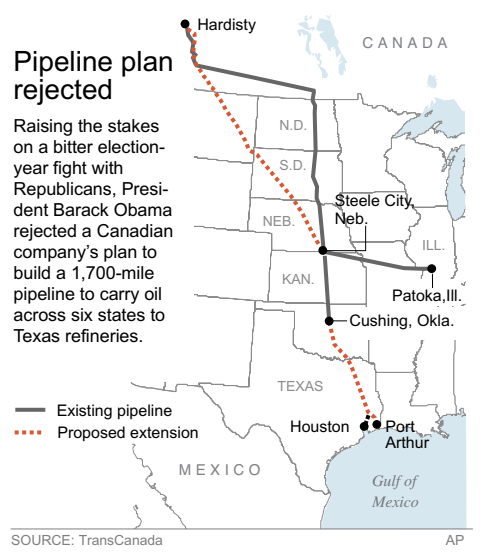
Project was controversial

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Raising the stakes on a bitter election-year fight with Republicans, President Barack Obama on Wednesday rejected a Canadian company's plan to build a U.S.-spanning, 1,700-mile pipeline to carry oil across six U.S. states to Texas refineries.

Though the project promises thousands of temporary jobs for the recovering U.S. economy, Obama said a February deadline set by Congress would not allow for a proper review of potential harm from the \$7 billion Keystone XL project. Republicans assailed Obama's decision as a job-killer and said the fight wasn't over. The pipeline proposal has forced the White House to make a politically risky choice between two important Democratic con-

stituencies. Many unions back the project because of the prospects of new jobs. Environmental groups fear the pipeline could lead to an oil spill disaster. Some liberal donors threatened to cut off funds to Obama's re-election campaign to protest the project, which opponents say would transport "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he was profoundly disappointed that Obama turned down the pipeline.



Old vs. new media



Associated Press
A blackout landing page is displayed on a laptop computer screen Wednesday at the offices of the Wikipedia Foundation in San Francisco. Wikipedia started a 24-hour blackout of its English-language articles, joining other sites in a protest of pending U.S. legislation aimed at shutting down sites that share pirated movies and other content. The Internet companies are concerned that the Stop Online Piracy Act in the House and the Protect Intellectual Property Act under consideration in the Senate, if passed, could be used to target legitimate sites where users share content.

Protest shows rifts between high-tech, entertainment worlds

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a move that heightens the growing tension between Silicon Valley and Hollywood, Wikipedia and other websites went dark Wednesday in protest of two congressional proposals intended to thwart the online piracy of copyrighted movies and TV programs. The web-based encyclopedia is part of a loose coalition of dot-coms and large technology companies that fear Congress is prepared to side with Hollywood and enact extreme measures — possibly including the blocking of entire websites — to stop the online sharing and unauthorized use of Hollywood productions. The fight will test which California-based industry has the most sway in Washington. For now, Silicon Valley appears to have the upper hand. Supporters of the legislation — called the Stop Online Piracy Act in the House and the Protect Intellectual Property Act in the Senate — say the bills are aimed at protecting jobs in the movie and music industries. But a campaign including tech heavyweights such as Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc. has successfully portrayed the bills as an attack on a free and open Internet. "It has nothing to do with stolen songs or movies," said Justin Ruben, executive director of MoveOn.org, which is participating

in the blackout. Ruben says tougher legislation — even directed overseas — could make domestic cultural commentators more prone to legal attack. Rather than showing encyclopedia articles, Wikipedia displayed a blacked-out page describing the protest and offering more information on the bills. Many articles were still viewable on cached pages. Reddit.com shut down its social news service for 12 hours. Other sites made their views clear without cutting off services. Google blacked out the logo on its home page, directing people to a page where they could add their names to a petition. The White House raised concerns that the bills could stifle innovation. Over the weekend, the Obama administration reacted to two online petitions, saying it "will not support legislation that reduces freedom of expression, increases cybersecurity risk or undermines the dynamic, innovative global Internet." At the same time, the administration called on all sides to "pass sound legislation this year that provides prosecutors and rights holders new legal tools to combat online piracy originating beyond U.S. borders." That nuanced stance is President Barack Obama's attempt at "threading the needle" between two important constituencies as he seeks re-election in November, said Jeffrey Silva, a technology policy

analyst at Medley Global Advisors in Washington. On the one hand, his administration has defended a free, open Internet as it watched repressive regimes fall in the Middle East with help from social media such as Twitter. It has also been a proponent of the concept of "net neutrality," which prevents Internet service providers from slowing online traffic that comes from file-sharing sites known to trade in pirated content. On the other hand, Obama and other Democrats have gone to Hollywood dozens of times to raise campaign funds over the years. "The administration is trying to fight to protect the Internet space," Silva said. "But at the same time, it doesn't want to disenfranchise Hollywood and the business community." Indeed, behind the protests and public posturing, both Hollywood and Silicon Valley spend generously to lobby causes in Washington. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the movie, television and music industries spent a combined \$91.7 million on lobbying efforts in 2011, compared with the computer and Internet industry's \$93 million. In the 2012 election cycle, the movie, television and music industry offered up \$7.7 million in direct campaign contributions to congressional candidates. The computer and Internet industry contributed \$6.6 million.

Economy central in Fla. GOP race

Associated Press

MIAMI — Property manager Nancy Leon knows all too well the effects of Florida's dismal economy. People can't pay their condominium association fees, and they fall behind on mortgages or mortgages. The condo property suffers. Then it has to cut costs, which makes the place less attractive for new residents. A vicious cycle. "People are really struggling. We see it every day," said Leon, a 42-year-old Re-

publican who voted for President Barack Obama in 2008 as a symbol of hope and change but now isn't sure the Democrat should get another term. Yet she's not sold on Republican front-runner Mitt Romney or his rivals. Like many other Florida residents, she can't help but fret: "We are so knee-deep in the economic problems, so far down in the hole, who is going to get us out?" With the Florida Republican presidential primary looming on Jan. 31, and

Obama coming to the state Thursday to announce a new economic initiative, this is the grim situation in a key campaign battleground: Ten percent unemployment. Rampant home foreclosures. Nearly half the state's homeowners owing more on their mortgages than their properties are worth. Ten months before the election, Florida's environment presents a stark challenge for Obama and an opportunity for the eventual Republican nominee

in the nation's largest state with a history of vacillating between choosing Republicans and Democrats in presidential contests. Obama carried Florida in 2008 against Republican John McCain, 51 percent to 48 percent. And, for now at least, Florida voters don't seem to be abandoning Obama in droves. A recent Quinnipiac University poll showed the president and Romney, the GOP front-runner, in a near-statistical tie in the state in a hypothetical head-to-head matchup.

Cruise ship victims revealed
21 still missing

Associated Press

ROME — The first victim from the Costa Concordia disaster was identified Wednesday — a 38-year-old violinist from Hungary who had been working as an entertainer on the stricken cruise ship. Sandor Feher's body was found inside the wreck and identified by his mother, who had traveled to the Italian city of Grosseto, according to Hungary's foreign ministry. The \$450 million Costa Concordia cruise ship was carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew when it slammed into a reef and flopped on its side Friday off the tiny Italian island of Giglio after the captain made an unauthorized detour on his route. Eleven people have been confirmed dead so far, but the number of missing dropped to 21 Wednesday after a German passenger who was listed as missing was found alive back in Germany, the Grosseto prefect's office reported. Italian officials have only released 27 names so far, including 12 Germans, six Italians, four French, two Americans and one person each from Hungary, India and Peru. Jozsef Balog, a pianist who worked with Feher on the ship, told the *Blikk* newspaper that Feher was wearing a lifejacket when he decided to return to his cabin to pack his violin. Feher was last seen on deck en route to the area where he was supposed to board a lifeboat. According to Balog, Feher helped put lifejackets on several crying children before returning to his cabin. Others among the missing included a 5-year-old Italian girl and her father; an American couple from Minnesota, several German retirees and crew members from Peru and India. Jerry and Barbara Heil of White Bear Lake, Minn., were described by colleagues as devout Catholics. Sarah Heil, their daughter, told WBBM radio in Chicago that her parents had been looking forward to their 16-day vacation after raising four kids and sending them all off to college. "They never had any money," Sarah Heil said. "So when they retired, they went traveling. And this was to be a big deal — a 16-day trip. They were really excited about it." Italian rescue workers, meanwhile, suspended operations early Wednesday after the cruise ship shifted slightly on the rocks near the Tuscan coast, creating deep crevasses about the safety of divers and firefighters searching for the missing. Instruments attached to the ship detected the movements even though firefighters who spent the night searching the area for the missing could not.

■ The Associated Press pro football writer thinks the Patriots and Giants will meet for the 2012 Super Bowl in Indianapolis./B5



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Sharapova coasts into third round of Aussie

Serena Williams grabs 500th career victory during win

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — The delayed preparation is working well for Maria Sharapova so far at the Australian Open, where she has reached the third round after just two hours on court.

The 2008 Australian Open winner had a 6-0, 6-1 second-round win over U.S. qualifier Jamie Hampton in 64 minutes on Thursday, two days after beating Argentina's Gisela Dulko by the

same margin.

Sharapova did not play in any warmup events and spent nearly two weeks in Melbourne ahead of the season's first major while she rested an injured left ankle.

There was no indication of any problems with the ankle on Thursday, but the 24-year-old Russian wasn't really tested by No. 144-ranked Hampton, who has only ever won one match at a Grand Slam.

"It was more about getting my feet going ... worrying about myself," Sharapova said. "Yeah, started my preparations in the offseason a little late, took a bit of extra time in practice instead of rushing into a tournament."

After taking a tumble on the next-to-last point of the match,

Serena Williams got up and whipped a backhand winner down the line to finish off her second-round match at the Australian Open and her 500th career win.

With the 6-0, 6-4 victory over Barbora Zahlavova Strycova on Thursday, Williams extended her winning streak to 16 matches at Melbourne Park, where she won back-to-back titles in 2009 and '10 but couldn't play last year due to

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Maria Sharapova returns a ball to Jamie Hampton during their second round match Thursday morning at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.

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Winners and losers

Citrus falls short of district title match

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE
 Correspondent

INVERNESS — The Citrus girls soccer team suffered a heartbreaking loss and an end to its season, Wednesday night from the Citrus bowl in Inverness to Nature Coast, 2-1 in the District 3A-6 tournament semifinal.

The winning goal for the No. 3 seeded Sharks (15-1-1

Pirates also eliminated

■ The CR girls soccer team lost 4-2 to Mount Dora on Wednesday night. For more, please see Page B4.

over all) came with less than six minutes remaining, as Silvana Pao-nesa beat Citrus defenders to a loose ball in the Hurricanes' end, then turned and dribbled from out front to the right side of the box before firing a strike into the far corner for the lead.

Citrus goalkeeper Victoria Ekeli valiantly slide-tackled and shrugged off potential insurance goals the rest of the way, but the Nature Coast defense desperately fought off every last-ditch chance at an equalizer by the No. 2 seeded Lady Canes (14-4). Citrus' best opportunity down the stretch was a shot by standout forward Dey-casha Miller, firing just wide of the net with less than three minutes left.

Citrus got off 13 shots, while Nature Coast had 17. But Hurricanes coach Steve Ekeli lamented numerous squandered opportunities after the game — and season — ended.

"I didn't really think it was evenly fought — we had many more scoring chances than they did," Steve Ekeli said. "We possessed the ball the first 20 to 25 minutes of

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Citrus High School's Kylie Fagan fights for the ball with Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks' Ashley Chevalier in a District 3A-6 girls soccer semifinal game Wednesday evening on the Hurricanes' home turf in Inverness. No. 2 seed Citrus fell a game short of the district championship game and a berth in the regional playoffs following a 2-1 loss to No. 3 seeded Nature Coast.

Lecanto girls move on to district champ.

JAMES BLEVINS
 Correspondent

OCALA — The rain would come early in Wednesday night's District 4A-4 girls soccer semifinal up between the No. 1 seeded Lecanto Lady Panthers (14-4-2) and the No. 4 Springstead Eagles.

It would impair vision, drench uniforms, make the ball slick and cleats slippery, but Lecanto would overcome all of these obstacles to streak past Springstead 4-1 and advance to the final Friday night at Booster Stadium.

The Lady Panthers will play No. 3 seeded Forest, who defeated second-seeded Vanguard 2-0, for the district championship. Lecanto has already earned a spot in the Class 4A regional playoffs but the Panthers can earn a home game with a victory over Forest.

"We did what we had to do to get to Friday," Lecanto head coach Roselle Lattin said. "And that's the important thing."

Midfielder Brittany Putney (three shots) would establish an early tempo with Lecanto's first goal on the very first shot of the game (assisted by Breanna Martin), two minutes in to take a 1-0 lead.

For the next thirty minutes, the dark clouds would open up and the rain would pour, but Lecanto would dominate defensively and at midfield.

The Panthers held the Eagles to four shots in the first half (four in the second as well). Lecanto led the game in total shots on goal with 20.

The Panthers' offensive threat would be potent enough to force the Springstead goalkeeper to save or field 27 balls — 19 of those came in the first half alone.

Panther goalkeeper Darah Nason (five saves) wouldn't see too many

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Pirates outmanuever Panthers on the mat

Crystal River scores 10 pins in 57-24 win

SEAN ARNOLD
 Correspondent

LECANTO — Crystal River wrestlers scored eight pins and won 10 of its 14 matches to cruise to a 57-24 dual meet victory over Lecanto on Wednesday in the Panthers gym.

The meet was a significant contrast from the schools'

earlier contest last month, which was won by the Pirates in a tiebreaker.

"Last time we caught lightning in a bottle," Panthers coach Scot Roberts said. "This time, we won different matches, but we didn't do too well, overall."

Sophomore Justin Porter (113 pound weight class), senior Jonathan Vargulish (120 pounds), sophomore Nicolas Hooper (132 pounds), sophomore Dylan Ayala (145 pounds), junior Dakota

Thompson (152 pounds), sophomore Andrew Bilby (182 pounds), junior Tyler Graber (195 pounds), and sophomore Brandon Martin (285 pounds) each collected six-point pins for the Pirates.

Crystal River junior Robert Brooker won by a narrow decision (20-18) over Lecanto sophomore Christopher Ewing in the 160 pound class.

With Lecanto down a few wrestlers, Crystal River coach Craig Frederick said

his team's upcoming district play will be a better gauge of his squad's standing.

"Roberts was missing some kids, which didn't help his side," Frederick said. "We traded off some wins in different weight classes from last time, and we won a few more."

"We probably wrestled a little better than we did last time," Frederick added. "We'll find out more at this weekend's tournament." Junior Ruben Gonzalez (106 pounds) and senior

Nick Nightengale (170 pounds) each won early pins for Lecanto, while Panthers junior Kristion Caraballo scored a third-period pin over Pirates sophomore Drew Vargulish to capture a victory in the 126 pound class.

Roberts was proud of the performance of Nightengale, who is in his fourth year on the team. "It was a mighty farewell for Nightengale," Roberts said. Nightengale is hoping to

secure a few more accomplishments before he leaves.

"It's going good for me this season," Nightengale said. "I've gained weight to go up a weight class, which is where my natural weight is."

"Today was pretty easy. I feel comfortable and ready for districts."

Panthers junior David McNall (220 pounds) and Pirates senior Corey Cornielie (138 pounds) won by forfeits.

Lecanto and Crystal River's next event is the Ed Kilpatrick IBT at Citrus High on Saturday.





YOUTH SPORTS



ADULT LEAGUE SPORTS



HITTING THE LINKS



GET IN THE GAME

Balmy for bass

January may not seem like spring to most Americans but those of us ahead of the weather curve living in Florida know differently.

So do the bass.

Generally speaking, the bass' reproduction cycle kicks in along our region during the month of January and continues for about three months. However, straggling spawners can be found all the way into May.

Area tidal rivers like the Halls, Chassahowitzka and Crystal Rivers (Kings Bay) as well as the spring-fed Rainbow River in Dunnellon offer anglers a jump start on spawning bass due to the warm, spring-fed headwaters.

Recently, some spawning bass have been caught off beds on the lakes. The cold snaps that pass through every few days this time of the year have a more adverse effect on the bass than the warm-water rivers mentioned above. Lake Rousseau and the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes' bass will soon follow on their spawn.

Catching spawning bass is a controversial topic, one that many bass anglers have internal conflict over. We want a healthy fishery and removing spawning bass from their nest can do harm.

Protective bass on the spawning beds can be easy to catch this time of the year, making catch-and-release an absolute must.

Large, egg-laden females caught from the bed must be returned to the water quickly. Bass are tough

critters, but the stress of reproduction makes times tough in a bass' world. The less time they are out of the water, the better.

If you have to take a picture do it quickly and return the fish back alive. Large bass, say over 5 or 6 pounds, have superior genetics. Those are the fish we want reproducing, passing along those genes.

If you have to take something home to eat, keep a couple 14-inch fish for the frying pan. Better yet, practice catch-and-release all together. There are plenty of other fish that are better table fare than bass.

Anglers from across central and south Florida descended upon Lake Okeechobee this past weekend for the first Gator Division tournament of the 2012 Walmart Bass Fishing League (BFL) season.

Three Inverness-based anglers made top 10 finishes in the tournament. The full 200 boat field launched from the south end of the "Big O."

The BFL hosts a tournament for anglers fishing from the front of the boat (boaters) and a separate tournament for co-anglers fishing from the back deck.

George Kapiton got his Gator Division season off to a strong start in the boater division and pocketed \$3,000 for his second-place finish. His impressive total of five bass weighed 28 pounds, about two and a half pounds shy of



George Kapiton holds two of the five bass caught Saturday from Lake Okeechobee during the first BFL event of the 2012 season. The Inverness angler finished second with a five-bass limit weighing 28 pounds. He also caught the single-largest bass of the event, weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

the winning weight. Kapiton also landed the largest bass of the event on the boater division with an 8 pound, 12 ounce fish.

Robbie Crosnoe secured a solid finish, placing seventh with a five-bass limit weighing 21 pounds, 14 ounces. Crosnoe pocketed \$1,000 for his work.

On the co-angler side of the event, James Brooks weighted 17 pounds, 8 ounces, good for third and \$1,000.

Kapiton stayed in south Florida

for the week preparing for this week's EverStart Series event, Jan 19-21, where he will compete in the first of four stops on the Southeast Division of the EverStart Series.

This week's tournament will see 150 pros and 150 co-anglers vie for the prestige of earning their respective titles. The champion on the pro side of the event will pocket \$35,000. The co-angler champion will receive a Ranger 177TR powered by a 90-horse-

power outboard.

Kapiton paused on the front deck of his Ranger boat Wednesday morning to talk fishing and said he expects a fantastic three-day tournament for the field of anglers. Competitors will catch and weigh their five largest bass each day. The final day the field will be limited to the top

"It's going to be a shootout," he said.

Last year the three-day event was won with a tick less than 65 pounds. Kapiton said this year will far exceed last year.

"My guess is that it will take 75 to 80 pounds to win this tournament," he said.

He is expecting a stable forecast and says that is something he expects will draw more fish into his primary area. The veteran tournament angler said he will be power fishing, flipping mats for much of the tournament.

"This front is just going to nick us, but I think that this tournament will get better each day," Kapiton said. "We're going to have sunny conditions, warm weather with temperatures in the 80s with a little wind."

That combination on Okeechobee during January can produce the perfect storm for bass fishing.

Fellow Inverness angler Brooks will compete on the co-angler side of the event.

Results from the local competitors in the event will be published next week.

Chronicle reporter Matt Beck can be reached at 352-563-5660 or mbeck@chronicleonline.com.

Local captain's quick action a true lifesaver amid recent boating tragedy

Following up on last week's report on my suggestion to add the glop left over after removing the adductor muscle from scallops to home-made chum blocks, I have another from reader Mike Hrabina.

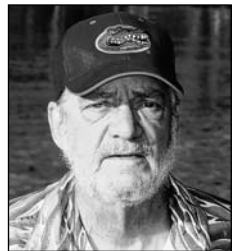
Hrabina said it didn't help bring fish around the boat, but it worked very well for him.

Not being the sharpest hook in the eight-pack, I was glad he elaborated. Hrabina said he, too, thought the waste could be put to good use as chum, so he followed my suggestion and collected gallons of the stuff, which he put in the freezer.

"I had so much," he explained, "my wife forced me to head out fishing or face having her toss it out. Using it as chum did not produce the results I had expected, but I found that if I collect enough of it, my wife will let me go fishing. So, perhaps there's a good use for the stuff, after all."

I thought Hrabina's strategy sounded pretty good, and figured maybe I'd try it with Theresa, but, fortunately, my brain was in working condition at the time, and I realized it wouldn't work.

So I abandoned the idea, but I hope it keeps getting Mike out on the water. Try it at your own risk.



R.G. Schmidt
TIGHT LINES

and possibly lead to similar problems in inshore tidal waters.

The bills, SB 1362, introduced by Senator Alan Hays, and HB 1103 from Representative Tom Goodson, would change the manner of determining the "High Water Mark," pushing that mark farther out in the water.

Florida Audubon is asking its members to contact their state representatives and ask them to oppose the bills, saying, "If you are a kayaker, airboater, fisherman, duck hunter, or bird watcher who maneuvers your means of conveyance around in shallow marshy water this means that someday, headed into your favorite place, you are going to encounter a fence, barbed wire, and 'no trespassing' signs blocking your way. And, one day a little later in the future, you will see rooftops and strip malls where the ducks, deer, and wading birds used to be."

For details, go to <http://fl.audubon.org>, and wait as the "slide show" rolls around to a piece titled "Protect Florida's Waterways." Select "Read

Two bills in the Florida legislature may well threaten access to shallow water areas in Florida's nontidal waterways, and I personally feel they would, if passed, be a foot in the door

More" at the bottom of the summary, then contact your representatives in Tallahassee.

Three of this year's five recipients of the Woody Pollack Lifesaving Award from BoatUS Towing Services are based in Florida. Captain Lee Eckler, of Tarpon Springs, received the award for rescuing three girls whose kayak overturned, and Big Pine Key's Captain Kevin Freestone responded to a mayday call and took six people from a capsized boat.

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Chronicle outdoors columnist R.G. Schmidt can be reached at rgschmidt@embarqmail.com.

Outdoors BRIEFS

Fly-fishing seminar

Learn the basics of casting a line in a seminar Saturday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Homosassa Lions Club, 8396 W. Homosassa Trail. Cost is \$25 per person.

Participants should bring: pen, paper and cash or check with driver's license number on it.

The fly-fishing seminar will include topics such as:

- Proper techniques for fly fishing.

- Outdoors fly casting demos.

- Proper fly rod and reel sizes to use for specific fish.

From 3 wt. to 12 wt. will be covered, as well as proper fly lines, backing, leaders, and flies to use, along with where to fly fish and when and the "ins and outs" of fly fishing and casting.

Free door prizes, refreshments, and tackle packs will be available.

Visit the website at www.citruscountyparks.com for on-line registration

Call 352-465-7007 or 352-527-7540 for more information.

GPS course for mariners slated

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Crystal River Flotilla 15-01 will offer a two-day, hands-on GPS for Mariners course on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4.

Learn how to program your GPS by putting in waypoints, setting routes, how to use tide charts on the GPS, and much more. This is a very comprehensive class. Class size is limited to 10 people.

Registration will be on a first-

come, first-served basis. Cost is \$65.

For more information, email LJones1501@gmail.com or call 352-503-6199 to reserve your space in class.

Wildlife park to host bird walk

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, in cooperation with Citrus County Audubon Society, will host the first of the season's monthly bird walks on Pepper Creek Trail on Saturday, Jan. 21.

There will be seven bird walks offered at the wildlife park this season, running through April. Experienced birders will lead the walks.

For more information, call 352-628-5343, ext. 1002.

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Tide charts

	Chassahowitzka*		Crystal River**		Homosassa***		Withlacoochee*	
	High/Low		High/Low		High/Low		High/Low	
THURS 1/19	1:01 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	2:12 p.m.	8:02 a.m.	12:11 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	11:59 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
	3:51 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	-----	7:32 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	10:19 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
FRI 1/20	2:11 a.m.	11:41 a.m.	12:32 a.m.	9:03 a.m.	1:21 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	12:53 p.m.	6:51 a.m.
	4:45 p.m.	11:19 p.m.	3:06 p.m.	8:41 p.m.	3:55 p.m.	10:18 p.m.	11:21 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
SAT 1/21	3:13 a.m.	12:31 p.m.	1:34 a.m.	9:53 a.m.	2:23 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	7:41 a.m.
	5:27 p.m.	-----	3:48 p.m.	9:36 p.m.	4:37 p.m.	11:13 p.m.	-----	7:24 p.m.
SUN 1/22	4:09 a.m.	12:14 a.m.	2:30 a.m.	10:37 a.m.	3:19 a.m.	12:14 p.m.	12:17 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
	6:02 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	4:23 p.m.	10:25 p.m.	5:12 p.m.	-----	2:10 p.m.	8:13 p.m.
MON 1/23	4:58 a.m.	1:03 a.m.	3:19 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	4:08 a.m.	12:02 a.m.	1:06 a.m.	9:03 a.m.
	6:32 p.m.	1:53 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	5:42 p.m.	12:52 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	8:57 p.m.
TUES 1/24	5:43 a.m.	1:47 a.m.	4:04 a.m.	11:49 a.m.	4:53 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	1:51 a.m.	9:37 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.	2:27 p.m.	5:21 p.m.	11:49 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	1:26 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	9:37 p.m.
WED 1/25	6:25 a.m.	2:27 a.m.	4:46 a.m.	12:19 p.m.	5:35 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	2:33 a.m.	10:07 a.m.
	7:26 p.m.	2:57 p.m.	5:47 p.m.	-----	6:36 p.m.	1:56 p.m.	3:34 p.m.	10:16 p.m.

*From mouths of rivers. **At Kings Bay. ***At Mason's Creek.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	10	4	.714	—
New York	6	8	.429	4
Boston	5	8	.385	4½
New Jersey	4	11	.267	6½
Toronto	4	11	.267	6½

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	11	4	.733	—
Orlando	10	4	.714	½
Miami	9	4	.692	1
Charlotte	3	12	.200	8
Washington	2	12	.143	8½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	3	.813	—
Indiana	9	3	.750	2
Cleveland	6	7	.462	5½
Milwaukee	4	9	.308	7½
Detroit	3	12	.200	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	5	.667	—
Dallas	8	6	.571	1½
Memphis	7	6	.538	2
Houston	7	7	.500	2½
New Orleans	3	11	.214	6½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	12	3	.800	—
Utah	9	4	.692	2
Denver	10	5	.667	2
Portland	8	6	.571	3½
Minnesota	6	8	.429	5½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	10	5	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	7	4	.636	1
Phoenix	5	9	.357	4½
Golden State	5	9	.357	4½
Sacramento	4	10	.286	5½

Tuesday's Games	
Golden State 105, Cleveland 95	
Orlando 96, Charlotte 89	
Miami 120, San Antonio 98	
Chicago 118, Phoenix 97	
Houston 97, Detroit 80	
Denver 105, Milwaukee 95	
Utah 108, L.A. Clippers 79	

Wednesday's Games	
San Antonio 85, Orlando 83, OT	
Washington 105, Oklahoma City 102	
Denver 108, Philadelphia 104, OT	
Boston 96, Toronto 73	
New Jersey 107, Golden State 100	
Phoenix 91, New York 88	
Memphis 93, New Orleans 87	
Minnesota 93, Detroit 85	
Atlanta 92, Portland 89	
Indiana at Sacramento, late	
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, late	

Thursday's Games	
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 8 p.m.	
Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.	

Friday's Games	
Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.	
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.	
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 8 p.m.	
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.	
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.	

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	44	29	11	4	62	125	90	
Philadelphia	44	27	13	4	58	149	129	
New Jersey	45	26	17	2	54	126	117	
Pittsburgh	45	24	17	4	52	136	126	
N.Y. Islanders	44	17	21	6	40	106	134	

Northeast Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	43	29	13	1	59	156	88	
Ottawa	48	26	16	6	58	149	150	
Toronto	45	22	18	5	49	139	140	
Buffalo	46	19	22	5	43	114	140	
Montreal	46	17	21	8	42	116	126	

Southeast Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	45	25	18	2	52	128	127	
Florida	44	21	14	9	51	112	123	
Winnipeg	46	21	20	5	47	116	133	
Tampa Bay	45	18	23	4	40	126	159	
Carolina	48	16	24	8	40	124	156	

WESTERN CONFERENCE								
Central Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	47	28	13	6	62	156	135	
Detroit	46	30	15	1	61	149	105	
St. Louis	45	27	12	6	60	116	94	
Nashville	46	26	16	4	56	125	123	
Columbus	45	13	27	5	31	110	149	

Northwest Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	47	28	15	4	60	151	117	
Minnesota	46	22	17	7	51	106	118	
Colorado	47	24	21	2	50	120	134	
Calgary	47	21	20	6	48	112	133	
Edmonton	45	17	24	4	38	116	131	

Pacific Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	43	26	12	5	57	125	100	
Los Angeles	47	23	15	9	55	105	105	
Dallas	45	24	19	2	50	122	129	
Phoenix	46	21	18	7	49	120	119	
Anaheim	44	15	22	7	37	113	138	

Tuesday's Games	
Pittsburgh 2, Carolina 1, SO	
Detroit 3, Dallas 2, SO	
Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 2, SO	
San Jose 2, Calgary 1, SO	
Ottawa 3, Toronto 2	
New Jersey 5, Winnipeg 1	
Philadelphia 5, Minnesota 1	
N.Y. Islanders 3, Washington 0	
Columbus 4, Edmonton 2	
N.Y. Rangers 3, Nashville 0	
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 3	

Wednesday's Games	
Washington 3, Montreal 0	
Chicago 6, Buffalo 2	
Florida at Colorado, late	
Phoenix at Anaheim, late	

Thursday's Games	
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
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N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.	
Edmonton at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.	
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	
Ottawa at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.	

Friday's Games	
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.	
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.	
Florida at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	

Nebraska nips No. 7 IU

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Jorge Brian Diaz made two free throws with 11 seconds left to give Nebraska the lead, Indiana couldn't score on its last possession, and the struggling Cornhuskers upset No. 11 Indiana 70-69 on Wednesday night for the Hoosiers' third straight loss.

Indiana (15-3, 3-4) squandered a 13-point, second-half lead as Nebraska (10-8, 2-5) posted its biggest victory as a new member of the Big Ten.

Jordan Hulls missed on a driving layup, then recovered the loose ball and missed a desperation shot from in front of his bench as time ran out. The ball bounced back toward Hulls, and he kicked it in defeat as Nebraska's student section emptied and rushed the court.

Bo Spencer led the Huskers with 23 points, Toney McCray had 11 and Diaz and Dylan Talley 10 apiece. Cody Zeller led the Hoosiers with 18 points, and Hulls added 12.

No. 12 Murray State 66, Morehead State 60

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Isaiah Canaan scored 20 points and undefeated rallied to beat Morehead State in its toughest Ohio Valley Conference challenge so far.

Murray State (19-0, 7-0) trailed by nine with just under 13 minutes to play before rallying behind Canaan and Donte Poole, who added 15 points, to remain one of two unbeaten teams in men's Division I basketball along with No. 1 Syracuse.

Drew Kelly scored 20 points for Morehead State (9-11, 3-4).

Cincinnati 70, No. 13 UConn 67

STORRS, Conn. — Sean Kilpatrick hit a 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left and Cincinnati beat Connecticut 70-67 for its seventh straight road victory in the Big East.

Kilpatrick scored 16 points to lead five Bearcats in double figures as Cincinnati (15-4, 5-1 Big East) withstood two big UConn second-half runs and a half-court shot by Niels Giffey at the buzzer that rimmed out.

Cashmere Wright and Yancy Gates each had 13 points for Cincinnati.

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Spurs kick Magic

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ORLANDO — Tony Parker scored 25 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter and overtime, and San Antonio held on to beat Orlando, 85-83, on Wednesday night.

Tim Duncan added 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Spurs also snapped a streak of 10 consecutive road losses overall, dating to last season.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 25 rebounds, and Ryan Anderson scored 17, but it wasn't enough for Orlando to overcome a dismal shooting night.

Wizards 105, Thunder 102

WASHINGTON — John Wall scored 25 points, Nick Young had 24 and Jordan Crawford added 18 to lead Washington to a 105-102 victory over Oklahoma City, snapping the Thunder's seven-game winning streak and giving the Wizards just their second win of the season.

Russell Westbrook scored 36 points and Kevin Durant had 33 for Oklahoma City, which lost for only the third time in 15 games.

Durant missed a potential tying 3 with 1.9 seconds left.

Nuggets 108, 76ers 104, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Miller scored a season-high 28 points, Nene had 20 points and 14 rebounds and Denver outlasted Philadelphia.

Miller scored Denver's last 10 points in regulation and got another big basket in OT. His jumper put the Nuggets ahead 106-104 with 42.9 seconds left. Miller then made a steal on Jrue Holiday's errant pass to seal the Nuggets' fourth consecutive win.

Nets 107, Warriors 100

NEWARK, N.J. — Deron Williams scored 24 points, 11 coming in crucial stretch of the fourth quarter, and had 10 assists and eight rebounds, leading New Jersey to its first home win.

The Nets entered the fourth quarter trailing 83-80, then took control with a 12-5 run. Williams had five points in that stretch, including a 3-pointer that made it 105-96 with 3:26 remaining.



Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard (12) goes after a rebound in front of San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) during the second half Wednesday in Orlando. The Spurs won in overtime, 85-83.

Suns 91, Knicks 88

NEW YORK — Steve Nash had 26 points and 11 assists, Shannon Brown hit a crucial 3-pointer and Phoenix snapped a five-game losing streak.

Brown and Grant Hill each scored 14 points for the Suns, who bounced back from an embarrassing 118-97 loss to a Chicago team without Derrick Rose a night earlier.

Former Suns forward Amare Stoudemire scored 23 points for the Knicks, who have lost four straight.

Celtics 96, Raptors 73

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo scored 13 of his 21 points in the first quarter and left with a sore right wrist in the third, and Boston cruised past Toronto to end a five-game losing streak.

Rondo was knocked out of the game after being leveled

on a flagrant foul by Linus Kleiza late in the third quarter, but the Celtics were just fine without him.

Kevin Garnett added 15 points, Paul Pierce had seven assists and reserves Mickael Pietrus and Brandon Bass also made big contributions for the Celtics.

Grizzlies 93, Hornets 87

NEW ORLEANS — Marc Gasol had 22 points and 12 rebounds to help Memphis win its fourth straight.

Mike Conley hit four 3-pointers and finished with 18 points and 10 assists for the Grizzlies, who had five players score in double figures while sending the Hornets to their fifth straight loss and 11th defeat in 12 games.

Jarrett Jack scored a game-high 27 points and his pull-up jumper got New Orleans as close as 87-85 with 1:28 left.

Hawks 92, Trail Blazers 89

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 24 points and came up with a key defensive play down the stretch, leading the Atlanta Hawks to their fourth straight victory since losing All-Star center Al Horford, 92-89 over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

The Hawks closed the third period on a 14-0 run, but the Trail Blazers responded with a 13-0 spurt starting the fourth to tie it up. It was tight the rest of the way.

Timberwolves 93, Pistons 85

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love had 20 points and 17 rebounds and the Minnesota Timberwolves overcame a dreadful start to the game to slug out a 93-85 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Chicago turns away Buffalo

Capitals shut out Canadiens

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jonathan Toews had two goals, rookies Andrew Shaw and Jimmy Hayes also scored, and the Chicago Blackhawks handed the Buffalo Sabres their 10th straight road loss, 6-2 on Wednesday night.

Marian Hossa and Dave Bolland also connected for the Blackhawks, who won their second straight and are 4-0-1 in their last five.

Jason Pominville scored both goals for Buffalo, but it wasn't enough to keep the Sabres from extending the team's record road-losing streak.

Toews has goals in three straight games, and four goals and three assists in a five-game point streak.

Corey Crawford made 25 saves in the win. Buffalo's Jhonas Enroth stopped 29 shots.

Capitals 3, Canadiens 0

MONTREAL — Michal Neuvirth made 31 saves for his second shutout of the season and Alex Ovechkin scored his 19th goal on a power play midway through the second period to lift Washington over Montreal.

Mathieu Perreault and Marcus Johansson scored first-period goals for Washington, which bounced back from a 3-0 home loss to the New York Islanders on Tuesday to win for the third time in four games.

Ovechkin drove a slap shot from the right point through traffic and past Carey Price for his 19th goal.

Neuvirth, who made his first start in 11 games, recorded his sixth NHL shutout. It was his first since a 26-save effort in a 1-0 win in Winnipeg on Dec. 15.

Price stopped 13 shots for Montreal, 4-10-1 in its past 15 games — the last 14 under interim coach Randy Cunneyworth.

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FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7
Houston 31, Cincinnati 10
New Orleans 45, Detroit 28
Sunday, Jan. 8
New York Giants 24, Atlanta 2
Denver 29, Pittsburgh 23, OT
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
San Francisco 36, New Orleans 32
New England 45, Denver 10
Sunday, Jan. 15
Baltimore 20, Houston 13
N.Y. Giants 37, Green Bay 20
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
Baltimore at New England, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 6:30 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Honolulu
NFC vs. AFC, 7 p.m.
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Indianapolis
NFC vs. AFC, 6:20 p.m.

AFC Champions

2010—Pittsburgh 24, N.Y. Jets 19
2009—Indianapolis 30, New York 17
2008—Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 14
2007—New England 21, San Diego 12
2006—Indianapolis 38, New England 34
2005—Pittsburgh 34, Denver 17
2004—New England 41, Pittsburgh 27
2003—New England 24, Indianapolis 14
2002—Oakland 41, Tennessee 24
2001—New England 24, Pittsburgh 17
2000—Baltimore 16, Oakland 3
1999—Tennessee 33, Jacksonville 14
1998—Denver 23, New York 10
1997—Denver 24, Pittsburgh 21
1996—New England 20, Jacksonville 6
1995—Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 16
1994—San Diego 17, Pittsburgh 13
1993—Buffalo 30, Kansas City 13
1992—Buffalo 29, Miami 10
1991—Buffalo 10, Denver 7
1990—Buffalo 51, L.A. Raiders 3
1989—Denver 37, Cleveland 21
1988—Cincinnati 21, Buffalo 10
1987—Denver 38, Cleveland 33
1986—Denver 23, Cleveland 20, OT
1985—New England 31, Miami 14
1984—Miami 45, Pittsburgh 28
1983—L.A. Raiders 30, Seattle 14
1982—Miami 14, New York 0
1981—Cincinnati 27, San Diego 7
1980—Oakland 34, San Diego 27
1979—Pittsburgh 27, Houston 13
1978—Pittsburgh 34, Houston 5
1977—Denver 20, Oakland 17
1976—Oakland 24, Pittsburgh 7
1975—Pittsburgh 16, Oakland 10
1974—Pittsburgh 24, Oakland 13
1973—Miami 27, Oakland 10
1972—Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17
1971—Miami 21, Baltimore 0
1970—Baltimore 27, Oakland 17
1969—Kansas City 17, Oakland 7
1968—New York 27, Oakland 23
1967—Oakland 40, Houston 7
1966—Kansas City 31, Buffalo 7
1965—Buffalo 23, San Diego 0
1964—Buffalo 20, San Diego 7
1963—San Diego 51, Boston 10
1962—Dallas 20, Houston 17, OT
1961—Houston 10, San Diego 3
1960—Houston 24, L.A. Chargers 16

NOTE: List includes AFL Championship Games from 1960 to 1969.

NFC Champions

2010—Green Bay 21, Chicago 14
2009—New Orleans 31, Minnesota 28, OT
2008—Arizona 32, Philadelphia 25
2007—New York 23, Green Bay 20, OT
2006—Chicago 39, New Orleans 14
2005—Seattle 34, Carolina 14
2004—Philadelphia 27, Atlanta 10
2003—Carolina 14, Philadelphia 3
2002—Tampa Bay 27, Philadelphia 10
2001—St. Louis 29, Philadelphia 24
2000—New York 41, Minnesota 0
1999—St. Louis 11, Tampa Bay 6
1998—Atlanta 30, Minnesota 27, OT
1997—Green Bay 23, San Francisco 10
1996—Green Bay 30, Carolina 13
1995—Dallas 38, Green Bay 27
1994—San Francisco 38, Dallas 28
1993—Dallas 38, San Francisco 21
1992—Dallas 30, San Francisco 20
1991—Washington 41, Detroit 10
1990—New York 15, San Francisco 13
1989—San Francisco 30, L.A. Rams 3
1988—San Francisco 28, Chicago 3
1987—Washington 17, Minnesota 10
1986—New York 17, Washington 0
1985—Chicago 24, L.A. Rams 0
1984—San Francisco 23, Chicago 0
1983—Washington 24, San Francisco 21
1982—Washington 31, Dallas 17
1981—San Francisco 28, Dallas 27
1980—Philadelphia 20, Dallas 7
1979—L.A. Rams 9, Tampa Bay 0
1978—Dallas 28, L.A. Rams 0
1977—Dallas 23, Minnesota 6
1976—Minnesota 24, L.A. Rams 13
1975—Dallas 37, L.A. Rams 7
1974—Minnesota 14, L.A. Rams 10
1973—Minnesota 27, Dallas 10
1972—Washington 26, Dallas 3
1971—Dallas 14, San Francisco 3
1970—Dallas 17, San Francisco 10
1969—Minnesota 27, Cleveland Browns 7
1968—Baltimore 34, Cleveland Browns 0
1967—Green Bay 21, Dallas 17
1966—Green Bay 34, Dallas 27
1965—Green Bay 23, Cleveland Browns 12
1964—Cleveland Browns 27, Baltimore 0
1963—Chicago Bears 14, New York 10
1962—Green Bay 16, New York 7
1961—Green Bay 37, New York 0
1960—Philadelphia 17, Green Bay 13
1959—Baltimore 31, New York 16
1958—Baltimore 23, New York 17, OT
1957—Detroit 59, Cleveland Browns 14
1956—New York 47, Chicago Bears 7
1955—Cleveland Browns 38, Los Angeles 14
1954—Cleveland Browns 56, Detroit 10
1953—Detroit 17, Cleveland Browns 16
1952—Detroit 17, Cleveland Browns 7
1951—Los Angeles 24, Cleveland Browns 17
1950—Cleveland Browns 30, Los Angeles 28
1949—Philadelphia 14, Los Angeles 0
1948—Philadelphia 7, Chicago Cardinals 0
1947—Chicago Cardinals 28, Philadelphia 21

1946—Chicago Bears 24, New York 14
1945—Cleveland Rams 15, Washington 14
1944—Green Bay 14, Washington 7
1943—Chicago 41, Washington 21
1942—Washington 14, Chicago Bears 6
1941—Chicago Bears 37, New York 9
1940—Chicago Bears 73, Washington 0
1939—Green Bay 27, New York 0
1938—New York 23, Green Bay 17
1937—Washington 28, Chicago Bears 21
1936—Green Bay 21, Boston 6
1935—Detroit 26, New York 7
1934—New York 30, Chicago Bears 13
1933—Chicago Bears 23, New York 21

TENNIS

Australian Open results

Thursday
At Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia
Purse: \$26.8 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round
Juan Ignacio Chela (27), Argentina, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Milos Raonic (23), Canada, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



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

LOTTERY
8 - 33 - 36 - 40 - 43 - 51
XTRA
5

CASH 3 (early)
5 - 6 - 3
CASH 3 (late)
5 - 1 - 9
PLAY 4 (early)
7 - 5 - 0 - 4
PLAY 4 (late)
5 - 0 - 8 - 1
FANTASY 5
2 - 7 - 9 - 14 - 23
POWERBALL
6 - 29 - 34 - 44 - 50
POWER BALL
28
POWER PLAY
Not available

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN) Wake Forest at Duke
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Vanderbilt at Alabama
9 p.m. (ESPN) North Carolina at Virginia Tech
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Illinois at Penn State
10:30 p.m. (FSNFL) UCLA at Oregon State

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (SUN) Alabama at Florida
NBA
8 p.m. (TNT) Los Angeles Lakers at Miami Heat
10:30 p.m. (TNT) Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz

GOLF

9 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour: Volvo Golf Champions (Same-day Tape)
3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour: Humana Challenge

TENNIS

12 p.m. (ESPN2) Australian Open Second Round (Taped)
11 p.m. (ESPN2) Australian Open Third Round
3 a.m. (ESPN2) Australian Open Third Round

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

6:30 p.m. Crystal River at Seven Rivers
7 p.m. Lake Mineola at Lecanto

BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. Lecanto at Weeki Wachee
7 p.m. Lake Mineola at Citrus

Boys Soccer

7:30 p.m. Nature Coast at Crystal River

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.
Michael Llodra, France, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr. (32), Russia, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 5-7, 6-4.

Women

Second Round

Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-0, 6-1.
Ana Ivanovic (21), Serbia, def. Michaëlla Krajicek, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3.
Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-6 (3).
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Nadia Petrova (29), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (30), Germany, def. Stephanie Dubois, Canada, 7-5, 6-1.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Kaia Kanepi (25), Estonia, 6-2, 7-5.
Serena Williams (12), United States, def. Barbora Zlahavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-4.

Doubles

Men

First Round

Daniele Bracciali and Potito Starace, Italy, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, and Ken Skupski, Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (7), Romania, def. Andreas Sjiljestrom, Sweden, and Igor Zelenay, Slovakia, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (2), Canada, def. Benjamin Mitchell and Matt Reid, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.
Mikhail Elgin and Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Colin Ebelthite and Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Luke Saville and Andrew Whittington, Australia, 6-0, 6-3.
Julian Knowle, Austria, and Michael Kohlmann, Germany, def. Paul Hanley, Australia, and Jamie Murray (16), Britain, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 7-6 (5).
Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 7-5.

Women

First Round

Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (12), United States, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, and Darija Jurak, Croatia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (4), Italy, def. Irina Falconi, United States, and Rebecca Marino, Canada, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Bojana Bobusic and Sacha Jones, Australia, def. Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Maria Kondratieva, Russia, 6-4, 6-1.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, and Jasmin Woehr, Germany, def. Peng Shuai, China, and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 3-6, 5-2, retired.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Zumaya on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Oliver Perez on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Yu Darvish on a six-year contract.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with LHP Jamie Moyer on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with OF Jack Cust on a one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP R.J. Swindle, C Koyie Hill and INF Eugenio Velez on minor league contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Burres, RHP Jake Dunning, RHP Justin Fitzgerald, RHP Austin Fleet and RHP Stephen Harrold on minor league contracts.
JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed C Ryan Ferguson.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Traded RHP Paul Daniels to Florence for RHP Tim Holmes.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Named Zydrunas Ilgauskas special assistant to the general manager.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Larry Owens. Waived F Dennis Horner. Assigned F

Jordan Williams to Springfield (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Nolan Cromwell senior offensive assistant.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed Marlon McCree assistant secondary coach.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed G John Malecki, TE Jamie McCoy, OT Chris Scott, OT Trevis Turner, DT Corbin Bryant, QB Jerrod Johnson, DL Mike Blanc, DT Kade Weston, CB Marshall McFadden and DB Antonio Smith to reserve/future contracts.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Promoted general manager Mike Reinfeldt to senior executive vice president and chief operating officer, and vice president of player personnel Ruston Webster to general manager, and Lake Dawson to vice president of player personnel.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Released KR Jason Armstead, DB Jykine Bradley, OL Chris Patrick and DL Joe Sykes. Signed CB Michael Ricks.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Brett Dalpe from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned F Zacc Sutter to Charlotte.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Acquired C Jonathan Matsumoto and LW Mattias Lindstrom from Carolina for RW Evgenii Dadonov and C A.J. Jenks.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Milwaukee (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed G Brian Elliott to a two-year contract extension.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Chris Tanev from Chicago (AHL).

American Hockey League

BINGHAMTON SENATORS—Returned D Mike Ratchuk to Elmira (ECHL).
SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Recalled F Josh Brittain and D Nick Schaas from Elmira (ECHL).
Central Hockey League
WICHITA THUNDER—Signed G Scott Darling.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

CHICAGO FIRE—Signed M Pavel Pardo to a two-year contract.
D.C. UNITED—Signed F Maicon Santos.
FC DALLAS—Loaned D Jackson Goncalves to Cruzeiro (Brazilian First Division) for one year.
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Re-signed F David Beckham to a two-year contract.
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Signed D Stephen Keel.
SEATTLE SOUNDERS—Signed F Cordell Cato.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY—Signed M Michael Thomas and D Seth Sinovic.

TENNIS

USTA—Named D.A. Abrams chief diversity and inclusion officer.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA—Named Doug Nussmeier offensive coordinator and Lance Thompson outside linebackers coach.
HIGH POINT—Named Staci Passafiume women's assistant lacrosse coach.
HOFFSTRA—Announced the resignation of baseball coach Patrick Anderson.
ILLINOIS—Named Tim Banks defensive co-ordinator. Announced FB Jay Prosch is transferring to Auburn.
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR—Promoted Jeff Shinn to offensive coordinator.
SANTA CLARA—Named Matt Lyles assistant volleyball coach.
SYRACUSE—Named Neel Bhattacharjee women's assistant soccer coach.
TARLETON STATE—Promoted receivers coach Justin Carrigan to offensive coordinator.
TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN—Named Giovanna Martinez men's and women's graduate assistant track and field coach.
UTAH—Dismissed G Josh Watkins from the men's basketball team for an undisclosed team rules violation.
WASHINGTON—Named Eric Kiesau offensive coordinator.
WASHINGTON & LEE—Promoted assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Scott Abell to head football coach.

CR girls knocked out of district tourney

No. 2 seeded Lady Pirates lose to third-seeded Mount Dora, 4-2

JOE KORNECKI III
Correspondent

MOUNT DORA — The No. 2 seeded Crystal River girls soccer team saw its season end Wednesday night in a 4-2 loss at the hands of District 2A-6 tournament host and third-seeded Mount Dora. “My hats off to Mount Dora,” said Pirate head coach Bill Reyes. “They wanted it more than us, and we rode it out until we couldn’t ride it out (any) longer. These are my girls, and we won and lost with my girls. Thanks to my sen-

iors...Melanie Lim, Kristen Wilson, Jessica Reynolds, Haley Dewhurst, Cheyenne Phelps, Erica Suarez and Haley Dewhurst.”

The Pirates got off to a good start in the opening minute of play as junior forward Aubrie Menster scored on a header that deflected in off the post for a 1-0 lead.

The Hurricanes would strike back in the 12th minute with a header goal of their own off a corner as Kayla Isola put it in back of the net to knot it at one.

Crystal River would regain the lead 2-1 on yet an-

other header goal by junior forward Clarissa Consol, who got a perfect feed from a corner kick by Delaney Owens.

Mount Dora would tie it at 2-all just before the intermission in the 38th minute when ‘Cane senior Ashley Mosher put it in the back of the net.

In the second half, the ‘Canes took the lead 3-2 as Isola put in a header goal in the 43rd minute, and Kristen Turner doubled the lead for Mount Dora at 4-2 when her penalty kick was successful in the 61st minute.

The Pirates played valiantly, but couldn’t convert off their scoring chances, which included a penalty kick.

Patriots blitz Pirates

CR freshman Franklin scores 19 points, grabs 15 rebounds

JUSTIN PLANTE
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — Despite the stellar play of forward Sam Franklin, who posted a game-high 19 points and team-high 15 rebounds, the Crystal River boys basketball team couldn’t fend off visiting Carrollwood Day School last night, as the Pirates gave up 18 points in the third quarter en route to a 52-37 loss.

From the get-go, neither team could really find an offensive rhythm. The Pirates often found open looks inside the arc, but just couldn’t find the bottom of the net. It didn’t help Crystal River that Carrollwood kept grabbing the rebounds and limiting second chances.

After a decent first quarter which saw the Pirates nab

seven offensive rebounds, they could only muster up five in the second, while Carrollwood grabbed eight defensive rebounds in the first and 11 in the second.

Patriots sophomore Adonis Welch proved to be too much in the paint against the Pirates, nabbing 20 boards for the game, while junior Ryan Bradley added another 11.

Despite the difference in rebounds, both teams seemed to be orchestrating at about the same pace and, going into the half, were only separated by a point.

But then the third quarter happened.

The Pirates shooting woes continued on in the second half, as Carrollwood rained in the points. Patriots senior Matthew Phillips started to pick apart the Pirates from

Sports BRIEFS

Citrus girls hoops suffers first loss

The Citrus girls basketball team went to overtime Wednesday night at Wildwood but couldn’t make it 21 wins in a row after taking a 56-50 loss to the host Wildcats.

Hurricanes junior guard Lindsay Connors led her team with 14 points. Also leading Citrus was Shenelle Toxen (11 points), Paige Garvin (10 points) and Marissa Dubois (8 points).

The Hurricanes, 20-1 overall, play at Lecanto on Friday night.

Hurricane girls breeze past two teams

The Citrus girls weightlifting team earned first place in every event en route to victories over The Villages and South Sumter on Monday.

The Hurricanes scored 71

points to The Villages’ 33 and South Sumter’s 5.

Winners of each weight class in the tri-meet in Bushnell were: 101 pounds – Morgan Matzger 110 pounds – Lauryn Ressler 119 pounds – Ashley Nichols 129 pounds – Savannah Bingham

139 pounds – Vickie Lapps 154 pounds – Hannah Evans 169 pounds – Sam Kanawall 183 pounds – Anna Venero 199 pounds – Swade Kelleher Unlimited – Ashley Moore Citrus lifts Wednesday at the sectional meet at Mitchell High School. The Hurricanes will also be hosting the County Championship on Feb. 1.

Darvish, Texas agree to deal at deadline

ARLINGTON, Texas — Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers

have reached a deadline deal.

The two-time defending American League champion Rangers and the 25-year-old Darvish, who is considered Japan’s best pitcher, came to an agreement on a \$60 million, six-year deal Wednesday just before the end of a 30-day negotiating window.

Had the deal not been reached, Darvish would have returned to the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters of Japan’s Pacific League. And the Rangers would have kept the record \$51.7 million posting fee that was required for the exclusive rights to negotiate with Darvish.

Darvish had a 93-38 record with a 1.99 ERA the past seven seasons in Japan. The 6-foot-5 right-hander was a two-time Pacific League MVP and a five-time All-Star.

— From staff, wire reports

SOCCER

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the game.”

In fact, Citrus’ first chance came 30 seconds in, on a corner kick by Miller that went on net, but was grabbed by Nature Coast keeper Samantha Oliviera. Miller would fire off another shot just a minute later.

Oliviera finished with six saves for the Sharks, while Ekeli notched 10.

Nature Coast struck first in the 42nd minute on a close-range goal by Kendal Worden following a corner kick by Haley LaLande, whose boot to the front bounced loose and found Worden for the easy look.

LECANTO

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threats on net for the first 40 minutes. Springstead did have a single breakaway shot which required Nason to dive very quickly at the post and wrap up the ball, which she did expertly.

In the 34th minute, Lecanto midfielder Chloe Benoist would double the Panthers’ lead followed by Kayla Perry’s header in

extra time, taking Lecanto into half-time with a 3-0 lead.

The second half would see a slower Lecanto team struggle with communication and allowing Springstead to stage a few attacks on net, resulting in a 74th minute goal by the Eagles.

“The second half wasn’t our best defensive performance,” Lattin said. “Springstead got a lot more aggressive and I think that got to us a little bit. But we maintained our composure for the most part and were

able to sneak (in a goal) in the second half.”

Forward Lexi Moore would indeed sneak a rocket of a shot over the goalkeeper’s head and into the Eagle net, making it 4-1 with only two minutes remaining in the game.

Now the Panthers’ attention will turn to Forest.

“It’s kind of interesting,” Lattin said. “We played Forest and we split with them. They won the first (game) and we won the second (game).”

Possible rematch

AP thinks Giants, Pats will meet in 2012 Super Bowl

Associated Press

Get ready for the rematch. The Super Bowl rematch, not the Harbaugh coaching family reunion.

For a Super Bowl redux to happen, the New York Giants will need another huge road win, this time at San Francisco. And when they get it Sunday, will they face the Baltimore Ravens, who routed them in the 2001 Super Bowl? Or New England, which had its perfect record shattered by the Giants in the big game four years ago?

Read on for that one.

New York Giants (plus 2 1/2) at San Francisco

It's hard to say who had the more impressive victory last weekend. The Giants (11-7) outplayed, out-coached and outworked the defending champion Packers at Lambeau Field, where Green Bay hadn't lost since early last season. The 49ers showed more passing offense than anyone imagined and won a shootout with one of the league's most prolific offenses, the Saints.

New York forced four turnovers, one fewer than San Francisco, a major factor in their games.

"We always talk about the turnover margin and, of course, that was huge," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "We were plus-3. And we felt very much so for a team that only had 14 turnovers over the course of the entire season, that was exceptional. They were a team with plus-24 and really had played from the other side of it all year long."

The 49ers (14-3) have played from the positive side of it all season, too. They were plus-28, with a miniscule 10 giveaways during the regular season.

So whoever protects the ball will move closer to that trip to Indianapolis.

These rivals have a long history of postseason meetings, including New York's 15-13 win in 1990. Most memorable might be San Francisco's wild 39-38 victory nine years ago after which the league apologized to the Giants for a botched officiating call on the last play.

Their most recent matchup was the 49ers' 27-20 win at Candlestick Park on Nov. 13, the first of four straight losses for the Giants. New York turned it around by winning three of its last four regular-season games to take the NFC East and has

gotten healthy.

"I think it probably surprised a lot of people that the Giants and the 49ers are in the NFC championship game," Niners first-year coach Jim Harbaugh said. "In October and November and September, we were trying to win the next game. That's where our focus was."

The Giants nearly pulled out that November game, and they are vastly improved now. With more balance than the 49ers can muster, they will head to Indy.

GIANTS, 24-13

Baltimore (plus 7 1/2) at New England

The AFC title game shapes up as a classic matchup of imposing offense and immovable defense. In the current NFL atmosphere, with all kinds of points and yardage records being set, the offense has had the edge.

That hardly means the Ravens are incapable of going to Foxborough and repeating their playoff victory there in 2010. That game was decided early when Ray Rice burst through a hole the size of Cape Cod and sprinted 83 yards for a touchdown on Baltimore's first offensive play. The Ravens quickly got another TD, making it 14-0 just five minutes in, and New England never got back in it.

Baltimore didn't get to the Super Bowl that year and has not despite making the playoffs in each of John Harbaugh's four seasons as coach. Harbaugh likes the fact that as a wild card the past three years, the Ravens (13-4) are no strangers to road playoff games.

"It helps, just by the fact that we've done it," Harbaugh said. "Most of our team has been there before, and then those young guys can relate to the older guys, and the older guys can share some wisdom. But it's not going to impact necessarily this game, except to the extent that our guys have been there before and it's certainly not going to be anything new for them. And that's a good thing."

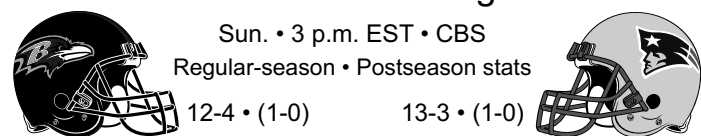
A very good thing is the way Tom Brady played this season for New England (14-3). He comes off a six-touchdown passing performance against Denver, but comparing the Broncos' defense to Baltimore's is ludicrous.

Still, Brady has a versatile cast, led by All-Pro tight end (Rob Gronkowski) and receiver (Wes Welker), and his offensive line is solid — a key against Terrell Suggs, Haloti Ngata, Ray Lewis and Ed Reed. The Patriots' defensive weakness is against the pass, not an area the Ravens necessarily excel at.

So look for Giants-Patriots II in the Super Bowl.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots



12-4 • (1-0)		13-3 • (1-0)	
OFFENSE			
Total yards (avg.): 338.7		Total yards (avg.): 428.0	
Passing	Rushing	Passing	Rushing
213.9	124.8	317.8	110.2
Postseason: 227.0		Postseason: 509.0	
140.0	87.0	363.0	146.0

Yards allowed (avg.): 288.9		Yards allowed (avg.): 411.1	
Passing	Rushing	Passing	Rushing
196.2	92.6	293.9	117.1
Postseason: 315.0		Postseason: 252.0	
184.0	131.0	108.0	144.0

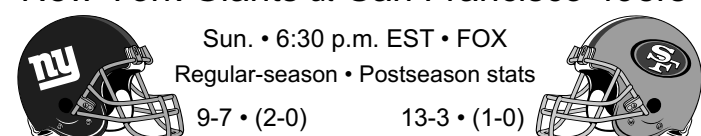
24.6 Points for		32.1 Points for	
16.6 Pts. allowed		21.4 Pts. allowed	
Postseason		Postseason	
20.0		45.0	
13.0		10.0	

SOURCE: National Football League

AP

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

New York Giants at San Francisco 49ers



9-7 • (2-0)		13-3 • (1-0)	
OFFENSE			
Total yards (avg.): 385.1		Total yards (avg.): 310.9	
Passing	Rushing	Passing	Rushing
295.9	89.2	183.1	127.8
Postseason: 431.0		Postseason: 407.0	
297.5	133.5	264.0	143.0

Yards allowed (avg.): 376.4		Yards allowed (avg.): 308.2	
Passing	Rushing	Passing	Rushing
255.1	121.2	230.9	77.2
Postseason: 317.5		Postseason: 472.0	
212.0	105.5	435.0	37.0

24.6 Points for		23.8 Points for	
25.0 Pts. allowed		14.3 Pts. allowed	
Postseason		Postseason	
30.5		36.0	
11.0		32.0	

SOURCE: National Football League

AP

PATRIOTS, 27-16
Against spread: 3-1 (overall 131-110.5); straight up 2-2 (overall 173-91).

Best Bet: 4-15 against spread, 13-6 straight up.
Upset Special: 11-7 against spread, 8-10 straight up.

Denver's Tebow banged up in playoff game

Broncos QB played through injuries in big loss to Patriots

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Tim Tebow needs more R&R than anyone thought.

The Broncos quarterback played through rib, lung and chest injuries he sustained in Denver's 45-10 loss at New England in the AFC divisional playoffs last weekend.

He won't need surgery, is expected to make a full recovery with some down time and his offseason training program shouldn't be affected in any way.

ESPN first reported Wednesday that Tebow got hurt on a third-quarter tackle, then had trouble sleeping because of the pain and underwent an MRI on his chest Monday.

Team spokesman Patrick Smyth said while he couldn't confirm the exact extent or nature of the injuries due to team policy, he acknowledged Tebow finished the game in considerable pain.

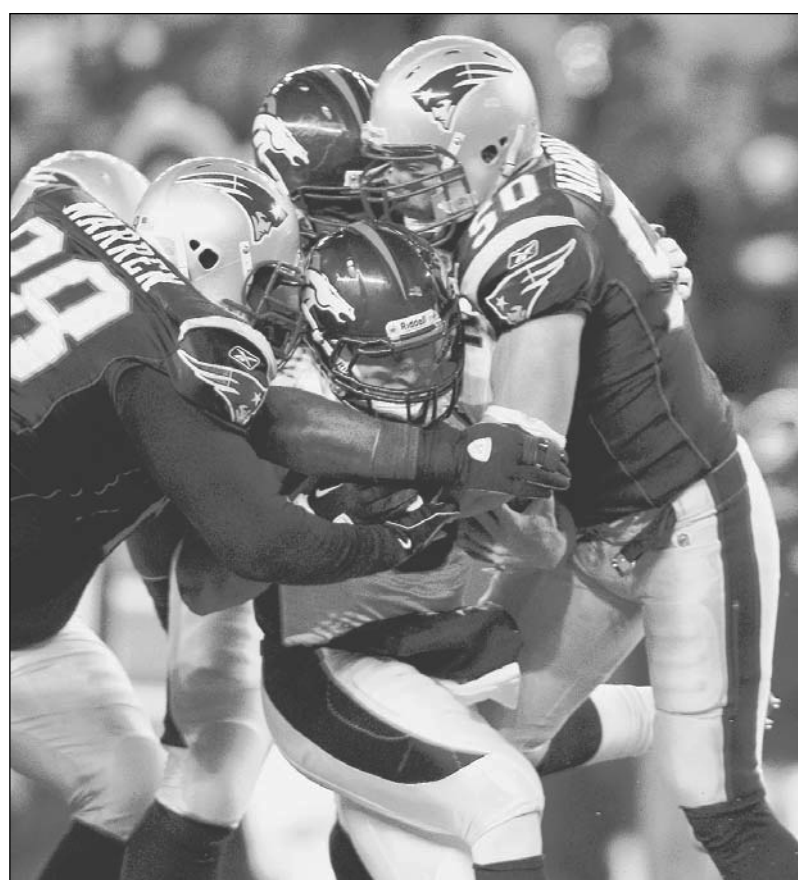
Backup Brady Quinn quickly got ready to go into the game after Tebow was hit by Vince Wilfork and Rob Ninkovich, but Tebow stayed in and finished up.

"It's just the physicality of playing football. Sometimes you get hit and it can hurt a little bit. But, I wanted to play a lot of the game," Tebow said after the game.

The outcome had long been decided by the time Tebow got hurt.

"I just wanted to show character. You just continue to fight and it doesn't change who you are, how you play, how you go out there, you should be the same at all times," Tebow said. "That's what I wanted to show, it didn't matter if it was the first play or the last play or you were down by 42. I was going to be the same player and I was still going to give everything I have. Because that's all I have to give."

Tebow wasn't in the locker room during a one-hour media window



Associated Press

Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, center, is sacked by New England Patriots defensive tackle Gerard Warren (98) and outside linebacker Rob Ninkovich (50) during the second half of an AFC divisional playoff game Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. Tebow is expected to make a full recovery, without surgery, from rib, lung and chest injuries he sustained in the 45-10 loss at New England.

Sunday, emerging with a smile from the trainer's room as reporters were filling out as the players streamed to their end-of-season meeting with coach John Fox.

On Monday, Broncos boss John Elway declared Tebow the incumbent starting QB entering training camp next summer and reiterated his plan to work with him during the offseason to help polish his passing game.

Tebow went 8-5 as the Broncos starter after supplanting Kyle Orton following a 1-4 start. He engineered a six-game winning streak that included four straight fourth-quarter comebacks that sent Tebowmania into full pitch.

He faded at the end, losing his last three starts, including one to

the Kansas City Chiefs and Orton, but the Broncos backed into the playoffs nevertheless at 8-8 as champions of the middling AFC West.

Tebow had the best game of his pro career in the wild-card round, when he averaged 31.6 yards per completion, the best in the NFL in 40 years, and threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas on the first play of overtime for a 29-23 win over heavily favored Pittsburgh and the league's No. 1 defense.

That was Denver's first playoff game in six seasons.

While the Broncos brass was delighted at returning to the postseason party a year after a franchise-worst 4-12 season, they

said the 35-point loss to the Patriots showed just how far they need to go to return to the AFC's upper echelon.

Tebow, who didn't get the first-team snaps during training camp or for the first month of the season, realizes he has a long way to go himself.

"Just work and improve, fundamentals, understanding defenses, footwork, everything," he said.

Tebow might also have to get accustomed to a new offensive coordinator in 2012. Mike McCoy has interviewed for head coaching vacancies in Miami and Oakland.

McCoy is a hot commodity after retooling Denver's offense mid-stream to capitalize on Tebow's unique skill set. He implemented the read-option that turned the NFL on its ear at midseason and resulted in the Broncos soaring to the top of the league in rushing.

Tebow ran for 660 yards, most by a quarterback in team history, in the regular season and another 63 in the playoffs, leading to concerns among some that he was exposing himself to injury. But Tebow noted he actually takes glancing blows, if any, from smaller defenders while on the run, making him less vulnerable than when he stays in the pocket and might get sandwiched by 300-pound linemen.

He took every snap for Denver after replacing Orton at halftime Oct. 9 against San Diego.

Tebow ran for six TDs in the regular season and one in the playoffs while averaging 5.3 yards a carry. But he completed just 46.5 percent of his passes last season and just 40.4 percent in the playoffs.

"We're always looking for balance," Elway said. "Balance is what we won Super Bowls with."

Elway and Tebow are eager to see what a difference an offseason can make — they didn't have that luxury last year during the NFL lockout.

"I feel like I've improved a lot in a lot of different forms of my game," Tebow said. "And I continue to improve and continue to get a lot better, and I believe I can, and I'm looking forward to putting in work."

Dolphins search goes on

Miami talks to Packers coach Philbin again

Associated Press

MIAMI — Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin interviewed for the Miami Dolphins' head-coaching job for a second time Wednesday.

Philbin met with team owner Stephen Ross and general manager Jeff Ireland in New York City, where Ross has an office. Also scheduled for second interviews in New York this week were Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Mike McCoy and Todd Bowles, the Dolphins' interim coach for their final three games this season.

The three coaches are finalists for the job after top choice Jeff Fisher turned down the Dolphins on Friday to become head coach of the St. Louis Rams.

Philbin completed his first interview in South Florida on Jan. 7, and he decided to remain in consideration despite his son's recent drowning in a Wisconsin river. After spending a week away, Philbin rejoined the Packers on Sunday for the divisional playoff loss to the New York Giants.

Philbin has been with Green Bay since 2003 and has been offensive coordinator since 2007, although coach Mike McCarthy calls plays.

McCoy completed his first interview with Miami on Monday. He won praise for adapting the offense at midseason when Tim Tebow became the starting quarterback, and the Broncos made an improbable run to the second round of the playoffs before losing Saturday at New England.

The Oakland Raiders also have received permission from Denver to interview McCoy, and they interviewed Bowles.

Bowles was assistant head coach and secondary coach before taking over the Dolphins when they fired Tony Sparano last month with three games to go in his fourth season as coach. Bowles became the sixth coach since 2004 for the Dolphins, who finished 6-10 and haven't won a playoff game since 2000.

After being rejected by Fisher, Ross said the team planned to interview several more candidates. But they may want to move more quickly now that the Indianapolis Colts are looking for a coach. The Colts fired Jim Caldwell on Tuesday.

Mularkey fills out coaches

Jaguars add Spicer, Blaney, McCree to staff

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — New Jacksonville Jaguars coach Mike Mularkey has added three more assistants to his staff.

Mularkey retained Paul Spicer and Brandon Blaney, and hired former Jaguars defensive back Marlon McCree. Spicer is the assistant defensive line coach. Blaney is a defensive assistant. And McCree is the assistant secondary coach.

Also Wednesday, the Jaguars interviewed former Florida and Illinois coach Ron Zook for special teams coordinator. New owner Shahid Khan is a big Illini booster and supported Zook during his tenure in Champaign.

Spicer spent last season as a defensive assistant in Jacksonville, and Blaney was a defensive quality control coach. McCree served two coaching internships in training camp with the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos. McCree played eight seasons in the league, including his first three with the Jaguars.

ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Spotlight on PEOPLE

Lambert shifts dates of shows

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **Miranda Lambert** has rescheduled weekend shows in Kentucky and North Carolina following the death of her father-in-law, **Dick Shelton**, father of "The Voice" star **Blake Shelton**, died Tuesday in Oklahoma with his family after a year of declining health. Lambert, who just kicked off her "On Fire" tour, rescheduled shows in Charlotte and Greensboro, N.C., and Lexington, Ky.

Lambert will return to the road Jan. 25 for the rescheduled show in Charlotte. The other dates were pushed back to February.

Haggard cancels concert dates

MACON, Ga. — Country music legend **Merle Haggard** is being treated for pneumonia in a Georgia hospital and has had to cancel the rest of his January concert dates.

Publicist **Tresa Redburn** said she spoke to Haggard by phone Wednesday in his Macon hospital room.

The 74-year-old Haggard was taken to the hospital Tuesday after canceling a Macon show at short notice. He had at least four more dates scheduled for the rest of this month.

Mars clear of cocaine charge

LAS VEGAS — Pop star **Bruno Mars** was cleared of a felony cocaine possession case in Las Vegas on Wednesday, after his attorneys told a state

court judge the Grammy-winning pop star stayed out of trouble, performed community service and met other conditions of a plea deal reached almost a year ago.

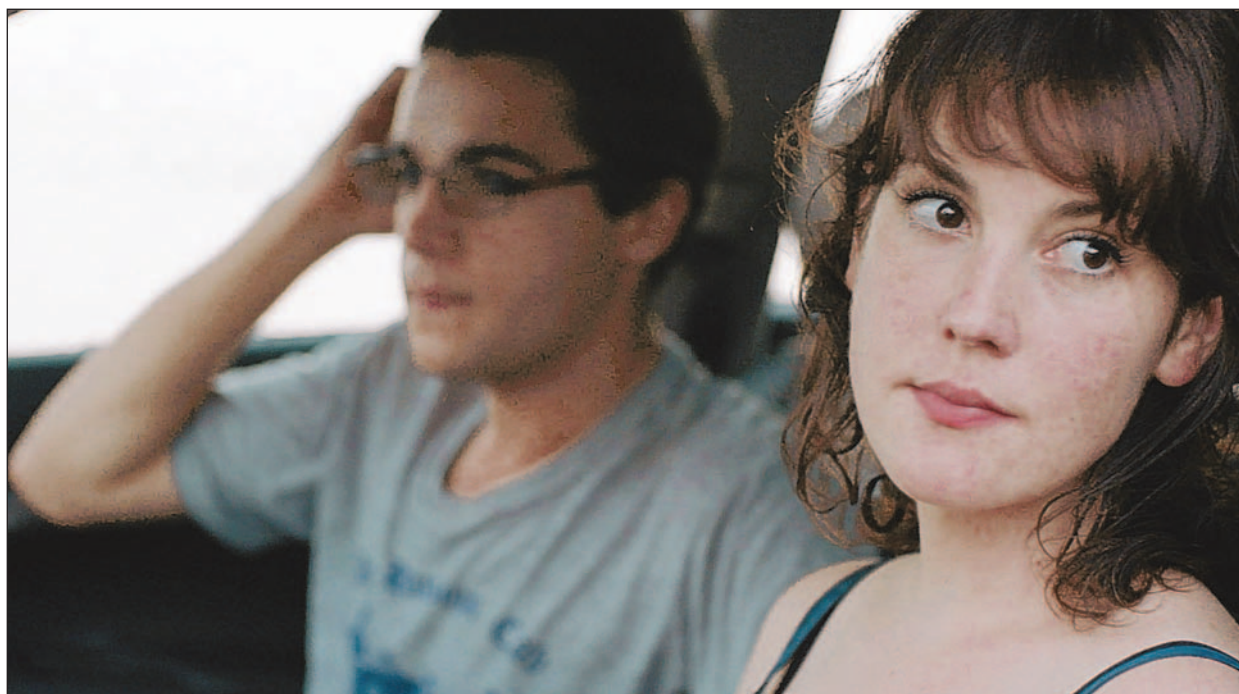
Mars, whose real name is **Peter Gene Hernandez**, didn't appear in person for the brief hearing at which Clark County District Court Judge **Jessie Walsh** dismissed the case.

The 26-year-old singer-songwriter of hits including "Just The Way You Are," "It Will Rain" and "Grenade" pleaded guilty Feb. 16 to cocaine possession, but the judge postponed accepting the plea.

Mars didn't get formal probation, but the judge fined him \$2,000 and ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service and eight hours of drug counseling.

— From wire reports

Sundance rises again



Melanie Lynskey is shown in a scene from "Hello I Must Be Going," a love story between a 19-year-old man and a 35-year-old divorcee that will be featured at the Sundance Film Festival, which opens today.

Legendary indie film showcase has 117 feature films on tap

Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah — Independent films that may have been years in the making get their first audiences at this week's Sundance Film Festival. That could also mean careers in the making for unknown directors and actors whose movies connect with the right crowds.

Robert Redford's independent-cinema showcase was opening Thursday with 117 feature-length films, 64 short films and a lot of anxious filmmakers on the agenda during its 11-day run.

Some are established directors showing their latest work, such as Spike Lee with his urban drama "Red Hook Summer," in which he reprises the character he played in "Do the Right Thing"; Stephen Frears with his sports-wagering caper "Lay the Favorite," starring Bruce Willis, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Rebecca Hall; documentary veteran Joe Berlinger with his Paul Simon portrait "Under African Skies"; and Julie Delpy with her relationship comedy "2 Days in New York," in which she stars with Chris Rock.

Other films are from up-and-comers competing for prestigious Sundance prizes, such as Sheldon Candis' coming-of-age story "Luv," featuring rapper Common and Danny Glover; Ry Russo-Young's domestic drama "Nobody Walks," with John Krasinski, Olivia Thirlby and Rosemarie DeWitt; and Youssef Delara and Michael D. Olmos' hip-



Jenni Rivera is shown in a scene from "Filly Brown." The film will be shown at the Sundance Film Festival.

hop story "Filly Brown," starring newcomer Gina Rodriguez, Lou Diamond Phillips and director Olmos' father, Edward James Olmos.

What makes Sundance the place to be for rising film talent every January?

"There's a combination of factors. First, it's the beginning of the year. That's a very good time to start the year with a whole variety of new films, which Sundance brings together and curates rather well," said James Marsh, who returns to the festival for the third time with his Northern Ireland drama "Shadow Dancer," featuring Clive Owen and Andrea Riseborough.

"And Sundance has an international profile beyond North America. We know it's a place that careers can get made and films get

noticed," said Marsh, whose Academy Award-winning "Man on Wire" premiered at the festival in 2008 and won Sundance's top honor for world-cinema documentaries.

Sundance organizers say this year's films are all over the map in style, story and tone. Yet they see a general theme of unease and uncertainty about life that may have grown out of worldwide political, social and economic unrest of the last few years.

"We're seeing people questioning the status quo of the American dream. Like what is family, having babies, should I get married, is marriage even something I want to consider?" said festival director John Cooper. "A lot of stuff we took as status quo is being put to the test these days."

Reporter's story reveals health problem

Tests showed Weir was at risk for possible heart attack

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A routine news story took a strange turn when an ABC "Nightline" anchor had a full body scan that turned up a possible warning sign.

Bill Weir was interviewing Dr. David Agus, who gave him a full series of tests. That included a costly body scan that's not recommended for screening people with no symptoms of disease.

The scan found a calcium deposit in an artery, which the doctor told the Wisconsin native could put him at risk for a future heart attack. But since the program aired Tuesday night, other doctors have challenged that assessment.

The 44-year-old "Nightline" anchor put himself through a battery of tests to illustrate a story about how to prevent disease only to find out on camera in a story that aired Tuesday that one screening spotted heart disease he never knew he had.

Lesions found in Weir's arteries were so serious that the doctor who screened him worried that he is a candidate for a serious heart attack if he doesn't make changes in his life.

Weir considers himself lucky.

"It was the scariest and most fortunate moment of my life, and it happened completely by accident," he said Wednesday. "If I hadn't been assigned this story,

who knows when I would have seen a doctor again?"

Weir spoke over lunch, after ordering salmon at a place where he's always had pizza with sausage.

Agus, who put Weir through the tests, said he has received thousands of emails from people who saw Weir's story and he hopes it spurs many to talk with their own doctors.

Weir's story has also caused a controversy within the medical community. Leading cardiologists challenged whether Weir should have been given a whole body scan and how serious a condition it revealed. Scans for healthy people with no heart symptoms are strongly discouraged by major groups such as the American Heart Association.

Weir figured that doing the tests would be an interesting way to illustrate his story. He had no worries

about his health. At 6-foot-2 and 203 pounds, he still fits into pants he wore in college. He rarely got sick and said it had been more than three years since he had even seen a doctor.

When the results came in, Agus initially didn't want to discuss them on camera for privacy reasons. But Weir and his producers said to keep the camera rolling as what he found was discussed. Weir said he blanked out when he was told by the doctor about the heart disease.

"His lips kept moving, but I stopped listening," he recalled.

Since then, he's got an appointment with a cardiologist and is already taking a cholesterol-lowering statin and a baby aspirin each day. He's changing his diet, and he grilled salmon instead of bratwurst for the Packers playoff game last weekend.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

Mega Money: 8 - 10 - 21 - 37
Mega Ball: 9

4-of-4 MB 1 winner \$550,000

4-of-4 7 \$980.50

3-of-4 MB 54 \$278.50

3-of-4 1,108 \$40.50

2-of-4 MB 1,483 \$21

1-of-4 MB 12,035 \$2.50

2-of-4 29,660 \$2

Fantasy 5: 15 - 16 - 18 - 23 - 24

5-of-5 3 winners \$69,644.60

4-of-5 331 \$101.50

3-of-5 9,386 \$10

MONDAY, JAN. 16

Fantasy 5: 8 - 9 - 20 - 23 - 36

5-of-5 4 winners \$50,550.22

4-of-5 243 \$134

3-of-5 8,743 \$10

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

Fantasy 5: 2 - 8 - 12 - 13 - 30

5-of-5 1 winner \$182,132.44

4-of-5 250 \$117.50

3-of-5 8,639 \$9.50

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Powerball: 10 - 30 - 36 - 38 - 41

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 Thursday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2012. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 19, 1862, Union forces won a victory over the Confederates in the Civil War Battle of Mill Springs in southeastern Kentucky.

On this date:

In 1807, Confederate general Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America was signed by both countries in Washington, D.C.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1992, German government and Jewish officials dedicated a Holocaust memorial at the suburban Berlin villa where the notorious Wannsee Conference had taken place.

Ten years ago: Israeli troops set off a powerful explosion that gutted the official Palestinian broadcasting building, dealing another retaliatory blow two days after a Palestinian gunman killed six Israelis at a bat mitzvah celebration.

Five years ago: Denny Doherty, a member of the 1960s folk-rock group The Mamas & the Papas, died near Toronto at age 66.

One year ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao, visiting the White House, declared "a lot still needs to be done" to improve his country's record on human rights.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is 92. Actress Jean Stapleton is 89. Actress Tippi Hedren is 82. Former PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil is 81. Movie director Richard Lester is 80. Country singer Dolly Parton is 66. Singer Trey Lorenz is 43. Actor Shawn Wayans is 41. Actress Jodie Sweetin is 30. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 20.

Thought for Today: "Love without passion is dreary; passion without love is horrific." — Abraham Cowley, English poet (1618-1667).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Your Birthday: It behooves you to raise your goals a few notches higher than usual in the year ahead. Even if you have to convince yourself that you're capable of higher achievements, know that your chances for success are better than normal.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It doesn't look like any old accounts will be squared up with you, because, unfortunately, others might not show you the same consideration that you've shown them in the past.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There's a possibility that, carelessly, you could talk to the wrong person and reveal something meant to be confidential. That which should be kept secret could become common knowledge.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Honestly examine your motives about your poor behavior toward a friend. If you're treating him or her badly because of envy, you need to clean up your act fast.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — A failure to take a firm stance on an important issue could prove to be unforgivable to those who need your support. Trying to stay out of it makes you look like a traitor.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — If helpmates do not live up to your expectations, the fault might not be entirely theirs. It could be due to the faulty instructions you gave them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Unless you've learned from past experiences to keep your guard up, you're destined to suffer the same unpleasant results again from someone with a smooth tongue and low motives.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Because neither you nor your mate are likely to be at your best when it comes to making a major decision, it would be smart to wait until at least one of you has your head on straight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unless you properly plan the logistics of your day, you could end up spending a lot of time

being extremely busy but accomplishing little to nothing. Avoid all that wasted effort.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is one of those rare days when you could be too much of a risk-taker for your own good. Don't expect to be bailed out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your chart indicates that this could be one of those days when you simply can't believe in yourself and, as a result, have a tendency to throw in the towel just when victory is in sight.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Unless you find a balance in situations where you should be bold, you'll be unduly cautious. Conversely, when you should be wary, you'll end up being far too reckless.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If buying some special merchandise, don't permit your desires to exceed your means and cause you to spend beyond your ceiling price. You might end up much wiser, but sadder as well



A walking taco?

Crowd-friendly taco bar fit for Super Bowl

Whenever I think of Super Bowl Sunday, I think of chili and guacamole and chips. And Ro-Tel cheese dip. And Frito pie.

Because face it, people love to indulge in fatty, crunchy, salty foods they can munch while milling about or standing and watching the game in suspense. And if you make a dish that combines everyone's favorite football snacks, you've got a winning day regardless of who wins the game.

When I was growing up, the go-to football party food was seven-layer dip. Which is basically the same thing as Frito pie — layers of Fritos corn chips, chili, cheese and other toppings.



Elizabeth Karmel
THE AMERICAN TABLE

A few months ago, I flew down South and when I arrived, I met a chef from New York who was essentially serving Frito pie, but calling it "The Walking Taco" — a bunch of toppings dumped into snack-size bags of Fritos and eaten right from the bag.

I loved the name and concept, and immediately thought it would be a great party food. I liked the idea of offering guests bags of chips and a buffet of toppings (chili, cheeses, vegetables, etc.) to let them assemble their own walking tacos. The medium snack bags are the best bet for this approach.

This make-your-own-bar is dramatic, and is easy on the cook. I like adding pulled chicken to the mix (buy a rotisserie chicken or make your own beer-can chicken and pull it once it is cool). Great homemade chili and guacamole are key, so I am including those recipes here. Otherwise, most of the ingredients are just purchased and put out for guests.

SUGGESTED TOPPINGS FOR WALKING TACOS:

- Guacamole
- Pulled chicken
- Pulled pork
- Grilled shrimp
- Grated sharp white cheddar cheese
- Grated jalapeno-Jack cheese
- Grated yellow cheddar
- Sliced scallions
- Chopped tomatoes
- Chopped white onions
- Chopped cilantro
- Sliced olives
- Pickled jalapenos
- Pickled onions
- Black beans
- Pinto beans
- Refried beans
- Tomato salsa
- Tomatillo salsa
- Shredded lettuce
- Sour cream



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ABOVE: A walking taco is a variety of toppings dumped into a snack-size bag of Fritos and eaten right from the bag. LEFT: Elizabeth Karmel's recipe for a walking taco can be served in a bowl. The make-your-own taco bar is dramatic, and is easy on the cook.



TEXAS BOWL OF RED CHILI

This chili can be prepared up to two days ahead, then slowly reheated over low.

- 1 pound ground sirloin

- 1 pound ground chuck
- 2 large yellow onions, finely chopped
- 12-ounce bottle Lone Star or Corona beer
- Two 10-ounce cans chopped tomatoes with chili peppers

- 6-ounce can tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dry oregano leaves
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt (or more to taste)
- 1 tablespoon ancho chili powder
- 1 tablespoon New Mexican chili powder
- 1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

Heat a large, heavy-bottomed stockpot over medium-high heat. Add the sirloin, chuck and onions and cook for 15 minutes, or until the meat is browned and the onions are translucent.

Add the beer, tomatoes and tomato paste. Stir and simmer for a few minutes, then add the cumin, oregano, garlic, salt, all 3 chili powders, and the cayenne

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Julianne Munn
OVER EASY

Bake your best pie

It's winter and that means it's time to heat up the ovens for a couple of the most popular baking competitions — pies and cornbread.

Bakers of all skill levels are invited to enter the 18th annual Pie Council championship from April 27 through April 29, in Orlando in the town of Celebration.

Entry forms will be posted soon at www.piecouncil.org. Those who prefer to appreciate the nuances of pie without all the work won't want to miss the APC's Great American Pie Festival sponsored by Crisco, featuring the Never Ending Pie Buffet on April 28 and 29 after the judging.

This huge event draws thousands of bakers, spectators and eager pie tasters each spring. The contest is open to professionals, amateurs and commercial competitors.

Also on the horizon is the 16th annual Cornbread Cook-Off, sponsored by Martha White foods and Lodge Cast Iron, makers of skillets and other cooking items.

The annual contest is set in the foothills of southern Tennessee in South Pittsburg. The challenge is finding the best main dish cornbread recipe in the United States prepared with at least one package of Martha White Cornbread Mix and cooked in Lodge cast-iron cookware.

Last year, the 10 competitors showed their skills by serving original dishes made with delicious cornbread and judges from across the country savored traditional and unique meal creations.

Rules and information are posted on the Martha White website. For information about the National Cornbread Festival and competition, visit www.nationalcornbread.com or contact by mail at National Cornbread Festival, P.O. Box 247, South Pittsburg, TN 37380, or phone at 423-837-1122 for rules.

Only one individual per entry may compete at the Cook-Off on April 28; no teams or groups permitted. All finalists must participate in the National Cornbread Cook-Off in South Pittsburg, Tenn., on April 28 to be eligible to win a prize. The top prize is \$5,000 and an assortment of kitchen equipment.

Entries are being accepted through Feb. 29. Ten finalists will be selected to compete. Following is the winning recipe in the 2011 cook-off — a totally sturdy and delicious winter meal.

TENNESSEE ONION SOUP GRATIN

Soup:

- 8 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces

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Tree squash, its seed and roots all edible for growers

After moving from Kentucky to Florida in the summer of 1983, I was shopping at the Homosassa Springs Kash n' Karry and met a fellow shopper who talked about his sugar cane and other unusual crops. My imagination ignited, I arranged for a visit.

When touring the property, we came to a tree with a vigorous vine growing among its branches and many green pear-shaped fruits hanging throughout. My host retrieved a



Randy Hobson
EDIBLE LANDSCAPE

fruit and proceeded to slice it up, feeding the slices to his hungry chickens. I'll never forget my first introduction to chayote squash.

Chayote (Sechium edule) is a member of the squash, cucumber and gourd family. Chayote (pronounced chy-O-tay) is native to Central America and was a staple crop of the Aztecs and Mayans. Known by many names throughout the world such as christophene, cho-cho, mir-liton, pear squash, vegetable pear,

chayote is a tender perennial with large cucumber-like leaves. Emerging from edible tuber-like roots, the vigorous vine is a wonder to behold. Watching the vines climb a tree during the growing season is a Jack-and-the-Beanstalk experience!

The fruits produced can weigh 2 to 3 pounds, but usually are between 1/2 and 1 pound. The pear-shaped fruits can be prickly, but usually the smooth variety is grown in Florida. Unlike squash and cucumbers, chayote contains only one seed, which is edible with a distinct nut-like flavor.

Chayotes may be grown from fruit available in grocery stores. Once

your vines produce, you'll have plenty for subsequent planting.

For storage purposes and to delay sprouting, chayote can be wrapped in newspaper and stored around 50 degrees in a high-humidity environment. If the fruits are kept under warm conditions, they will sprout rapidly. The chayote I'm observing as I write illustrates the sprout emerges from the broad end of the fruit which resembles the sewed mouth of a Cabbage Patch doll.

Chayote fruit are susceptible to rot during sprouting, so I start

Daily account of Amish activities

Here is a diary of a recent Friday in this household:

■ **3:15 a.m.** Time to get up. I prepare my husband Joe's lunch, which is homemade chicken noodle soup, crackers, ranger cookies — which daughter Susan baked yesterday — and some frozen peaches.

Joe likes soups better than sandwiches for lunch. But he always tells me not to put too much food in his lunch, because he can eat better after he is done working. So he likes a light lunch.

His job is to set the cabinets in RV trailers. He has been working for this company for more than seven years. In March, it will be eight years that we made the move from Indiana to Michigan.

■ **3:45 a.m.** Joe leaves for work.

They start work at 5 a.m. every day, but the drive takes 40 to 45 minutes. With all the slippery roads and blowing snow, I hope they have a safe ride there. I go back to bed until it is time to wake up the children for school.

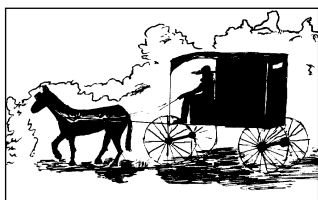
■ **6 a.m.** I go to check the messages on our phone in the shed.

Since the roads are slippery and snow is blowing, I decide to check if there is a school delay. Someone from the school usually calls the Amish and leaves a message if there is a school delay or cancellation. Since we don't have radios or TVs, they do this to let us know. We appreciate this very much.

If it is foggy or the roads are bad, I always check the voicemail on the phone before waking the children. This morning I find there is one that says school is canceled for the day. I decide to let the children sleep in a little longer.

When I lived in Berne, we didn't have this option since we weren't permitted to have phones. Therefore, sometimes we'd have to wait for the bus for two hours before finding out school was canceled.

Editor's note: Telephones are increasingly permitted among the Amish for business or emergencies. In Lovina's settlement, the church permits phones



Lovina Eicher
THE AMISH COOK

in an outbuilding. The issue isn't the phone itself, it's the disruption caused to family life if a phone were allowed in the home. Some Amish settlements still prohibit phones on the property.)

■ **8:30 a.m.** Everyone is up and ready to eat breakfast. The girls made baked French toast and scrambled eggs for breakfast.

■ **9:30 a.m.** The boys are out shoveling snow. They said they are trying to pile the snow up, so they can make a tunnel under the snow.

The girls and I are doing laundry, the dishes and the weekly cleaning. I also slice and fry the poor man's steak that I mixed together yesterday. After it is fried, I layer it in a roaster and top it with cream of mushroom soup. This will be part of our supper tonight.

■ **1 p.m.** Lunch is ready. We are having soup, which is always good on a cold day.

■ **2 p.m.** Loretta and I leave to go to town.

Loretta has an appointment and I need to get some groceries. The boys take breaks but keep on working to get our drive shoveled. The girls finish with the cleaning while I am gone.

■ **4:30 p.m.** Loretta and I are back home again. Joe is also home from work. He helps the boys finish the shoveling.

It is snowing again, so maybe they will have to shovel again tomorrow. The girls have scalloped potatoes ready for the oven.

■ **6:30 p.m.** The outside chores are done and they are ready to eat supper.

Our menu consists of poor man's steak, scalloped potatoes, pork and beans, cheese and ranger cookies. Elizabeth's friend Timothy comes and joins us for supper.

■ **7:30 p.m.** Dishes are washed.

Some of the children are reading and some are playing games.

The boys are writing and drawing in their writing tablets. Recently, they have started keeping themselves entertained for a long time just writing and drawing.

Kevin likes to use pencils to draw all kinds of different things. He likes to write so much he will write on any kind of paper or tablet lying around. He discovered this book that I write my columns in and decided to add his writing. Sometimes he ends up writing on the back of someone's homework.

■ **9:30 p.m.** Everyone has gone to bed. The children enjoyed their day home from school, even though it included helping with the work.

Good night to all and God bless. Try this poor man's steak recipe!

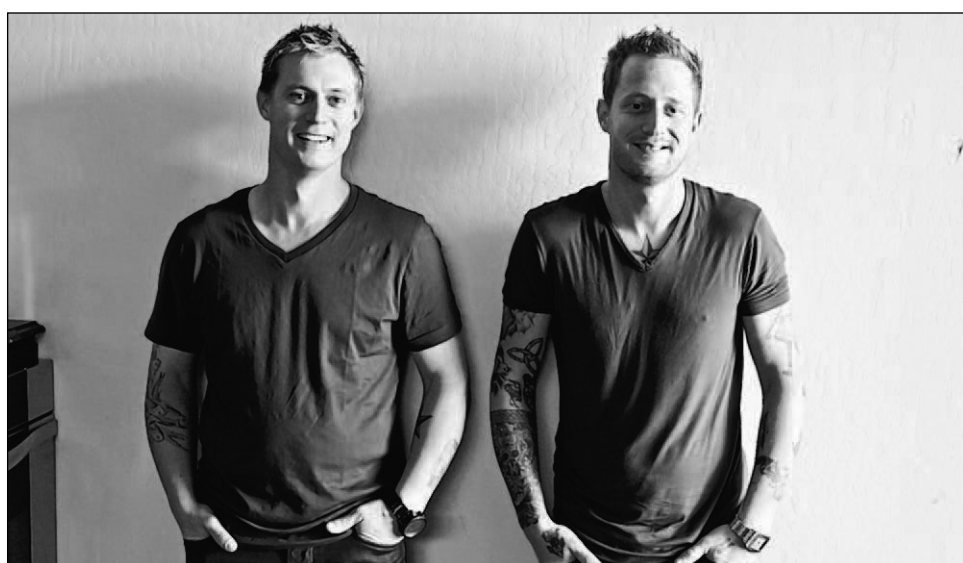
POOR MAN'S STEAK

- 1 1/2 pounds lean hamburger
- 1 can 10 3/4 ounce cream of mushroom soup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup bread crumbs, dry
- 2 eggs
- 1 small onion, chopped

Mix all of the ingredients except for the cream of mushroom soup and shape into a narrow loaf pan. Let set for at least 8 hours or overnight in the refrigerator.

Slice into pieces and grill or fry to brown each side. Put slices in layers in a roaster pan and spread cream of mushroom soup over it (without adding water). Bake for one hour at 325 degrees.

Lovina Eicher and her husband, Joe, are raising eight children on their rural Michigan homestead. Lovina inherited the Amish Cook column from her mother, Elizabeth Coblentz. For information about the Amish Cook, or to ask a question, write The Amish Cook, P.O. BOX 157, Middletown, OH 45042 or visit amishcookonline.com



Associated Press
In business and in life, the Voltaggio brothers — chef Bryan Voltaggio, left, and chef Michael Voltaggio — are as much alike as they are different.

Brothers take different routes to same goal

MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

FREDERICK, Md. — Bryan Voltaggio stands in his restaurant, Volt, arms folded. He doesn't break a smile, a frown or a sweat.

It's the same modest, soft-spoken persona that became his trademark on Season 6 of Bravo's "Top Chef," which portrayed him in stark contrast to the mouthy arrogance of another contestant — his younger brother, Michael.

Their differences made for great television: Bryan's clean-cut looks versus Michael's wrist-to-shoulder tattoos; Bryan's methodical presentation of sardine fillet on potato and juniper-sauced venison alongside Michael's gutsy cream of dehydrated broccoli and fennel-scented squab with textures of mushroom. If Bryan was smoldering, Michael was a house on fire.

But heat — whether in embers or flame — is what unites them. Dig beneath their apparent differences, and what emerges is much more impressive: their similarities.

"They're more similar," said celebrated chef and restaurateur Charlie Palmer, who is a mentor to both Voltaggios. "They were always stand-out guys in terms of determination. They always had great imaginations. They were always pushing the boundaries. They never settled for 'It's OK.'"

In the two years since Top Chef — which Michael, 33, ultimately won — it is this shared passion (and more than a smidgen of business savvy) that has transformed decades of sibling rivalry into a fruitful cooperation. As a culinary Cain-and-Abel turned Osmond brothers they wield potato ricers and flavor injectors for the

Williams-Sonoma catalogue.

They've plunged into their first international venture, a restaurant in Mumbai, India, set to open in mid-January, for which they are essentially long-distance executive chefs. And together they have written a cookbook, "Volt ink," which contrasts their talents in recipes for ingredient families like "mollusk" and "nightshade." Like their other ventures, the cookbook calls to mind the only tattoo they share in common: a lightning bolt with the letters "TCB," for "taking care of business."

"There's definitely this chef branding thing today, and we've fallen into 'the Voltaggio brothers,'" Michael said. "It's not 'Michael' or 'Bryan,' it's 'the Voltaggios.'"

The brand may be new, but its underpinnings began in the womb. Just two years apart, the boys often were mistaken for twins, said their mother, Sharon Mangine, and despite their personalities — Bryan was "cautious," she said, Michael "the risk taker" — they shared a twin-like communication.

"We are more similar than either one of us realizes," Michael said. "Let's start with food: we both tell each other that we copy each other, but I think that's not the case. It's that we have the same thoughts."

Witness the cookbook. Flip past the first photo — two Maryland blue crabs wrestling, one slightly bluer than the other, but otherwise indistinguishable — and you'll find recipes that tell the same tale. A mock oyster made of salsify? Gotta be Michael. Smoked trout with charred pickles and baby radishes? That's Bryan. But you'd be wrong on both counts.

Extension Services offers food safety training

Special to the Chronicle

The University of Florida/IFAS Citrus County Extension Service is providing ServSafe Food Protection Manager's Certification to help managers and staff keep food served to Florida's consumers safer.

This is a comprehensive training that provides the most up-to-date information and current regulations. The ServSafe

Manager's exam is given at the end of the training, which provides a national certification that is good for five years. Certification is required in Florida for food managers of all establishments licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and selected licenses of the Department of Health.

The next class will be Wednesday, Feb. 15. It will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and run seven hours. Participants will have a maximum of three hours to take the exam.

Training is at the Citrus County Extension office at 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto. The brochure and registration form can be downloaded from <http://foodsafety.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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Versatility of ginger

Chefs can use root in variety of ways

MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Fresh, dried, candied or pickled, the rhizome of the plant *Zingiber officinale* — ginger root to you and me — is a hot commodity at the moment.

Used quietly for years to add zip to everything from stir-fries and sushi to breads and cookies, ginger also happens to be a key ingredient for the noodles and dumplings traditionally eaten for Chinese New Year, the two-week celebration of food and family that begins Jan. 23.

But at the moment the knobby brown root is enjoying a bit of zeitgeist that goes far beyond that celebration, showing up in desserts, upscale sodas, marinades for pricey meats and fancy cocktails as the food world embraces this zingy root in anything but a gingerly fashion.

At the Lukshon restaurant in Los Angeles, chef-owner Sang Yoon laughingly describes himself as the guy who'll "eat my own weight in the pickled ginger" when sitting down to sushi. "I really enjoy that light burn on the palate. It almost acts as a palate cleanser. It's especially really pleasing for richer, oilier dishes like mackerel."

So at his restaurant, he has taken ginger well beyond the stir-fry, making a syrup from ginger and galangal (a more savory relative of ginger) for cocktails, juicing ginger for sauces and vinaigrettes and hot pickling ginger for raw fish dishes.

Chef and Asian food authority Bruce Cost is such a fan he wrote the 1984 cookbook, "Ginger East to West," which traced the history of ginger. He created Bruce Cost Ginger Ale for his restaurants and now sells it in specialty and food service retailers across the country. Unfiltered, it's brewed in Brooklyn and made from fresh, whole ginger and cane sugar.

"It's probably the premier herb on the planet," he said, noting ginger is an ancient food that has been embraced by diverse cultures.

And his brew is hardly alone. Grocer's shelves are suddenly crowded with fancy ginger ales sporting big, bold flavor, from Reed's Extra Ginger Brew to Maine Root Ginger Brew.

Diana Kuan, a New York-based writer and cooking instructor who



Associated Press

Used quietly for years to add zip to everything from stir-fries to sushi, ginger also happens to be a key ingredient for the noodles and dumplings traditionally eaten for Chinese New Year, which begins Jan. 23.

blogs about food at appetiteforchina.com, likes ginger in all its incarnations, including, of course, its traditional role along with garlic and scallions as the basis for stir-fry and other dishes.

Ginger also shows up in marinades to help tenderize meat and is a natural partner to crab, steamed fish or in rich dishes, such as pork belly or dumplings.

"It has a really clean and sharp flavor," Kuan said.

Jan. 23 ushers in the Year of the Dragon, which is the only mythical creature in the 12 animals that make up the Chinese zodiac and packs a bit more drama than the mild-mannered rabbit that ruled 2011.

Celebrations begin with a big family feast on New Year's Eve and go on for 14 days ending with the Spring Lantern Festival.

Somewhere in there, you may need a cocktail, and this ginger lemon drop spritzer may fit the bill. Use the best

ginger beer (fancy ginger ale) you can find. Fresh ginger, usually found with the grocer's Asian produce, should be firm and brown.

GINGER LEMON DROP SPRITZER

- Ice
- 12-ounce bottle ginger beer
- 2 ounces Domäne de Canton (ginger liqueur)
- 1 ounce vodka
- 1 ounce lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger

Fill a highball glass with ice and pour in enough ginger beer to fill the glass two-thirds of the way.

In a cocktail shaker filler with ice, combine the ginger liqueur, vodka, lemon juice and fresh ginger. Shake well, then strain into the glass.

From start to finish, it takes 5 minutes and serves one.
(Recipe by Alison Ladman)

of making guacamole for 500 people. But friends at Frontera Foods suggested I try their easy recipe. Well, it was so good, it was the hit of the event. And I couldn't stop eating it. Since I tried this recipe, I've never made guacamole any other way.

1-2-3 TOMATILLO SALSA GUACAMOLE

- 3 to 4 ripe avocados
- 1 cup Frontera Foods tomatillo salsa
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Kosher salt

Cut the avocados in half, scoop out the flesh and combine in a bowl. Mash well. Stir in the tomatillo salsa, then the cilantro. Season with salt. From start to finish, it takes 5 minutes and serves six.

Elizabeth Karmel is a grilling and Southern foods expert and executive chef at Hill Country Barbecue Market restaurants in New York and Washington, as well as Hill Country Chicken in New York. She is the author of three cookbooks, including "Soaked, Slathered and Seasoned."

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pepper (if using). Stir well, then cover, reduce heat to low and cook for 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

If chili is too thick, water or an additional beer may be added. If so, add just a bit at a time or the chili will get too thin.

From start to finish, it takes 2 1/2 hours and serves eight.

I first made 1-2-3 tomatillo salsa guacamole for a very large event in California. I was daunted by the task

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plants in individual 3-gallon containers of soil. Once the danger of frost has passed, I transplant them to 15-gallon containers, with holes in the bottom, under trees with low branches they can climb onto. One note of caution: Choose trees outside high-traffic areas so no one has their "bell rung" by a dropping chayote!

Chayotes are short-day plants and need at least four weeks of 12-hour or shorter days to begin producing fruits. Fruits are produced well into the fall.

This year, with the first frosts coming after New

Year, was ideal. I've grown a bumper crop. Years with early frosts can result in no crop at all. Fruits grown on a trellis would be easier to pick and easier to cover for frost protection.

Chayotes are a bonanza of edible possibilities. Though I've never tried them, the roots are edible and can be prepared like yams. The tender shoots and leaves are cooked as a vegetable and added to stir-fry. In Taiwan, the local name for these shoots translates to "dragon-whisker vegetable."

According to Mary King (who writes a column called "Florida Food Fare" available on the University of Florida-IFAS website), "Chayote is very low in calories, fat and

sodium, has no cholesterol and is a good source of fiber, vitamin C and potassium."

She goes on to include a number of mouth-watering recipes for chayote.

Amazingly, chayotes have the texture of a crisp apple. I like to peel and cook the squash, drain and add butter and celery salt. My grandson and I like to peel the fruit, slice them and dip them ranch dressing.

Why not give Jack a run for his money and grow your own tree squash? Happy landscaping and happy eating.

Randy Hobson, a licensed landscaper and plant enthusiast, can be reached at 352-613-0542.

EASY

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- 3 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 pound Swiss chard, stems removed, sliced into 1/2-inch strips
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can white beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 4 cups low-sodium beef stock
- 4 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cornbread topping:

- 1 (6.5 ounce) package Martha White yellow cornbread mix
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2/3 cup milk
- 8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Heat Lodge 5-quart Dutch oven over medium heat. Cook bacon until crisp. Remove with slotted spoon to paper towels to drain. Add onions and sugar to bacon drippings. Cook, stirring frequently, until onions are caramelized, about 20 minutes. Add chard, white beans, bacon, vinegar and red pepper. Add beef stock and water. Bring to a low

simmer over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes. Add salt and pepper.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix together cornbread mix and egg, butter and milk, until blended. Fold in cheese cubes. Spoon batter over simmering soup. Place in oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

Serve with metal spoon, breaking through cheese crust and scooping soup and cornbread into deep bowls.

Julianne Munn is the food writer for the Citrus County Chronicle. Email her at jmun2@tampanbay.rr.com.

Do flaws really exist in wines?

Today, let's review the topic of "wine flaws" both real and imagined."

■ The wine is too old.

If I had a dollar for every time a gentle reader asked about the old bottle of wine "I have been saving for a special occasion" I might have enough ready cash in to cruise around the Mediterranean.



Ron Drinkhouse
WINES
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All wines go through an aging process. Some, as with new Beaujolais, are meant to drink in their infancy, while others, including vintage Bordeaux, Port and Madeira, need time to develop an established ready-to-drink set of flavors. Fully 95 percent of the wine wall is drinkable right now. Wine left too long in closets will turn into sour vinegar.

■ The wine is too young.

To drink too early the product of a fabulous French vintage or any "great" vintage is blasphemy. Cellar aging for these special labels is essential to let them grow into maturity and balance.

■ The wine is seasick.

Bouncing around on the high seas or in a semi on the way to market will dis-joint the wine. As with all of us, after a long, hard journey, we need to rest and settle down. Dramamine won't help.

■ The wine is poorly made.

This is a broad complaint regarding wines from smaller wineries that have been remiss with sanitary procedures, allowing microorganisms to "spoil the brew," to remain "cloudy" through poor clarification, or simply "out of balance," meaning we taste anything but the true fruit essence, because of poor production.

■ The wine is served at the wrong temperature.

In restaurants particularly, red wine served by the glass is almost always too warm while the whites immersed in a bucket of ice are virtually tasteless. Once again red wine temperature in my home is 50 to 60 degrees, whites are served a bit cooler.

■ The wine is cloudy.

This means the clarification process got botched, leaving the wine looking like a snow flurry in Vermont.

■ The wine is corked.

This tainted-cork syndrome is easy to recognize. The wine will taste something like a cross between wet dog fur and a dirty old mop. Eww! It happens when corks generate a chemical called TCA, or trichloroanisole.

There is no way to repair the contents and you should ask for another bottle.

■ The wine is oxidized or it is Brett.

Air is wine's principle enemy and if O₂ enters through a faulty cork, it will blight the contents. Brett wine smells like a barnyard. Come labels (especially French Burgundy) demonstrate this characteristic. But if it really stinks, the spoilage is a nasty chemical called Brettanomyces. If it is present, it's time to toss it out.

■ The wine is fizzy.

Some are naturally fizzy. One example is Portuguese Vinho Verde. This is normally a natural mild carbonization and will go away shortly.

■ Stuff is lying on the bottom.

Not to worry. A few solids at the base is natural in reds, as are the tiny white particles found sometimes in whites, called tartrates. Neither will do you a bit of harm.

■ The wine is too expensive.

Caveat Emptor, or let the buyer beware. If the \$50 bottle of Italian super Tuscan is not living up to its fame, so be it. Better luck next time. Do check with on-board consultants.

■ Finally, the very worst fault of all — "I don't like it!"

Well whose fault is that? Actually, any decent wine shop will happily exchange a jug for another label. When this happens in a restaurant, much depends on the management. Turning back a bottle of wine because it's not what you expected is awkward, so think twice.

Oak Ridge resident Ron Drinkhouse was a buyer and seller of wines in his native Connecticut. He welcomes inquiries, and can be reached via email at ronoct9@aol.com or via telephone at 352-445-0328.

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News NOTES

Grumman retirees to convene today

Grumman Retiree Club's Florida Midwest Chapter will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50), in Brooksville (across from Wal-Mart.)

The buffet is \$13. Call Hank Mehl at 352-686-2735 or email hmehl@tampa bay.rr.com to make reservations. If any club members are ill, let the Sunshine Committee know. In Citrus County, email Gus Krayner at g.krayner@jeee.org or call 352-586-1558.

All former Grumman and Northrop Grumman employees and their guests are invited. Club meetings are the third Thursday each month except in June, July and August.

Library Friends' meeting is today

The general meeting and special program offered by the Friends of Central Ridge Library will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the community room of Central Ridge Library.

Following election and installation of the board for 2012, Capt. Jon Semmes will share his stories, songs, jokes, local color and knowledge of the central Florida ecosystem.

Semmes is from Dunnellon and is part owner of Singing Rivers Tours that pushes off from the dock of the Blue Gator on the Withlacoochee River. He has spent his life on the rivers of central Florida and has an appreciation and love for the wildlife and ecology of the area.

Refreshments and time for questions and discussion will follow. The public is invited.

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.

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Salute with Fab Four

Citrus Memorial to host 8th annual event to benefit foundation

Special to the Chronicle

Join Citrus Memorial Health System on Sunday, Jan. 22, as they present the eighth annual Salute to the Community featuring The Fab Four.

This Beatles tribute includes three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles' ever-changing ca-

reer. The tribute, which includes live performances, has amazed audiences around the world from Japan to Australia, France, Germany and Brazil, and features such classics as "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "Here Comes the Sun" and "Hey, Jude."

The benefit concert begins at 4 p.m. at Curtis Peterson Auditorium in

Lecanto. Tickets are \$22 and are on sale in the Citrus Memorial gift shop, SHARE Club, Home Health Agency, Allen Ridge Walk-In Clinic and Sugarmill Woods Walk-In Clinic, as well as Regions and TD banks in Inverness.

For more information, call Kelley Alves at 352-341-6068.

Welcome home, veterans



ABOVE LEFT: Air Force Staff Sgt. Dustin Clarke with the Operation Welcome Home staff and representatives of the veterans' organization. ABOVE RIGHT: PFC Norbert Moschke, 95, is thanked for his service by a member of the audience.



Special to the Chronicle

Organization busy with ceremonies for returning service members

BARBARA MILLS
Special to the Chronicle

December was a busy month for Operation Welcome Home (OWH), Citrus County's nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to honoring local military personnel returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

Air Force Staff Sgt. Dustin Clarke, a 2004 Lecanto High School graduate and an Air Force battlefield weather forecaster, was honored after his return from OIF with a dinner and gifts hosted by VFW Post 4337 in Inverness on Dec. 20.

On Dec. 30, three veterans were honored for their service. Army Cpl. Billie Carpenter, a 1991 graduate of Lecanto High School, was honored after her return from OIF. Air Force Senior Airman Jeremy Webb was honored after his return from (OEF). Each veteran received a free dinner, cer-



Members of motorcycle organization Rolling Thunder make a presentation to Cpl. Billie Carpenter and Senior Airman Jeremy Webb.

tificate and basket filled with gifts from local businesses and private donations, hosted by VFW Post 4252 in Hernando.

As a complete surprise, 95-year-old PFC Norbert Boschke was invited to come forward for a special ceremony. Assisted by former VFW Post 4252 Commander John Stark, he was led to the

center area of the ceremony. A former prisoner of war at Stalag 17 during World War II, Boschke received an emotional rousing round of applause as members of the audience came forward to salute and thank him for his service.

"The OWH ceremony is perhaps the greatest honor of my life" said Chief Master

Sgt. John Stewart, OWH secretary and master of ceremonies. "Every troop returning from combat must be greeted and sincerely thanked for their service to our country. They deserve our full support while deployed, as do their families, and upon return our OWH venue is an outstanding method to show them how much we appreciate their service to us."

"PFC Boshke is a special honor," said Stewart. "The terrible things he experienced while prisoner, including being twice wounded, and the heroism he displayed while fighting in Italy are truly remarkable. My goodness, this is a tremendous night of honor at Post 4252!"

You can help OWH by donating gift cards, money, or anything else to help the veterans and families. Call OWH President Barbara Mills at 352-422-6236 for details, or go to the website at www.operationwelcomehomeveterans.org.

Workshops given for persons with disabilities

Separate sessions for men, women

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus Memorial Health System and the Key Training Center will provide workshops on Women's Health Issues on Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Men's Health Issues on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Both workshops will be

presented by a CRHS nurse and at 10 a.m., in the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center at Key Training Center, 5521 Buster Whitton Way, on the Lecanto campus of the Key Training Center.

Almost every family in America will be touched by breast or prostate cancer at

some point in time and everyone is encouraged to learn symptoms and talk to doctors about concerns.

For persons with developmental disabilities, however, this early warning system needs to be specifically taught, and caregivers play a vital role in keeping their loved ones healthy.

The workshops are open to the public, but with limi-

tations. Because sensitive issues will be addressed and some of the adults with disabilities may be discussing issues for the first time, only female participants should attend the Jan. 24 session.

The Jan. 31 session will be for men only.

For more information, call Stephanie Hopper at 352-344-0288.

News NOTES

Lions to serve pancakes Sunday

Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle Drive, will have its pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 22.

Cost for adults is \$4; children younger than 12 eat for \$2.

The meal includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of bacon or sausage or combo, orange juice and coffee or tea. For more information, call Janet at 352-527-0962.

Writers, poets get together Jan. 21

Citrus County Writers and Poets Group will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the

Central Ridge Library Community Room. All who write for fun or for publication are welcome.

Bring ideas of what you'd like to accomplish with our group, and a sample piece of writing you'd like to share.

RSVPs are required through www.meetup.com/writersandpoets. Seating will be limited.

For more information, call Charles Lawrence at 352-613-3624.

Orchid lovers to gather in Spring Hill

SPRING HILL — Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Partner's Club (behind Oak Hill Hospital). The February meeting will be Feb. 18.

The club will host the 2012 Festival of Orchids from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, and Sunday, March 25, at the Suncoast Dance Party Hall, 13383 County Line Road, Spring Hill.

There will be many orchids and orchid supplies for sale, and a potting/advice booth.

Entry fee of \$2 includes hourly orchid plant raffle. Call Dave at 352-683-2767 or Pat at 727-856-3485.

Scouts plan fundraiser events

Boy Scout Troop 462 will have a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the VFW Edward W. Penno Post 4864 at 10199 N. Citrus

Spring Blvd., Citrus Springs. Funds raised go 50 percent to the troop's Relay for Life team and 50 percent to the Boy Scout's summer camp account.

Boy Scout Troop 462 will host its 15th annual Spaghetti Dinner Silent & Chinese Auction from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Dinner includes fresh salad, bread, spaghetti with sauce (meat or plain), drink and dessert.

Donation is \$6 per person at the door or \$5 in advance.

For more information, call Anita Black at 352-427-4034.

News NOTES

Come jam, eat dinner at VFW

Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Ladies Auxiliary, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness, invites the public to join the post family at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, for dinner and a country jam session.

Cost is \$6, with proceeds to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary general fund. Come and enjoy a dinner of barbecued pork, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and coffee. After-dinner entertainment will be the Lonesome Pine band with Chuck and Priscilla and friends.

Call the post at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org, for information about all post events.

Garden club will give away trees

The Inverness Garden Club plans three events this month to mark Florida's Arbor Day on Jan. 20.

As it has since the late 1970s, the club has purchased tree saplings to be given away on Friday, Jan. 20.

Club members will greet the community outside Publix, Winn-Dixie and Wal-Mart stores in Inverness and give a sapling to anyone wishing to plant and care for a new tree. A total of 1,000 saplings will be distributed.

As part of club's youth outreach, it is partnering with Citrus County Forester Kimberly Ward to present a program for the Inverness Primary third-grade students.

In addition, members look forward to partnering with the Citrus County Library and the County Extension Office in a workshop for children, "Little Green Thumbs," on Jan. 28, with trees as a subject of some fun hands-on activities.

Rails to Trails meeting is Jan. 19

Dave and Betty Davis, longtime Citrus County residents and riders of the Withlacoochee Trail since its inception, will speak at the Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee Citizen Service Organization monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Lakes Region Library, 15111 Druid Road, Inverness.

The Davises have also toured by bicycle in Yellowstone National Park, New Mexico, Oregon, Alaska, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas, Wisconsin and New Zealand.

They have a unique viewpoint of the county, and will talk about the history of biking in Citrus County, before and since the trail was established.

For more information, call Bonnie Peterson at 352-341-4665.

Reserve now for women's luncheon

Dunnellon Christian Women's Connection will meet for a monthly luncheon on at noon Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Springs Banquet Hall (Springs Presbyterian Church), 1060 W. Withlacoochee Trail, Dunnellon.

"Pack up and Hit the Road" is the theme this month. Guest speaker is Wales native Julie Mariner.

All women are welcome. Tickets are \$12 and deadline for reservations is today, Jan. 19. Call Dot at 352-465-1150 or Maggie at 352-465-6153.

Masons invite all to breakfast

Floral City Masonic Lodge will have breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the lodge.

Menu includes eggs cooked to order, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, grits, orange juice and coffee for \$5.

For information, call 352-637-4331.

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 19, 2012

C: Comcast, Citrus B: Bright House D/L: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights

Grid of TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WUFT, etc.) and program listings for Thursday evening, including times, channel numbers, and program titles.

JUMBLE word game section with a cartoon illustration and a grid for solving the puzzle. Includes the answer: HIS.

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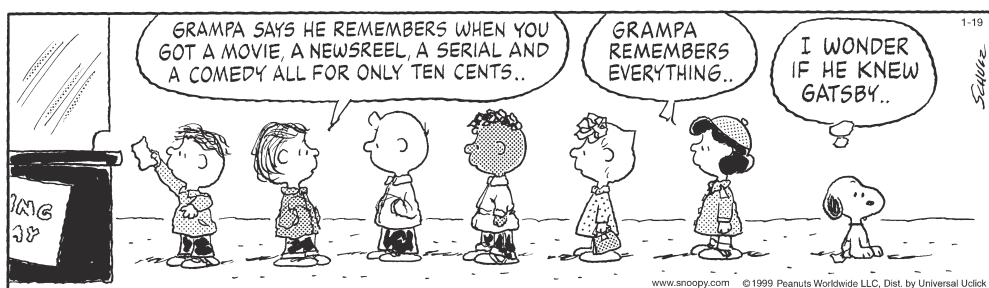
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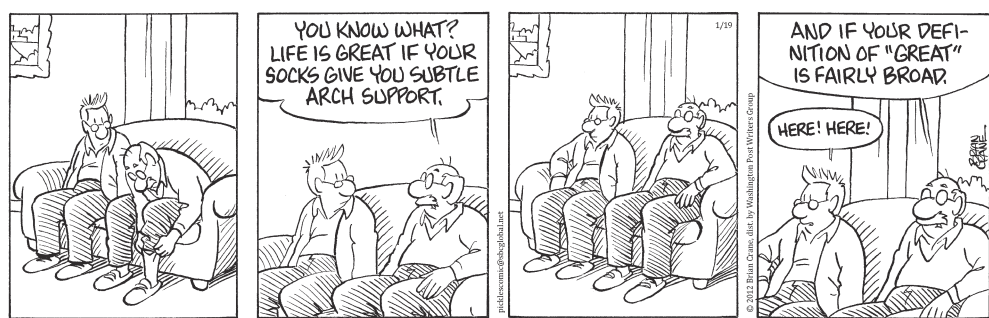
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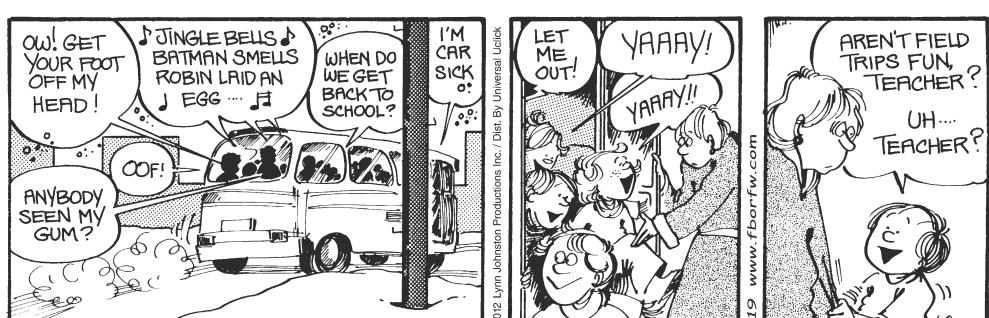
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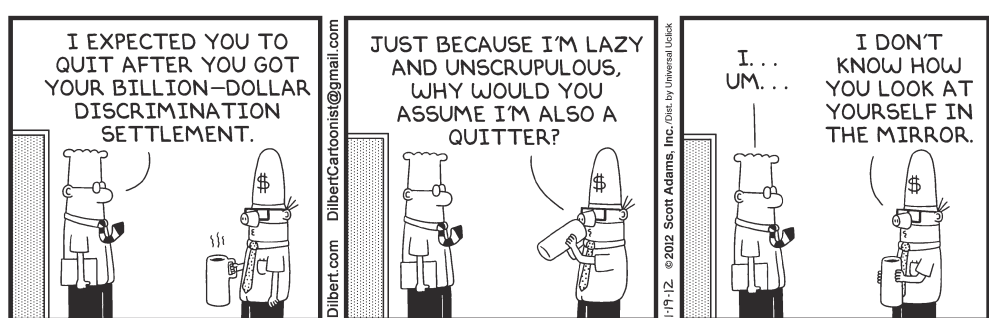
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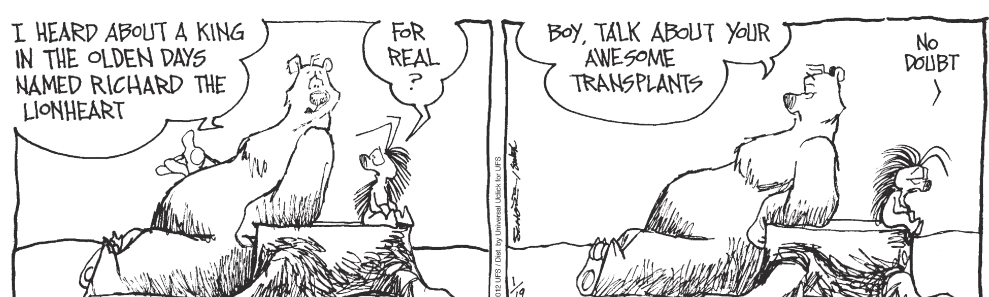
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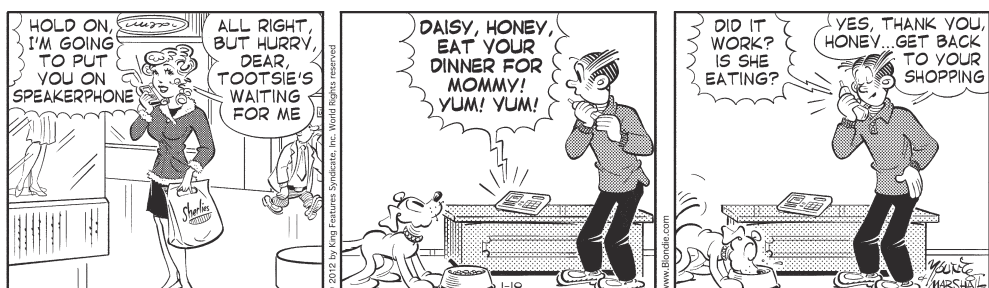
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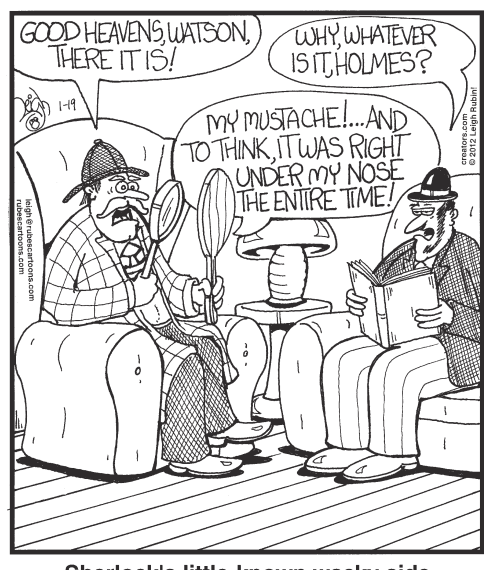
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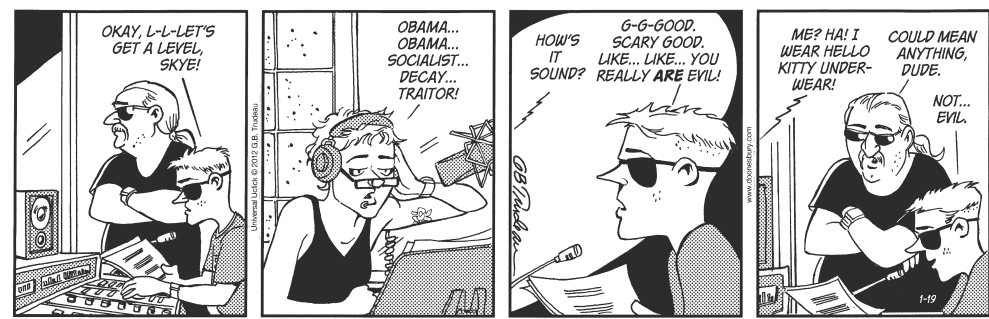
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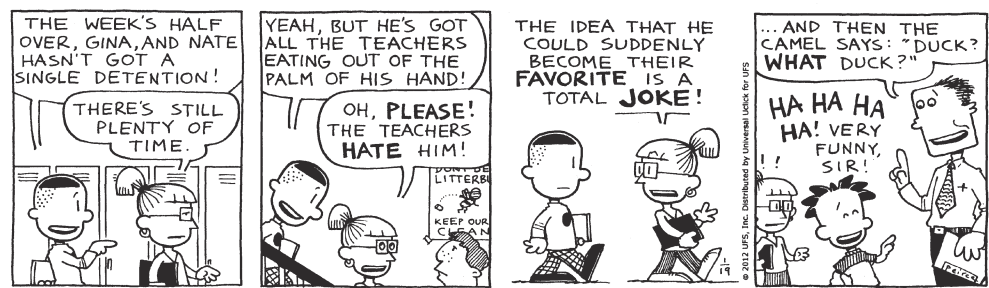
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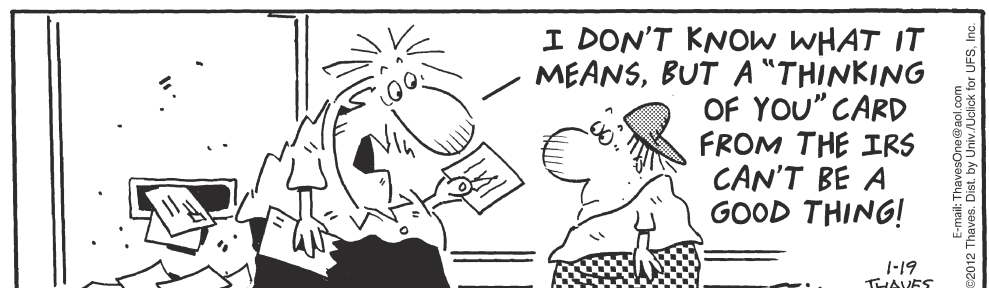
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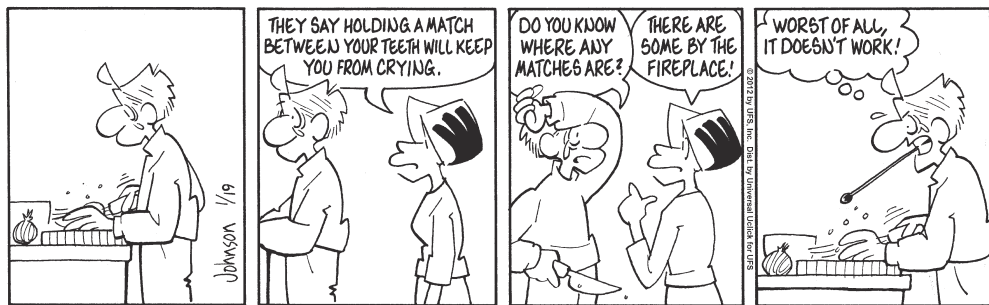
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"Contraband" (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

"Joyful Noise" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

"Beauty and the Beast" (G) In Real 3D. 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:10 p.m. No passes.

"War Horse" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

"We Bought a Zoo" (PG) 1:20 p.m., 4:25 p.m.

"Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" (PG-13) 7:20 p.m.

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864

"Contraband" (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

"Beauty and the Beast" (G) In Real 3D. 1:50 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.

"Joyful Noise" (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

"The Devil Inside" (R) ID required. 2 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

"War Horse" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:35 p.m.

"We Bought a Zoo" (PG) 1:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:20 p.m.

"Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" (PG-13) 1:25 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:10 p.m.

"Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (R) ID required. 1:15 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

Visit www.chronicleonline.com for area movie listings and entertainment information.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z equals A

"MSR WZJY YGYLFYD? ESST. KWZK
LYZGD MSR'JY DKSST RO CSV
DSLYKWFGE, DSLYKFLY FG MSRV AFCY."
- BFGDKSG HWRVHWFVA

Previous Solution: "Arguably, no artist grows up: If he sheds the perceptions of childhood, he ceases being an artist." - Ned Rorem

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