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NEWS BRIEFS

Job fair Friday for Taco Bell

INVERNESS — Workforce Connection will have a job fair on Friday, Feb. 17, for those interested in applying for positions at the newly rebuilt Taco Bell restaurant in Inverness.

Taco Bell is hiring team members and shift managers. Applicants should apply in person from 1 to 5 p.m. at Workforce Connection, 1003 E. Inverness Blvd., in Inverness.

For more information, call 352-637-2223 or 800-434-JOBS (5627).

IPS group meets today

Inverness Primary School's School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC) will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the school's Media Center.

Discussion will include the mid-year report, food services, SAEC budget, after school writing program and school recognition voting results.

For more information, call 352-726-2632.

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Ruling sides with hospital board

MIKE WRIGHT
 Staff Writer



Judge Jackie Fulford

said CMHS not harmed by law.

Grant said he planned immediately to file a lawsuit asking a judge to freeze \$1.4 million the foundation set aside as severance pay for hospital Chief Executive Officer Ryan Beaty and his top administrators in the event that trustees took over control of the hospital.

Grant was ecstatic with Fulford's ruling and said he hoped the

INVERNESS — A Leon County judge on Wednesday dealt a shock to the status quo at Citrus Memorial Health System when she ruled that a law passed last year regarding hospital oversight is constitutional. Circuit Court Judge Jackie Fulford said the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation is not harmed by the law, which requires the Citrus County Hospital Board to have controlling votes on the foundation board.

CMHS officials said they would appeal the ruling.

Hospital board attorney Bill

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Highlights of Judge Jackie Fulford's ruling:

- The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation acts as an agent of the Citrus County Hospital Board, a public body. The foundation contract is subject to government oversight. The Legislature did not violate the state Constitution by giving CCHB trustees controlling membership of the foundation.
- The foundation is not harmed by the law. In fact, taxpayers receive more oversight because CCHB members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Foundation members, by contrast, are appointed by the foundation with no oversight.
- There is nothing in the lease that the foundation has with CCHB that regulates makeup of the foundation board.
- Three trustees did not violate the Sunshine Law when they met with then-state Rep. Ron Schultz in his legislative office in April 2010 to discuss the proposed legislation.

Learning landforms



Michele Gonzalez, a seventh grader at the Crystal River Middle School, takes a bite from her edible model last week as she and classmates wrap up their project.

Students eat tasty tectonic treats while studying Earth's crust

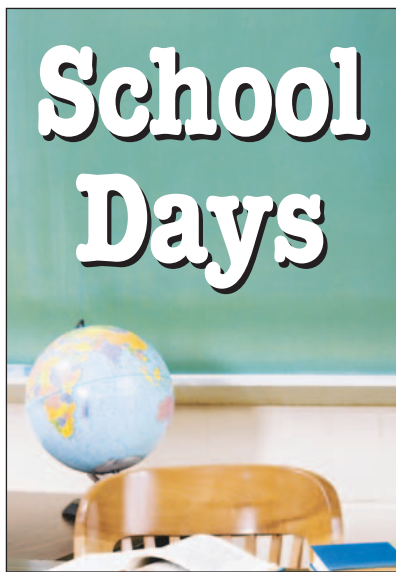
Editor's note: Throughout the 2011-12 school year, the Chronicle staff will follow the progress of several classrooms across the county during its series School Days.

MATTHEW BECK
 Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Sandy Pope's seventh grade science class completed a project last week that was finger-lickin' good.

Her Crystal River Middle School seventh graders have been studying convergent and divergent boundaries, or landforms, and their lesson ended last week with the students building edible models of each of three boundaries: continent/continent, continent/ocean and ocean/ocean.

"We've been studying plate tectonics and how the Earth's lithosphere is made up of a bunch of rigid plates. They're floating around on the asthenosphere, which would explain why we have different types of land forms like mountains, trenches, volcanoes, islands and various things," she said. "Students are learning what the different boundaries are and they are now making plate boundaries, both convergent and divergent,



using food to make their models."

Pope gathered piles of Graham Crackers, Hershey's Kisses, chocolate chips, Twizzlers and other colorful candies along with green, pink and blue cake icing and had her students get to work creating their boundaries using the tasty, edible resources.

"The projects are very creative," Pope said following the classroom exercise. "You can very easily tell, by the colors and shapes, what their land forms are. I'm impressed!"

She said the hands-on lesson makes a different and hopefully lasting impression on the students, more than just reading about it in a textbook.

"They can see it, they've heard it through the review, but now they get to manipulate it and hold it — think about it in a different way," she said. "If they have to recall this at a later date, they may recall their model and the tools they used to create it, like the Twizzlers for lava or Kisses for mountains. It's a different way to get them to remember things using the sense of touch and taste."

Following each student's completion of their land form, the class of more than 20 teens slowly walked from desk to desk, inspecting each other's work, guessing which of the three convergent boundaries lay in front of them.

If the judges correctly guessed the landform, the creator of the treat was given permission to eat their sweet yet messy project.

Bridget Spiddle used nearly a dozen Hershey's Kisses to create a landform, a massive mountain range.

"My favorite part of the project was getting to eat the mountain

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Inglis police force may be axed

Referendum to decide issue

MIKE WRIGHT
 Staff Writer

INGLIS — Opinions vary about the significance of this town's police department.

Some say it's a drain on taxpayers. Others call it the only sure protection against an influx of criminals.

The matter will be decided during the March 13 town election with a referendum that simply asks if the police department should be dissolved.

The town commission on Tuesday set a special town hall meeting the week before the election, March 6, so that residents and business owners could ask questions of Sheriff Johnnie Smith, Mayor James Williams and county officials about the potential impact of dissolving the police department.

Town attorney Norm Fugate said the meeting is an opportunity for citizens to receive facts about the issue.

"I think it's an excellent idea to have a meeting in which this issue can be addressed by all," Fugate said.

The five-officer Inglis Police Department has a budget of about \$335,000, town clerk Sally McCrainie said.

Backers of a move to do

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- **What:** Town hall meeting to discuss the Inglis Police referendum.
- **When:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 6.
- **Where:** Town Hall on C.R. 40 in Inglis.

Drug bills face different fates in appropriations committee

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Fresh off a successful but contested effort last year to require welfare applicants to pass drug tests to collect benefits, Rep. Jimmie T. Smith brought a pair of related bills to the House Appropriations Committee Wednesday and came away 1 for 2.

Following concerns from members including fellow Republicans, the commit-



Jimmie T. Smith

gets drug bill through committee.

proposal that critics from both parties said was fa-

tee rejected a measure (SB 1205) that would have allowed state agencies to randomly drug test employees. On a close vote, the panel rejected the measure. Smith, R-Inverness, had better luck with another



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measure (HB 813) that would require felony drug offenders to show proof that they have undergone substance abuse treatment before collecting temporary federal aid. On a party-line vote, the panel approved the measure over the concerns of critics who say it also is unconstitutional.

Smith, who last year sponsored a measure requiring applicants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to pay for

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and pass a drug screen that was thrown out by the courts, dismissed concerns, and said the new bill sends a strong message that taxpayer funds won't be used for drug use.

"This is the perfect way

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range but my second favorite was trying to make the mountains as tall as Mount Everest," she said with a smile still sporting green icing on the corners of her mouth. "The icing was like glue and it held the Kisses together."

Some of the students used the pink icing for magma under the Earth's crust. Green icing was used for land formations and blue for the color of the ocean.

Pope said the students have been studying a section on new-Earth structures and it matches the "E" strand of the Florida Benchmarks for earth structure.

Some of the earth structures the class has been learning about include the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the Andes Mountains, volcanoes, both above and under the water, as well as other Earth

features like Iceland, the Red Sea and the San Andreas Fault.

Quentin Herrero sat quietly at his desk creating a detailed ocean-to-ocean divergent using various components. He said this type of lesson will remain with him in the future.

"When I study something like this in a book, it doesn't get me as involved as if I'm creating something with my hands. I can actually see for myself by doing it by myself."

He said there was another benefit with this lesson when it's complete.

"Plus, I get to eat it at the end."

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

RIGHT: Charles Patrick puts some chocolate chips onto his land form to create the look of small mountains.

FAR RIGHT: Bridget Spiddle gets the last bit of icing off her fingers as she and other students evaluate each others' work.



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away with the police department gathered enough petition signatures to force a referendum.

A citizen challenged the petition, however, and asked a judge to stop the referendum from taking place.

Circuit Court Judge Robert Roundtree didn't do that, but he did change the referendum's wording.

The original wording, which referendum supporters used when gathering petition signatures, read: "Shall Inglis Charter be amended to require Inglis Commission to dissolve and merge the Inglis Police Department with Levy County Sheriff's Office on Sept. 30, 2012 or before with town commission negotiating merger of all facilities, assets, real estate, equipment and necessary personnel currently used by the department?"

Roundtree heard from citizens and attorneys at a Feb. 2 hearing and determined that the town commission could dissolve the police department, but it could not merge with the

sheriff's office without a countywide vote.

Roundtree then reduced the referendum's wording to whether the Inglis Police Department should be dissolved or not. There is no mention in the referendum of any merger with the sheriff's office.

Referendum opponent Betty Berger said that change in wording should require the commission to allow petition signees the option of removing their signatures.

Fugate said the judge's order makes no mention of the petition's validity. He advised the commission to go ahead with the referendum as now worded.

The referendum is directly tied to the town commission election. The three incumbents — Sherry Ely, Drinda Merritt and commission president Richard Kellman — support keeping Inglis Police intact. The two challengers — Glenda Kirkland and Michael "Andrew" White — want the depart-

ment dissolved.

Kirkland said the issue is money. She noted the city of Crystal River saved \$500,000 by turning over law enforcement to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and she believes Inglis would have significant savings as well.

"We just can't afford them," she said.

Others, however, say that the move to dissolve the police department is supported by people who do not want a police presence in the community.

"A lot of people are against any type of law enforcement," resident Joe Owensby said. "They want free rein to do what they want in this town."

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A referendum will determine if the Inglis Police Department is dissolved and the Levy County Sheriff's Office takes over law enforcement for the town.

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CORRECTION

In the Wednesday February 15 newspaper there was an error in the Plantation on Crystal River's ad. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. This error was due to a newspaper misprint. Prime Rib is being served Thursday thru Saturday at Plantation on Crystal River.

Prom Fashion Show Expo

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Around
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Genealogical seminar set for Feb. 18

Citrus County Genealogical Society will host a seminar from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Crystal River Moose Lodge, 1855 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

The speaker, George G. Morgan, internationally known lecturer and author of "How to do Everything: Genealogy," third edition, will present the following topics: "Alternative Record Types You May Never Have Considered," "Sidestep Genealogy," and "New Ways to Research Our Roots."

Learn about alternate record types, new research resources available today, alternative research paths and how to get around brick walls.

There will also be door prizes and a raffle.

Cost is \$12 for members and \$16 for nonmembers.

Complimentary coffee, tea and cookies provided; however, attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch.

To register, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 352-382-5515 or get the registration form at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ficcgs2 (Click "Learn about Our February Seminar," then click Registration at the bottom of the seminar page).

Chronicle publisher to address TOO FAR

Guest speaker at the Thursday, Feb. 23, TOO FAR general meeting is *Citrus County Chronicle* Publisher Gerry Mulligan.

He has served as publisher of the *Chronicle* since 1990 and for 12 years prior to that was editor of the *Chronicle*.

The TOO FAR general meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the East Citrus Community Center on State Road 44 about four miles east of Inverness.

TOO FAR meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Call TOO FAR at 352-726-5004 for more information.

WWII Honor Flight fundraiser Feb. 26

The public can help raise funds to send World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., on the next Honor Flight on April 3.

Beef O'Brady's in Inverness is sponsoring a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. The cost is \$5.

April 3 is the first flight for 2012, and organizers hope to continue one flight per month for six months.

The trip to Washington is free for veterans and \$400 for anyone who wants to be a guardian.

The money raised goes to cover the cost for the veterans.

For information, call Barbara Mills at 352-422-6236 or email barbaramills@remax.net.

—From staff reports

Learn about loans at barbecue

Event for getting fired up about farming, finance

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Farmers and ranchers wanting to expand will get to talk about the money they need at a special barbecue next month.

A representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and staff from other financial institutions will be present at an event hosted by the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County. The barbecue

will start at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Citrus County Cattlemen's Association, 11185 S. Pleasant Grove Road, Floral City. The cost will be \$10.

Angela Prioleau, rural development energy coordinator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will explain four programs.

The Rural Energy for America Program provides assistance to agricultural producers and rural small

businesses to complete a variety of projects, including renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy development, energy audits and feasibility studies.

At its meeting on Monday, the alliance appointed Bo Rooks as its representative on the Citrus County Economic Development Council and Dudley Calfee for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

The Citrus County Builders Association announced at the meeting it would host a "Bull" & BBQ cook-off from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the CCBA,

1196 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, featuring four categories: beef, chicken, pork and mystery meat. Activities will include chip bingo. It costs \$10. Call 352-746-9028 by 5 p.m. Feb. 27 to register.

Following the success of Awesome Ag Day, a July event for children ages 6 through 10 who attend Camp Fusion, the alliance is looking into a home project for children called Growums, six kits for growing vegetables and herbs.

Children follow instructions to germinate and grow the seeds, log onto the growums.com website where they can watch ani-

mations and receive weekly emails about their progress.

"Growums teach kids to grow vegetables in a fun and interactive way," said Dr. Joan Bradshaw, director of Citrus County Extension Services.

The alliance education committee will consider which kit to sponsor as an activity. The difficulty for starting the program for this year's Awesome Ag Day is that the kits contain both cool season and warm season vegetables.

Chronicle reporter Chris Van Ormer can be reached at evanormer@chronicleonline.com or 352-564-2916.

Another day in paradise

Warming trend sweeps the nation; Central Florida temps just slightly higher than normal

When all is said and done, the weather and love are the two elements about which one can never be sure.

— Alice Hoffman, "Here on Earth"
NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

As a warming trend sweeps the nation, it's just another day in paradise for us in Florida, where shorts and flip-flops are attire du jour, often even in winter.

Thanks to what meteorologists call "zonal flow," the jet stream pattern of storms flowing from west to east and not north to south, our friends to the north are doing a warm weather happy dance having just come through the fourth-warmest January on record and the warmest since 2006.

The warming trend continues. Today's high for our area: 82 degrees.

Even in Caribou, Maine, the high today is expected to be a balmy 37 degrees — shorts and T-shirt weather for those used to sub-freezing temps.

According to a recent report from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 47 states have had warmer-than-average temperatures this winter so far and nine states have recorded their top 10 warmest average temperatures for January.

It's also been the fifth-warmest six-month period from August 2011 to January 2012 ever recorded in the lower 48 states.

However, don't ask the people in Alaska about the weather. Several areas of that state have shivered through the coldest January on record.

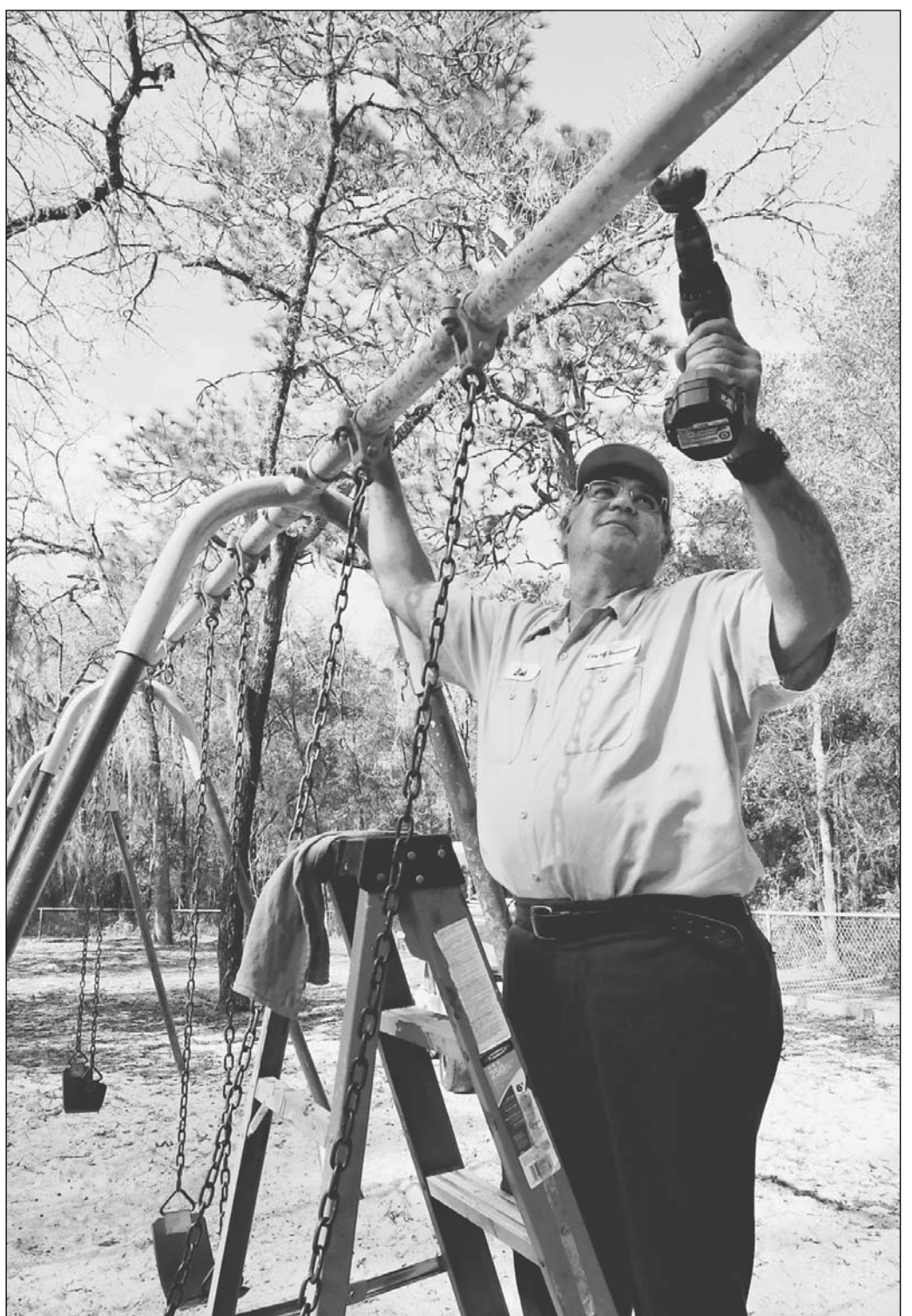
For us here in Central Florida who are used to basking in the winter sunshine, temperatures have been only slightly above normal, said Nicole Carlisle, National Weather Service meteorologist in Ruskin.

"This is typical of a La Niña pattern," she said.

La Niña ("the girl") refers to the periodic cooling of ocean surface temperatures in the central and east-central Pacific waters around the equator.

Its counterpart, El Niño ("the little boy" or "Christ child"), refers to the periods of warmer-than-normal surface ocean water in the eastern tropical Pacific. It was originally recognized by fishermen off the coast of South America who noticed the water was unusually warm for being close to Christmas.

In the past 20 years, there have been only three La Niñas and seven El Niños, occurring about every three to five years. La Niñas



Bob Strader, a maintenance engineer for the city of Inverness works on stripping the swing set at Whispering Pines Park. Maintenance workers usually use the colder winter months to refurbish the equipment, but with the unseasonably warm winter, they have been able to do the job in near-perfect temperatures.

DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

generally last between nine and 12 months and up to two years.

Carlisle said for the rest of the winter we can expect average lows in the 50s and highs in the 70s, allowing for occasional cold fronts moving through bringing brief periods of cold weather.

"Actually, looking at the long-range forecast it looks like another cold front is moving in after this coming weekend," she said.

She added that drier-than-normal conditions are also a product of La Niña.

"It's been dry here, but not exceptional," she said. "We're slightly below normal."

The bottom line, she said, is enjoy the sunshine and warm temperatures while you can but don't put away your winter jackets just yet.

Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy can be reached at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com or 352-564-2927.

Corrections

Due to a reporter's error, a story on Page A3 of Wednesday's *Chronicle*, "Grant rule could put environmental academy in tight spot," contained incorrect information. The Florida Communities Trust is expected to require the Academy of Environmental Sciences to have public access to its property.

Due to an editor's error, the Saturday Powerball, Lotto, and Fantasy 5 numbers printed on page B6 of Wednesday's *Chronicle* were incorrect.

The *Chronicle* regrets the errors.

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

Man accused in punching incident

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

A Crystal River man reportedly walked over to another man in a parking lot, acting as if he knew him, and reportedly punched him in the mouth with his closed fist, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office report.

Taylor Phillip Kofmehl, 19, 513 N.W. 2nd Ave., was arrested Monday on a charge of felony battery.

Kofmehl reportedly walked over to the man who was about to get into his vehicle with two other friends. Kofmehl, who was shirtless, was said to have acted as if he knew the man and reached out with his right hand; instead, he formed a

fist and struck him in the mouth, which caused the man to fall to the ground, the report states.

Kofmehl reportedly said something prior to the alleged battery, but the words were not understood.

When investigators arrived at the scene, they noticed the alleged victim had trouble speaking and one of his teeth was loose and bleeding. His versions corroborated his witness reports.

Kofmehl was reportedly riding in a gray car, and one of the witnesses took down a tag number but efforts to locate the right vehicle were unsuccessful.

The subsequent investiga-



Taylor Kofmehl

tion determined that Kofmehl contacted the man he allegedly attacked via text message to apologize for his actions.

Investigators said when they contacted Kofmehl, he said he watched the man

exit a restaurant and thought he said something to him. He then walked over to the man and an altercation ensued. The man nudged him on the shoulder, which caused him to punch him twice in the face. He also reportedly told investigators one of the man's friends hit him on the side of his face.

Kofmehl's bond was \$2,000.

Electric cigarette explodes

Associated Press

PENSACOLA — A Florida man trying to kick the smoking habit was puffing on an electronic cigarette when a faulty battery caused it to explode in his mouth, taking out some of his front teeth and a chunk of his tongue and severely burning his face, fire officials said Wednesday.

"The best analogy is like it was trying to hold a bottle rocket in your mouth when it went off," said Joseph Parker, division chief for the North Bay Fire Department. "The battery flew out of the tube and set the closet on fire."

Fire Chief Joseph Miller said the victim contacted the department on Wednesday to thank fire-

fighters and told them he was recovering at a hospital in Mobile, Ala., and anticipated being released later in the day. Officials have not publicly identified him, citing department policy. But a Facebook page under the name of 57-year-old Tom Holloway of Niceville was filled with well-wishers commenting on the injury and database searches matched his address on the fire report with his name.

Holloway was in his office at home when the device exploded, leaving behind burned carpet, chair cushions, pictures and office equipment. A scorched battery case found on a piece of melted carpet appears to be one for a cigar-sized device, the report said.

RULING

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foundation would drop its legal fight, which already has cost millions of dollars in legal fees.

"At what point is the foundation going to be finished squandering its money on fruitless and frivolous litigation?" Grant asked.

The two sides have been at odds since 2009, when trustees said they wanted more oversight of the hospital.

Before the law took effect, the foundation sued in June, saying it was unconstitu-

tional because the law had the effect of voiding a valid contract between the foundation and CCHB.

Fulford issued a temporary injunction and then had a final hearing in October. Both sides have waited for a decision since then.

In her ruling, Fulford turned aside foundation arguments that it had the same constitutional protections as a private company.

She also said the law does not void the lease because the agreements between the foundation and CCHB do not prevent trustees from having a majority on the foundation board.

"The result was a significant reduction in public oversight," she wrote. "The

foundation had been controlled by directors appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate... By 2006 the foundation was controlled by persons who were not appointed by the Governor, were not confirmed by the Senate, and were not accountable to the public."

She said the foundation is not harmed by providing more public oversight on its board.

"There is no diminishment of value to the taxpayers and residents by a law that imposes greater public accountability and oversight on the Foundation," she wrote.

The foundation also accused three members of the CCHB — Dr. Upender Rao, Debbie Ressler and Michael Smallridge — of violating

the state's Sunshine Law for a meeting they had with then-Rep. Ron Schultz in his Tallahassee office in 2010 to discuss the proposed legislation.

Fulford said the gathering did not violate the Sunshine Law.

Grant said he will ask the CCHB to conduct a special meeting within the next week to begin the transition process, though the details must still be worked out between members of the hospital board and foundation board.

CMHS spokeswoman Katie Mehl said the hospital will stick by its legal argument on appeal.

"We will ask a panel of appellate judges to agree with the foundation position that this law violates state Constitution," she said.

Rep. Smith said he was pleased with the judge's ruling.

"It's about transparency and accountability," he said. "It's nothing personal. It's not like I have any issues with anybody. With tax dollars, we need to know where it's going."

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Domestic Batteries

Elizabeth Ann Galloway, 57, of Homosassa was arrested Monday on a charge of domestic battery for allegedly hitting and slapping another woman about the face.

Ivonne Bley, 53, of Crystal River was arrested Monday on a charge of domestic battery for allegedly punching a man in the left eye.

Burglaries
A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 1 p.m. Feb. 9 in the 2100 block of W. Beaumont Lane, Lecanto.

A burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at about 8 a.m. Feb. 14 in the 200 block of E. Glassboro Court, Hernando.

A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 11 a.m. Feb. 14 in the 300 block of S.E. U.S. Highway 19, Crystal River.

Thefts

A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred on Jan. 1 in the 300 block of N.E. 2nd Street, Crystal River.

A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 5 p.m. Jan. 26 in the 5500 block of S. Chestnut Terrace, Lecanto.

A petit theft occurred Feb. 4 in the 200 block of S. U.S. Highway 41, Inverness.

A petit theft occurred at about 9 a.m. Feb. 13 in the 9500 block of N. Pineview Way, Citrus Springs.

A petit theft occurred at about 5:40 p.m. Feb. 14 in the 3700 block of S. Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa.

Vandalism

A vandalism (\$200 or more) occurred at about 10:43 p.m. Feb. 14 in the 900 block of S. Skyway Avenue, Homosassa.

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for the state of Florida to show that we help those people who help themselves," Smith said.

The bill would prohibit the receipt of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program money to convicted felons unless they provide proof that they have completed or are undergoing drug or alcohol treatment.

told members of the budget committee.

Democrats argued that there was no evidence to show that felony drug offenders have higher rates of drug abuse and the courts can already require such treatment programs as a condition of release.

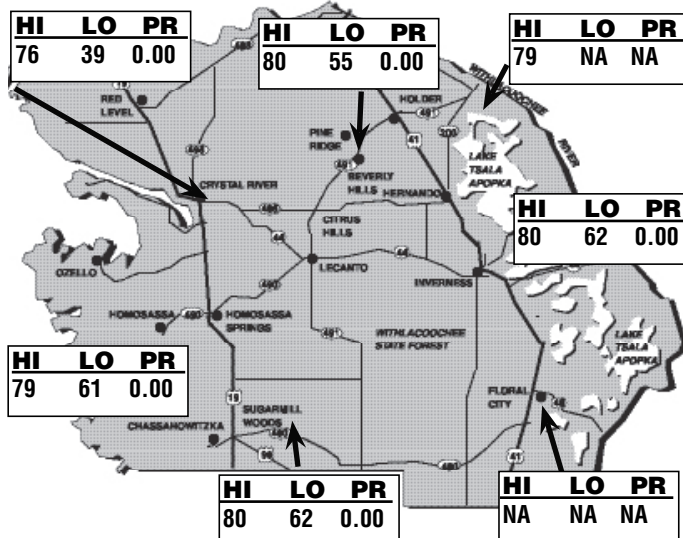
"If we're going to check people, let's take away some pensions if we think it's going to be used for drugs," said Rep. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns for City, H, L, F'cast. Locations include Daytona Bch., Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, etc.

MARINE OUTLOOK

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

Gulf water temperature

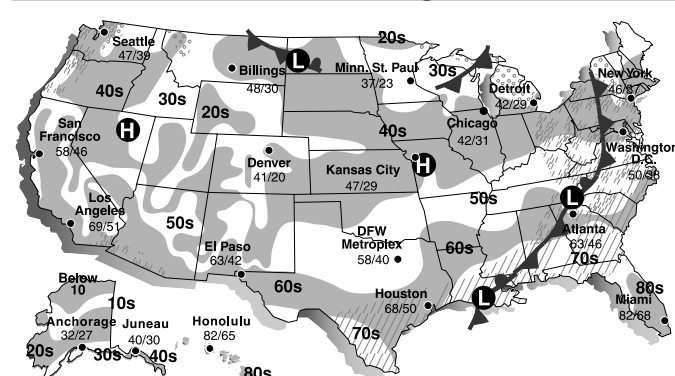
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LAKE LEVELS

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Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY

Large table with columns for City, Wednesday, Thursday, and forecast details. Includes cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Atlanta, etc.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 87 Brownsville, Texas
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WORLD CITIES

Table with columns for City, H/L/SKY, and time. Includes cities like Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mexico City, etc.

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Weather forecast section with icons for sun, clouds, and rain. Includes sections for Today & Tomorrow Morning, Friday & Saturday Morning, and Saturday & Sunday Morning.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Dew Point, Humidity, Pollen Count, UV Index, Barometric Pressure, and Sunset/Sunrise times.

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns for Date, Day, Minor, Major (Morning), Minor, Major (Afternoon).

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Table with columns for Sun, Moon, and their positions for Feb. 21, 29, March 8, 14.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: HIGH. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777.

WATERING RULES

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TIDES

Table with columns for City, High/Low, and time for Thursday and Friday.

Large advertisement for Citrus County Chronicle. Includes the masthead 'CHRONICLE', subscription information, contact details, and a 'Who's in charge' list.

Threatened butterfly vanishes

Iguanas eating leaves where eggs are laid

Associated Press

BAHIA HONDA KEY — For more than a year, Bahia Honda State Park biologist Jim Duquesnel traversed the nature sanctuary with two hopes. He wanted to see a Miami blue butterfly and rid the Florida Keys outpost of as many iguanas as he could.

The reason: The Central American invader may be driving the Miami blue into extinction by eating the leaves where it lays its eggs — a bit of butterfly caviar in every bite.

No confirmed Miami blues have been seen on Bahia Honda since July 2010, and with each passing day it becomes less likely any exist there. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last August issued an emergency listing of the Miami blue as an endangered species and three similar butterflies — cassius blue, ceranus blue and nickerbean blue — as threatened. The emergency listing continues through April, and federal officials may make it permanent.

In the listing, federal officials noted that the only surviving Miami blue population appears to be a few hundred living in the Key West National Wildlife Refuge, about 50 miles west of Bahia Honda.

Still, Duquesnel has tried to keep hope alive — and eradicate the iguana from his 600-acre park in the Middle Keys.

Perhaps, he says, a half dozen Miami blues survive on some corner of the island, waiting for the right weather to emerge.

“And if that happens, and the weather starts changing and if



Associated Press

Two Miami blue butterflies are shown at Bahia Honda State Park in the Florida Keys. No confirmed Miami blues have been seen on Bahia Honda since July 2010. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last August issued an emergency listing of the Miami blue as an endangered species.

Miami blues start breeding, we want them to find this a good place to be doing that like they used to,” he says. “In this case, that means it will be lacking in iguanas.”

If the Miami blue makes a comeback, it wouldn't be the first time.

The pale blue butterfly — about the size of a quarter — was once ubiquitous in the hardwood hammocks, pines and scrub along the Florida coasts from the Keys north to Tampa Bay on the Gulf Coast and Cape Canaveral on the Atlantic. But the region's development after World War II slowly shrank its habitat until by the early 1990s it was found only in

the Keys.

After the monstrous winds of Hurricane Andrew blew through the islands in 1992, no Miami blues were to be found, and many thought them extinct.

But seven years later, a colony of 50 was found in Bahia Honda and it slowly grew.

Their population grew into the hundreds, until they were easy to spot year round from public trails. Jaret Daniels, a butterfly specialist at the University of Florida, remembers Miami blues landing on his hat.

“You could always swat them away. There were hundreds,” Daniels says. “I'm sure thousands of people walked by with Miami

blues flying around them.”

Daniels and other scientists collected Miami blues from the park for a captive breeding program at the University of Florida's Maguire Center for Lepidoptera and Environmental Research. Roughly 30,000 were bred in a lab from 2003 to 2010, and Florida scientists transplanted the butterflies in the Upper Keys to try to expand the Miami blue's geographic range.

None of those colonies survived, but scientists clung to hope for the species because a new population of Miami blues was discovered in 2006 on a remote island in the Key West refuge.

But then, after a 2008 drought

followed by cold snaps in 2009 and 2010, the population in Bahia Honda began a significant decline. Green iguanas soon emerged as a likely suspect in their demise.

The large, vegetarian lizards, probably the descendants of pets released by their owners when they grew too big or burdensome, had developed a taste for the nickerbean leaves where Miami blues laid their eggs. The nickerbean was among the only plants to quickly recover from the cold snaps, and the iguanas chewed through them, likely eating any butterfly eggs clinging to the leaves.

Duquesnel got the news that the Miami blue had received an emergency endangered listing while making his way to the old Bahia Honda Rail Bridge, brandishing a noose at the end of a long pole, which he uses to catch iguanas. He had set metal traps baited with sliced cherries, nectarines and strawberries in more restricted areas of the park, and now he was stalking the lizard from the public trail.

That day, there was no shortage of butterflies flitting about Bahia Honda: cassius blues and one ceranus blue, rust-and-gray Eastern pygmy blues, gulf fritillaries, skippers, bright orange sulphurs, a black-winged swallowtail and a handful of other species that fluttered away before they could be identified. Duquesnel also caught four iguanas, but saw no Miami blues.

In the winter, volunteer snowbirds help Duquesnel tally butterflies in the park. They carry clipboards with a picture of the Miami blue alongside pictures of the cassius blue, ceranus blue and nickerbean blue.

“I tell the volunteers you only need to identify one butterfly: the Miami blue. If you can do that, then you can help. Anything else is a bonus,” Duquesnel says.

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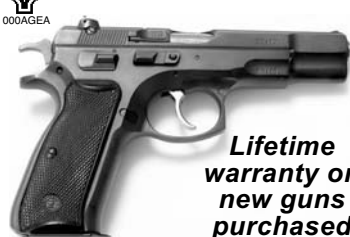
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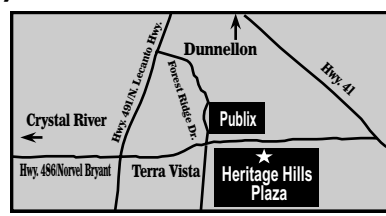
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Mr. George L. Schmeltz, 81, of Homosassa, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, in Lecanto. Arrangements are under the direction of the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

Patricia Ermatinger
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The Ermatinger family would like to invite any and all loved ones to join us in celebrating the life of our mom, mamaw, sister and friend, Patricia Ermatinger. Join us at her home on the Rainbow River



Patricia Ermatinger

to reminisce and honor her memory this Saturday, February 18, 2012, beginning at 1 p.m. Location is 11132 S.W. 190th Ave., Dunnellon, FL 34432. Contact Summer for further details at 352-257-1070.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Patricia Rogers, 75
INVERNESS

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Patricia E. Rogers, age 75, of Inverness, Fla., will be at 3 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2012, at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. Interment will be held on a later date at St. Mary's Cemetery, Putnam, Conn. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Mrs. Rogers was born November 19, 1936, in Putnam, Conn., daughter of Louis and Emma (Lacombe) Deotte. She died February 13, 2012, in Inverness, Fla. She worked as a school bus driver and moved to Inverness, Fla., from Putnam, Conn., 30 years ago.

Her hobbies included bowling, skeet shooting, billiards, playing cards, "poker" and her family. Mrs. Rogers was a member of V.F.W. Post 7122 Ladies Auxiliary, Floral City.

Mrs. Rogers was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, James L. Rogers of Inverness, Fla.; daughter, Tracey (Todd Holsmbach) McNeely of Floral City, Fla.; stepdaughter Mindy (Russell) Ashworth-Yeaw of North Scituate, R.I.; six grandchildren, Amanda, James, Andrew, Emma, Colton and Raylan; and several nieces and nephews.

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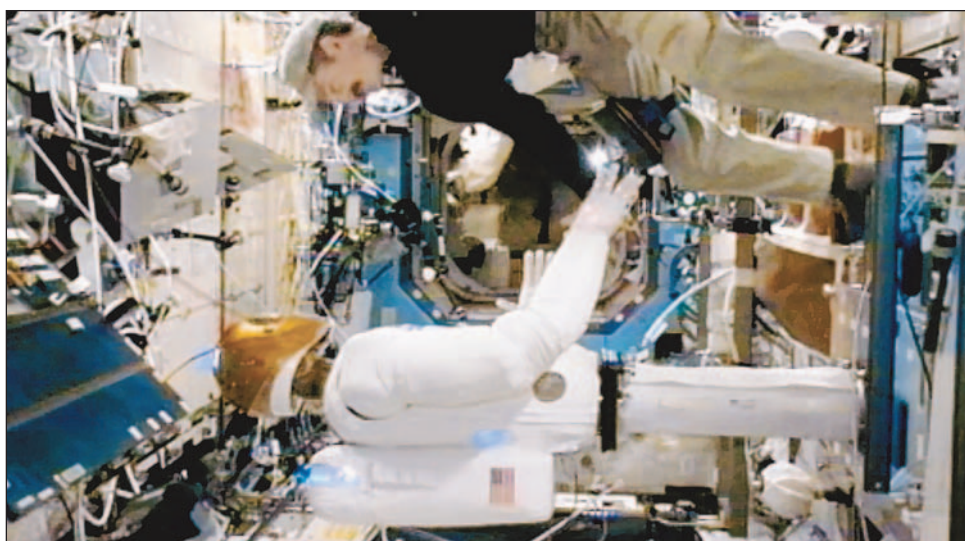
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I, Robonaut



Associated Press
Commander of the International Space Station, Daniel Burbank, shakes hands Wednesday with Robonaut aboard the station in orbit around Earth. It's the first handshake ever between a human and a humanoid in space. NASA's Robonaut was launched aboard space shuttle Discovery last February. Crews have been testing it to see how it one day might help astronauts perform space station chores.

Human and humanoid robot shake hands

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts and robots have united in space with a healthy handshake.

The commander of the International Space Station, Daniel Burbank, shook hands Wednesday with Robonaut. It's the first handshake ever between a human and a humanoid in space.

NASA's Robonaut was launched aboard space shuttle Discovery last February. Crews have been testing it to see how it one day might help astronauts perform space station chores.

On Wednesday, ground controllers activated computer software that enabled the robot to extend its right hand, fingers outstretched. Burbank took the mechanical hand and pumped it up and down, as the robot's fingers tightened around his hand.

"The first humanoid handshake in space," Burbank proclaimed.

A cheer went up in the control room in Huntsville, Ala.

"For the record, it was a firm handshake," Burbank radioed. "Quite an impressive robot."

Robonaut — the first humanoid in space, built from the waist up — said via Twitter that it was an awesome experience, then followed up with some sign language.

"The handshake was definitely one of the highlights of the day, but I'm not done yet," Robonaut said in a tweet. (A NASA spokeswoman actually files the tweets under the handle AstroRobonaut.)

"Did you catch that? I don't have a voice, but I sent you a message — Hello world ... in sign language!" Robonaut tweeted. "What a day! I passed my tests with

flying colors!!!"

Dutch space station astronaut Andre Kuipers couldn't resist a little robot humor.

"Now let's hope he's never heard of HAL9000, Skynet or Cylons," Kuipers wrote in a tweet.

HAL was the conspiring computer in "2001: A Space Odyssey." The people-hating artificial intelligence system Skynet is from the "Terminator" films, while Cylons are cyber-warriors from "Battlestar Galactica."

Robonaut spends most of its time in hibernation aboard the space station. The astronauts bring the humanoid out every so often for testing; it was awakened in space last August and made its first motion in October. A future model could venture outside for spacewalks, saving its human companions time and keeping them safe.

State BRIEFS

Crime time

FORT LAUDERDALE — Authorities are looking for a man who took a \$6,500 Rolex watch from a plastic bin as he passed through a security checkpoint at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Officials said the theft happened Jan. 18 as 43-year-old Gloria de Regalado was returning to Lexington, Ky., after a South Florida vacation. The Broward Sheriff's Office on Tuesday released Transportation Security Administration video that shows a man in line behind de Regalado picking up the watch and walking away.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reported the suspect may have gotten on a U.S. Airways flight to Charlotte.

Sheriff's Lt. Brian Montgomery said he plans to subpoena the passenger list in hopes of finding the man. Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477.

Iconic dome down

WINTER HAVEN — The 48-year-old Orange Dome in Winter Haven has been demolished to make way for a new retail and residential complex.

Built in 1964, the Orange Dome housed the Citrus Festival for 44 years. The Cleveland Indians used it as a spring training site. Several concerts also took place there and it was a hurricane shelter.

The Ledger reported that the roof of the dome came down on Monday.

The dome is being demolished to make way for The Landings, a \$150 million mixed-use development that will include retail stores, restaurants, hotels and a new movie theater to be built at the Chain of Lakes Complex. It will include Starbucks, Panera Bread and Chick-fil-A.

Hooray For Tricky Tray

The St. Scholastica Council of Catholic Women is hosting their Annual Tricky Tray At The Knights of Columbus Hall 2389 W Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto

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Rock 'n' rolling



Special to the Chronicle

On Sunday, Feb. 12, Citrus County Sheriff's Office personnel — Capt. Joe Eckstein, Heather Yates, Sheriff Jeff Dawsey and Sgt. Misty Clendenney — all completed the inaugural Rock 'n' Roll St. Petersburg half marathon. The 13.1-mile event, which featured live bands playing at every mile, started at Tropicana Field early Sunday morning and ended on North Shore Boulevard with a concert by Miami rapper Flo-Rida.

Show set for Feb. 25 at armory

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Craft Council will host its 22nd annual Spring Fling Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Florida National Guard Armory on Venable Street, across from Home Depot (off U.S. 19, south of the Crystal River Airport) in Crystal River.

The show will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County.

There will be many crafters on hand with a wide variety of items: stained-glass art, decorative painted items, ceramics, floral arrangements, hand-crafted greeting cards and jewelry.

There are also to be unusual wood items, porcelain dolls, handbags, handmade coconut, glycerin, goat's milk and olive oil soap bars, and more.

Each crafter will donate

an item from their work to be raffled every half-hour. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day from Rudy's Ribs and Bar-B-Q of Homosassa.

This is an inside and outside show (rain or shine), with free parking and free admission.

For more information, call Michaelen Hurley at 352-249-7012. The event is sponsored by the *Chronicle*.

Key shows fashion

Fundraiser coming up Feb. 25

Special to the Chronicle

Key Training Center's 14th annual fashion show and luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on Key Training Center's Lecanto Campus.

Bealls of Crystal River will join in the special event by presenting a mix of spring fashions. This year's theme, "Key Center Fashion Sweethearts," brings to light part

of the show where 10 Key Center consumers take center stage, modeling fashions found at the Key Center's Thrift Stores.

Lunch is being prepared by Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$25. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Proceeds benefit the Key Training Center, which serves more than 300 mentally challenged adults and their families, ensuring the opportunity to choose from a wide range of year-round

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The event is made possible through Key Center Partners: Bay Area Air Conditioning, *Citrus County Chronicle*, Curry's Roofing, Dex Imaging, F.D.S. Disposal, Lassiter Ware Insurance, WTRS 102.3 FM and WYKE TV.

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YMCA to do 'Spring Breakin' It'

Register by March 5 for camp

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County YMCA is taking registrations for its Spring Break Camp, March 12 through 16. The camp, "Spring Breakin' It," will be at First Presbyterian Church in Inverness. The deadline to register is Monday, March 5.

This is the second year the camp has been at First Presbyterian Church.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to come back to this

wonderful setting," said Sara Bargiel, program director for the YMCA. "We are so appreciative that First Presbyterian has opened their facility to us, because it is a great environment for the kids."

The Spring Breakin' It will consist of games, crafts, sports and other activities including field trips. Early morning drop-off will begin at 7 a.m. for working parents and pick-up will extend until 5:30

p.m. each day. The camp is open to ages 5 to 12.

Cost is \$80 per child for the week to current YMCA program members. Financial assistance is available to all who qualify. To apply for financial assistance, call the YMCA office. A PDF version of the registration form can be downloaded at www.ymcasuncoast.org under the Locations/Citrus County page.

For more details, visit the YMCA office in Beverly Hills, 3909 N. Lecanto Highway, or call the office at 352-637-0132.

- Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.
- Community news notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event.
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- Email to community@chronicleonline.com, or fax 352-563-3280.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Crystal River is in the process of developing a Master Plan for Hunters Springs Park. Individuals who are users of the park, and any other members of the public with an interest in the future redevelopment of Hunters Springs Park, are invited to a public input meeting scheduled to begin at 6 PM on Tuesday, February 21st, in City Hall (123 NW Highway 19). Further information on this project can be obtained by calling 795-4216, extension 302.

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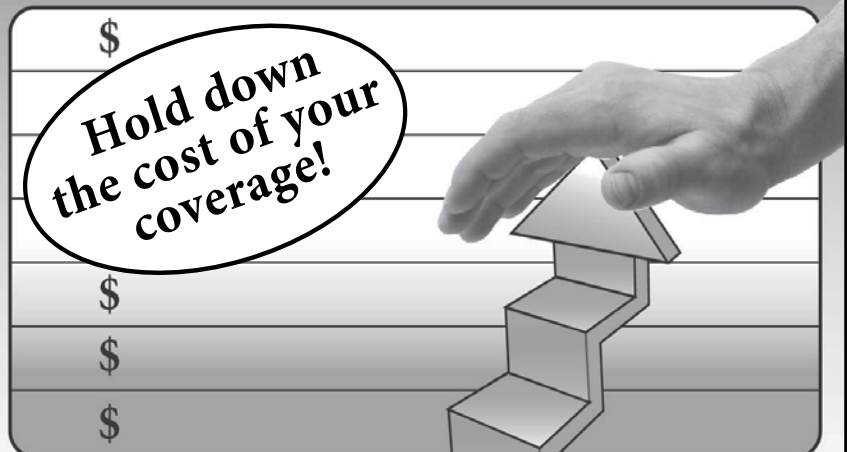
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AARP volunteers offer assistance

Special to the Chronicle

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AARP Tax-Aide is a nationwide service of the AARP Foundation offered in conjunction with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. It is a volunteer-run program whose mission is to provide high-quality, free income tax assistance to low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention to those 60 and older.

It is not necessary to be a member of AARP; taxpayers of all ages are welcome to use this service.

In Citrus County, more than 110 volunteers provide this service at seven sites through April 14. The final day for filing is April 17.

What to bring to the appointment:

- Social Security cards or comparable documentation for you, your spouse (if applicable), all dependents and anyone listed on your tax return.

- An official photo ID (driver's license, passport, student ID or other state-issued photo ID).

- A copy of your 2010 income tax return, if available.

- Income-related documents: forms W-2, unemployment compensation statements, SSA 1099, 1099R and other 1099 forms showing home mortgage interest or other income.

- Expense-related documents: receipts, cancelled checks or other documentation showing federal and

state taxes paid, 1098 forms, documentation of medical, dental, charity, property taxes, mortgage interest paid, or business expenses. Receipts for expenses need to be in reasonable order and legible.

- Brokerage statements or other documentation showing cost basis (purchase price) and date purchased for all securities or property sold or transferred during the tax year.

- All paperwork related to:
 - Health Savings Accounts (HSA);

- IRA rollovers, including Form 5498;

- The purchase of a home by a first-time buyer;

- Purchase and installation of energy-efficient products for a primary residence;

- Cancellation of Debt of a credit card(s) or the foreclosure of a primary residence;

- Dependent Care

Provider information: (name, address, employer ID or SSN) and amount paid;

- Documentation of self-employment income and expense (Tax-Aide cannot prepare and e-file your return if expenses exceed \$10,000, or if you had employees, inventory, cost of goods sold, real estate, depreciation or loss from operations.);

- A check with your name printed on it for direct deposit/debit of any refund/balance due. (A check in your checkbook is acceptable. A cancelled check is not required. It must be a check; no bank statements, deposit slips or other documents will be accepted.);

- If you receive a pension or annuity from a former employer; bring the date that you began to receive payments.

WHERE TO GO:

All sites are by appointment only; you must go to the library in person to make an appointment; calls not accepted.

- **Central Ridge Library:** 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, 352-746-6622; from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday through April 13 (except Good Friday, April 6). Saturdays only on Feb. 18 and March 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments must be made in person.

- **Citrus Springs Community Center:** 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-7007; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday through April 10. No appointment necessary; first-come, first-served basis only.

- **Coastal Region Library:** 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River, 352-795-3716; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Thursday, through April 12. Saturday only on Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments must be made in person.

- **Crystal River Moose Lodge:** 1855 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, 352-795-2795; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday through April 16. No appointment necessary; first-come, first-served basis only.

- **Floral City Public Library:** 8360 E. Orange Ave., Floral City, 352-726-3671; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday through April 10. Saturdays only on March 24 and April 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments must be made in person.

- **Homosassa Public Library:** 4100 Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, 352-628-5626; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday through April 11. Saturdays only on March 10 and April 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments must be made in person.

- **Lakes Region Library:** 1511 Druid Road, Inverness, 352-726-2357; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday, Feb. 1 through April 11. Saturdays only on Feb. 25, March 31 and April 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments must be made in person.

Remembering the war horse

Re-enactors bring Civil War to life

ROBERT A. NIEPERT
Special to the Chronicle

The horse played an unparalleled role in the Civil War. In thousands of photos, paintings and drawings, a horse or mule is depicted either as the subject or in the foreground or background.

The horse paid a dear price for America's Civil War. Approximately 3.5 million and horses and mules went off to war for both the Federal and Confederate armies, never to return. Horses and mules died at a rate almost six times the number of soldiers killed. With an attrition rate that high, it is no wonder that horses and mules were always in short supply.

It is estimated that the Union army alone had 825,000 horses in service at any given time and the Federals spent \$124,000,000 acquiring and caring for them. If horses were needed and could not be bought, they were taken from farmers and citizens.

The battle of Gettysburg was especially deadly to the horse. The Gettysburg National Park states that both the Union and Confederacy threw approximately 72,243 horses into this one battle alone, and the dead horses left on the field were estimated to be between 3,000 and 5,000.

When the Civil War ended, there were no green pastures awaiting the faithful horses that survived. Horses were perhaps the most important element of unification between the North and South at the end of the war: One clause in the surrender terms at Appomattox in 1865 was related directly to the horses.

Every Confederate cavalryman was entitled to take his horse home with



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A re-enactor rears his horse at a past Civil War re-enactment in Crystal River. This year's event is slated for March 9 to 11.

him. This provision, insisted on by Gen. Robert E. Lee, was accepted by Gen. U.S. Grant. Since the economic prosperity of the Southerners depended more than ever upon the horse, this act was a decisive factor in the south's ability to rebound after the war.

Step back in time at the 15th annual Civil War Re-enactment the weekend of March 9 through 11 at Holcim Ranch, seven miles north of Crystal River on U.S. 19.

On Friday, March 9, Education Day is open to students with about 15 different stations to visit. Presentations

are from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Then, on Saturday, March 10, and Sunday, March 11, several hundred re-enactors will be on hand to portray that period of American history.

Visitors can bring chairs or rent them. No ice chests or alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Handicap parking is available. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 9 through 17.

Schools interested in attending Education Day or those seeking more information about the event can visit the website at www.crystalriverreenactment.org.

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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.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, Yld PE, Last Chg, YTD. Lists local stocks like AK Steel, AT&T Inc, Ametek, etc.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Large table listing NYSE stocks with columns: Name, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD % Chg. Includes various sectors like Tech, Energy, Healthcare.

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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 I	16.63	-0.04	ChinaA	34.07	+0.79
BalanA	16.63	-0.04	HVWA	6.40	-0.01
RetInc	8.81	-0.01	StralVAlA	28.64	-1.14
Alger Funds B:			TechGroA	33.75	-0.08
SmCapGr	7.08	-0.04	DreinsAcnc	10.52	-0.01
AllianceBern A:			DrehsMacR	29.05	+0.35
BalanA	16.43	+0.03	EVMKp	46.68	+0.05
GblThGrA	66.72	-0.30	EVPTXEMl	46.68	+0.05
SCGPGr	20.59	-0.19	ScpCGrA	38.20	-0.23
AllianceBern C:			AllianceBern Adv:		
SCGPGr	30.75	-0.18	LgCpGrA	28.65	+0.16
Allianz Fds Inst:			MultiCGrA	8.37	-0.05
NIJDrVl	12.17	-0.07	IBInSA	5.80	-0.02
ScpCVl	31.06	-0.19	LgCpVAl	18.08	-0.09
Allianz Fds C:			NaillMunlc	9.95	+0.02
AGICGrhC	25.29	-0.10	SpEGtA	16.36	-0.06
TargetC1	15.25	-0.02	TradGVA	7.45	-0.01
Amer Beacon Inst:			Eaton Vance B:		
LgCapInst	20.14	-0.08	HllnsVnc	9.54	-0.03
Amer Beacon Inv:			ScpCVl	31.06	-0.19
LgCapInv	19.12	-0.08	GovCp	7.44	-0.01
Ameri Century 1st:			NaillMunlc	9.95	+0.02
Growth	27.25	-0.16	Eaton Vance I:		
Amer Century Adv:			FlgRt	8.97	-0.01
EgncA	7.50	-0.01	GblMacAcr	10.02	+0.01
Amer Century Inv:			LgCpVAl	18.14	-0.09
AllCap	26.55	-0.23	FBR Funds:		
Balanced	18.81	-0.03	FMI Funds:		
DVnd	11.08	-0.01	LgCpA	16.22	-0.05
EqInc	7.50	-0.02	OppA	28.89	-0.16
Growth	27.02	-0.16	PATFA	13.66	-0.01
Healthc	22.09	-0.09	SSISA	25.03	-0.01
InfdJd	12.98	+0.01	TORRA	16.22	-0.07
IntDisC	9.59	+0.01	ValueP	7.39	-0.02
IntGro	10.51	-0.09	For Funds:		
New Opp	8.02	-0.06	AbStIr	10.97	-0.01
OneChAg	12.57	-0.01	Frank/Tmp Frnk A:		
OnCrMd	12.16	-0.02	AJUSp	8.86	-0.01
RealEstI	21.42	-0.08	ALTA	11.71	+0.01
ValueInv	5.98	-0.02	AZTFA	12.28	+0.01
American Funds A:			IntGrnd	9.92	-0.01
AmcpA	20.63	-0.04	CA InAAd	12.02	-0.01
AmMutA	26.89	-0.07	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BAp	19.15	-0.07	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BondA	12.89	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
CapIBA	50.52	-0.05	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
CapWGA	34.56	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
CapWPA	21.02	-0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
EcapA	38.66	-0.20	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
FdnVpA	38.01	-0.12	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
GovA	31.42	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
GwthA	31.74	-0.06	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Hl TrA	11.01	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
InCoA	17.21	-0.05	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntCapA	13.70	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntGrndA	28.34	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
ICAA	26.91	-0.10	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
LITBPA	6.31	+0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
NECoA	26.57	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
NPerA	28.60	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
NwWdA	51.24	+0.22	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
STBPA	10.10	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
SmCpA	37.61	+0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
WGA	25.25	-0.13	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
WSPA	28.50	-0.19	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Artic Investments:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Appl	43.30	-0.15	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Ariel	47.68	-0.21	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Artio Global Funds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntEqIn	25.52	+0.13	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntEqInI	10.06	+0.07	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Artisan Funds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntVal	21.99	+0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntValI	25.02	+0.10	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
MidCap	38.43	-0.20	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
MidCapVAl	21.20	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
SCapVAl	16.32	-0.13	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Baron Funds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Asset	49.40	-0.39	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Growth	54.02	-0.33	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
SmallCap	25.10	-0.15	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Bernstein Fds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntDur	13.92	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
DVnd	14.91	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
TxMgdInl	13.77	+0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BlackRock A:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
EqyDV	18.87	-0.11	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
GIARA	19.36	+0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
HYInVn	7.89	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
IntOpA	30.77	+0.12	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BlackRock B&C:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
GIARC	18.03	+0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BlackRock Inst:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BVll	26.62	-0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
EqyDV	18.91	-0.11	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
EqyAlor	19.45	+0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
HYInVd	7.89	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Brinson Funds Y:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BrVcl	6.16	-0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Buffalo Fund Invest:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BVOP	39.21	-0.96	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
BUSFunds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
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CGM Funds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Focus	29.46	-0.31	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Mitl	27.54	-0.15	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
RealYn	28.63	-0.15	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
CRF Funds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
McPvll	28.62	-0.17	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Calamos Funds:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
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IntOpC	29.52	-0.14	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
SocBdP	15.93	-0.02	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
SocEqA	36.49	-0.14	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
TxF LgP	16.30	+0.01	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
Coen & Steers:			CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
RlySrnA	64.47	-1.15	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
AcornI	29.32	-0.16	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
DVnd	10.11	-0.06	CA IntAAd	12.02	-0.01
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OPINION

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▶ “Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state wants to live at the expense of everyone.”
Frederic Bastiat, 1801-1850

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REMEMBER ALWAYS

Ceremony a time to honor nation’s heroes

“I knew in my mind that I’d done my part; I wear on my uniform proudly, my Purple Heart.”

—Tribute by Frank Niader to his brother, Private William Niader, USMC, who was killed in action on Okinawa, June 12, 1945.

- **WHAT:** Purple Heart Ceremony.
- **WHERE:** National Guard Armory, Crystal River.
- **WHEN:** 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 18.

C. Mahr, U.S. Army.

Originally created by George Washington 230 years ago to recognize the common soldier for uncommon instances of gallantry and fidelity, the Purple Heart was redesigned in 1932 and re-designated as a combat decoration exclusively awarded to those members of the armed forces who were killed, wounded or died of wounds by an enemy instrument of war.

To honor Purple Heart recipients, Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart hosts a community ceremony each February during the anniversary month of Washington’s birth to pay tribute to our fallen heroes and wounded warriors for their selfless sacrifices made on the field of battle.

Since last year’s ceremony, three more fallen heroes with Citrus County roots have been added to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Florida Afghanistan/Iraq Memorial Portrait Mural that will be on display at the ceremony—Sergeant Jonathan K. Peney, U.S. Army; Corporal Johnathan W. Taylor, U.S. Marine Corps; and Private First Class Michael

The names and faces of the 328 Floridians etched on the mural who gave all to defend our way of life is a poignant reminder of the high cost borne by Purple Heart recipients so that we may enjoy the freedoms and fruits of our beloved country. While the magnitude of sacrifice by Purple Heart recipients who gave some and those who gave all can never be repaid, we can appreciate their sacrifice by remembering them always.

Recipients of the Purple Heart have fulfilled their duty on our behalf. Now we have a duty to fulfill our duty on their behalf. That duty is to never forget their selfless sacrifice, by publicly honoring those who shed their blood or gave the last full measure of devotion in battle.

Our nation’s fallen heroes and wounded warriors did their part. As a community, we can do our part by attending this year’s ceremony — at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the National Guard Armory in Crystal River — to remember and honor the faithful service and steadfast courage that is embodied in the proud legacy of the Purple Heart.

THE ISSUE:

Seventh annual Purple Heart ceremony.

OUR OPINION:

Honor their selfless sacrifice.

CITRUS COUNTY’S FALLEN

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- Pfc. Michael C. Mahr, U.S. Army.

Look before you move

The person who called in to complain that we don’t have a Jo-Ann’s or a Target should have looked into these things before they moved here. Did you expect to just move in and then have the county cater to your every little whim? Well, guess what? Life doesn’t always work out that way.

When we first moved here, we used to drive up to Ocala or over to Leesburg just to go to a Red Lobster or



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an Olive Garden. We did finally get one of them here, which was great, but we didn’t ask the county to build one nearby so we wouldn’t have to drive that far. So grow up and accept what we have here.

GOP’s ideas

I just read in the Sound Off that the Republicans have no ideas or plans to do anything for the country. They’re only interested in defeating Obama. That’s the best idea and/or plan I’ve heard since they got rid of Jimmy Carter.

Gas prices

What’s with gas prices and diesel prices? In a four- or five-county area of Florida, I see gas for \$3.50 to \$3.75 a gallon, and \$3.75 is more like we paid when oil was \$148 a barrel. Oil closed Feb. 2 at \$96-and-change a barrel and we’re paying these high prices. It seems to me we’re being overcharged by about 50 cents to 70 cents a gallon, if you ask me.

CORRECTION

Because of writer error, the editorial on Page A12 of Wednesday’s edition, “Capitol gets slice of Citrus,” contained incorrect information. Ananth Prasad is Florida secretary of transportation. An incorrect title was used in one reference.

The Chronicle regrets the error.

Rent control is gov’t theft



George Will
OTHER VOICES

James and Jeanne Harmon reside in and supposedly own a five-story brownstone on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, a building that has been in their family since 1949. But they have, so to speak, houseguests who have overstayed their welcome by, in cumulative years, more than a century. They are the tenants — the same tenants — who have been living in the three of the Harmons’ six apartments that are rent-controlled.

The Harmons want the Supreme Court to rule that their home has been effectively, and unconstitutionally, taken from them by notably foolish laws that advance no legitimate state interest. The court should.

This “taking” has been accomplished by rent-control laws that cover almost 1 million — approximately half — of the city’s rental apartments. Such laws have existed, with several intervals of sanity, since the “emergency” declared because returning soldiers faced housing shortages caused by a building slowdown during World War II.

Most tenants in rent-controlled units can renew their leases forever. Tenants can bequeath their rent-controlled apartments — they have, essentially, a property right to their landlord’s property — to their children, or to a friend who lives with them for two years. This is not satire; it is the virtue of caring, as understood by liberal government.

The tenants in the Harmons’ three rent-controlled units are paying an average 59 percent below market rates. The Harmons would like to reclaim one apartment for a grandchild, but because occupants of two of the units are over 62, the Harmons would have to find the displaced tenant a comparable

apartment, at the same or lower rent, in the same neighborhood.

In addition to rent control’s random dispersal of benefits — remember, half of the Harmons’ apartments are uncontrolled — it is destructive because it discourages construction of new apartments and maintenance of existing ones. Thus it creates the “emergency” it supposedly cures.

It exemplifies what the late New York Sen. Pat Moynihan called “iatrogenic government.” In medicine, an iatrogenic illness is induced inadvertently by a physician’s treatment.

Rent control is unconstitutional because it is an egregious and uncompensated physical occupation of property. The Constitution says private property shall not “be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The Harmons get no compensation for being coerced into privatized welfare: The state shows compassion to tenants — many of whom are not needy; one of the Harmons’ entitled tenants owns a home on Long Island — by compelling landlords to subsidize them.

A property right in a physical thing is a right to possess, use and dispose of this thing. Because government-compelled possession of property by a third party is an unambiguous taking, the Harmons’ property right has been nullified.

John Locke, an intellectual source of American freedom, said property rights, which he defined to include rights to “lives, liberties and estates,” exist prior to, and independent of, government, and their preservation is “the great and chief end” for which governments are founded. Property rights provide a sphere of personal sovereignty, a zone of privacy

into which government should be able to intrude only with difficulty and only so far. Because they are the basis of individual independence, America’s Founders considered property rights the foundation of all other liberties, including self-government — the governance of one’s self.

The Harmons’ case illustrates government’s steady and no longer stealthy desire to transform property from a fundamental right into an attenuated, conditional privilege. Government would like the right to be contingent on whatever agenda it has for ameliorating “emergencies” it causes.

The Supreme Court’s worst decision of this century, the 2005 Kelo ruling, held that government may take private property for the spurious “public use” of giving it to a third party that will pay the government higher taxes than the original owner would. The Harmons’ case is an occasion for the court to begin making amends for Kelo.

In the 1920s, even Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was excessively permissive regarding what governments could legislate, said rent-control laws were on the “verge” of being unconstitutional. Surely a substantial regulation — which a physical occupation is — of real property violates the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause if it does not substantially advance legitimate state interests. The court also has held that a regulation of real property violates the Takings and Due Process clauses if it serves no “public use” or is “arbitrary.”

Are the arbitrary distribution of unmerited benefits and the cultivation of an entitlement mentality among renters a “public use”? If not, rent control is unconstitutional.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Constitutional faith

Liberals and progressives like L.M. Eastman who ranted in the Jan. 11 Chronicle against the religious right and Republicans have no clue of the connection, which is traditional moral values, where the universal connection between liberals and progressives is the assault on traditional moral values.

The right believes that the traditional moral values that the country was founded on, and permeate the Constitution, are still valid and the best foundation for modern decision-making in the family and the government.

Just to rub it in a little, I would like to remind L.M. that the Bible defines these moral values in just about every chapter of every book; therefore, because the Constitution supports and promotes these values, most rational people conclude that this is a Christian country.

Yes, the right challenges sexual immorality at every level because it is the single most destructive force in our society today. It creates poverty through

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single-parent households, which cannot provide for themselves and families, and because parental supervision is minimal or missing, crime flourishes and incarceration becomes a fact of life.

The irony of the church-and-

state argument is that it was settled on Jan. 11, 2012. The Supreme Court in a 9-0 decision rejected the administration’s challenge to a religious organization’s firing of an employee. The court found that the government cannot apply employment laws to a religious organization that interfere with the internal governance of a church.

Just to rub it in a little more, that was a 9-0 ruling, because the Constitutional clause is so simple to understand, even the liberals on the court could not find a way to challenge it. The clause is “the government shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” Since the best liberal legal minds on the Supreme Court could not find any basis to challenge the free exercise clause, the liberal spokespersons need to change their talking points, because there is no separation clause in the Constitution and in fact there never was.

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Nation BRIEF

Investigation



Associated Press

Singer Whitney Houston arrives at the 17th Carousel of Hope Ball benefiting the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes in 2006 in Beverly Hills, Calif. Houston died Saturday. She was 48.

Coroner seeking medical records

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County coroner's office has issued subpoenas for medical and pharmacy records from Whitney Houston's doctors and medical providers, which is standard procedure in such investigations, an official said.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said the request is made in virtually all death investigations because it can shed additional light on how people died and whether they had any serious medical conditions.

"We've already contacted a number of doctors with requests for records," he said.

Winter said at this point, there is nothing unusual about how his office is proceeding with the Houston death investigation and requests for medical records are requested through subpoenas.

World BRIEFS

Six little pigs



Associated Press

A French bulldog named Baby, left, attends to the feeding of wild piglets Wednesday at the Lehnitz animal sanctuary outside Berlin, Germany. The six little pigs have found a new friend in the maternal dog. The animal sanctuary said Baby took straight to the wild boar piglets when they were brought in Saturday, three days old and shivering from cold.

Puerto Rico mayor arrested

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A longtime Puerto Rico mayor was arrested in a restaurant parking lot Wednesday and accused by federal prosecutors of accepting \$55,000 in bribes from developers.

Sol Luis Fontanez, who has been mayor of the U.S. territory's northern coastal town of Barceloneta for 23 years and is seeking re-election this year, was arrested at lunchtime, U.S. Attorney Rosa Emilia Rodriguez said.

She said the case was not taken to a grand jury in part because prosecutors felt Fontanez could represent a danger to himself and to others. During a court hearing later in the day, a judge ruled Fontanez would be held without bond after prosecutors said they had taped a Tuesday phone call in which Fontanez threatened witnesses and said he would commit suicide if he was charged.

Prosecutor Charles Walsh said Fontanez demanded bribes since last year for the sale of two municipal properties to commercial developers.

—From wire reports

Iran ready for nuke talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iran has told world powers it is ready to resume talks as soon as possible over its disputed nuclear program, according to a letter obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, an offer that could reflect its difficulty in coping with tough U.S. and European sanctions, or amount to another delaying tactic as it moves ahead with activities that could bring it closer to developing an atomic bomb.

The letter from chief Iranian nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili was sent Tuesday, just a day before Iran claimed two major ad-

The West fears Iran seeks nuclear weapons, and speculation is rife that Israel may launch a pre-emptive strike to set back the program.

vances in producing nuclear fuel and indicated it was on the verge of imposing an oil embargo on European countries to retaliate for sanctions. The Obama administration dismissed the announcements as unimpressive and said Tehran's erratic behavior was indicative of the squeeze it is feeling as a result of hard-hitting economic measures against it. "We voice our readiness

for dialogue on a spectrum of various issues which can provide ground for constructive and forward looking cooperation," Jalili wrote in the letter to EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, the point of contact for the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany, who are demanding Iran freeze all uranium enrichment.

Ashton had written Jalili in October, offering Iran a

new round of talks toward an agreement that "restores international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program." The West fears Iran seeks nuclear weapons, and speculation is rife that Israel may launch a pre-emptive strike to set back the program.

Jalili welcomed Ashton's statement of respect for Iran's right to peaceful nuclear energy use and said "by committing to this approach, our talks for cooperation based on step-by-step principles and reciprocity on Iran's nuclear issue could be commenced," according to a translated copy of the letter.

China central banker expresses confidence in euro

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's central bank governor expressed confidence in the euro at an appearance Wednesday with visiting European Union leaders and said Beijing will keep buying the debt of European governments.

China also will encourage its companies to invest in Europe, Zhou Xiaochuan said during an event at a university with European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso.

"We have confidence in the eurozone," Zhou said of the 17 nations that use the euro common currency. "We firmly support all the measures taken by the European Union and the eurozone to overcome difficulties and build confidence."

"China will, under the principles of safety, protecting value and increasing value, actively invest in European countries' government debt," he said.

Chinese leaders have repeatedly expressed support for Europe, China's biggest export market, but have given no sign they would do more than continue to invest in the safest European government bonds.

European leaders are looking to China for a possible contribution to the continent's bailout funds from its \$3.2 trillion in foreign reserves.

On Tuesday, Premier Wen Jiabao said at a news conference with Van Rompuy and Barroso that Beijing is willing to increase its role in helping Europe resolve its problems but he made no financial commitments.

Beijing's stake in Europe's financial health has grown as Chinese companies step up investment there, acquiring European companies or starting their own.

Van Rompuy said Europe is getting its debt problems under control. He said that despite fears of a breakup of the euro, leaders see a "common European destiny at stake" and have taken "drastic measures" to ensure its survival.

On Tuesday, European efforts to bail out Greece suffered a setback when a meeting of finance ministers of euro nations was called off after Athens failed to deliver on several demands by its partners.

The cancellation of the Wednesday meeting showed euro nations want tougher guarantees from Athens before giving it an extra \$171 billion in rescue loans, on top of \$145 billion granted in 2010, raising fears that the complex deal could still fall apart.



Associated Press

Soldiers run during clashes with the relatives of inmates Wednesday after a deadly prison fire in Comayagua, Honduras, 90 miles north of the capital, Tegucigalpa. At least 300 inmates were killed and 21 are injured, according to authorities.

Prison fire kills hundreds

Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A fire started by an inmate tore through an overcrowded prison in Honduras, burning and suffocating screaming men in their locked cells as rescuers desperately searched for keys. As many as 300 people were killed in the world's deadliest prison fire in eight decades.

The local governor, who was once a prison employee, told reporters Wednesday that an inmate called her moments before the blaze broke out and screamed: "I will set this place on fire and we are all going to die!"

Comayagua Gov. Paola Castro said she called the Red Cross and fire brigade immediately. But firefighters said they were kept outside for half an hour by guards who fired their guns in the air, thinking they had a riot or a breakout on their hands.

Officials have long had little control over conditions inside many Honduran prisons, where inmates have largely unfettered access to cellphones and other contraband.

Survivors told investigators the unidentified inmate yelled "We will all die here!" as he lit fire to his bedding late Tuesday night in the prison in the central town of Comayagua,



Associated Press

The relatives of inmates walk inside a Honduran prison Wednesday after a deadly fire broke out.

north of the capital of Tegucigalpa. The lockup housed people convicted of serious crimes such as homicide and armed robbery.

The blaze spread within minutes, killing about 100 inmates in their cells as firefighters struggled to find officials who had keys, Comayagua fire department spokesman Josue Garcia said.

"We couldn't get them out because we didn't have the keys and couldn't find the guards who had them," Garcia said.

Other prisoners were set free by

guards but died from the flames or smoke as they tried to flee into the fields surrounding the facility, where prisoners grew corn and beans on a state-run farm.

Rescuers carried shirtless, semi-conscious prisoners from the prison by their arms and legs. One hauled a victim away by piggyback.

Comayagua, which houses members of the nation's largest gangs, was built in the 1940s for 400 inmates, but its population had more than doubled to 852, with only 100 guards to maintain order.

Urgent tweet in Kenyan village: Help, thieves invading

Associated Press



Associated Press

Chief Francis Kariuki, left, reads a tweet Monday on his mobile phone at his office in the village of Lanet Umoja, near Nakuru, in the Rift Valley of Kenya.

LANET UMOJA, Kenya — When the administrative chief of this western Kenyan village received an urgent 4 a.m. call that thieves were invading a school teacher's home, he sent a message on Twitter. Within minutes residents in this village of stone houses gathered outside the home, and the thugs fled.

"My wife and I were terrified," said teacher Michael Kimotho. "But the alarm raised by the chief helped."

The tweet from Francis Kariuki was only his latest

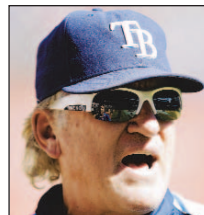
attempt to improve village life by using the micro-blogging site Twitter. Kariuki regularly sends out tweets about missing children and farm animals, showing the power of social media has reached even into a dusty African village. Lanet Umoja is 100 miles west of the capital, Nairobi.

"There is a brown and white sheep which has gone missing with a nylon rope around its neck and it belongs to Mwangi's father," he tweeted recently in the Swahili language. The sheep was soon recovered.

Kariuki said even the thieves in his village follow him on Twitter. Earlier this year, he tweeted about the theft of a cow, which was later found abandoned.

Kariuki's official Twitter page shows 300 followers, but the former teacher estimated that thousands of the 28,000 residents in his area receive the messages he sends out directly and indirectly. He said many of his constituents, mostly subsistence farmers, cannot afford to buy smart phones, but can access tweets through a third-party mobile phone application.

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Orlando defends home court against Philly



Associated Press

Philadelphia 76ers forward Elton Brand grabs a rebound in front of Orlando Magic guard Jameer Nelson, left, and 76ers' Lavoy Allen during the first half Wednesday in Orlando.

Anderson leads Magic with 27 points in victory

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Ryan Anderson had seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points, Dwight Howard added 17 points and 14 rebounds and the Orlando Magic shot their way past the Philadelphia 76ers, 103-87 on Wednesday night.

Orlando made 15 of 25 attempts from 3-point range, and had all five starters reach double figures for the second consecutive game.

Jason Richardson had 14 points, including four 3s, and Orlando's Jameer Nelson tied a ca-

reer high with 14 assists, added 12 points.

The Magic have won three straight and seven of nine since losing to the Sixers last month.

Louis Williams led Philadelphia with 21 points and seven assists, and Andre Iguodala had 15 points. The loss ended the 76ers' winning streak at two.

Orlando shot 53 percent from the field (40 for 75) and had 30 points in the paint.

Philadelphia also helped out with 14 turnovers that led to 13 Magic points.

The Magic's 16-point halftime lead was cut to eight at 88-80 with less than 5 minutes to play in the game.

But Orlando quickly responded with an 8-2 spurt, capped by consecutive 3-pointers by Anderson and Richardson, to make it 97-82.

Two more 3-pointers by the Magic a few possessions later — both following Sixers turnovers — got it to 103-86 with under a minute to put the game out of reach.

The Magic's strong shooting night started early as they sizzled offensively in the first half and led 55-39, connecting on 57 percent (22 for 38) of their attempts overall from the field and 53 percent (7 for 13) from beyond the arc.

Anderson had four of the Magic's 3s in the half and led all scorers with 14 points.

Howard was just as active inside, with 13 points and seven rebounds. As a team the Magic outscored the Sixers 20-10 in the paint.

Williams had 11 first-half points to the lead the Sixers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

RB Messam signs with Dolphins

MIAMI — Running back Jerome Messam, a 1,000-yard rusher in the Canadian Football League last year, has signed with the Miami Dolphins.

Messam played the past two seasons in the CFL. With Edmonton last year, he had 195 carries for 1,057 yards, and 27 receptions for 248 yards. He was the league's first running back since 2000 to rush for more than 1,000 yards, and he won the Most Outstanding Canadian Award.

A native Canadian, Messam played at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa.

Rangers' Hamilton in counseling

Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton says he's undergoing counseling individually and with his wife in the aftermath of his admitted relapse with alcohol and is "doing things right a day at a time."

In an exclusive interview Wednesday with Pastor James Robinson on Glenn Beck's live streaming video network, Hamilton said he knows it's a serious issue. He said he's doing well and so is his family.

The interview came just more than two weeks after Hamilton had several drinks during dinner in Dallas and continued drinking later that night. It was the second known relapse with alcohol in the past three years for the recovering drug addict.

Hamilton, the 2010 AL MVP, says he feels shame about his mistakes, but is willing to admit them.

Kentucky opens doors on practice

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky opened its practice on Wednesday, allowing students, faculty, staff and a national television audience in on the top-ranked Wildcats' preparation as they seek to become the first team since 2003 to finish the Southeastern Conference undefeated.

Kentucky (25-1, 11-0) next plays against Mississippi on Saturday. They also have games remaining at Mississippi State, home versus Vanderbilt and Georgia and the regular-season finale at Florida on March 4.

Catching 'Smoke'



Associated Press

After a surprising run to the Sprint Cup title in 2011 (his third overall), Tony Stewart begins the 2012 NASCAR season with a target on his back when the year begins Feb. 26 in the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway.

As season nears, Stewart will be defending title with brand new crew chief

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Over the closing weeks of last season, Steve Addington had been led to believe he would be Tony Stewart's crew chief in 2012.

Then Stewart won at Martinsville and again at Texas to give him four wins in eight races. The Sprint Cup championship was firmly in his reach, and it sure didn't seem like there were any reasons for Stewart to make changes to his organization.

Addington, laid back by nature, watched and waited. But when Stewart capped off his remarkable title run by winning the season-finale at Homestead to snatch the championship away from Carl Edwards, Addington finally got nervous.

A text message from Stewart calmed him a bit.

Danica Patrick shares a laugh with team owner and driver Tony Stewart at a news conference Jan. 23 during the NASCAR Media Tour in Concord, N.C.

Associated Press

"I'm laying in the bed ... sitting there thinking, 'What's this guy thinking? They just won a championship. Are they going to change their minds?'" Addington recalled. "Couldn't sleep and then the phone blew up — I got the text of, 'No pressure, bud.'"

And so the plan was set in place: Addington announced he was leaving Penske Racing after a tumultuous tenure with Kurt Busch and moving to Stewart-Haas Racing to crew chief the defending NASCAR champion.

Darian Grubb, despite guiding Stewart to five wins in the final 10 races of the season, was out of a job, and fans couldn't understand why Stewart would make such wholesale changes. Stewart also successfully recruited Greg Zipadelli, his former longtime crew chief at Joe Gibbs Racing, to leave that team and join SHR as competition director.

Now, as the defending champion

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CR softball takes 7-0 loss to Springstead

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — There is an opposing pitcher that the Crystal River High School softball team would probably never want to see again.

They have already seen enough of her already.

Springstead pitcher Alexis Adams tossed a five-hitter with six strikeouts as the Eagles handed Crystal River High's softball team its first loss of the season 7-0 on Wednesday night.

Springstead is now 3-0 overall while the Pirates are 3-1.

Adams left six Pirates on base. Crystal River's Laynee Nadal

tripled to lead off the fourth inning but couldn't score. Adams was overpowering and walked only one batter in pitching the complete game shutout.

Springstead scored three runs in the first inning. Brittany Martinez led off the game with a double and scored on Hailey Drawe's single. Drawe was out when Lizzie

Markidis reached on a fielder's choice. Adams doubled to score Markidis and Louisa Orr singled to score Adams.

Springstead added a run in the sixth. Shelby Ard walked and scored on Martinez's double.

Ard also drove in a run in the

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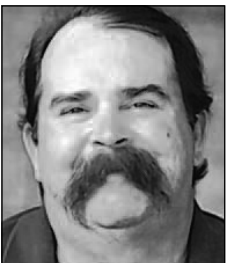
The fate of the scimitar-horned oryx is up in the air. Domestic hunting of animals such as this one, pictured last week on the Ross Hammock Ranch in Inglis, will be prohibited by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, due to a recent court ruling.

Ruling on hunting exotic animals will do more harm than good

The sport of hunting continues to come under attack, and a recent court ruling has forced the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) to rescind a regulation that allowed hunting of three different species of African antelope on U.S. soil. The three species are the scimitar-horned oryx, addax, and dama gazelle. Due to habitat loss, human population increases, civil war and wanton, unregulated killing of these species in their native African habitat, all three species were driven almost to the point of extinction. The oryx had not been seen in the wilds of Africa since the 1980s, and fewer than 1,000 of the addax and dama were thought to still exist. Zoos and private game ranches held small populations of these animals, and according to the Sahelo-Saharan Interest Group (SSIG) of the United Nations Environment Program, it is estimated that there are 4,000-5,000 scimitar-horned oryx, 1,500 addax, and 750 dama gazelle in captivity worldwide, many of which are held in the United States. Based on a 2010 census of its members, the Exotic Wildlife Association (EWA) estimates there are 11,032 scimitar-horned oryx, 5,112 addax, and 894

dama gazelle on EWA member ranches. That is a big discrepancy regarding the numbers, and I would tend to believe the EWA over the SSIG. With that said, it shows how the animals can not only survive here but thrive as well. EWA members know that conservation of the animals allows them to survive and provide a benefit for themselves and hunters. The animal-rights group Friends of Animals sued the USFWS in federal court and prevailed. They want the animals back in their native land of Africa and detest that they are being killed here in the United States. Effective April 4, 2012, it will require a special permit (which will be almost impossible to get) for a hunter to harvest one of these species from an exotic game ranch, if they can find one that still has the animals. The USFWS thinks that ranchers are going to continue caring for and feeding these exotics, although they will no longer be able to make money off of them. Think again. "I used to have a nice little herd of scimitar," said Inglis' Ross Hammock Ranch owner Harold Ross. "But we are killing them all before the rule comes into effect. We used to take two to four of them every year and have

two to four born. That's conservation." Ranchers in the United States saw a chance to save these species several years ago and provide a service to hunters by allowing the animals to be harvested on exotic game ranches. Over the years, these animals have become popular game species for hunters, and it has been a win-win for the three species and the ranchers who feed and raise them. Conservation-minded ranchers have done what ranchers do: use their land to raise, breed, feed and take care of animals so they in turn can pay taxes, feed their families and make a living. Now, would you continue to dish out hundreds and thousands of dollars every year so that an animal can run around on your property and be of no economic use? Neither would I. "This is a death sentence for the species," Ross added. Take a good look at the photograph that accompanies this story. Chances are pretty darn good this will be the last time you ever see this incredibly beautiful species, thanks to the Friends of Animals. I hope they never become friends of mine.



Dan Hermes GREAT OUTDOORS

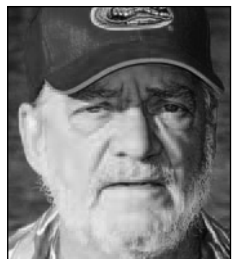
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Grouper rules don't affect bounty of alternatives

Inshore rocks still provide prime location for angling

On Monday of this week, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (FMC) announced some regulations dealing with Gulf grouper; FMC has stated it would ensure state regulations matched the regulations behind prohibiting stainless steel hooks, so in case you missed that, it's because it takes fish so much longer to get rid of stainless hooks than, say, blued or plated hooks, which can rust and fall out or pass through a fish in a matter of days. That's why it's recommended that if you can't reach a hook, even with a quality de-hooker such as the one from ARC, you simply cut the leader or line as close to the hook as you can reach, and let corrosion do the rest. Sea bass must be a minimum of 10 inches (it's 12 in the Atlantic). Mangrove snappers must also be 10 inches, and there's a limit of five per angler per day, which is included in the 10-per-day snapper aggregate bag limit. Sheepshead minimum is 12 inches, total length, with a limit of 15 per angler per day. If you'd prefer trout, this is a good weekend for them, as the morning will have an incoming tide that will move the trout out of the deeper waters into the shallows over rocks, which will be giving off the heat they absorbed the day before, and reflecting the sun's rays up to warm the ambient water. Early in the day, try topwater plugs anywhere you have two feet of water over a rocky bottom. Redfish remain in the backwater creeks for the most part, but black drum have been showing up in schools numbering in the hundreds, and some of these fish will top 25 pounds. Quarters of blue claw crab work best for these beasts. Tight Lines to you. Remember, most of these species are considered reef fish, which means the reef fish equipment regulations apply, so if you're going to target the above

species, be sure you have aboard a venting tool and de-hooking device, and you're using non-stainless circle hooks. When those regulations went into effect, several readers questioned the reasoning behind prohibiting stainless steel hooks, so in case you missed that, it's because it takes fish so much longer to get rid of stainless hooks than, say, blued or plated hooks, which can rust and fall out or pass through a fish in a matter of days. That's why it's recommended that if you can't reach a hook, even with a quality de-hooker such as the one from ARC, you simply cut the leader or line as close to the hook as you can reach, and let corrosion do the rest. Sea bass must be a minimum of 10 inches (it's 12 in the Atlantic). Mangrove snappers must also be 10 inches, and there's a limit of five per angler per day, which is included in the 10-per-day snapper aggregate bag limit. Sheepshead minimum is 12 inches, total length, with a limit of 15 per angler per day. If you'd prefer trout, this is a good weekend for them, as the morning will have an incoming tide that will move the trout out of the deeper waters into the shallows over rocks, which will be giving off the heat they absorbed the day before, and reflecting the sun's rays up to warm the ambient water. Early in the day, try topwater plugs anywhere you have two feet of water over a rocky bottom. Redfish remain in the backwater creeks for the most part, but black drum have been showing up in schools numbering in the hundreds, and some of these fish will top 25 pounds. Quarters of blue claw crab work best for these beasts. Tight Lines to you. Remember, most of these species are considered reef fish, which means the reef fish equipment regulations apply, so if you're going to target the above



R.G. Schmidt TIGHT LINES

Outdoors BRIEFS

Kapiton tops 100K in winnings
Inverness angler George Kapiton finished in 32nd place at the Wal-Mart FLW Tour event on Lake Okeechobee recently and cashed a check for \$10,500. The winner of the event, Randall Tharpe of Alabama, brought home \$125,000. With the finish, Kapiton saw his career earnings climb to more than \$106,000. He weighed-in a total of 30.04 pounds over two days of fishing. Kapiton, who is sponsored locally by McPherson's Archery and Pro Shop in Lecanto, will be fishing a Bass Fishing League (BFL) event on Okeechobee this weekend.

Fish fry at MacRae's Sunday
The Homosassa Guides Association's 5th annual Fish Fry will be held at MacRae's of Ho-

mosassa on Sunday, Feb. 19. The event begins at noon and plates are \$8 that include fish, hush puppies, baked beans and coleslaw. There will also be raffle tickets for great prizes and a silent auction for a half-day fishing trip. A portion of the proceeds will be given out to local community charities for children.

'Wildlife Jeopardy' about bears
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park will host a Wildlife Jeopardy program about bears at noon Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Education Center. Wildlife Jeopardy programs are scheduled through May. Wildlife Jeopardy is an educational program for all ages. Volunteer Barbara Cairns will use a "Jeopardy"-style format to present information on different Florida species monthly. There

will be educational handouts. Visitors will be able to see two Florida black bears in the park. The program is included at no additional charge with regular park admission. It is a 10-minute walk from the park's west entrance on Fishbowl Drive to the Education Center. For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve field trip
Citrus County Audubon Society has scheduled a birding field trip at Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve for Feb. 23. The public is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is not necessary and participants with all levels of birding skills are welcome. This field trip is led by CCAS member Susie Schofield. It begins at 8 a.m., will involve some easy walking and will last about four hours. Visit CitrusCountyAudubon.com for more details.

Lake Beverly fishing tourney
The first Lake Beverly Fishing Tournament will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. This is a catch-and-release tournament for all ages sponsored by the Beverly Hills Fishing Club in association with Citrus County Parks & Recreation. Prizes will be awarded. The tourney is free for members; cost is \$5 for nonmembers. Rod and reels will be available or bring your own. Participants must register. Call 352-746-4882.

— From staff reports

CHRONICLE

Tide charts

	Chassahowitzka*		Crystal River**		Homosassa***		Withlacoochee*	
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	
THURS 2/16	2:36 p.m.----- 9:10 a.m.----- 8:28 p.m.	12:57 p.m.----- 6:32 a.m.----- 5:50 p.m.	1:46 p.m.----- 8:09 a.m.----- 7:27 p.m.	11:51 p.m.----- 11:51 p.m.----- 7:27 p.m.	8:09 a.m.----- 8:49 p.m.----- 9:01 p.m.	10:44 a.m.----- 8:49 p.m.----- 10:12 p.m.	4:20 a.m.----- 3:38 p.m.----- 5:12 p.m.	
FRI 2/17	12:41 a.m.----- 3:46 p.m.----- 10:02 p.m.	10:32 a.m.----- 2:07 p.m.----- 7:24 p.m.	2:56 p.m.----- 9:31 a.m.----- 9:01 p.m.	11:54 a.m.----- 5:42 a.m.----- 10:12 p.m.	9:31 a.m.----- 11:54 a.m.----- 10:12 p.m.	11:54 a.m.----- 5:42 a.m.----- 10:12 p.m.	5:42 a.m.----- 5:12 p.m.----- 5:12 p.m.	
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Pistons sink Celtics

Lin's 13 assists lead Knicks past Kings

Associated Press

BOSTON — Rodney Stuckey scored 25 points and Ben Gordon hit three 3-pointers in the opening 4:09 of the fourth quarter during a game-breaking spree that carried the Detroit Pistons to a 98-88 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Greg Monroe had 22 points and nine rebounds, and Gordon finished with 22 points for the Pistons, who won for the fifth time in seven games.

Rajon Rondo had a season-high 35 points for Boston one game after he recorded a triple-double. Chris Wilcox, starting in place of the injured Kevin Garnett, had 17 points and nine rebounds.

Celtics forward Paul Pierce scored just 10 points on 3-for-11 shooting, and Ray Allen was held to eight free throws until getting the final basket in the closing seconds to finish with 10 points.

Garnett was a late scratch with a hip flexor.

Knicks 100, Kings 85

NEW YORK — Jeremy Lin put aside his record-setting scoring to hand out a career-best 13 assists, and the New York Knicks got back to .500 with their seventh straight victory, 100-85 over the Sacramento Kings.

Lin added 10 points, focusing more on his role as a distributor while others torched the Kings for 51 percent shooting. Landry Fields had 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Bill Walker and Steve Novak each chipped in 14 points.

Lin scored 136 points in his first five starts, most by any NBA player since the NBA merged with the ABA in 1976. His 3-pointer with 0.5 seconds left Tuesday allowed the Knicks to pull out a 90-87 victory in a game they trailed nearly the whole way.

Spurs 113, Raptors 106

TORONTO — Tony Parker had 34 points and 14 assists, and the San Antonio Spurs extended their season-best winning streak to nine games with a 113-106 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Danny Green scored 13 points and



Associated Press

Detroit Pistons guard Rodney Stuckey controls the ball against Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen and forward Paul Pierce in the first half Wednesday in Boston.

matched his career high with seven rebounds, Tiago Splitter also had 13 points and Manu Ginobili added 11 for the Spurs, who have not lost since a 101-100 overtime defeat at Dallas on Jan. 29.

Parker went 12 for 12 from the foul line for San Antonio, which last won nine straight during a 10-0 stretch from Dec. 3-22, 2010.

Rockets 96, Thunder 95

HOUSTON — Kevin Martin tied a season high with 32 points, including the winning free throws with 23.6 seconds remaining, to lead the Houston Rockets to a 96-95 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Kevin Durant missed three shots in the last 16 seconds and Houston finally grabbed the rebound on the last miss to secure the win. Goran Dragic missed a pair of free throws for Houston after that, but the Thunder didn't have time to get down the court for another shot.

Durant led the Thunder with 33 points and Russell Westbrook added 26 points.

Hornets 92, Bucks 89

MILWAUKEE — Marco Belinelli made a career-high six 3-pointers and scored a season-high 22 points to lead the

short-handed New Orleans Hornets to a 92-89 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Chris Kaman added 18 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans. Gusztavo Ayon had 12 points and 12 rebounds, as New Orleans (6-23) won its second straight game for the first time starting the season 2-0.

Ersan Ilyasova led the Bucks with a season-high 23 points, two off his career high.

T'wolves 102, Bobcats 90

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love had 30 points and 18 rebounds to help the Minnesota Timberwolves hand the Charlotte Bobcats their 16th loss in a row, 102-90.

Nikola Pekovic added 21 points and 11 rebounds in 43 minutes for Minnesota. The Timberwolves snapped a four-game skid of their own.

Kemba Walker had 21 points and six rebounds, and Corey Maggette scored 18 points for the Bobcats, who have lost 22 of the last 23 games.

Cavaliers 98, Pacers 87

CLEVELAND — Rookie Kyrie Irving scored 22 points in his return after missing three games with a concussion, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to

a 98-87 win over the Indiana Pacers, who dropped their fifth straight.

Irving played for the first time since Feb. 7, when he banged his head following a collision in Miami. The 19-year-old was only cleared to play in the morning by Cavs doctors, who followed the NBA's new guidelines on head injuries during his recovery.

Darren Collison scored 18 and Roy Hibbert 17 for Indiana, which was without leading scorer Danny Granger because of a sprained ankle.

Mavericks 102, Nuggets 84

DALLAS — Shawn Marion had 16 points and 10 rebounds, leading six Dallas players scoring in double figures as the Mavericks stretched their winning streak to five in a row with a 102-84 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Dallas jumped out to a 9-1 lead in the first 3 minutes and was never really challenged.

The five straight wins match a season high for Dallas. They have come since a rare three-day break between games that followed three consecutive losses.

Vince Carter had 15 points for the Mavericks. Lamar Odom scored 14, Jason Kidd 13 and Dirk Nowitzki 12.

Senators rout Panthers

Associated Press

SUNRISE — Craig Anderson made 42 saves, six Ottawa players scored, and the Senators routed the Panthers 6-2 on Wednesday night for their ninth straight win against Florida.

Jim O'Brien notched his first career goal, Milan Michalek moved into a tie for the team lead with his 25th of the season, and Kaspar Daugavins, Bobby Butler, Daniel Alfredsson, and Filip Kuba also scored for the Senators.

Ottawa has beaten the Panthers five straight times in Florida and 17 of 20 on the road.

Shawn Matthias and Sean Bergenheim scored for the Panthers. Scott Clemmensen allowed four goals on 16 shots before being replaced by Jose Theodore with 5:54 left in the second.

Ducks 2, Penguins 1

PITTSBURGH — Teemu Selanne beat goalie Marc-Andre Fleury midway through the third period, and the Anaheim Ducks snapped the Pittsburgh Penguins' six-game, home-winning streak with a 2-1 victory.

Corey Perry added his 28th goal, and Jonas Hiller made 25 saves for Anaheim, which won in Pittsburgh for the first time in 11 years by slowing down Penguins star Evgeni Malkin.

The NHL's leading scorer was held pointless for the second time this month, and his eight-game goal streak at home ended, too. Jordan Staal scored for Pittsburgh, but the Penguins' high-flying offense was bottled up over the last two periods.

Selanne's 19th goal of the season was the 656th of his career, moving him into a tie with Brendan Shanahan for 12th place on the NHL list.

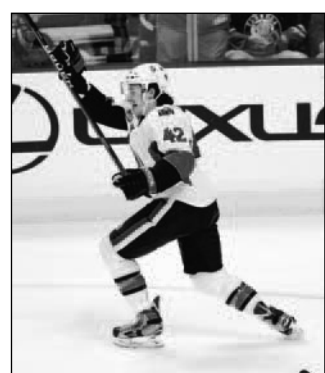
Bruins 4, Canadiens 3

MONTREAL — Tyler Seguin's shootout goal gave Boston a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens after the Bruins squandered a two-goal lead in the third period.

Seguin hesitated as he drove in on Carey Price before firing a shot past the goalie. David Krejci sent a shot off the post on Boston's first attempt.

Tim Thomas stopped Rene Bourque, Max Pacioretty and Lars Eller for his 24th win. He made 26 saves during regulation and overtime.

Andrew Ference, Benoit Pouliot and Patrice Bergeron scored for Boston, which began a six-game trip — its longest of the season — on a winning note following a 2-4 skid.



Associated Press

Ottawa Senators' Jim O'Brien celebrates after scoring against the Florida Panthers in the first period Wednesday.

No. 8 UNC rallies past Miami 73-64

USF handles Villanova 65-51 in Big East play

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — Harrison Barnes scored 23 points and No. 8 North Carolina rallied from an eight-point deficit in the second half to beat Miami 73-64 Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels, who came in leading the nation with 83.5 points per game, shot only 38 percent and went 5 for 18 from 3-point range. But they forced turnovers on four consecutive possessions in the second half to get back in the game, and sank four of six free throws in the final minute to sew up the win.

North Carolina (22-4, 9-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) took a half-game lead over Duke and Florida State atop the league standings. Miami (15-9, 6-5) lost to the Tar Heels for the 18th time in their 20 meetings, including two defeats this year.

USF 65, Villanova 51

TAMPA — Hugh Robertson and Vic-

tor Rudd Jr. scored 14 points each as South Florida beat Villanova 65-51 on Wednesday night.

South Florida (16-10, 9-4 Big East) matched its highest victory total in conference play. The Bulls had a conference record of 9-9 during the 2009-10 season, and had just three Big East wins and 10 victories overall last season.

South Florida also got 10 points apiece from Anthony Collins and Jawanza Poland.

Maurice Sutton had 10 points for Villanova (11-14, 4-9). The Wildcats played without leading scorer Maalik Wayns (averaging 17.8 points a game) due to a sprained left knee.

Villanova, which had seven days off since beating Providence 74-72 on Feb. 7, started a stretch of three games in six days.

Robertson's slam on a fastbreak and his two free throws during a 10-2 run helped put South Florida ahead 33-25 7 minutes into the second half.

No. 16 Murray St. 75, SE Missouri St. 66

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Donte Poole hit four 3-pointers and scored 25 points as No. 16 Murray State, despite a poor game from leading scorer Isaiah

Canaan, clinched its third straight Ohio Valley Conference title with a 75-66 victory over Southeast Missouri State.

Ivan Aska had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Racers (25-1, 13-1), who have won two straight since getting upset at home by Tennessee State last week to end a 23-0 start. They have dominated the series with Southeast Missouri, 50-17.

Canaan, second in the conference with a 19.6 average, was held scoreless for the first 17 minutes and finished with nine points on 2-for-11 shooting. Canaan had 32 points in the first meeting, an 81-73 victory at home Feb. 2.

Leon Powell had 13 points and eight rebounds for Southeast Missouri State (14-12, 9-5), and Corey Wilford added 12 points with three 3-pointers in the second half.

No. 18 Indiana 71, Northwestern 66

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Cody Zeller scored 23 points and Verdell Jones had all six of his over the final 4:03 to lead No. 18 Indiana past Northwestern 71-66.

The victory gave coach Tom Crean his first 20-win season in Bloomington, and the Hoosiers (20-6, 8-6 Big Ten) are 15-1 at home.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with INF Alexi Casilla on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with manager Joe Maddon on a three-year contract extension through 2015.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned RHP Carlos Fisher outright to Louisville (IL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Promoted pitching coach Chris Hook from Wisconsin (MWL) to Huntsville (TL). Named Dave Chavarria pitching coach of Wisconsin. Announced the resignation of pitching coach John Curtis of Huntsville.

American Association

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed OF Henry Abad, C Joan Cavanaugh and INF Frangel Lafargue.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Jose G. Martinez.
WINNIPEG GOLDFEYES — Signed RHP Ace Walker.

North American League

SAN ANGELO COLTS — Signed RHP Brian Henschel, LHP Kyle Boggio and LHP Ryan Riddle.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined L.A. Clippers assistant coach Howard Eisley \$15,000 for verbal abuse of an official during Monday's game against Dallas.
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS — Signed F Solomon Jones to a 10-day contract.

Women's National Basketball Association

ATLANTA DREAM — Re-signed G Coco Miller and C Courtney Paris.
WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Signed F Kerri Gardin, F-C Laura Harper and F-C Ashley Walker.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released DL Albert Haynesworth.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON Eskimos — Signed WR Cary Koch.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Re-signed OL Glenn Janary.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Jerome Samson from Charlotte (AHL) on an emergency basis.
FLORIDA Panthers — Agreed to terms with D Tyson Strachan on a one-year contract extension.

MINNESOTA WILD — Placed F Carson McMillan on injured reserve. Recalled F Cody Almond and F Jeff Taffe from Houston (AHL). Reassigned F Kris Foucault to Houston.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Wojtek Wolski and D Jeff Woywitka from conditioning loans at Connecticut (AHL).
ST. LOUIS Blues — Assigned D Ian Cole and F Evgeny Grachev to Peoria (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed D Dallas Jackson to a professional tryout contract.
SAN ANTONIO Rampage — Signed G Dov Grumet-Morris to a one-year contract extension.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League
NLL — Suspended Rochester D Tyler Burton, F Cody Jamieson, T Jordan Hall, D Travis Hill and D Sid Smith indefinitely after being arrested following an alleged incident at a restaurant in Bloomington, Minn. on Monday.

COLLEGE

SHENANDOAH — Named Stephanie Hylton women's assistant soccer coach.

BASKETBALL

NBA Leaders

	Through Feb. 14				
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	29	302	185	831	28.7
James, MIA	29	292	208	812	28.0
Durant, OKC	28	272	164	749	26.8
Love, MIN	27	219	202	684	25.3
Westbr., OKC	28	242	132	634	22.6
Aldridge, POR	29	267	120	655	22.6
Ellis, GOL	24	201	108	539	22.5
Griffin, LAC	26	226	96	549	21.1
Williams, NJN	28	197	134	585	20.9
Howard, ORL	29	214	159	587	20.2
Gay, MEM	29	225	69	541	18.7
Lee, GOL	24	188	71	447	18.6
Bosh, MIA	30	211	129	558	18.6
Parker, SAN	29	207	116	536	18.5
Nowitzki, DAL	25	169	107	462	18.5
Jennings, MIL	28	191	72	515	18.4
Jefferson, UTA	25	198	63	459	18.4
J. Johnson, ATL	29	199	74	525	18.1
Irving, CLE	23	158	73	415	18.0
Granger, IND	27	161	112	486	18.0

	FG Percentage		
	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	114	162	.704
Splitter, SAN	108	175	.617
Nash, PHX	150	267	.562
Gortat, PHX	189	340	.556
Howard, ORL	214	389	.550
Bynum, LAL	166	303	.548
James, MIA	292	536	.545
Okafor, NOR	114	214	.533
Griffin, LAC	226	425	.532
McGee, WAS	151	288	.524

	Rebounds			
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT
Howard, ORL	29	101	339	440
Love, MIN	27	112	264	376
Bynum, LAL	25	87	227	314
Cousins, SAC	27	120	192	312
Varejao, CLE	25	109	178	287
Griffin, LAC	26	78	204	282
Gasol, LAL	29	92	214	306
Humphries, NJN	27	105	175	280
Gortat, PHX	29	75	221	296
Lee, GOL	24	75	167	242

	Assists		
	G	AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	26	272	10.5
Rondo, BOS	19	186	9.8
Paul, LAC	21	190	9.0
Calderon, TOR	30	261	8.7
Rubio, MIN	29	252	8.7
D. Williams, NJN	28	235	8.4
Rose, CHI	23	179	7.8
Lowry, HOU	27	206	7.6
Parker, SAN	29	219	7.6
Wall, WAS	29	217	7.5

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	10	.667	—
Boston	15	13	.536	4
New York	15	15	.500	5
Toronto	9	22	.290	11½
New Jersey	8	22	.267	12

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	7	.767	—
Orlando	19	11	.633	4
Atlanta	18	11	.621	4½
Washington	7	22	.241	15½
Charlotte	3	26	.103	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	9	.700	—
Dallas	19	11	.633	2
Houston	17	13	.567	4
Memphis	16	14	.533	5
New Orleans	6	23	.207	14½

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



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

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CASH 3 (early)
9 - 2 - 3

CASH 3 (late)
8 - 2 - 8

PLAY 4 (early)
4 - 6 - 1 - 1

PLAY 4 (late)
4 - 0 - 6 - 1

FANTASY 5
3 - 9 - 26 - 29 - 31

POWERBALL
11 - 12 - 32 - 52 - 56

POWER BALL
11

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

BASKETBALL COLLEGE MEN

7 p.m. (ESPN) Wisconsin at Michigan State
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Virginia Tech at Florida State
9 p.m. (ESPN) West Virginia at Pittsburgh
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Vanderbilt at Mississippi
11 p.m. (ESPN2) Gonzaga at Santa Clara
11 p.m. (FSNFL) Arizona State at Washington

COLLEGE WOMEN

7 p.m. (FSNFL) Georgia at South Carolina
9 p.m. (FSNFL) Florida at Vanderbilt

NBA

8 p.m. (TNT) Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls
10:30 p.m. (TNT) Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers

GOLF

9 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour: Avantha Masters (Same-day Tape)
12:30 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour: Honda LPGA Thailand (Same-day Tape)

3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour: Northern Trust Open

HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. (SUN) San Jose Sharks at Tampa Bay Lightning

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

BOYS BASKETBALL

Class 6A regional quarterfinal

7 p.m. Gainesville at Lecanto

BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. Lecanto at Crystal River
6:30 p.m. Hernando at Citrus

SOFTBALL

5 p.m. Cambridge Christian at Seven Rivers
7 p.m. The Villages at Citrus

BOYS TENNIS

4 p.m. Springstead at Lecanto
4 p.m. West Port at Citrus

4 p.m. Crystal River at Belleview

GIRLS TENNIS

3:45 p.m. Citrus at Lake Weir
4 p.m. Springstead at Lecanto
4 p.m. Belleview at Crystal River

Correction

On the Hole-in-one by Al Citrano on Feb. 11, witness Pete McGonnigal's name was misspelled. The Chronicle regrets the error.

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	22	7	.759	—
Denver	17	13	.567	5½
Portland	15	14	.517	7
Utah	14	14	.500	7½
Minnesota	14	16	.467	8½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	—
L.A. Lakers	17	12	.586	1½
Golden State	11	14	.440	5½
Phoenix	12	17	.414	6½
Sacramento	10	19	.345	8½

Tuesday's Games

Miami 105, Indiana 90
New York 90, Toronto 87
San Antonio 99, Detroit 95
Chicago 121, Sacramento 115
Oklahoma City 111, Utah 85
Memphis 93, Houston 83
Golden State 109, Phoenix 92
Washington 124, Portland 109
L.A. Lakers 86, Atlanta 78

Wednesday's Games

San Antonio 113, Toronto 106
Orlando 103, Philadelphia 87
Detroit 98, Boston 88
Cleveland 98, Indiana 87
Memphis 105, New Jersey 100
New York 100, Sacramento 85
Houston 96, Oklahoma City 95
Minnesota 102, Charlotte 90
New Orleans 92, Milwaukee 89
Dallas 102, Denver 84
Atlanta at Phoenix, late
Portland at Golden State, late
Washington at L.A. Clippers, late

Thursday's Games

New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL Scoring Leaders

Through Feb. 14

	GP	G	A	PTS
Evgeni Malkin, Pit	49	32	37	69
Steven Stamkos, TB	56	37	25	62
Claude Giroux, Phi	52	22	40	62
Phil Kessel, Tor	57	30	31	61
Jason Spezza, Ott	59	25	35	60
Joffrey Lupul, Tor	57	22	37	59
Henrik Sedin, Van	56	12	46	58
Pavel Datsyuk, Det	57	15	42	57
Ilya Kovalchuk, NJ	51	25	31	56
James Neal, Pit	56	29	26	55
Daniel Sedin, Van	55	24	31	55
John Tavares, NYI	56	22	33	55

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	55	37	13	5	79	156	110
Philadelphia	56	31	18	7	69	182	169
Pittsburgh	57	32	20	5	69	176	150
New Jersey	56	32	20	4	68	158	156
N.Y. Islanders	56	24	24	8	56	134	160

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	55	35	18	2	72	188	126
Ottawa	60	30	22	8	68	179	183
Toronto	57	28	23	6	62	172	171
Montreal	58	23	25	10	56	155	158
Buffalo	56	24	26	6	54	137	162

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	56	27	18	11	65	143	158
Washington	56	28	23	5	61	156	160
Winnipeg	58	26	26	6	58	140	164
Tampa Bay	56	24	26	6	54	155	189
Carolina	57	21	25	11	53	147	175

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	58	39	17	2	80	185	136
St. Louis	56	34	15	7	75	140	113
Nashville	57	33	1				

Buccaneers release DT Haynesworth, add coach

Associated Press

TAMPA — Defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth has been released by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who signed him after injuries decimated their roster midway through last season.

General manager Mark Dominik announced the move Wednesday, saying he appreciated Haynesworth filling in for seven games after tackle Gerald McCoy

was lost for the year with a torn right biceps.

While the Bucs limited the number of days he practiced to try to keep Haynesworth healthy for games, his production declined steadily over the final month of a 10-game losing streak that claimed the job of former coach Raheem Morris. Haynesworth's base salary for next season would have been more than \$6 million, so his release didn't

come as a surprise.

"I appreciate Albert playing for us after some key injuries this past season," general manager Mark Dominik said in a team statement. "He was very professional and we now wish him all the best as he moves forward."

The veteran of 10 NFL seasons was claimed off waivers from the New Eng-

land Patriots on Nov. 8. He started six games for Tampa Bay, finishing with 25 tackles.

Haynesworth developed into one of the league's top defensive linemen during seven seasons with the Tennessee Titans, but has underperformed since signing a seven-year, \$100 million deal with the Redskins in 2009. He was

obtained by New England in

a trade last year, but lasted just eight games with the eventual AFC champions.

Bucs hire Raye as offensive assistant

TAMPA — The Buccaneers have hired long-time NFL assistant Jimmy Raye as a senior offensive assistant to new head coach Greg Schiano.

The club announced the addition to Schiano's staff Wednesday.

Raye has been in coaching

for 40 seasons, 34 of them in the NFL. He has been an offensive coordinator for the Bucs, St. Louis Rams, New England Patriots, Kansas City Chiefs, Washington Redskins, Oakland Raiders and San Francisco 49ers. He also was a senior offensive assistant with the New York Jets for two seasons.

Schiano said in a statement Raye's experience and knowledge will be an "invaluable resource" to Tampa Bay's coaches and players.



Signed and sealed

Maddon agrees to 3-year extension with Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The reigning AL manager of the year isn't going anywhere.

That is, unless you're counting spring training, where Joe Maddon is eager to get to work after agreeing to a three-year contract extension that could keep him in Tampa Bay's dugout through 2015.

The Rays formally announced the deal with the 58-year-old manager during a news conference at Tropicana Field on Wednesday.

Maddon has led the team to the playoffs three of the past four seasons and believes they have an excellent chance of getting back again this year.

Maddon said while he's flattered by speculation he would have been attractive to other teams if the Rays had not locked him up long-term that he had no desire to leave Tampa Bay, which has a talented young roster capable of contending for championships for years to come.

"I know the grass — the turf — is not any greener anywhere else," Maddon said. "I wanted to be here."

Maddon is 495-477 in six seasons with the Rays, who struggled through a decade of futility before finally posting the first winning record in franchise history in 2008, when they not only defied the odds by finishing ahead of the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox for AL East title but made their first World Series appearance.

Tampa Bay won arguably baseball's toughest division again in 2010, then overcame a nine-game deficit in September to edge Boston for the AL wild-card spot



Associated Press

The Tampa Bay Rays announced they've officially agreed to a three-year contract extension with manager Joe Maddon on Wednesday. Maddon is 495-477 overall in six years with the Rays and led the team to the 2008 World Series.

on the final night of last season.

Maddon has excelled despite fielding a team, whose payroll is among the lowest in baseball. A year ago, the Rays lost six key players to free agency and traded two others, yet won 91 games to finish second in the AL East, which traditionally has been dominated by the big spending Yankees and Red Sox.

"We've really grown a lot over the last several years," said Maddon, who lost 101 games in 2006 — his first with Tampa Bay — and 96 the following seasons.

The Rays have averaged 92 wins the past four seasons. And with one of baseball's youngest and deepest pitching rotations and what could be an improved offensive attack led by Evan Longoria, B.J. Upton, Ben Zobrist, Carlos

Pena and Luke Scott, Maddon said the club has everything it takes to return to the postseason.

"We've come up short the last two years in the playoffs, but we did get there," Maddon said, alluding losses to Texas in the divisional round in 2010 and 2011.

"We've got to extend that a little bit as we move forward. ... It's about winning. It is about getting to the last game of the season and winning it the next time we get a chance to be there."

Rays executive vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman lauded Maddon's ability to connect with players, develop young talent and always "put the franchise first" in making decisions.

"I think one of his greatest

strengths is something that isn't talked about nearly enough," Friedman said. "Everything Joe does is under the guise to make this organization better in both the short term and the long term.

"He takes the time to get to know each individual player and what their strengths are and what makes them tick," Friedman added. "He creates an environment for the players that instills self-confidence and allow them to play up to their talent level."

Maddon was entering the final season of a three-year extension he signed in May 2009. Prior to his arrival after spending more than three decades in the Angels organization, the Rays went 518-775 under the team's three previous managers.

Donald comes full circle

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Luke Donald was on the practice range at Riviera before dawn Wednesday, it was so dark only temporary floodlights allowed him to see where the ball was going.

It was a snapshot of the perks that come with being No. 1 in the world, and what got him there.

The best player gets his choice of tee times for the program, and the early spots go first. Along with being No. 1 in the world, Donald sits atop the PGA Tour and European Tour money lists, the first player ever to lead the two biggest tours.

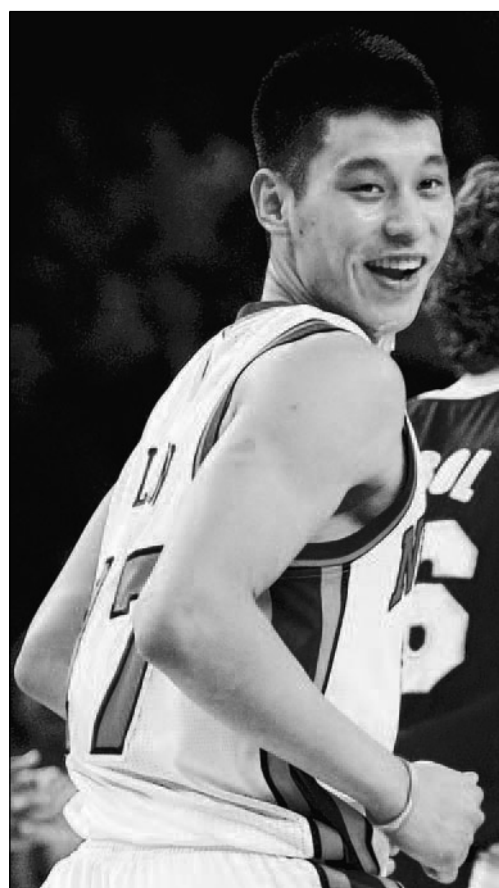
As for the work ethic? Getting to the top wasn't an accident.

"I think the best part of being No. 1 is knowing that my best golf is good enough to get me to that No. 1 spot, just from a confidence and mental standpoint," Donald said. "That's gratifying to know that the hard work is paying off."

The hardest part might be the encore.

Donald is coming off a year he won't ever forget, and it all began at Riviera with a round he would like to erase from his memory. In his first event, he shot a 79 in the second round to miss the cut.

Toward the end of his season, he had won a career-best four times, including the most exciting finish this side of a major when he birdied six straight holes to start the back nine at Disney and closed with a 64 for a two-shot victory. It gave him the double money title, and was enough to make him a landslide winner of PGA Tour player of the year.



Knicks point guard on fire

From New York to Asia, Lin is a hoops sensation

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bigger than Shaq? Larger than LeBron? The Knicks as NBA champions? (Don't laugh too hard at that last one. The odds are getting better, according to one online sports book.)

Nothing seems too Lin-possible now after Jeremy Lin's incredible first week as an NBA starter, and the story keeps getting better.

After going undrafted and bouncing around the NBA, New York Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin is the hottest player in the league over the past six games.

Associated Press

The undrafted player from Harvard made a 3-pointer with five-tenths of a second left Tuesday night to give the Knicks a 90-87 victory at Toronto. The Knicks returned home Wednesday to host Sacramento, looking for a seventh straight victory that would get them back to .500 after an 8-15 start.

Lin joined the rotation only then, starting the last five games, so hold off on making him a Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal or LeBron James just yet. But the Knicks have seen enough to believe this ride may last a while longer.

"I don't know when there's an ending, maybe there won't," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Lin's story has blown straight past the New York sports pages and all their cute headlines like "Va-Lin-tine's Day," all the way to a basketball-crazed con-

continent on the other side of the world, where he's been "kind of like the great Asian hope," said Orin Starn, professor and chair of Cultural Anthropology at Duke.

Lin has done wonders for shares of Madison Square Garden Inc., the company that owns the Knicks, the Garden and the namesake sports network. The stock has surged 9 percent since Lin began his heroics Feb. 4, reaching an all-time high of \$33.18 earlier this week before retreating slightly to close at \$31.91 Wednesday.

"Rangers and Knicks fans do tend to buy the stock when the teams are doing well," said Miller Tabak analyst David Joyce.

And Linsanity has reached America's most powerful basketball fan, with President Barack Obama talking about Lin's winner Wednesday.



Associated Press

Luke Donald didn't last long at Riviera last year, an obscure start to a season that made him No. 1 in the world. He returns to the Northern Trust Open as the guy everyone is chasing.

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Spotlight on
PEOPLE

Brown: Daughter doing better

NEW YORK — Bobby Brown says daughter Bobbi Kristina is doing "much better" after being hospitalized following the death of her mother, Whitney Houston. The 18-year-old

woman was taken to a Los Angeles hospital Sunday after Houston's death the day before. A source close to the family who spoke on condition of anonymity previously told The Associated Press she was treated and released for stress and anxiety.

In a statement Wednesday, Brown said the family is providing "love and support" to Bobbi Kristina and pleaded for privacy. He says she's still dealing with the tragedy and "would prefer to do it outside the public eye."

Bobbi Kristina is Houston's only child.

Niagara tightrope walk is a go

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — Daredevil Nik Wallenda is set to walk an

1,800-foot tightrope across Niagara Falls this summer. The Canadian Parks Commission approved the stunt

Wednesday, removing the final obstacle after New York changed state law in September to allow it.

Wallenda plans to install the rope between American and Canadian parkland and walk from one country to the other. The drop will be 70 feet at its highest, with a dip that Wallenda will walk down into the mist from the gorge.

Wallenda is a seventh-generation member of the Flying Wallendas. He has a deal with Discovery television to broadcast the spectacle live.

Tarantino wraps up Wyo. filming

JACKSON, Wyo. — Director Quentin Tarantino has wrapped up filming for his new movie in Wyoming, including a scene at the National Elk Refuge.

The Jackson Hole News & Guide reported that the "Django Unchained" cast and crew were in the Jackson area last week and decided to add a scene at the refuge.

The crew saw the elk from the highway and asked for permission to have the actors walking and riding horses among the animals. They were denied because it could have caused a disturbance but were allowed to shoot some footage with elk and bison in the background at the refuge's northern feedground.

—From wire reports



Bobbi Kristina Brown



Nik Wallenda

Labor of love



Associated Press

Models are shown backstage Feb. 14 before the Oscar de la Renta collection is shown during Fashion Week in New York. Watching the legendary 79-year-old designer backstage Tuesday night, it was clear that de la Renta is virtually immune to the circus and hype that accompanies New York Fashion Week. For de la Renta, despite decades in the business, each show commands his total attention as a personal unveiling of a labor of love.

New York Fashion Week through Oscar de la Renta's eyes

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — All the trappings of the big fashion show were there: models, music, and lots and lots of people. But to one of the world's most famous designers, all that fuss was invisible. When it was time for the models to hit the runway to present his next collection at New York Fashion Week, the only thing Oscar de la Renta saw was the clothes.

Watching the legendary 79-year-old backstage Tuesday night as he prepped the models moments before sending them down the runway, it was clear that de la Renta is virtually immune to the circus and hype that accompanies New York Fashion Week, the twice-annual previews of designer clothing. Never mind the hundreds of tastemakers in the audience from around the world, from buyers and journalists to celebrities and loyal customers, a group that on this night included Vogue editor Anna Wintour, a close friend. Never mind the scores of assistants backstage trying to carry out his vision. For de la Renta, despite decades in the business, each show commands his total attention as a personal unveiling of a labor of love.

For the 15 minutes it took to parade his fall collection on the catwalk, with a reporter from The Associated Press observing by his side, de la Renta sat on a plain stool just out of sight from the crowd, carefully examining each look and speaking to no one. It's a process he's gone through literally hundreds of times — with two, three or sometimes four fashion shows a year — since launching his label in 1965. But it never gets old.

"Oh my goodness, show day is not like any other day," de la Renta said an hour before the lights went up. "Regardless of how good or bad a collection might be, it's a letdown after the show is over. It's done. Something you've worked on for months is just over. It's like a wedding day, but at least then you get the wedding night."

He added: "This is a part of you." He checked the music, tapping his toe to "Maniac" from "Flashdance," and greeted familiar faces popping in pre-show, from his wife,



Associated Press

Designer Oscar de la Renta appears backstage Feb. 14 before his collection is shown during Fashion Week in New York.

Annette, to Bergdorf Goodman CEO Jim Gold to stylist Rachel Zoe, who showed de la Renta photos of her baby on her phone. Throughout it all, he was a vision of calm, with no last-minute changes, no barking orders. The backstage swarm included dressers, makeup artists and publicists, and he seemed to know them all by name as he nodded approvingly at their work. But he also said the buck stops with him.

"I check every look sitting here. They'll tell me to let her (a model) go, but I see everything, every hair out of place or thread that is hanging," he said. "I have to be sure it's coming out the way I envisioned it."

"I have to be sure it's coming out the way I envisioned it."

Oscar de la Renta
 fashion designer
 about checking models before they hit the runway.

At Tuesday's show, he gently held the arm of each model until he was ready for her to start moving — in spite of producers telling her to hurry up. He fluffed the tiers of a gown on its way out. And he sent the last model, Arizona Muse, to join the others in the group lineup that ends every preview even though she was a few beats behind the others. The handlers had told her she wasn't going to make it in time for the carefully paced finale parade of all the outfits, and some yelled at her to stop. But de la Renta signaled go, and despite being out of step, she ended up with a few extra moments in the spotlight to show off a frothy silver gown.

The audience couldn't tell whether the delay was a glitch or for effect, but when the applause started as she stepped onto the catwalk, de la Renta smiled. He followed, going out for his bow — actually a quick wave — mouthing "Thank you, thank you."

At most shows, security guards usually swoop in at this point, cutting off audience access to designers and their backstage havens. De la Renta, though, lingered near the door, sans entourage, for a quick word with the American Vogue team and flamboyant editor of Japanese Vogue, Anna Della Russo. He watched editors, stylists and retailers make their way to the elevators, giving the occasional handshake or peck on the cheek.

Another show was over, and it's hard to tell if it's his years of experience or personality that allowed him to take it all in stride. Not that other designers are crazed egomaniacs. The process of putting on a fashion show, especially from the inside, is far more professional than Twitter photos and reality shows might suggest.

Florida
LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, **Page B4**.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Mega Money: 6-9-17-36
Mega Ball: 20

4-of-4 MB	No winner
4-of-4	4 \$1,936.50
3-of-4 MB	59 \$287.50
3-of-4	1,259 \$40
2-of-4 MB	1,397 \$25
1-of-4 MB	11,439 \$3
2-of-4	34,371 \$2
Fantasy 5:	1-2-5-15-35
5-of-5	2 winners \$112,596.18
4-of-5	386 \$94
3-of-5	11,218 \$9

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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Today in
HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2012. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 16, 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

On this date:

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300-600R trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, en route to a three-nation tour of Asia, stopped off at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, where he told hundreds of cheering U.S. soldiers that "America will not blink" in the fight against terrorism and Osama bin Laden.

Five years ago: The Democratic-controlled House issued a symbolic rejection of President George W. Bush's decision to deploy more troops to Iraq, approving the nonbinding resolution by a vote of 246-182.

One year ago: Bookstore chain Borders filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said it would close nearly a third of its stores. (Borders closed all of its remaining stores in September 2011.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer Patty Andrews is 94. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 67. Actor William Katt is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Ingram is 60. Actor LeVar Burton is 55. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 54. Actress Lisa Loring is 54. International Tennis Hall of Famer John McEnroe is 53. Rock musician Andy Taylor is 51. Rock musician Dave Lombardo (Slayer) is 47. Actress Sarah Clarke is 41. Rock musician Taylor Hawkins (Foo Fighters) is 40. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman is 39. Singer Sam Salter is 37. Actress Elizabeth Olsen is 23.

Thought for Today: "I am content to define history as the past events of which we have knowledge and refrain from worrying about those of which we have none — until, that is, some archaeologist digs them up." — Barbara W. Tuchman, American historian (1912-1989).

Today's **HOROSCOPE**

Today's Birthday: Your chart indicates that in the year ahead you could be far luckier than you have been in the past with large organizations and/or with the government. Your greatest successes are likely to stem from these two areas.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you feel that you're capable of tackling something that is a departure from your usual endeavors, go for it. Chances are that your perceptions are totally accurate.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — A joint endeavor could prove to be particularly fortunate for you, due to an involvement with someone who is as serious and ambitious as you are.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Expect to be popular, because you'll employ your gift of making everyone feel special even more than usual. This always leads to constructive relationships and good times.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Unusually numerous opportunities regarding your job or career currently surround you. Someone at the top could be eyeing your work and liking what they see.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Even though it might be more work, it goes without saying that when you use your organizational and managerial skills more effectively, you get exceptional results. It pays to put in the time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Express your individuality by utilizing your artistic and creative touches at work. These skills will go a long way toward making you stand out from the middle crowd.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you put forth your best effort, you should be able to amplify even further something good that you already have going. Think in expansive terms.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The possibility for personal acquisition is exceptionally good at this time, owing to two special

factors: one is your ability and the other is Lady Luck. **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Arousing enthusiasm in others will come easy to you, and you'll have no trouble getting folks to voluntarily participate in things that you feel are priorities. Making your interests appealing should be a snap. **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Things have a way of going much better when we maintain an air of mystery and/or secrecy about our lives. Keep both your financial and domestic affairs to yourself. **Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Take care not to unintentionally put material things above your involvements with close friends. Constructive relationships shouldn't and can't be measured in worldly terms. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — If your objectives are more lofty and noble than usual, it's likely that you will find yourself to be unusually lucky. Unselfish gestures have a way of producing unique rewards.



Sicilian Slice



ABOVE: Brandy Gonzales, left, Brothers Pizza manager Wayne Carmichael, Brothers Pizza owner Keith Randall and Jennifer Pysher show the restaurant's veggie pizza made with white sauce, spinach, tomatoes, garlic, pepperoni and mushrooms, as well as a cheese pizza. A Brothers chef salad, far right, is also pictured. **BELOW:** Other Italian specialties are garlic knots, breadsticks, spinach rolls and a meat wrap.

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Brothers Pizza's new owner infuses menu, food with Greek-style flavor

JULIANNE MUNN
 Chronicle food writer

The name is the same but the menu is revamped with a Greek twist. And customers can now order delivery service from Brothers Pizza Restaurant in the Crystal Springs Shopping Center, east of Crystal River.

Keith Randall purchased the popular café in October from Vinnie Schiano after moving to the area from the Berkshires, Mass.

You won't find grinders anymore. Randall said the sandwiches are the same, but are renamed subs "because most people don't know what grinders are."

Other alterations include changing from the former Sicilian flavors to the new Greek-style pan pizza with a bit thicker crust than the previous pies, Randall said.

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“ Our dough is made fresh every day and so is the homemade sauce — there is nothing out of a can. ”

Keith Randall
 the new owner of Brothers Pizza.



Julianne Munn
OVER EASY

Savor Old Florida Saturday in Ozello

Ozello is hands down one of the coolest places in Citrus County. In fact, it was my very favorite destination during my early years in this area and remains so today.

If you are familiar with the village of Ozello or would like a chance to visit Old Florida on the Nature Coast, then mark Saturday on your calendar.

It's time for the seventh annual Chili Cook-Off and Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Ozello Civic Association and the *Chronicle*. Chili "tastings" will start at 11 a.m., or you can have the chili dinner for \$5.

To get there, turn west on Ozello Trail off U.S. 19 south of Crystal River and drive about 6 1/2 miles to the festival site. Admission is free for the daylong event.

When I first moved to Citrus County and began work for the *Chronicle* at the old *Beverly Hills Enquirer*, I discovered the historic village of Ozello and the trail that ends at the shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

There wasn't much at the end of that trail in the late '70s, and it's still a pretty pristine setting where crab traps, white fishing boots, nets and solid citizens are the backbone of the community.

Just getting to the end of Ozello Trail is an adventure, over the curvy road with water birds, sawgrass hammocks, tidal pools, mangroves and thick stands of palmettos along both sides. About six miles out, you reach the small village of Ozello. But when you drive another four or five miles, you cross a short causeway to inland waters of the gulf.

That's after passing a landmark seafood restaurant, Peck's Old Port Cove, where soft-shell crabs are harvested and fried up golden brown every spring. It is where we once spent hours picking the sweet meat from buckets of fresh blue crab spread on newspapers at picnic tables overlooking the channels.

In the 1970s, there still existed at the end of the trail another inn and restaurant, Pirates Cove, a popular tourist destination until it was eventually too damaged by storms to be restored. Still, we had great times Sunday afternoons gathering at the dilapidated resort ruins near the water's edge, tipping a brew or two and singing along at impromptu guitar gigs by local musicians.

Time pauses at the water's edge past Ozello, offering salt spray, brilliant sunsets and whispers of a timeless Florida back in the day.

The best of old Ozello can be seen in Tom Brown, whose pioneer family dates back to when only about a half-dozen families were there. Brown grows hot d'ail peppers he uses in his large variety of his homemade jellies and spreads that are popular throughout Central Florida. Here is one of his recipes:

Mint varieties offer fragrance, flavor

On our wooden kitchen table, I have two nursery flats holding three varieties of mint I rooted from cuttings. The blend of beauty, fragrance and visual texture they create is wonderful.

The first variety, known as pineapple mint (Mentha suaveolens "Variegata"), is a cultivar of apple mint. The square stems and opposite leaves are fuzzy (another name for apple mint is woolly mint). Pineapple mint is characterized by light green foliage with white



Randy Hobson
EDIBLE LANDSCAPE

patches. It makes a striking ground cover and provides a pleasing visual contrast to its darker cousins. The leaves can be used to make tea, garnish salads and enhance ham glazes. The combination of pineapple fragrance and mint flavor is captivating. Pineapple mint and other varieties of apple mint handle full-sun exposure better than many mints.

Sharing the flat with pineapple mint, the next herb we encounter is spearmint (*Mentha spicata*). A close inspection of the deep green textured leaves reveals the margins are softly serrated with a pointed tip, hence the name 'spear' mint. The smooth square stems are a purplish color.

As with all mints, spearmint prefers moist soil and spreads by means of runners called stolons. This property of mints leads many people to grow mint in containers or plant deep edging around the mint bed to prevent spreading. In some parts of the world, mint can be invasive.

While pineapple mint tends to have a sprawling growth habit, spearmint grows upright, reaching 2 to 3 feet in height. In my experience, spearmint thrives if it receives some

shade during the hottest part of the day. Spearmint produces pink or white flowers on spikes.

The clean fragrance and taste of spearmint is unmistakable. Every May in Kentucky, the festive atmosphere surrounding the Kentucky Derby is highlighted with the flavor and fragrance of mint juleps. Spearmint-garnished iced tea is a Southern tradition. Spearmint jelly accompanies and enhances roast lamb. Middle Eastern and Asian dishes often feature spearmint.

The final mint in our collection has dark green leaves with reddish veins. This shade-loving mint gives

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Brothers Pizza is in the Crystal Springs (Publix) Shopping Center, east of Crystal River.

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“Our dough is made fresh every day and so is the homemade sauce — there is nothing out of a can,” he said. “All the dishes, such as the lasagna, are freshly made, too.”

Featuring daily specials are new to the menu. It is an innovation Brothers’ patrons seem to appreciate. The eatery seats up to 44 patrons with booths and tables, plus a couple of umbrella-covered tables outside.

Randall, however, hasn’t changed everything, especially one particular pizza in high demand.

The Brothers Veggie, a tasty pie topped with spinach, mushrooms, tomatoes and garlic over a white sauce. Pizza prices range from \$5.95 for the 10-inch cheese up to \$20.95 for an 18-inch specialty pie such as the Aloha Retreat, Farmer’s Market, House Special and Mighty Meat, to name a few.

Randall explained his start in the pizza business began when he was 16 and delivered pies for a Greek pizzeria. He learned the operation and bought the restaurant at age 21, eventually expanding to management of three pizzerias in Massachusetts.

He said he relocated to Florida to be near his father, Allen Randall, who retired in Citrus County and assists his son at Brothers.

There is more than pizza, however. New items include oven-baked crusty bread bowls with your choice of filling: chili, chicken parmesan, hot sausage with sautéed onions and green peppers in a meat sauce with Mozzarella, or meatballs in meat sauce and Mozzarella. Each one is \$6.50 and makes a hearty meal.

Randall kicked the appetizers up a notch with choices such as raspberry coconut shrimp, \$8.95; and cheese breadsticks with various toppings, from \$1 to extra large for \$2. Toppings include a big variety of meat, chicken, ham, veg-

etables, peppers and cheese.

Some starter specials feature deep-fried mushrooms, Mozzarella and broccoli nuggets — and something unexpected, fresh deep-fried duck bite tenders.

Greek, chicken, Caesar garden and antipasto salads are available, ranging from \$5.95 to \$8.95.

Pasta dishes are plentiful and portions are large, including spaghetti or ziti with meat sauce or meatballs, lasagna, stuffed shells and cheese ravioli, from \$7.95 to \$8.95.

Delivery within a five-mile radius is brand new for Brothers, with a \$10 minimum order and \$2 delivery fee.

Service is friendly and fast at Brothers with Ashley Wixson in charge of the dining room. If you’re in a hurry, pizza by the slice is available along with other carry-out items.

Brothers Pizza is in Crystal Springs (Publix) Shopping Center, east of Crystal River on State Road 44. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. For delivery and carry-out orders or other information, call 352-564-9374.

Here is Keith Randall’s own special Alfredo sauce:

ALFREDO KEITH

- 1 cup butter
- 8 cups heavy cream
- 4 cups Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper

Melt butter and stir in enough Parmesan cheese to form paste. Add heavy cream to cheese and blend. Add salt and pepper. Stir constantly over medium heat until sauce starts to thicken, approximately 20 minutes. Add remainder of Parmesan cheese and stir for another 10 minutes. Serve with linguine or pasta or choice.

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Beginnings of beer, wine

Beer is America’s preference when it comes to an alcoholic drink.

Archaeologists date its discovery somewhere near 10,000 B.C. It was the first of the world’s six leading beverages. Others in order of advent were wine, followed by tea, spirits, coffee, and guess what, Coca Cola.

Winemaking has been around almost as long as beer brewing. Scientific evidence suggests it was first produced in the region of Asia known as Armenia and northern Iraq, in the pre-history era of 9000 to 4000 B.C.

Three important factors led ancient vintners to the idea: the presence of natural grapes of the family “Vitis Vinifera” (the very same kind we drink today), the availability of cereal crops which allowed people to settle down in one spot, and crucially the invention of pottery, essential in making, storing and drinking wine with storage being the critical factor.

Real evidence has shown up in the form of residue in pottery jars precisely dated to about 5400 B.C. in an area near Mount Ararat, reflected in the story of Noah in the Bible, who is said to have planted the first vineyard. And incidentally, he may have suffered the original hangover from overindulging, if you remember the story.

Knowledge of winemaking now spread west,

through the present-day region of the Middle East and then down to Egypt. The pharaohs it seems quickly acquired a real taste for the stuff and established vineyards in the fertile Nile Delta, so that domestic production was under way in a big way by 3000 B.C.

But the “big way,” it seems, was restricted to upper classes

only. Everyone else stuck to beer, doubtless because it was a lot cheaper to make. We know this because countless depictions of wine drinking are in the many examples of tomb paintings unearthed in graves of the elite upperclass.

No one disputes the cradle of Western thought owes its debt to the Greek thinkers of the 5th and 6th centuries B.C. whose writings laid the basis for modern Western philosophy, politics science and law.

Wine played a huge role in Greek society of this age. It was the centerpiece of the countless ceremonial dinner parties, where Greek citizens opined with academic discussions. Only barbarians, they believed, drank beer.

Thucydides, perhaps the world’s first historian, wrote in 5th century, “The peoples of the Mediterranean began to emerge from barbarianism when they learned to cultivate the olive and the grape.”

Treatises were written on grape farming with advice on pruning, harvesting and

pressing. Better methods led to a less-expensive product for consumers, as well as becoming a cash cow for farmers who made 20 times more from grape growing than from grain cultivation.

In a word, wine drinking for Greece was equated with genteel civilization, the “good life.”

Jump now to the 2nd century B.C., when imperial Rome began to displace the Greeks as the dominant power in the Mediterranean world. Roman society was modeled on the Greek and wine played a significant role. Farming, as with war, was a principal piece of Roman civilization, and grape growing was considered a further symbol of a sophisticated Roman approach to life.

By 70 A.D., the Roman writer Pliny the Elder told us 80 or more different wines of note were in the Roman world. Its popularity actually surpassed grain farming, so cereals had to be imported from abroad. Wine eventually was consumed by aristocrat and peasant alike as an everyday beverage of choice.

But snobism was alive and well in ancient days. Wealthy Romans prided themselves on recognizing the finest wines, a sign of conspicuous consumption, much like what goes on today among the rich and famous.

Wine was almost always mixed with water along with other additives so as to conceal spoilage. These additives included salt, seawater and sweeteners such as honey, and even roses. Travelers often carried herbs to improve the flavor of bad wine.

Roman armies conquered a good part of Europe and brought with them wine-making techniques that influenced what eventually become the countries of France and Spain.

The former passed on its love of the grape to English society, and with the invention of the glass bottle and the cork seal, the rest is as they say, “history.”

Today, the presence of wine in everyday society seems to be increasing by leaps and bounds. India and China with more than 3 billion potential drinkers have entered the arena.

Who knows how long before humans may be toasting each other among the stars of the Milky Way?

Let’s finish with a bit of trivia.

What was the most expensive bottle of wine ever purchased?

Answer: a 1787 Lafitte (France) bought by Malcolm Forbes for \$160,000, reportedly owned by Thomas Jefferson.

Anecdote has it, due to improper storage, the old cork popped out and the contents spilled; now making it the “most expensive empty bottle ever purchased.”

Question: how many gentle readers can accurately describe a blind tasting? Answer next week.

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.

Sick kid brings back mother memories

It’s a little past 7 a.m. and the bright glow in the eastern sky looks like a promise for a sunny day. The sun is always welcome at this time of the year.

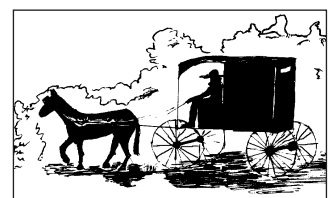
The ground is covered with snow again and the temperatures are colder. It finally feels like winter. Saturday morning our thermometer showed 6 degrees. The past few days the morning temperature has been around 20.

The new stove is heating well and is saving us coal. It was high time for a new one.

I am making coffee. I don’t drink coffee every morning, but it feels like I need some this morning. I was up with daughter Lovina, 7, for part of the night. She came to our bedroom and told us she has to throw up. Before I could get her to our bathroom, she threw up on our floor. Sigh.

I thought she felt warm, so I took her temperature. It showed 103. After some fever reducer, she is sleeping well. She didn’t even wake up with the commotion of the other children getting ready for school.

When my children get sick and I tend to their needs, my thoughts often go back to my mother. She was always there for us when we were sick and I would often think “doesn’t she ever get tired?” Now that I see it from a mother’s point of view, it just seems natural to take care of



Lovina Eicher
THE AMISH COOK

them while they are sick.

Sitting there in the middle of the night holding Lovina, it makes me think of how fortunate and blessed we truly are. The quiet and peacefulness of the night somehow gives a person time to think back over the years. In May, it will be 12 years since my dear father passed away. But every Feb. 17, my thoughts are with him as he would celebrate another birthday if he were still here. If he had lived, he would be 81 this month.

On Friday, Feb. 17, there will be no school. School also will be closed the following Monday. The children are excited about having two four-day school weeks. That is their mid-winter break.

Wednesday will be their 100th day of school for this year. Lovina and Kevin’s class do something special like bring in 100 small items to count. I probably will let them take buttons. Kevin’s class has to bring 100 pieces of something edible like cereal, marshmallows, chocolate chips, cookies, pretzels or so forth. They mix it all to-

gether and call it “100 Hash,” which they all enjoy eating.

Daughter Elizabeth stays with three young children three days a week while their mother works. She watches 1-year-old twins and a 3-year-old boy. She enjoys the children and is used to watching over little ones from her experience being the oldest of eight.

On Tuesday, Elizabeth and Susan will clean a house nearby. I miss their help when they are home, but they like to earn money, too.

Last week, I sowed Benjamin and Kevin each a new pant. I have another one cut out for Kevin, which I hope to sew this week. Kevin has had a growth spurt and needs longer pants.

I also have material to make me a few new dresses. It seems I sew for everyone else in the family and put off my own sewing. I sure could use a few new dresses.

Another sewing project I hope to do is make the boys new Sunday pants and jackets. I don’t mind sewing the pants, but the jackets are not my favorite things.

Kevin brought home a fake snake from school and the boys had fun trying to scare me with it. This morning I went to put the eggs back in the refrigerator and I almost dropped them when I saw the snake between food containers. I imagine they would have laughed if they would

have seen me drop them. It seems I should be used to that trick by now.

I’ll conclude the column by sharing this great recipe for “banana nut coffee cake.”

BANANA NUT COFFEE CAKE

- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 mashed bananas
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine all of the ingredients and beat until smooth and creamy. Pour into a greased 9-by-13 cake pan. Add the topping.

For the topping:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup nuts
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons flour

Combine sugar, cinnamon, flour, nuts and cut in butter. Sprinkle on top of cake. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

Seminarian Dinner and Dance

St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus is hosting their Annual Seminarian Dinner and Dance on February 25, 2012
Doors open at 5PM

Where: Pope John Paul II School
4341 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto

Menu: Tender Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans Almandine, Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Soda

Entertainment by **Hank & Hawk** for your listening and dancing pleasure

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News NOTES

Lodge breakfast to be served Saturday

Floral City Masonic Lodge will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. On the menu are eggs cooked to order, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, grits, orange juice and coffee for a \$5 donation. For information, call 352-637-4331.

New Englanders meet at Olive Tree

The New Englanders will meet at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Olive Tree Restaurant in Crystal River. The speaker is Dr. Michael Lange, an ophthalmologist. His subject is "Macular Degeneration." For more information, call Jack at 352-746-1571.

Singers wanted for Sugarmil Chorale

Sugarmil Chorale is looking for people who enjoy singing to join rehearsals for the spring concert on April 2. The group rehearses every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Crystal River, 700 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River. The next rehearsal is today, Feb. 16. You don't have to read music to join. Members come from all over Citrus County. Email Rose Keasey at rkeasey@tampabay.rr.com or call 352-634-2688.

All welcome to meet Life Pirates

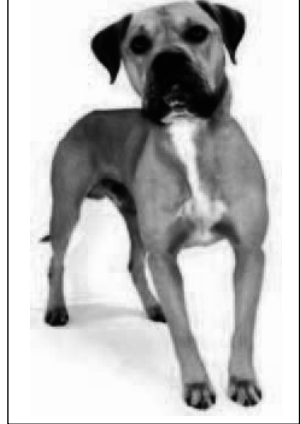
Life Pirates LLC invites everyone to its monthly gathering from 7 to 10 p.m. today, Feb. 16, at the Boat House restaurant on U.S. 19 in Crystal River. There will be live music, door prizes, food and drink specials. Bring business cards to hand out or place on the business promotion table. For more information, visit www.lifepirates.com or call 352-422-7910.

Auxiliary to serve roast pork

Blanton-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155, Crystal River, will have a roast pork dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the post home, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway. Cost is \$7; all members and the public are welcome. All profits from the dinner will go to support the many programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. For more information, call unit President Shawn Mikulas at 352-503-5325.

Animal Shelter ADOPTABLES

TJ



Special to the Chronicle
TJ is a male boxer mix, between 1 and 2 years, and is one of the sweetest boys you will ever meet. He has a luxurious red coat that is so soft you will just want to cuddle him. He is a good-natured guy who gets along well with everyone. He is going to make someone a great best friend! Come meet TJ at Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at www.citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400.

Bear with the park

January 'Wildlife Jeopardy' program coming up Saturday

Special to the Chronicle

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park will host a Wildlife Jeopardy program about bears at noon Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Education Center. Wildlife Jeopardy programs are scheduled through May. Wildlife Jeopardy is an educational program for all ages. Volunteer Bar-

bara Cairns will use a "Jeopardy"-style format to present information on different Florida species monthly. There will be educational handouts. Visitors will be able to see two Florida black bears in the park. The program is included at no additional charge with regular park admission. It is a 10-minute walk from the park's west entrance on Fishbowl Drive to the Education Center. Cairns is a docent in the Children's

Education Center and is a retired school principal from the U.S. Department of Defense schools in Labrador, Germany and Panama. She is also a published author with articles and stories in books, magazines and newspapers. Her latest books are "Cracker Cow: a Narrative of Florida History" and "Gatsby's Adventures." For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Deadline looms for 2012 pageants

Applications due by Friday

Special to the Chronicle

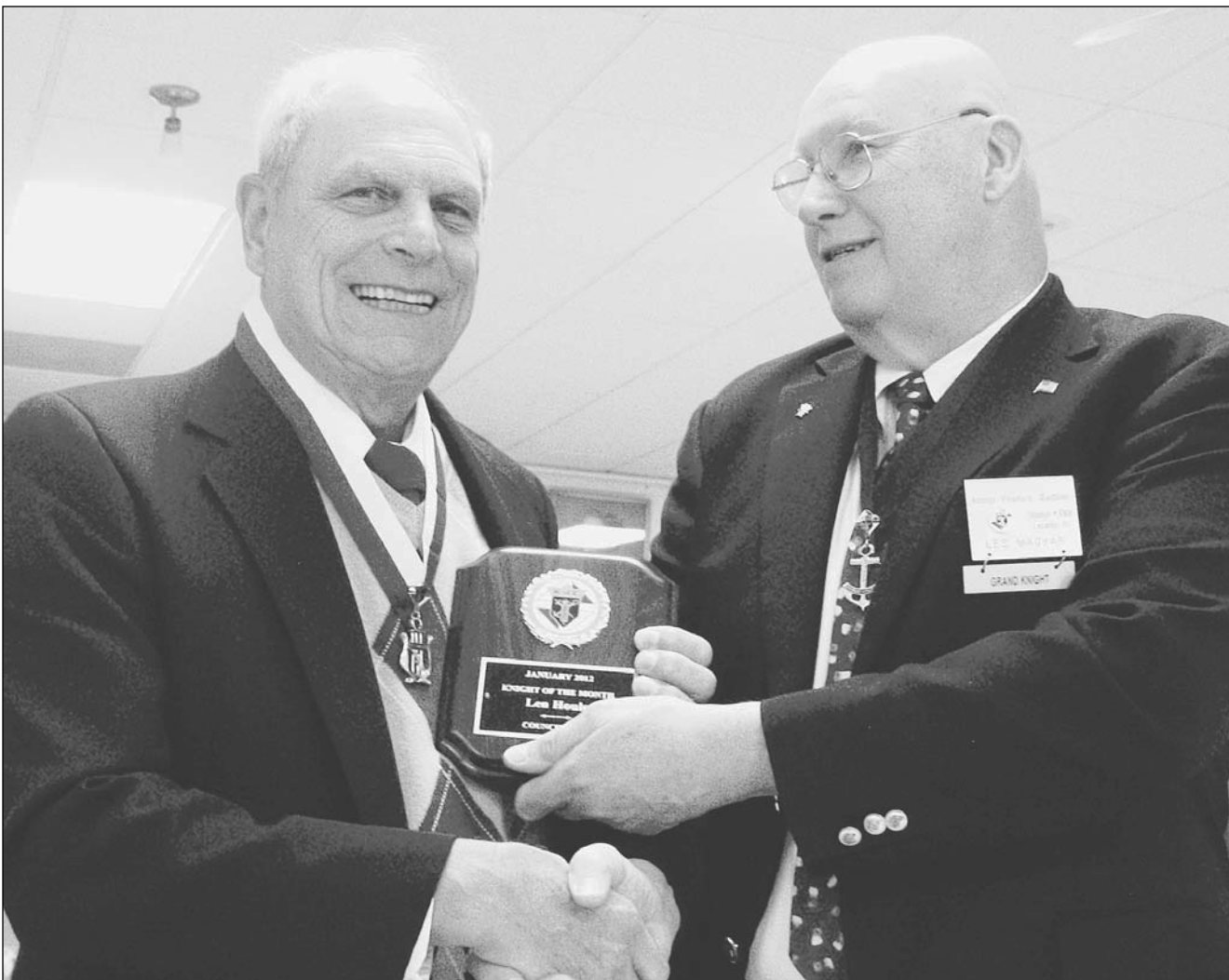
It's time to register for the children's pageants at the 2012 Citrus County Fair. The Citrus County Fair Association will have the 2012 Children's Pageants on Sunday, March 25. The Pre-Teen pageants for ages 7 to 13 will begin at 1 p.m., starting with the 13-year-olds. Little Miss/Mister for ages 5

and 6 will start directly after the Pre-Teen contest, with the 6-year-olds going first. Beautiful Baby for ages 1 to 4 will start at 3 p.m. with the 4-year-olds and the pageants will conclude with the Decorated Baby at 3:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 11 months. Contestants must be residents of Citrus County; there is a \$25 entry fee and pre-registration is required. All contest-

ants are awarded prizes. Applications must be in the Fair Office by Friday, Feb. 17. Applications are available at www.citruscountyfair.com under the pageants tab on the left, as well as all Citrus County Chamber of Commerce offices or the Fair Office at 3600 S. Florida Ave. (U.S. 41 South), Inverness. All pageants will be in the Citrus County Auditorium. General admission on the day of the pageant is \$4 for

adults, \$3 for children ages 4 to 11; children younger than 3 are admitted for free. Family memberships are \$40 per family (one household with two parents, children younger than 18). Individual memberships are \$15. Memberships will cover admission to the baby pageants and the fair from March 26 through 31. Deadline to purchase memberships is March 1. For more information, call 352-726-2993.

Knight of the Month



Special to the Chronicle

Len Houle, left, receives a plaque naming him the Knights of Columbus Council 6168 January Knight of the Month from Grand Knight Les Magyar. The son of a Canadian carpenter who emigrated to White Plains, N.Y., Houle was an electrical engineer. In Connecticut he worked in Titan and Atlas missile support for AMF Aerospace and then was a computer engineer/project manager for IBM, working on advanced semiconductors and large computer systems. He also was an adjunct math and computer science instructor at Marist College in Poughkeepsie and St. Mary's in Newburgh, N.Y., and specialized in semiconductor patents as a patent agent. Among his many volunteer activities, Houle coached youth hockey for 10 years and was a member of the National Ski Patrol, helping injured skiers for 35 years. Now he helps people as an AARP volunteer file income taxes, calls bingo for the Knights, helps with benefit drives, responds to calls for help on church and council hall maintenance, serves on the church flea market team and blood ministry, and is a Cursillista. He also is a cantor and sings in the Our Lady of Grace Church choir and the Men's Choir. He and Betty, his wife of 53 years, came to Florida from New York in 2004, live in Pine Ridge and have three sons and two daughters.

Evening fundraiser benefits library system

Annual event coming up Friday

Special to the Chronicle

The Library Advisory Board's annual Love Your Library Evening fundraiser will be Friday, Feb. 17, to benefit the Citrus County Library System. The evening gala afterwards at the Central Ridge li-

brary in Beverly Hills draws a large crowd each year, and continues to grow in popularity as a fundraiser to support the Citrus County Library System and its five library branches. The libraries are community education centers, providing access to technology, classes for all age

groups, cultural and informational workshops, special events, and books and materials for entertainment and self-study. A team of volunteers and Friends of the Library members hope to make the event memorable with an evening to include live musical entertainment, wine, catered gourmet hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and raffle of a hand-

made throw quilt — all to increase awareness and support of the library's educational mission in strengthening the community. Tickets, available at the libraries, are \$20 and include two complimentary glasses of wine. For more information, visit the website at www.citruslibraries.org/love.

Help feed Citrus County, win Ram truck

Special to the Chronicle

There will be a drawing on Saturday, April 21, for a 2012 Ram Truck Hemi Quad 1500 ST with Express Package, donated by Crystal Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram. All proceeds will benefit the Capital

Campaign of Feed Citrus County Food Bank and the We Care Food Pantry. Tickets are a \$50 donation with only 2,000 tickets available. An additional prize of 1,000 gallons of gas will be awarded to the winner of the drawing if the ticket is registered at any Citrus Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep,

Ram dealership on or before March 17. Tickets are available at We Care Food Pantry, Regions Bank, Capital City Bank and all Crystal Motor Car dealership offices. Visit wecarefoodpantry.org or call 352-628-0445 for more information.

News NOTES

Sugar Babes Doll Club to gather

Sugar Babes Doll Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in room 115 at the Central Community Center off County Road 491, behind the Diamond Ridge Convalescent facility. The meeting will be followed by lunch in the center's cafeteria. Lunch will be ordered and brought in from the New England Café. For the program, guest Bev Gentry will show a slide presentation on dolls and toys and their significance in history. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Laurie at 352-382-2299 or Barbara at 352-344-1423. Sugar Babes Doll Club is a member of the United Federation of Doll Clubs.

Irish show coming up in March

The American Irish Club has announced that Sean McGinness and the Dublin City Ramblers will perform on March 10 at Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto. The Dublin City Ramblers have thrilled audiences worldwide with their blend of ballads, folk music and Irish wit. They are classed as Ireland's No. 1 group. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the American Irish Club, 4342 Homosassa Trail (County Road 490). The club is opposite St. Scholastica Church. Tickets are sold 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call Carol at 352-341-3603 or Peggy at 352-726-7745.

Hospice training set for Saturday

Hospice of Citrus County will provide orientation training for individuals who are interested in learning more about hospice and hospice volunteer opportunities. The class will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Hospice of Citrus County Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa. The class provides an overview of hospice philosophy and history. Participants will become acquainted with services provided by Hospice of Citrus County for patients and families. They will also become familiar with the concept of palliative care and learn the importance of confidentiality. Attendees will receive information regarding volunteering in several different areas. To register or to request training for a group, call Volunteer Services Director Cathi Thompson at 352-527-2020 or email cthompson@hospiceofcitruscounty.org.

Rotary showcase begins today

The 17th annual Sportsman's Showcase comes to King's Bay Plaza, U.S. 19 in Crystal River, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 20. Dealers scheduled to attend the showcase include: Apopka Marine, Aardvarks Florida Kayak Co., Como RVs, Crystal River Marine, Gist-RV-MV Sales, Harber-son RV-Piellas, Gulf to Lake Marine, Love Honda, Lure Man, Monroe Sail, Nature Coast RV, Nick Nicholas Ford, Noble Marine, Pelican Marine Products, River Haven Marine, Sea Tow-Crystal River, Twin River Marina and West Coast Marine. This event is presented by the King's Bay Rotary Foundation. Proceeds from the event will benefit many Citrus County charitable organizations supported by Rotary. For more information, call 352-613-0136 or visit www.kingsbayrotary.org.

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 16, 2012. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WUFT, etc.) listing programs and their ratings.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Includes a cartoon of a car crash and a word puzzle with circled letters. Answer: CARELESS DRIVERS CAN END UP.

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Advertisement for a bridge game.

Douglas William Jerrold, an English dramatist and writer who died in 1857, said, "He was so benevolent, so merciful a man that, in his mistaken passion, he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain." Today's deal involves several ducks of the unfeathered variety...

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Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with words filled in: LOOM, PAC, BABA, ABBA, AGA, EVIL, BIOS, NUTSHELL, SECEDE, TICK, ANA, HUN, ROARS, LENDER, INCA, HALT, TAB, ATE, LIMP, FOCI, OSCARS, ZONED, RYE, JON, COIL, GEODES, BARNACLE, LAPP, BRAG, OPE, EVER, SALE, GPS, DEWY.

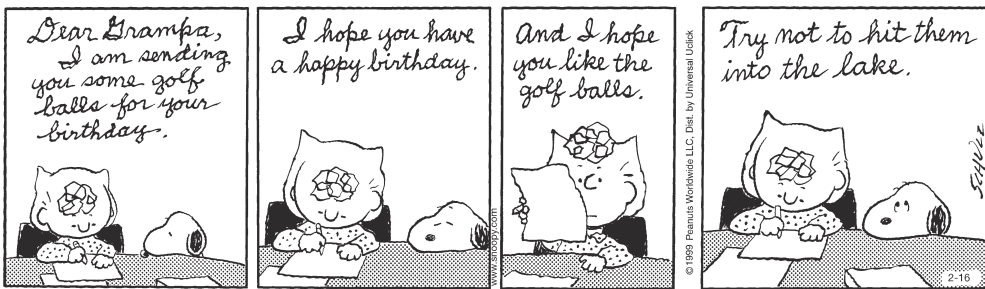
Dear Annie: After eight years at my job, I was let go. I have a felony record. The CEO who knew of my background retired last year. He felt I had proved myself and had no problem with me. When he retired, we got an interim CEO. I told him about my record as soon as he came on board. Today, he decided our company would have a zero-tolerance policy for any criminal records, so I was fired. Annie, I voluntarily told my supervisors of my conviction. I worked hard to show I had overcome my record. Was this a fair thing for the temporary CEO to do? Shouldn't I have been "grandfathered" in? I was told if I kept to the straight and narrow, I would be fine. I have not done one thing out of line and don't plan to. My conviction was more than eight years ago. But apparently, my honesty didn't pay off. No one forgives. No one believes me. I am devastated. What can I do? — Think I'm a Good Person Dear Good Person: If a company fires you because of your race, sexual preference, gender or religion, you would be able to sue them for wrongful termination. If the zero-tolerance policy was implemented solely to skirt around one of the reasons listed above, you might have a case. Otherwise, there doesn't seem to be much recourse, although you could consult an attorney. Please

know your eight-year record as an exemplary employee should help you land another job at a more tolerant company. Also contact the Safer Foundation (saferfoundation.org) for suggestions and assistance. Dear Annie: My longtime boyfriend and I recently married. My entire family was there. They adore my husband. But not a single member of his family attended our little church wedding. The morning of our wedding, one of his sisters texted my fiance and asked whether it was "done yet." When I made a comment on my Facebook page about how amazing my new husband is, this same sister rudely commented, "Enough already." My boyfriend finally told me this sister thought we should marry in a Catholic church, despite the fact that I am not Catholic and both of us attend a non-Catholic church. I believe this is why his family didn't recognize our special day. I am really hurt. Should I say something or simply ignore this? — Biting My Tongue in Colorado Dear Colorado: Your husband should have told you about his family's religious objections before you married. An intermarriage is hardly a trivial matter, and if you have been with this man for a long time, we are surprised you were not aware of the issue. If his family is otherwise accepting, we would let this go.

We also suggest you discuss the problem with your clergyman and ask for guidance. Dear Annie: The letter from "Put Out in Peoria," whose family members boycott one another's weddings, is a sad but classic example of the many petty family feuds that make their way into your column. Everyone has flaws, and family members hurt one another's feelings, usually unintentionally, perhaps because of conflicts or envy going all the way back to childhood. Bad behavior and selfishness should not be condoned. However, I'd like to suggest anyone who is fuming about her young children not being invited to a wedding or about her cousin's claiming Grandma's garnet ring that was promised to her should pause to consider all the real suffering there is in the world — such as the person down the block with terminal cancer or the friend whose child was killed by a drunk driver. Just grow up and get over it. — Rude in Redway, Calif. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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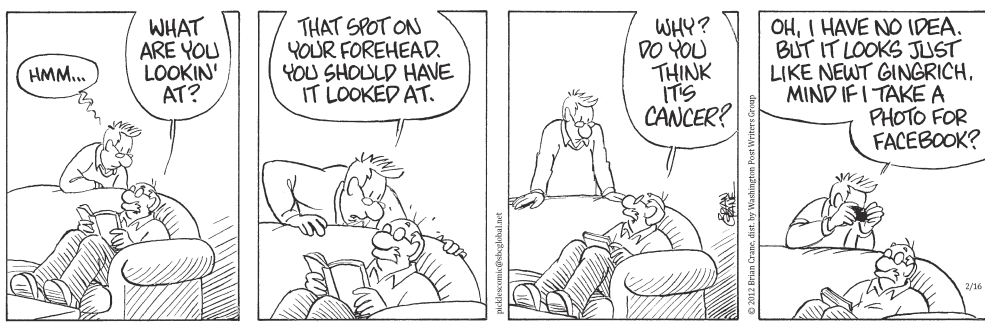
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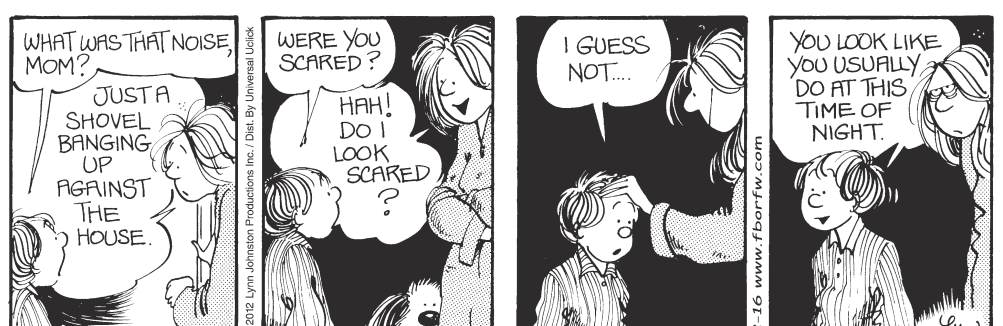
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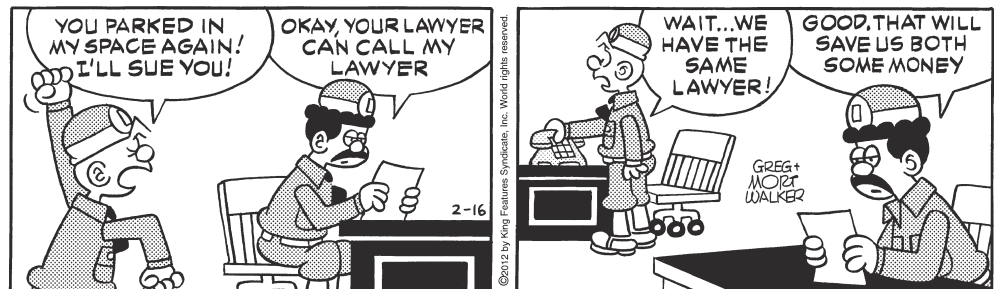
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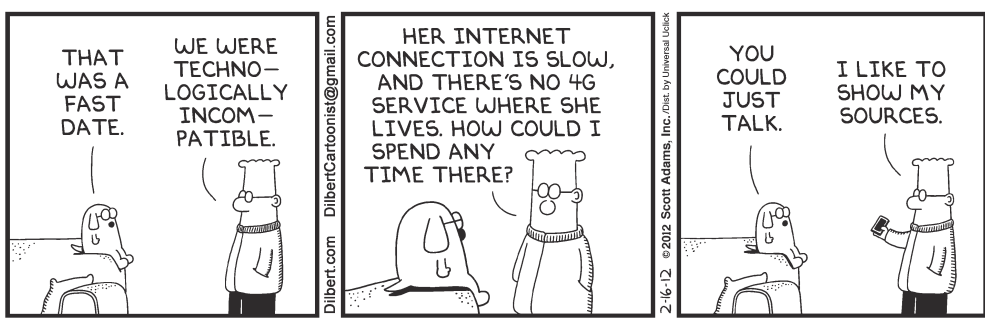
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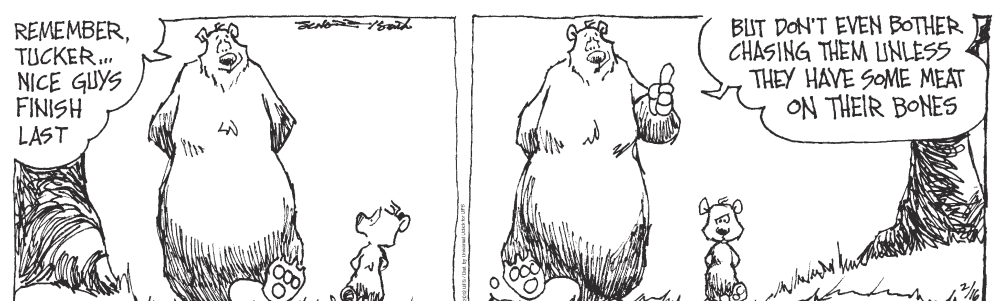
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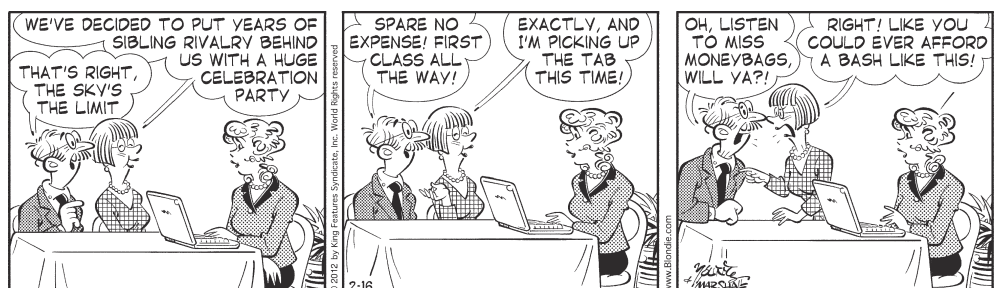
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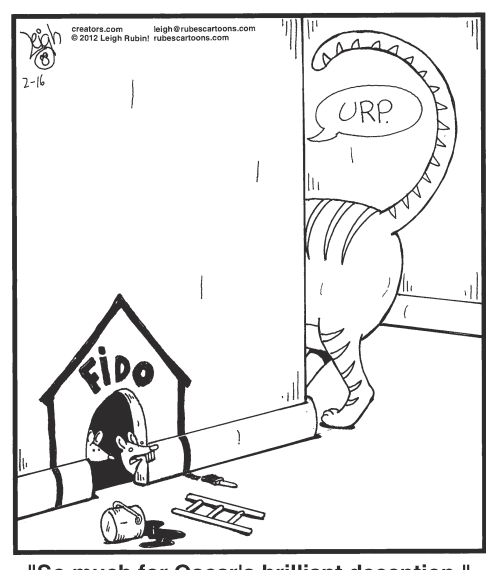
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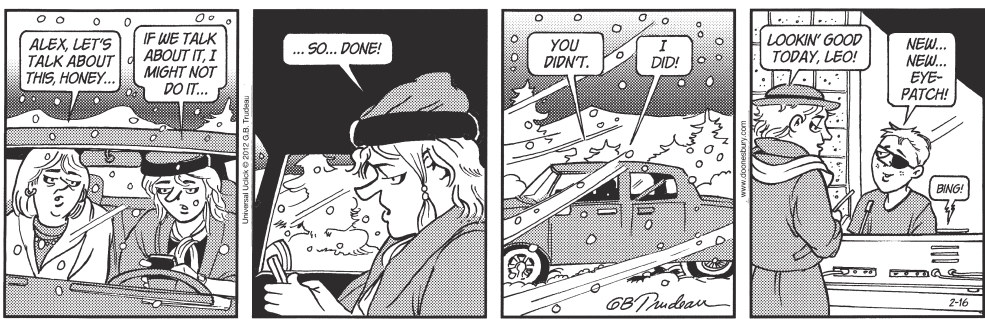
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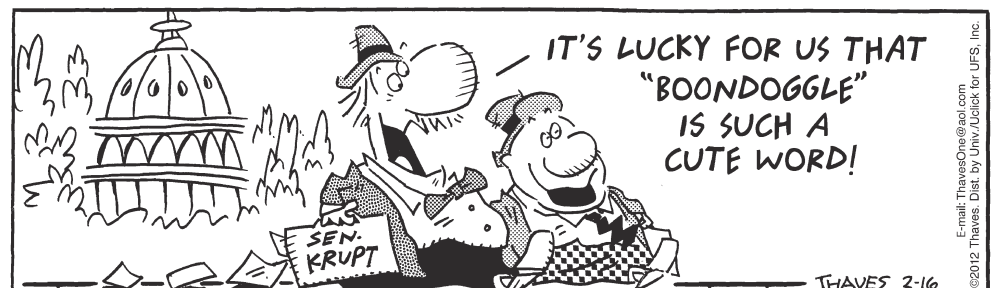
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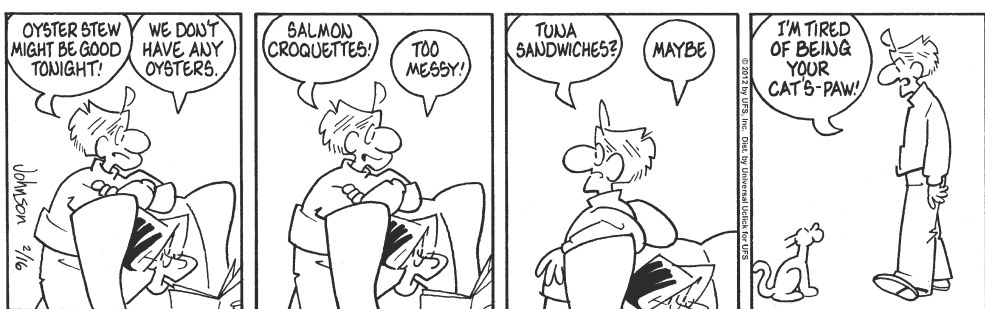
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Today's MOVIES

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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: R equals K. 'VL WFSHOY UOO YS VFUX, GM XFL OSMN THM, NGJLW HW ASP, LJLM GE GX GW SMOP ZGKRGMN NTUZZLW ST WSTXGMN XFL OUHMYTP.' - L.C. VFGXL

Florida's official state chef

Timineri shares recipes using Sunshine state produce

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The air in the parking lot of Orlando's Citrus Bowl smells like fresh cut oranges, shrimp and barbecue. A crowd has gathered before the game around a guy in a black chef's coat. A camera crew orbits as he sets some shrimp and star melon kebabs on the grill with a flourish.

"Florida seafood — ya gotta love it!" the guy said, grinning.

The crowd cheers. The cameraman is happy.

A man walks up and inquires about the hoopla. Someone in the crowd tells him the man in black is Justin Timineri, the state chef of Florida who's filming a spot for ABC.

"Never heard of him," said Paul Pedersen, of Orlando. "He's like the governor's mansion kinda deal? I had no idea we had a state chef."

Move over, Mario Batali. Step aside, Gordon Ramsay. There's a new chef on the cusp of celebrity in the U.S., and he's from Florida.



Associated Press

Justin Timineri, center, Florida's state chef, grills star melon shrimp kebabs Dec. 29 at a tailgating party before the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando.

Timineri is part culinary ambassador, part farm expert and part cheerleader for Florida-grown food. Technically, he's a state employee working for the Florida Department of Agriculture — and he's the only full-time state chef in the nation.

Timineri — tall, bald and known for wearing colorful sneakers — travels the Sunshine State showing people how to use the state's produce and seafood in recipes. He creates healthy menus for people on food

stamps and limited incomes and promotes the state's food during trade missions around the world and in TV spots. Next month, he's headed to Brussels to talk up Florida grouper at the world's largest seafood expo.

It makes sense for the state to market its bounty: Agriculture is Florida's No. 2 industry, and unlike tourism, the No. 1 business, farming didn't suffer much in the recession. Florida is the nation's top producer of oranges, grapefruit and

sugarcane. It's also No. 1 with a range of vegetables, from snap peas to squash and sweet corn, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"He is such a fantastic ambassador not only for promoting products grown in Florida," said Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, "but he's also a terrific ambassador with kids."

Timineri has a new mission this year: teaching schoolchildren to eat healthier.

EASY

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PEPPER JELLY CREAM CHEESE SPREAD

- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 teaspoon mayonnaise
- 6 to 8 green onions, chopped
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cups pecans, chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

Mix together the cheddar

cheese, pecans, parsley, cream cheese and mayonnaise. Spread in a glass pie dish or quiche dish. Cover and let stand in refrigerator at least 2 hours or overnight.

When ready to serve, cover with 8 ounces Ozello Pepper Jelly of choice and serve with crackers. It keeps well in refrigerator for 2 to 3 days. It makes 10 to 12 servings.

Note: Find Ozello Island Products in many stores and shops, at festivals and at <http://ozelloislands.webs.com/aboutus.htm>.

Julianne Munn is the food writer for the Citrus County Chronicle. Email her at jmunn2@tampabay.rr.com.

EDIBLE

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off the wonderful aroma that identifies it as peppermint. Peppermint (Mentha x piperita) is a hybrid that is a cross between watermint and spearmint.

As is the case with most hybrids, peppermint is usually sterile but spreads by means of its stolons. Peppermint makes one of the most delicious mint teas. Peppermint and other mints may be used fresh, dried or frozen with water in ice cube trays.

Mint is a perennial favorite of our patrons at the Inverness Farmer's Market.

The wide variety of mints available offers year-round beauty in the landscape and culinary opportunities in the kitchen.

My grandson introduced me to a novel use for mint one day in our garden. I observed him picking a mint leaf, then picking a sweet leaf from a stevia plant and proceeding to chewing them both together with great relish.

Perhaps all of us can approach our old friends the mints with a new sense of discovery. Happy landscaping and happy eating!

Randy Hobson, a licensed landscaper and plant enthusiast, can be reached at 352-613-0542.

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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

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February 9 and 16, 2012. 11-08127

1795-0216 THCRN
Vs. Swanson, Janis Paulding 09-2011-CA-003531 Amended Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 09-2011-CA-000531

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs. JANIS PAULDING SWANSON A/K/A JANIS P. SWANSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JANIS PAULDING SWANSON A/K/A JANIS P. SWANSON; DAVID W. SWANSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); LAKATO HAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, WHETHER UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Citrus County, Florida, described as:

Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block A, LAKATO HAVEN PARK, an unrecorded subdivision, further described as follows: BEGINNING at a point where the South line of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, intersects the West right-of-way line of State Road No. 5-581, thence South 89 degrees 54' 30" West along the South boundary of said Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 a distance of 583 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 0 degrees 48' 20" East 100 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54' 30" West 120 feet; thence South 0 degrees 48' 20" West 100 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54' 30" East 120 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Sold lands situate, lying and being in the County of Citrus, Florida.

To include a:
2006 NOBI VIN N812505A 0094676259
2006 NOBI VIN N812505B 0094678087
A/K/A
6530 E Lakato Ln, Inverness, FL 34453.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Citrus County Courthouse, The Jury Assembly Room, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2012.
DATED THIS 7 day of February, 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 7 day of February, 2012.

Betty Strifler, Clerk of Circuit Court
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Phone: 813-915-8660 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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February 9 and 16, 2012.

1796-0216 THCRN
Vs. Gesner, Patricia L. 09-2009-CA-005809 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 09-2009-CA-005809 Division

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff,

vs. PATRICIA L. GESNER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA L. GESNER, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on December 1, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Citrus County, Florida described as:

TRACT 18, GREEN ACRES, ADDITION 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 71, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA,

and commonly known as: **7409 S. STRAIGHT AVENUE, HOMOSSASSA, FL 34446;** including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the new addition to the New Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, on March 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated this 2nd day of December, 2011.

BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(Court Seal)

By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

February 9 and 16, 2012. 286750.095769A/jat

1797-0216 THCRN
Vs. Ryffel, Roger W. 09-2009-CA-001953 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 09-2009-CA-001953 DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs. **ROGER W. RYFFEL, et al,**
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 09-2009-CA-001953 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and ROGER W. RYFFEL; SHERRY RYFFEL A/K/A SHERRY WEATHERFORD RYFFEL A/K/A SHERRY L. WEATHERFORD RYFFEL are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA at 10:00 AM, on the 1st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PARCEL 2, IN LOT 8, BLOCK D, MAYFAIR GARDEN ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 141 AND 142, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL 2: THE EAST 148.15 FEET OF THE WEST 280.15 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK D, MAYFAIR GARDEN ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 141 AND 142, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO VIN #S N23320A AND N23320B.

A/K/A 6840 WEST AVOCADO STREET, CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Witness My HAND and the seal of this Court on January 27, 2012.

Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

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February 9 and 16, 2012. F09038250

1798-0216 THCRN
Vs. Buckius, Mary A. 2010 CA 000913
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2010 CA 000913 DIVISION: GENERAL

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff

vs. MARY A. BUCKIUS, et al.,
Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk of Court of Citrus County, will on the 1st day of March, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at The Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, in the Jury Assembly Room, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Citrus, Florida:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 232, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS SOUTH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 51 THROUGH 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
AKA 419 Poplar Street, Inverness, FL 34452

pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale entered in Case No. 2010 CA 000913 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above.

Witness my hand and seal of this Court on February 3, 2012.

BETTY STRIFLER, Circuit of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Court ADA Coordinator for the Courts within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice to appear in Court at: Citrus County, John Sullivan (352) 341-6700.

February 9 and 16, 2012. 1982110

1801-0223 THCRN
Vs. George, Jeremy S. 09-2010-CA-004254 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 09-2010-CA-004254

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

JEREMY S GEORGE; CITRUS SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; AMANDA L GEORGE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 09-2010-CA-004254, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and JEREMY S GEORGE, CITRUS SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK, AMANDA L GEORGE and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, 10:00 a.m. on the 8th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 653, CITRUS SPRINGS, UNIT 11, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 80-86, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2012.

Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

February 16 and 23, 2012.

1802-0223 THCRN
Vs. Walls, John E. 09-2011-CA-000269 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 09-2011-CA-000269

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN E. WALLS A/K/A JOHN ELTON WALLS; ANDREA CARROLL A/K/A ANDREA NICOLE MOORE; ROBERT W. CARROLL, III A/K/A ROBERT WILLIAM CARROLL; EARL MOORE, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 09-2011-CA-000269 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and JOHN E. WALLS A/K/A JOHN ELTON WALLS, ANDREA CARROLL A/K/A ANDREA NICOLE MOORE, ROBERT W. CARROLL, III A/K/A ROBERT WILLIAM CARROLL, EARL MOORE, JR. and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, 10:00 a.m. on the 8th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE EXHIBIT A

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2012.

BETTY STRIFLER, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Lot 11, of OAK CHASE, an Unrecorded Subdivision, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the NW Corner of section 23, Township 17 South, Range 17 East, Run thence N 89 degrees 47' 08" E, along the North line of said Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 17 East, a distance of 136.22 feet to a point, thence S 0 degrees 21' 30" E a distance of 333.67 feet to a point, thence N 89 degrees 44' 43" E, a distance of 104.50 feet to a point of beginning, thence N 89 degrees 44' 43" E, a distance of 104.50 feet, thence S 0 degrees 21' 30" E, a distance of 333.53 feet, thence S 89 degrees 42' 18" W, a distance of 104.50 feet, thence N 0 degrees 21' 30" W, a distance of 333.61 feet to the point of beginning; Grantor hereby reserves an Easement on the North 25 feet thereof for ingress and egress to be used in common with others; and subject to an Easement on the West 3 feet Less the North 31 feet thereof and on the East 3 feet, Less the North 31 feet, Less the North 31 feet thereof and on the South 6 feet of the North 31 feet thereof for Utility and Installation and Maintenance.

Together with Easement for Ingress and Egress being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NE Corner of NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 17 East, thence S 0 degrees 21' 30" E along the East line of said NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, a distance of 308.30 feet to the point of beginning, thence continue S 0 degrees 21' 30" E, along said East line a distance of 25 feet to the NE corner of S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, thence continue S 0 degrees 21' 30" E, along said East line a distance of 25 feet, thence S 89 degrees 44' 43" W, parallel to and 25 feet from, the North line of said S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, a distance of 700.18 feet to the P.C. of a curve, concaved Southeasterly, having a central angle of 96 degrees 40' 45" and a radius of 30 feet, thence SouthWesterly along the Arc of said curve, a distance of 47.48 feet to the P.T. of said curve (Chord bearing and distance between said points being S 44 degrees 24' 20" W 42.68 feet), said point being on the East right of way line of said Road No. 495, and being 50 feet from, measured radially to, the center line of said State Road No. 495, said point also being on a curve, concaved Westerly, having a central angle of 0 degrees 58' 2" and a radius of 22, 859.05 feet, thence Northerly along the Arc of said curve, a distance of 108.88 feet to the P.T. of said curve (Chord bearing and distance between said points N 1 degree 04' 13" W, 108.88 feet), said point being the P.C. of a curve, concaved Northeasterly, having a central angle of 89 degrees 02' 52" and a radius of 29.01 feet, thence Southeasterly along the Arc of said curve, a distance of 45.08 feet to the P.T. of said curve, (Chord bearing and distance between said points being S 45 degrees 43' 51" E, 40.68 feet), thence N 89 degrees 44' 43" E, 702.63 feet to the point of beginning.

All lying, being and situate in Citrus County, Florida.

February 16 and 23, 2012. 10-54411

1803-0223 THCRN
Vs. Du Hamel, Gary K. 09-2011-CA-003114 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 09-2011-CA-003114

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.

GARY K. DU HAMEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY K. DU HAMEL; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA; THE ISLANDS CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC.; GENERAL ALUMINUM, INC. D/B/A SPAFFORDS COMMERCIAL SERVICES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Feb. 3, 2012, and entered in Case No. 09-2011-CA-003114, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS COUNTY, Florida. GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is Plaintiff and GARY K. DU HAMEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY K. DU HAMEL; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA; THE ISLANDS CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC.; GENERAL ALUMINUM, INC. D/B/A SPAFFORDS COMMERCIAL SERVICES; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS IN CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 10:00 a.m., on the 8th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM PARCEL COMPOSED OF FAMILY UNIT NO. 88 AND THE UNDIVIDED SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF BUILDING NO. 19, BAY VILLA, A CONDOMINIUM, WITH THE SCHEDULES ANNEXED THERETO, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 362, PAGES 363 THROUGH 378, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2012.

BETTY STRIFLER, AS Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the court Administrator at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4299, Phone No. (352) 637-9853 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
February 16 and 23, 2012. 11-01950 GTS

1804-0223 THCRN
Vs. Boccia, Erin 09-2009-CA-007063 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 09-2009-CA-007063 DIVISION

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MAIDEN LANE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2008-1,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ERIN BOCCIA, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 02, 2012 and entered in Case No. 09-2009-CA-007063 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS County, Florida wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MAIDEN LANE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2008-1 is the Plaintiff and ERIN BOCCIA; ALYSON STAUFFER BERLIN; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA at 10:00 AM, on the 8th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 37 AND 38, BLOCK 297, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS SOUTH, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 51 THROUGH 66 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 721 WHARTON TERRACE, INVERNESS, FL 34450

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Witness My HAND and the seal of this Court on February 3, 2012.

Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)

By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

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February 16 and 23, 2012. F09105217

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

1805-0223 THCRN
Vs. Frye, Christopher 09-2010-CA-003187 Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 09-2010-CA-003187 DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-J7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-J7,
Plaintiff,

vs. **CHRISTOPHER FRYE A/K/A CHRISTOPHER M FRYE, et al,**
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 02, 2012 and entered in Case No. 09-2010-CA-003187 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS COUNTY, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-J7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-J7, is the Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER FRYE A/K/A CHRISTOPHER M FRYE, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest



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