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NEWS BRIEFS

Help needed to locate dog

On Thursday, July 6, a man was bitten by a dog described as a terrier mix, weighing approximately 15 to 20 pounds. The dog is white with black spots. This incident happened in the Sugarmill Woods area of Douglas and Linder Street.

Anyone who has any information or knows the whereabouts of this dog is asked to contact Citrus County Animal Services at 352-746-8400 immediately. If the dog is not located, this person may have to undergo a series of rabies shots.

Traffic shift set for C.R. 486

Motorists driving along County Road 486 should be aware of a traffic shift starting Wednesday, July 11, through Friday, July 13.

The contractor working on Phase 4 of the C.R. 486/491 road widening project will reduce traffic to one lane on C.R. 486, just east of LKQ vehicle salvage yard, and redirect traffic onto a temporary parallel bypass road. The temporary bypass lane is necessary to move traffic away from construction equipment and deepen a trench associated with the installation of a storm pipe under C.R. 486.

Vehicles will be stopped at each end of the bypass by flaggers and released at intervals. Motorists should expect delays through Friday.

For more information, contact the County Engineering Department at 352-527-5446.

—From staff reports

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ENTERTAINMENT:



Retiring

Peter O'Toole said it's time to step away from stage and screen after 50 years of acting. / Page B6

COMING UP

TOMORROW: Sad sailing

Boating and safety don't always go hand-in-hand and sometimes, being on the water can be fatal. Sixty-seven people lost their lives in Florida in boating accidents last year and there have already been 28 deaths thus far in 2012. / Thursday

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Former church elder sentenced

Man gets 18 years in prison for possession of child pornography

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — Alan B. Yermal leaned on his cane and shook violently in his seat as Judge Ric Howard described him as being “intransigent and unrepentant” moments before sentencing him Tuesday.

Howard sentenced Yermal, 51, to 18 years in prison and two years probation for possession of child pornography. Upon completion of his sentence, Yermal will

have to meet conditions of the Jimmy Ryce Act. The act requires imprisoned sex offenders to be evaluated by officials for propensity of re-offense. If that propensity is strong, an inmate can be civilly committed until they are deemed safe to be in society.

Yermal reportedly had an affinity for looking at images of diapered pre-teens and teens.

Prosecutor Rich Buxman said during the sentencing hearing that

Yermal faced a minimum of 84 months and up to 105 years for his crimes.

“We think substantial time in prison is appropriate,” Buxman told Howard.

Yermal, who represented himself during the two-day trial in June, deferred to his standby attorney Assistant Public Defender Luke Waatti, for the sentencing phase.

Waatti introduced letters of support for Yermal and had his brother and two other family friends testify on his behalf.



Alan B. Yermal sentenced Tuesday.

Waatti urged Howard to consider Yermal’s physical disabilities and that he has been an asset to his family and the community.

But Howard had very little interest in mitigating factors involving Yermal’s crimes, which he called “wicked and disgusting.”

“This is sheer child porn of the wicked kind. The only thing worse is perhaps snuff films in which the victims are killed,” Howard said.

He went on to call Yermal a diverter who took pleas-

ure in looking at images of prepubescent boys and teens being raped by adults. Yermal had told investigators he hoped the images would jumpstart his sexual relations with his wife.

“You are one of those people who say ‘don’t look here at what I am doing; look over there.’ And, because you did things in the community or helped people, you wanted people to let you have this one thing,” Howard said.

A jury convicted Yermal on June 8 of 11 counts of possession of child pornography.

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Rocker honored



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Inverness resident Cliff Bramlett, holding his Fender Mustang electric guitar, was recently inducted into the Michigan Rock and Roll Legend’s Hall of Fame. He is one of seven 2012 inductees.

Local man inducted into Michigan’s rock hall of fame

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — Despite a graying beard and tidy haircut, inwardly, Cliff Bramlett is still a “long-haired hippie” rocker.

Back in the 1960s, the Michigan-born guitarist would play anywhere he was asked — for pay or for free drinks.

In 1963, his guitar playing got him a number one record on the Detroit charts, “Misery,” recorded by The Dynamics.

This year, at age 69, Bramlett was inducted into the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame, one of seven in 2012. Other past in-

ductees include Alice Cooper, the Four Tops, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Ted Nugent — 62 members in all, all Michigan music makers.

“Misery” was also inducted into the hall of fame’s song category.

“It’s quite an honor, especially since I’ve been retired for 25 years,” Bramlett said from his home in Inverness.

He was nominated by his former drummer, Joe Cyers.

“I didn’t even know about it until my son, Chris, called me,” Bramlett said. “He’s also a musician and a singer. He called and said, ‘Dad, did you know your name is up for

Michigan’s Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame?”

His son had seen it on the organization’s website (www.michigan-rockandrolllegends.com).

He was 13 the first time he picked up a guitar.

It belonged to his dad, a Gretsch acoustic guitar with only two strings on it. He set it on the floor and held it like an upright bass. He taught himself to play, practicing along with some blues records that belonged to his brother-in-law. His dad had said if he could get something down on two strings, he could

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Duke to regulators: CEO’s term not guaranteed

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The man unexpectedly appointed as Duke Energy’s CEO said Tuesday the executive who was to succeed him in the top job was dumped minutes after creating America’s largest electric company.

Progress Energy CEO Bill Johnson had been designated to head the expanded company, but it was Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers who ended up getting the job after the two companies were merged.

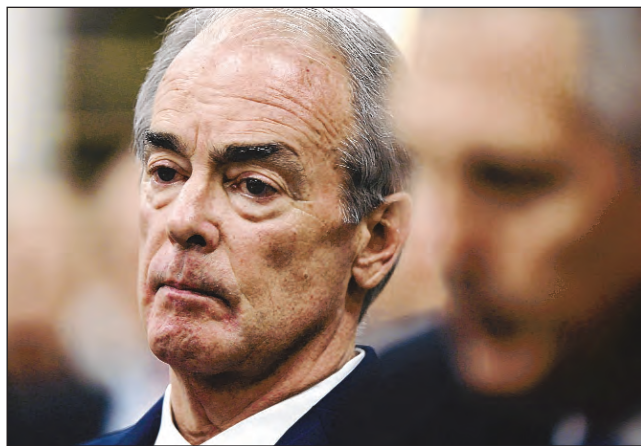
The North Carolina Utilities Commission is investigating whether it was misled after approving the merger June 29. State law allows the commission to rescind or alter its decision approving the merger. The regulatory board also approves electricity rate increase requests. Both Duke Energy and Progress Energy, which remain separate operating companies in the Carolinas, are ex-

pected to seek rate increases later this year.

In testimony before the commission, Rogers described a boardroom surprise minutes after the merger closed July 2. He said Duke Energy’s 10 representatives on the expanded company’s board of directors voted to oust Johnson while five Progress Energy directors voted to keep Johnson at the top. Rogers said neither he nor Johnson took part in that closed-door meeting.

Rogers told state regulators Duke Energy directors told him they were disappointed in Johnson’s authoritarian-seeming style, ongoing problems with Progress Energy’s closed Crystal River nuclear plant in Florida and disappointing Progress financial performance.

“Our board did not feel that his style was appropriate or transferrable to leadership of the combined company,” Rogers



Associated Press

Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers waits to testify Tuesday before the North Carolina Utilities Commission about Bill Johnson’s resignation as CEO from the planned merger of Progress Energy and Duke Energy, and the failure to notify regulators about those resignation plans during a hearing in Raleigh, N.C. The commission launched an investigation into Johnson’s exit. Rogers said corporate directors asked him more than a week before the deal closed whether he would consider staying as CEO.

said. “They felt his style was autocratic and discouraged different points of view.”

“When I boil all this down, there was a loss of confidence in Bill and each

director had different reasons,” Rogers said.

Johnson’s attorney declined to dispute details of Rogers’ testimony.

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School board asks governor to test the test

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — The spreadsheet calendar said it all.

The entire school year, with November as the lone exception, is weighed down with standardized tests known only by their acronyms.

Thirteen tests spread among many grades — all told, more than 70 tests. Some overlap on the same week. Many have the ability to decide whether a student progresses to the next grade or receives necessary credit for a course.

The impact goes further than students. In two years, the state will require end-of-course exams for every course and will determine teacher pay based on those scores.

Citrus County educators have had enough.

The school board on Tuesday unanimously joined a statewide resolution that asks Gov. Rick Scott to conduct a thorough independent review of the state’s public school testing program.

Board Chairwoman Linda Powers had recommended some changes in the Florida School Boards Association resolution, but board members Pat Deutschman, Thomas Kennedy and Bill Murray strongly supported the state resolution without change.

Powers said she would agree with the majority to give the resolution a unanimous vote.

District officials said the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, or FCAT, and other standardized tests have taken control of public education by placing too much emphasis on test results.

A half-dozen current and retired educators in the room applauded with the vote.

Deutschman, who has led the Citrus County charge against what she believes is an overemphasis on standardized testing, said there is no evidence to show students are smarter because of FCAT and other tests.

She pointed to a chart showing steady to slightly improved reading results for third- and 10th-graders

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Economists urge caution, optimism in forecast

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Facing financial insecurity in Europe, sluggishness in China and an election in November, state economists on Tuesday took a cautious, stay-the-course approach to their view of the national economic picture while reiterating that the recent slowdown likely won't result in another recession.

Meeting to update their national economic forecast tweaked in December, economists from the Legislature and the governor's office said they will likely be in a much better position to read the tea

leaves the next time they meet, as events in the United States and abroad become clearer over the next several months. Despite recent dips in consumer confidence and sluggish job growth, economists estimate the national economy will grow by 2 percent during the fiscal year that began July 1, a 0.1 percentage point uptick from the forecast late last year.

But the panel expects the recovery to take longer than previously expected, prompting members to reduce the forecast for the 2013-14 fiscal year by a full percentage point, lowering GDP growth expectations to 2.1 percent.

The overall growth rate comes despite lower expectations for job growth, as national employment figures remain weak. December estimates, which called for a 1.4 percent increase in non-farm employment in the current fiscal year, have been pared back by 0.1 percent. Job creation also is expected to move at a slower pace than previously predicted for the next several years.

"Despite the slowdown in the economy, I believe the economy has hit a soft spot and is not heading back toward recession," said Clyde Diao, an economist in the governor's office.

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"The fact that he is held in the highest regard by his peers in the utility industry and in the North Carolina business community speaks volumes about his leadership and business capabilities," attorney Wade Smith said in a statement.

Johnson, 58, signed a three-year employment contract five days before the merger concluded. The new company announced hours after the merger closed Johnson was leaving by "mutual agreement." Johnson is due to receive up to almost \$45 million in severance, pension benefits, deferred compensation, and stock awards.

The package "will all be paid by the investors and none will be charged to customers of this state," Rogers, 64, assured commission members.

While regulators were promised Johnson would become the post-merger CEO, no one said for how long, Rogers said.

Corporate directors asked him more than a

week before the deal closed whether he'd consider staying as CEO, but nothing was final until the expanded company's directors met after legalizing the merger, Rogers said.

The utilities commission reopened hearings on the final details pending before the state regulatory body on June 25. That was two days after Rogers said he became aware Johnson might be dumped. Commission Chairman Edward Finley asked Rogers whether Duke Energy shouldn't have informed regulators that a possible switch as CEO was in the offing.

"The decision was not made until it was made," Rogers said. "Corporate decisions are announced when they are made, not when they are contemplated."

Duke Energy's directors had a responsibility to shareholders to close the deal, and the commission decided the merger was in the best interest of consumers after placing about 200 conditions on the deal, Rogers said.

Bernstein Research analyst Hugh Wynne said in a note to investors Tuesday that Duke Energy's legal and regulatory troubles

could last for months, during which the company's stock price could suffer. The merger's prolonged aftermath could leave the company's directors and senior managers "preoccupied with protecting the company and themselves from legal and regulatory challenges rather than completing the integration of the two companies," Wynne said.

Public statements by former Progress Energy board members John Mullin and Alfred Tollison Jr. that they felt misled by the last-minute CEO switch could encourage former shareholders of Progress to sue, Wynne said. Progress Energy directors agreed to a relatively low sale price to Duke Energy due in part to being assured their top executive would lead the expanded company.

The combined company will serve more than 7 million customers in North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Florida and South Carolina. Duke Energy's more than \$100 billion in assets include power plants in Central America and South America and a portfolio of wind and solar renewable energy projects in the U.S.



Associated Press

In this image made from video, an 11-foot alligator that attacked a swimmer is pulled from the water after it was killed Monday evening in the Caloosahatchee River near Moore Haven. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) workers, Glades County Sheriff's deputies and trappers found and killed the gator, which had attacked 17-year-old Kaleb Langdale, taking his right arm. FWC, the Glades County Sheriff's Office and trappers found the gator and retrieved Langdale's arm from inside, but doctors were not able to reattach it.

Alligator bites off teen's arm

Doctors unable to reattach severed limb

Associated Press

MOORE HAVEN — An alligator at least 10 feet long lunged at a teenager swimming in a river and bit off the teen's right arm below the elbow, state wildlife officials said Tuesday.

Kaleb Langdale, 17, survived the encounter Monday in the Caloosahatchee River west of Lake Okechobee. Wildlife officers who caught and killed the alligator retrieved the arm, but doctors were unable to reattach it.

"We found the alligator that was responsible," Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino said. "We were able to kill the alligator and dissect the alligator, remove the arm and transport the arm to the hospital to see if the doctors could reattach the limb."

The alligator was 10 or 11 feet long, Pino said.

The teen was in good condition Tuesday at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers.

Since 1948, 224 people have suffered major alligator bites, including 22 fatal bites.

His friends told Fort Myers television station WBBH that while the arm could not be reattached, Langdale was in good spirits. The alligator went straight for Langdale as he was swimming, Matt Baker said.

"It came at him and he put his arm in the way instead of letting it get to his body. It took his arm and him under," Baker said.

Another friend said Langdale popped out of the water shortly after being bitten.

"He was waving saying, 'Call the paramedics! My arm is gone!'" Gary Beck said.

The Glades County area near Lake Okechobee where Langdale was swimming is known to have several large alligators in it, Pino said.

Alligators are more active this time of year be-

cause it's their mating season, which makes them more aggressive and inquisitive as they're looking for food and for mates. Wildlife officers warn that alligators can call just about any body of water in Florida home.

"Anything that makes any splash in the water or any little commotion in the water may attract them to that particular location," Pino said.

It's rare for wild alligators to bite humans, though, Pino said.

"We have millions of people swimming in the state's waterways and nothing happens," he said.

Since 1948, 224 people have suffered major alligator bites, including 22 fatal bites, according to June 2011 conservation commission data.

Wildlife officials were investigating what caused the alligator to bite Langdale.



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Around
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**Citrus County
 Republican Club
 to meet Thursday**

The Republican Club of Citrus Ridge will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at Skeets Family Barbeque Restaurant at 3887 N. Lecanto Hwy. in their private room.

Citrus Ridge includes Citrus Hills, Hernando, Citrus Springs, Pine Ridge, Lecanto Beverly Hills and all the surrounding areas; all Republicans are invited.

The program will include a forum with Citrus County sheriff candidates, Steven Burch, Hank Hemrick and Winn Webb.

Skeets Restaurant, a full-service restaurant on S.R. 491 in Beverly Hills, will serve dinner before the meeting for those interested.

Tallahassee

DOH responds to tuberculosis reports

Responding to media reports he called "outrageous," a top Florida health official late Monday said prudent steps have already been taken to contain what federal investigators have described as the largest outbreak of tuberculosis anywhere in the United States in the past 20 years. Florida Department of Health officials said a spike in TB cases among homeless people in Jacksonville is being aggressively addressed, and recent media reports that the outbreak has been kept secret are not justified.

"After these inaccurate reports, it is important for the public to know, the number of TB cases in Florida has been trending downward for several years," said Dr. Steven Harris, DOH deputy secretary for health. "The increase in this particular strain of non-drug resistant TB has affected approximately 99 people over the past eight years."

Harris was responding to a news story first published in *The Palm Beach Post* and then picked up by other publications.

Super PAC brings in almost \$1.1M

A "Super PAC" supporting Republican Congressman Connie Mack's bid for the U.S. Senate raised almost \$1.1 million the second quarter, with more than 91 percent of that money coming from casino magnate Sheldon Adelson, according to documents filed with the Federal Election Commission. In Freedom PAC's first FEC report, it lists a \$1 million contribution from Adelson, who rose to political prominence earlier this year by heavily backing former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich's presidential bid. The second largest contribution was from The Villages, which poured \$50,000 into the PAC. Also contributing were Dallas-based HRC Family Branch Partnership; Miami Beach-based investor David Flory; Howard Leach, vice president of Leach Capital LLC; Harold Simmons, chairman of the Contran Corp., based in Dallas; and Peter Magowan, former managing partner of the San Francisco Giants.

The Super PAC is not allowed to coordinate its efforts with Mack, but can spend money and air television ads on his behalf. A Super PAC opposed to Mack, Saving Florida's Future, has not yet reported its contributions for the quarter, but had more than \$121,000 on hand after the first quarter. That group has raised the lion's share of its money from Incepture, a Jacksonville-based consulting firm.

If Freedom PAC can stay ahead, it could offset the gap between Mack, whose campaign reported almost \$1.4 million cash on hand after the first quarter, and incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, who had more than \$9.5 million

—From staff and wire reports

CCHB budget exceeds revenue

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — A tentative budget for the Citrus County Hospital Board maintains current expenses — including \$5 million for Citrus Memorial hospital — cannot continue next year without a tax increase.

The CCHB, which has not met since early April due to lack of a quorum, meets July 20 at the Masonic Building in Inverness. The 12:30 p.m. meeting is preceded by a 9 a.m. special budget meeting.

The current tax rate is 0.245 mills. Finance director Harry Kilgore said in a memo to trustees that tax brings in about \$2.1 million, and there isn't enough in

the CCHB reserves to cover expenses.

Kilgore said it's up to trustees to decide whether to increase the tax rate, cut expenses or do a combination of both.

Kilgore said the proposal is a "demonstration budget" that assumes all projects would continue at the same, or in some cases, increased funding.

For example, the CCHB budgeted this year \$2 million for indigent care at Citrus Memorial hospital. None of that has been spent yet, though Kilgore is reviewing hospital invoices to determine whether patients meet the income eligibility for the hospital to receive CCHB funding.

SO YOU KNOW

■ **WHAT:** Citrus County Hospital Board budget meeting.

■ **WHEN:** 9 a.m. Friday, July 20.

■ **WHERE:** Third floor Masonic Building, downtown Inverness.

The CCHB also budgets \$300,000 this year for general counsel Bill Grant's fees. The actual costs have exceeded that amount and are projected to double by year's end. The \$300,000 for Grant's services continues in the 2012-13 proposed budget.

Kilgore's budget also includes a proposed 5 percent pay increase for the three

proposed 2012-13 budget as well.

Other big-ticket expenses are repeated as well. The CCHB budgeted \$1.5 million in legal fees associated with the 2011 law, not being appealed, which transfers governance of the hospital from the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation to the trustees.

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CCHB employees.

The July 20 meeting will be the first since Gov. Rick Scott in late April removed two members of the board, rendering it unable to meet due to lack of a quorum. Scott's move, coupled with a position that had been vacant for one year, left the five-member board with just two members.

Scott in June appointed Robert Priselac to the CCHB, which now gives it enough members to meet.

Chairman Michael Smallridge canceled the regular meeting scheduled for July 9 because he had a doctor's appointment in Orlando.

Chronicle reporter Mike Wright can be reached at 352-563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

Road work ahead



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

County workers have begun repair work on the curbs on Ella Avenue (County Road 581) and Zephyr Street in Inverness. The work is in preparation for a future repaving project on Ella Avenue by the county in accordance with the interlocal agreement with the city of Inverness, according to county spokeswoman Lindsay Ubinas. The city of Inverness has plans to reconfigure Zephyr Street, funded in part by an FDOT grant. Preliminary design work will begin in 2013.

Residents: Stop euthanasia

Animal advocates pitch no-kill shelter to county commissioners

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Four residents spoke out Tuesday to request a resolution to stop euthanasia at the county's animal shelter.

"I sent over a no-kill resolution for Citrus County that was made up by the director of No-Kill Nation," said Frank Yuelling, speaking before the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). "I requested that it be put on the commissioners' agenda for a future meeting and also voted for."

Yuelling described himself as a businessman and a no-kill advocate for animals. He said he was aware that county representatives recently visited Manatee County's shelter to see how it was initiating a no-kill plan. Yuelling then described how the resolution would work.

"What it would do is allow Animal Services to come up with a no-kill plan and then they would have 12 months to initiate it," Yuelling told the BOCC. "No-kill" would be a 90-percent save rate of savable and healthy animals."

Yuelling then passed out copies of the proposed resolution for board members to consider.

"It is time for our county to be working toward a no-kill plan," Yuelling said. "It doesn't mean it's going to happen immediately, it means we're going to work toward that."

Hillsborough and

Broward counties already have adopted similar resolutions, Yuelling explained.

Speaking in support of the resolution, Donna Sprague, a five-year volunteer at the Citrus County Animal Shelter, said, "We've lost several volunteers because they just can't take it. You get attached to some of the animals; you know their names. Then, some of them have to be put down. You just can't take it after a while."

Sprague said the BOCC would not know whether a no-kill shelter would work unless it was tried out. She said she was willing to help write grant applications to support it.

Debbie Scannapieco said she had done rescue work most of her life, but she does not go near the shelter because "emotionally, it's draining."

Scannapieco said she believed the shelter would attract many more volunteers if it were no-kill.

Another shelter volunteer, "Sam" Ereble, said she wanted the resolution passed and enforced, "so we have a no-kill."

Ereble also said the commissioners should give more funding to saving animals.

"Because we walk on two limbs instead of four does not make us that much better," she said.

Lindsay Ubinas, the county's public information officer, told the *Chronicle* that Assistant County

Administrator Cathy Pearson and Commissioner JJ Kenney recently visited the shelter in Manatee County, which has a 60-percent save rate.

Ubinas said Kenney would like to make over a disused transit bus into a portable adoption center where shelter animals could be shown throughout the county and at community events. Ubinas also said Kenney has expressed a desire to get the shelter kennels airconditioned.

In other business:

■ County Attorney Richard Wesch withdrew the request to file a petition against the owner of three dogs for cruelty or neglect as the owner signed the animals over to county possession.

■ Commission Chairman Winn Webb proposed making a proclamation welcoming back each military veteran who returns home. County Administrator Brad Thorpe said a process would be put in place.

■ Kenney said Citrus Springs residents were dismayed about the proposed expansion of the fixed bus routes not going into their community. But when a bus service was offered there previously, "there was a definite lack of ridership."

Extending the service to Citrus Springs adds 20 minutes to the bus trip, Kenney said.

"It's something we'll look at," Kenney said. "But if we don't have the ridership, we're going to shut it down."

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Individuals seek to revive disaster group

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

LECANTO — Once disaster hits, having a plan of action for recovery can make all the difference between maddening chaos and the swift restoration of normalcy.

For many years, Sharing Together Our Resources & Means, Inc., or STORM, was an active, community-based group dedicated to meeting the needs of the community in the event of a catastrophic incident.

Nevertheless, Heidi Blanchette, housing operations manager for the county and STORM member, said things fell by the wayside as certain people in the group moved on, causing shifts in leadership.

Interest in re-establishing the group came about after several people from county government and other agencies such as the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Nature Coast Emergency Medical Services, Citrus County Fire Rescue and the health department, attended a disaster training in February at the National Emergency Training Center Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md.

So far, Blanchette said the group has held one meeting but did not receive the huge turnout they were expecting.

This time, Blanchette said STORM is inviting representatives from any group to participate in the next meet-

ing so they can discuss creating a partnership that will help address the long-term needs of individuals during the aftermath of a disaster.

Laurie Diestler, Nature Coast Volunteer Center supervisor and STORM member, said faith-based and community-based organizations as well as service clubs and businesses are certainly encouraged to attend. The United Way of Citrus County, Habitat for Humanity and The Citrus County Resource Center are just some of the agencies Diestler said they would like to see take an active role in STORM.

Sharing Together Our Resources & Means, Inc. was an active, community-based group.

Blanchette said many agencies in the county already do disaster work, but with STORM, she said they could bring some of these groups together to see what services can be provided and to prevent redundancy.

From case management to needs assessment, there is a host of resources disaster survivors will need access to become stable once again. And Diestler said in the face of a storm is not the time for agencies to try to work together.

"We should make sure everything is already in place," she said.

The next STORM meeting will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, at the Citrus County Emergency Management Center, 3549 Saunders Way, Lecanto. To RSVP, call Patty Lascuola 352-527-5955.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

DUI Arrests

■ **Michael Joseph Outwater**, 62, of 3093 W. Tanager Court, Lecanto, at 9 p.m. Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. According to the arrest report, Outwater did not consent to a breath test, but failed the prescribed sobriety tasks given by the deputy. The legal blood-alcohol concentration in Florida is .08. Bond \$500.

Other Arrests

■ **Margarita Keyser**, 26, of Winter Haven, at 11:29 p.m. Friday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to the arrest report, Keyser, who appeared to be intoxicated, struck a Winter Haven man after he requested that the defendant get in the car to go home. No bond was set.

■ **Timothy Ray Hundley**, 43, of Floral City, at 2:27 a.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to the arrest report, a Floral City woman was held by her arm and pinned against a wall by the defendant. No bond was set.

■ **Michael A. Boyd**, 23, of Dunnellon, at 11 a.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to the arrest report, Boyd bit a Dunnellon woman on the forearm after reaching for the defendant's wallet. No bond was set.

■ **Kayla Christine Duby**, 29, of Crystal River, at 3:56 p.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to the arrest report, a Duby hit a Crystal River woman in the face who was intervening in a verbal argument between Duby and another man. No bond was set.

■ **Eric C. Clark**, 34, of Inverness, at 12:53 a.m. Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to the arrest report, an Inverness woman was grabbed by Clark, forcing her to

the ground, scratched her back and broke her glasses. The defendant also reportedly hit the victim in the face. No bond was set.

■ **David Samuel Pinero**, 40, of Beverly Hills, at 1 a.m. Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to the arrest report, an Inverness woman was struck several times by Pinero, which caused numerous facial and bodily injuries. No bond was set.

■ **Jason Michael Burns**, 28, of Crystal River, at 4:48 p.m. Sunday on felony charges of two aggravated assaults with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill. Bond \$5,000 for one charge, and no bond set for the additional charge.

■ **Aaron Paul Maulden**, 38, of Homosassa, at 7:09 p.m. Sunday on a felony charge of domestic battery by strangulation. According to the arrest report, a Homosassa woman was pushed down to the ground by Maulden and choked. No bond was set.

■ **Cheryl Ann Scordato**, 26, of Hernando, at 10:42 a.m. Monday on a felony charge of child neglect without causing great bodily harm. Bond \$4,000.

■ **Michael Z. Mavrakis**, 30, of 10535 E. Rabbit Ln., Floral City, at 1:30 p.m. Monday on a warrant arrest regarding a felony charge for failing to appear. No bond was set per the warrant.

■ **Darrin L. Hamman**, 24, of 416 Abel Pt., Inverness, at 7:53 p.m. Monday on a felony charge of the theft of a vehicle. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Robert Anthony Paty**, 24, of Hernando, at 11:55 p.m. Monday on a felony charge of grand theft more than \$300 but less than \$5,000 and conveyance burglary of a unoccupied vehicle. Bond \$7,000.

ON THE NET

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State to release purge list

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — State officials will release a list of 180,000 names at the center of a controversy over attempts to remove non-citizens from the voting rolls after determining that the information is a public record, according to the Department of State.

The collection is essentially the master list that the Secretary of State's office used to come up with a sampling of names of suspected non-citizens that was then sent to county elections supervisors.

Supervisors have since said that many of the names either belong to citizens or to people who can't be contacted.

Some non-citizens have been removed from the rolls as part of the voter purge.

"The set of 180,000 names is a public record," wrote Chris Cate, a spokesman for Secretary of State Ken Detzner, in an email. "We

are in the process of redacting it now so that it can be provided to everyone who has made a public records request."

The initiative has already caused a legal battle over access to voting rolls.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle rebuffed a request by the U.S. Department of Justice to issue a restraining order blocking the state from continuing its purge efforts, but only after receiving assurance from the state that it was no longer actively pursuing the initiative.

At least two other lawsuits have been filed against the state, which is in turn suing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to gain access to a federal database that officials said would make future efforts more accurate.

Some critics of the state's purge program welcomed the news.

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University, which has filed a

friend-of-the-court brief in the Justice Department's lawsuit, suggested the state should have been more open about the initiative from the beginning.

"Florida releasing its original eleventh-hour voter purge list is a step in the right direction, but the delay is just one more example of the state's complete lack of transparency," said Diana Kasdan, counsel for the center's Democracy Project, in a statement issued Tuesday.

"This list should have been released months ago."

The fight over the rolls is just one in a series of skirmishes that have broken out around voting in Florida a few months before the November presidential election.

With 29 electoral votes, Florida is expected to be the largest swing state and could decide whether President Barack Obama or former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney wins the presidency.

State BRIEF

Strip club sues 'Octomom'

WEST PALM BEACH — The woman known as "Octomom" is facing a lawsuit after backing out of a deal to strip at a Florida club.

T's Lounge in West Palm Beach has sued Nadya Suleman, who had agreed to dance topless in eight shows that were to begin Wednesday.

The club is seeking an emergency injunction to keep her from appearing at a competing club.

Suleman has been summoned to appear in court, but no hearing has yet been set. It is unclear whether the matter will be resolved before she's set to take the stage at The Playhouse Gentleman's Club on Friday in Hollywood.

Phone and email messages left for Gina Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for Suleman, were not returned Tuesday.

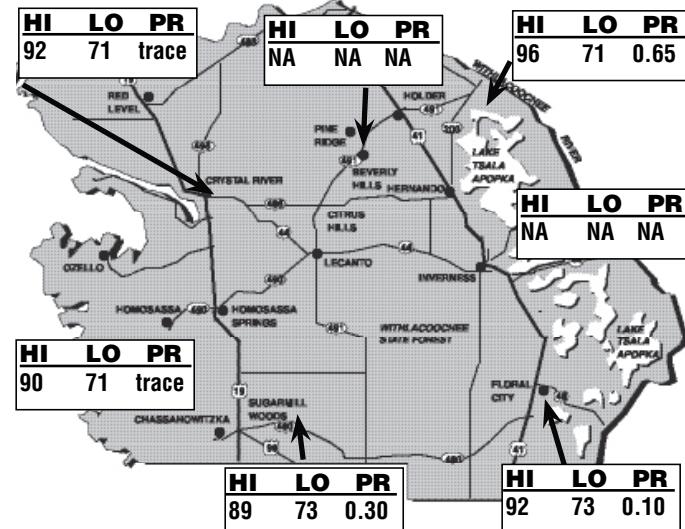
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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

| City | H | L | F'cast | City | H | L | F'cast |
|----------------|----|----|--------|--------------|----|----|--------|
| Daytona Bch. | 89 | 76 | ts | Miami | 89 | 77 | ts |
| Ft. Lauderdale | 89 | 77 | ts | Ocala | 92 | 73 | ts |
| Fort Myers | 92 | 74 | ts | Orlando | 93 | 74 | ts |
| Gainesville | 93 | 73 | ts | Pensacola | 89 | 75 | ts |
| Homestead | 90 | 75 | ts | Sarasota | 90 | 75 | ts |
| Jacksonville | 92 | 73 | ts | Tallahassee | 93 | 72 | ts |
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MARINE OUTLOOK

Southeast winds around 5 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters will be smooth. Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms developing this afternoon.

Gulf water temperature

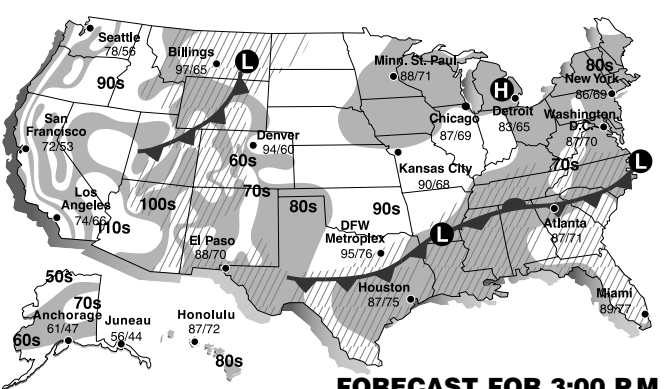
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LAKE LEVELS

| Location | Mon. | Tues. | Full |
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| Withlacoochee at Holder | 29.76 | 29.85 | 35.52 |
| Tsala Apopka-Hernando | 34.84 | 34.85 | 39.25 |
| Tsala Apopka-Inverness | 36.57 | 36.58 | 40.60 |
| Tsala Apopka-Floral City | 39.29 | 39.37 | 42.40 |

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

| City | Tuesday | | | Wednesday | | | City | Tuesday | | | Wednesday | | |
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| | H | L | Pcp. | Fcst | H | L | | H | L | Pcp. | Fcst | H | L |
| Albany | 86 | 53 | s | 86 | 60 | | New Orleans | 83 | 74 | .10 | ts | 88 | 77 |
| Albuquerque | 86 | 66 | pc | 86 | 67 | | New York City | 87 | 69 | pc | 86 | 69 | |
| Asheville | 84 | 69 | .01 | ts | 78 | 66 | Norfolk | 82 | 75 | .21 | ts | 85 | 72 |
| Atlanta | 97 | 71 | .01 | ts | 87 | 71 | Oklahoma City | 91 | 74 | .17 | pc | 96 | 72 |
| Atlantic City | 85 | 64 | pc | 83 | 65 | | Omaha | 88 | 63 | s | 89 | 67 | |
| Austin | 89 | 72 | .12 | ts | 88 | 73 | Palm Springs | 118 | 85 | s | 116 | 89 | |
| Baltimore | 90 | 67 | pc | 88 | 64 | | Philadelphia | 89 | 72 | .03 | pc | 89 | 69 |
| Billings | 98 | 63 | ts | 97 | 65 | | Phoenix | 112 | 91 | pc | 110 | 91 | |
| Birmingham | 95 | 74 | .03 | ts | 89 | 73 | Pittsburgh | 87 | 61 | pc | 83 | 63 | |
| Boise | 100 | 72 | s | 98 | 64 | | Portland, ME | 80 | 52 | s | 80 | 58 | |
| Boston | 83 | 65 | pc | 85 | 65 | | Portland, Ore. | 82 | 55 | s | 86 | 58 | |
| Buffalo | 83 | 62 | s | 82 | 63 | | Providence, R.I. | 84 | 64 | pc | 86 | 63 | |
| Burlington, VT | 80 | 51 | s | 83 | 55 | | Raleigh | 86 | 73 | ts | 87 | 71 | |
| Charleston, SC | 94 | 73 | .01 | ts | 92 | 76 | Rapid City | 93 | 57 | s | 94 | 67 | |
| Charleston, WV | 90 | 65 | pc | 87 | 66 | | Reno | 102 | 63 | s | 102 | 69 | |
| Charlotte | 89 | 73 | .13 | ts | 85 | 70 | Rochester, NY | 83 | 59 | .01 | s | 84 | 60 |
| Chicago | 83 | 70 | s | 87 | 69 | | Sacramento | 101 | 54 | s | 105 | 65 | |
| Cincinnati | 93 | 61 | pc | 88 | 65 | | St. Louis | 95 | 71 | pc | 93 | 70 | |
| Cleveland | 81 | 66 | s | 82 | 67 | | St. Ste. Marie | 78 | 54 | s | 83 | 59 | |
| Columbia, SC | 93 | 72 | .90 | ts | 90 | 72 | Salt Lake City | 102 | 67 | s | 104 | 75 | |
| Columbus, OH | 91 | 66 | pc | 86 | 64 | | San Antonio | 91 | 75 | .14 | ts | 87 | 74 |
| Concord, N.H. | na | na | na | s | 87 | 54 | San Diego | 75 | 64 | s | 79 | 67 | |
| Dallas | 93 | 75 | ts | 95 | 76 | | San Francisco | 74 | 51 | s | 76 | 54 | |
| Denver | 85 | 59 | pc | 94 | 60 | | Savannah | 97 | 76 | ts | 94 | 76 | |
| Des Moines | 88 | 64 | s | 89 | 66 | | Seattle | 74 | 52 | s | 78 | 56 | |
| Detroit | 84 | 67 | s | 83 | 65 | | Spokane | 93 | 66 | s | 91 | 63 | |
| El Paso | 88 | 67 | .11 | ts | 88 | 70 | Syracuse | 85 | 59 | s | 86 | 61 | |
| Evansville, IN | 96 | 70 | pc | 91 | 70 | | Topeka | 94 | 69 | s | 91 | 67 | |
| Harrisburg | 90 | 70 | pc | 86 | 64 | | Washington | 90 | 73 | pc | 87 | 70 | |
| Hartford | 85 | 63 | pc | 86 | 60 | | | | | | | | |
| Houston | 84 | 74 | .25 | ts | 87 | 75 | | | | | | | |
| Indianapolis | 93 | 72 | pc | 91 | 66 | | | | | | | | |
| Jackson | 84 | 73 | .47 | ts | 88 | 71 | | | | | | | |
| Las Vegas | 114 | 88 | s | 113 | 90 | | | | | | | | |
| Little Rock | 92 | 72 | .01 | ts | 90 | 69 | | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 73 | 63 | s | 74 | 66 | | | | | | | | |
| Louisville | 95 | 70 | pc | 91 | 71 | | | | | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 90 | 74 | .04 | ts | 87 | 71 | | | | | | | |
| Minneapolis | 77 | 64 | s | 81 | 68 | | | | | | | | |
| Mobile | 85 | 65 | s | 88 | 73 | | | | | | | | |
| Montgomery | 94 | 68 | .20 | ts | 91 | 73 | | | | | | | |
| Nashville | 81 | 71 | .84 | ts | 87 | 70 | | | | | | | |

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LOW 37 Saranac Lake, N.Y.

WORLD CITIES

| CITY | H/L/SKY | City | H/L/SKY |
|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Acapulco | 89/77/ts | Lisbon | 73/59/s |
| Amsterdam | 66/57/c | London | 67/49/sh |
| Athens | 98/79/s | Madrid | 90/63/pc |
| Beijing | 92/71/ts | Mexico City | 74/57/ts |
| Berlin | 73/58/sh | Montreal | 83/60/s |
| Bermuda | 83/76/pc | Rio | 67/51/c |
| Cairo | 98/76/s | Rome | 89/69/s |
| Calgary | 88/63/s | Sydney | 66/53/sh |
| Havana | 87/74/ts | Tokyo | 84/74/ts |
| Hong Kong | 88/80/pc | Toronto | 83/60/s |
| Jerusalem | 90/72/s | Warsaw | 78/55/ts |

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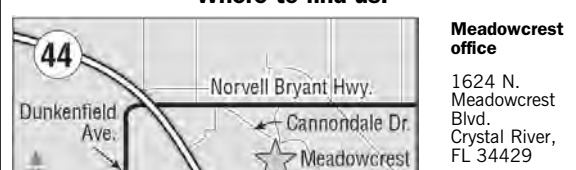
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Howard ordered Yermal to be held in jail until his sentencing. Yermal had been out on bond most of the time since his arrest in June 2010.

At the time of his arrest, Yermal had been relieved of his duties as a senior warden and treasurer at St. Christopher's Anglican Church in Crystal River.

The church's then-pastor, Frank Gough, reportedly found images of child pornography on a USB thumb drive in a desk drawer used by Yermal at the church. Yermal had stepped down from keeping the finances of the church in May of 2010 for poor work performance. Gough told the court he went into Yermal's office to search for financial files when he came across the thumb drive.

Gough said he put the thumb drive in his laptop and saw an image of a boy engaged in a sex act with an adult male. Gough immediately turned the drive over to the sheriff's office.

When Detectives Dodi Pruitt and Kat Liotta interviewed Yermal about the thumb drive, he at first denied any knowledge of the drive or anything about

child pornography, telling investigators he was appalled at the notion.

But as the taped interview proceeded, Yermal could be heard changing his tune and admitting to ownership of the thumb drive and his penchant for going to a Russian website where members freely shared images of child rape and other acts.

In going through his various computers, investigators developed a theme for his proclivities including an apparent fondness for images of boys and teens in diapers.

Yermal had maintained throughout his trial that the confession obtained by Pruitt and Liotta was a "false confession" because he was hooked on prescription drugs and therefore not lucid.

Tuesday, Yermal was apologetic and only offered that he was sorry and had "veered my ways."

He said he spent the past 32 days in jail praying for grace and mercy.

But Howard said whether the children in the images were from Russia or Homosassa, it didn't matter — they were still children. Howard then announced his sentence.

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ROCK

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have a guitar.

Later he began playing at a friend's dad's "blind pig," an illegal bar, in Detroit.

Bramlett recalled how harmonica players would come in from Chicago and he would play with them for days on end until their fingers would bleed.

In 1960, he got a gig playing guitar at the Autorama auto show in Detroit. He wasn't in the big leagues like the bands that played on the main stage — The Drifters, Bobby Rydel, Skip and Flip.

Instead, he played near some friends' motorcycles, sitting on his amplifier, thinking about how cool it would be to be like the big guys.

"So, I was playing and here come The Drifters over to me," Bramlett said. "They all shook my hand and they said, 'We'll see you in New York someday.' They invited me back to their dressing room, and I spent the next three days hanging out with them. It was cool."

By 1963, he had two records with The Dynamics, "Misery" and "I'm the Man."

The first time he heard his song on the radio, he was riding in his drummer's car. The deejay announced, "Here's a new record by The Dynamics," and when the song started playing, Bramlett and Cyers cranked up the volume.

In the following weeks the song went to No. 14, then No. 3, then No. 1, where it stayed on top of the charts for 10 weeks.

Radio stations started playing the flip side, "I'm the Man," and it, too, became No. 1.

Bramlett was 19 years old.

"I did four other records after that," he said. "Two of them were instrumentals that I wrote and the other two — one was me singing lead and the other was my drummer singing lead. They were never released."

Bramlett played with his band, Cliff and the Classics, for more than 20 years in clubs and bars around Detroit. He called it quits in 1984.

Later that year he formed another incarnation of his band with his daughter, Kelli, and stepdaughter, Ronda.

In 1988, Bramlett moved to Florida, where he owned Profile T-shirts in Inverness for 18 years.

In 2000 he suffered a stroke. Today he's retired, living next door to his daughter, Kelli, and his grandchildren.

A music room in his mobile home is filled with memorabilia from his music days.

"Being inducted into the hall of fame — I've heard from people I haven't been in touch with since the early 60s," he said. "It's an honor to know that people still remember me."

To read more about Cliff Bramlett, go to www.michiganrockandrolllegends.com. To contact Bramlett, find him on Facebook.

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'Stand Your Ground' panel hears emotional testimony

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The task force created by Gov. Rick Scott to review Florida's controversial "stand your ground" law heard from experts on security and neighborhood-watch programs at its third meeting Tuesday along with emotional statements from members of the public who said crime had touched their lives.

The speakers included the widow, mother and friends of Scott Standard, who was killed in front of his home in Citrus County in January 2011. James W. Conner III, a neighbor engaged in a long-running dispute with Standard, shot Standard at least twice, but pleaded self-defense under the "stand your ground" law and was not charged. The only witness, Conner's wife, supported his claim, but Standard's family has insisted that Conner was the aggressor.

"This law is written as a license to kill," Barbara Standard, Scott Standard's mother, told task force members who met in the rural community of Arcadia. "Are we bitter? You better believe it."

Other members of the public described their own ordeals.

"This law failed my son," said Debra Peoples of Tampa, who said her son Chyvas was attacked by gang members in Ybor City and is now serving 30 years for killing one of them. "There's a disparity in the application and interpretation of the 'stand your ground' law."

Peoples said her son's case, "where he was in fear for his life, needs to be re-investigated and a hearing held."

But others who testified, like Ed Johnson of Arcadia, said they were crime victims and urged the panel not to weaken the statute.

"We need the 'stand your ground' law to protect us from evil people," Johnson said.

The governor formed the task force after neighborhood-watch volunteer George Zimmerman shot and killed an unarmed teen, Trayvon Martin, who was walking in a gated community in Sanford. When Zimmerman pleaded self-defense under the "stand your ground" law and wasn't immediately arrested, charges of racism sparked protests across the country.

The task force, which is chaired by Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll, is expected to make recommendations to lawmakers about whether the law needs changes, and is collecting testimony and data, with meetings planned through

November. Tuesday morning's agenda was devoted to expert testimony, while the public spoke in the afternoon.

The expert consensus was that crime-watch volunteers "are not to engage in any kind of confrontation," as Jane Meier of the Melbourne Police Department's Volunteer in Partnership Program put it.

Expectations vary from program to program, but crime-watch volunteers agreed that trained volunteers are not vested with any law enforcement authority.

"Our objective is a visible presence," said Len Smally, manager of the Meadows Community Association in Sarasota, which employs private security. "It certainly deters crime."

One member of the panel, Judge Krista Marx of Palm Beach County, said the common thread of the expert testimony is that crime-watch volunteers shouldn't act as law enforcement.

"Under the present state of the law, under 'stand your ground,' if a neighborhood watch individual were to pursue or confront, they would be perceived as the provoker, and therefore, not be able to avail themselves of 'stand-your-ground' immunity," Marx said.

But Karl "KC" Poulin, president of the Florida Association of Security Compa-

nies, said watch volunteers can find themselves in some pretty difficult situations. He said private security officers and neighborhood watch volunteers are often on the front line against crime, when police aren't always right there.

"I had an officer last year killed in one of these neighborhoods. He was gunned down by a gang member. And then we're going to ask them as citizens to go out there in that same neighborhood, and get involved with us and communicate with us and tell us what's going on? That's a lot to ask," Pullen said.

After the public testified, which took about 90 minutes, Carroll took a moment to address charges of racial disparity in application of the law. One speaker, Andrea Ortiz, a student of ethics at New College, referred to an investigation of roughly 200 "stand your ground" cases by the *Tampa Bay Times* last month.

"Justice cannot be done if white shooters are killing black kids," said Ortiz.

But Carroll cautioned that the *Times'* sample was too small and said the University of Florida is examining all "stand your ground" cases documented by state attorney's offices and law enforcement agencies for the panel's review.

TEST

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from 2004 to 2011. However, when the same class is followed from third grade on to 10th grade, test scores plummet.

Annual FCAT scores that compare to prior years are of "zero significance," she said, because the state does not track a child's progress from one year to the next.

Board members said the state also requires stu-

dents to pass college-readiness tests whether they plan to attend college or not.

"That's a very, very high bar for all students," board member Thomas Kennedy said.

Presidents of school advisory enhancement councils were asked their views on standardized testing. Many said the tests should be used to help teachers and students progress in their learning. Instead, they said, the tests have become one-size-fits-all programs that determine pass

or fail regardless of a student's school grade.

Dianna Goolsby of Inverness Middle School responded: "The current use of these assessments have gone beyond the original purpose of providing information needed to improve our public schools to increase the learning gains of all our students. Too much emphasis has been placed in a single test."

School psychologist Dr. Andy Nott said students fear failure.

"I've seen kids held hostage in remedial read-

ing classes," he said. "I think being aware of the side effects is important."

Nathan Meeks, a Citrus High School sophomore who has struggled with the tests, urged the board to take action.

"Please help us," he said.

"We need the changes. FCAT could be a good test, but I don't think it's good right now."

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**Pentti
Jakama, 81**
INVERNESS

Pentti Jakama, 81, of Inverness, was escorted by angels on his journey to be with the beauty and love beyond on July 8, 2012, under the loving care of Hospice of Citrus County and his loving family.



Pentti
Jakama

Pentti was born in Porvoo, Finland, on Nov. 25, 1930, to the late Iisak and Elsa Jakama. He was in the Finnish Merchant Marines and enjoyed coming to America so much that he finally decided to become a citizen. Pentti was a partner in the construction industry business of P&O Builders; some of their home projects were featured in the "This Old House" publication. After retirement, he enjoyed golfing, cruises and fishing, but especially liked playing poker with his many buddies. He was a member of the IRRU and Fraternal Order of the Eagles of Inverness.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Bonnie Jakama, Inverness; stepson, Gregory (Lise) Leiser, Calif.; stepdaughter, Lilly Rodia, Norwalk, Conn.; his brother, Juhani Jakama, Finland; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Anthony Leiser; and Michelle (Todd) Turner; and great-grandson, Dennis Rodia. Also surviving him are his sister-in-law, Beatrice Powell, Edgewood, Ky; nephews, Thomas Kidd and Glen Edward; nieces, Erjo (Timo) Partio and Pirjo (Lasse) Rakonemi, Patricia (Denny) Dinger; his business partners, Ossie Lehtoniemi and Jerry Harris; and beloved friends, Beverly Hayes, Laurie and David Choplinski, and Desiree and David Brainerd. He was preceded in death by stepson Joseph Bruno and stepdaughter Kathleen Pelletier.

A celebration of life memorial service is at 1 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2012, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Inverness. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

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**Nellie
Pospiech, 92**
INVERNESS

Nellie Pospiech, 92, of Inverness, Fla., went to be with the Lord on July 8, 2012, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County, Inverness Fla.



Nellie
Pospiech

Born Feb. 3, 1920, in Elizabethton, Tenn., she was the 10th daughter of William Abraham and Ettie (Pearce) Range. Nellie attended business college in Elizabethton, Tenn., then worked as a secretary for several years. After marrying Helmar Pospiech in 1947, she moved to Baltimore, Md., where they owned a TV and appliance store and had three children. In 1955, they moved to Inverness, where they bought the Florida Motel, which they ran until 1961. She then enjoyed being an at-home mom and participating in community services; in particular she loved sewing and cooking, and especially making fudge for the carnival and turkey stuffing for the annual women's club dinner. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Inverness for more than 50 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Joan Shumway (Glenn), of Miami, Fla., and Susan Davis (Marshall), of Inverness, Fla.; son, Richard Pospiech (Holly), of Inverness, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Jason Foley, Annette Castillo, Rebecca Shumway, Michael Davis, Ruth Ting, Peter Davis, Shelby Dumas, Grey Pospiech and Hunter Pospiech; four great-grandchildren, Eliana Davis, Caitlin Davis, Ashley Davis and Sofia Davis; and many loving nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Helmar "Dutch" Pospiech; her parents, William and Ettie Range; her sisters, Myrtle Collins, Maude Morton, Sallie Hyder, Celia Hyder, Ossie Meredith, Kate Sams, Hattie Vanover, Hascal Range and Gretchen Whittemore; and grandson, Daemon Foley.

The family will receive friends at Hooper Funeral Home in Inverness, Fla., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2012, with a graveside service to be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2012, at the Oak Ridge Cemetery, followed by brunch at the home of Richard Pospiech.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Citrus County of the Nature Coast, P.O. Box 641270 Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

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On the campaign trail



Associated Press

First lady Michelle Obama arrives on stage as she campaigns for her husband President Barack Obama on Tuesday at Barbara Goleman High School in Miami Lakes, Fla.

Medicare contractors vulnerable to conflict

Associated Press

MIAMI — Firms that are paid tens of millions of dollars to root out Medicare fraud are bidding on contracts to investigate companies they are doing business with — sometimes their own parent companies, according to a government report released Tuesday.

Two-thirds of the companies that bid on contracts during a nearly year-and-a-half time period beginning in October of 2010 had financial ties to claims processors — and in some cases also processed Medicare claims themselves, according to the study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' inspector-general. The report blames what it calls a flawed bidding system and an inadequate conflict-of-interest policy.

The study looked into bids from about 100 potential contractors and subcontractors and found nearly 2,000 relationships that posed potential conflicts. For example, one company submitted a bid to investigate Medicare fraud even though its parent company provided two types of Medicare coverage in all 50 states.

Medicare fraud contractors are often tied to a large number of providers, but the report doesn't break the numbers down by each contractor.

The federal government requires Medicare fraud contractors to identify their potential conflicts and their financial interests in other companies when submitting bids, but the report found they often failed to provide all the information. Even when they did, it was sometimes inconsistent or unclear, according to the study, which urged

federal health officials to adopt formal, clear guidelines for companies to follow when submitting bids.

Tuesday's report examined only companies bidding on Medicare-fraud contracts, not those with existing contracts. But a 2011 congressional survey of companies providing Medicare reimbursements revealed that some had financial relationships with the contractors investigating them.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency overseeing Medicare, said in a statement that it has a robust program for identifying potential conflicts among providers and that it has taken the proper steps to vet these contractors. Contract bidders who identify a potential conflict must submit a separate plan for how they will mitigate the issue, according to the agency, which added that it has not awarded deals to companies with significant conflicts of interest.

When Medicare began in 1965, Congress mandated that private contractors process and pay claims. Under 1996 legislation, Medicare hired a separate set of contractors to monitor fraud, reasoning it was wise to separate claims payments from the fraud-detection side.

Medicare currently pays

4.4 million claims worth more than \$1 billion per day. Contractors comb through thousands of claims to find spikes in billing patterns in an effort to stop an estimated \$60 billion a year in fraud.

Lawmakers say the potential for conflict has grown as the manner in which contracts have been assigned has changed. In the past, contractors were assigned to investigate certain regions of the country, so it wasn't a big concern if they had an association with a company in another region. But now that they are moving to a national model, lawmakers warn there is a bigger potential for the contractors to oversee companies with which they have financial relationships.

"If (contractors) with conflicts of interest become less vigilant in combating fraud, then taxpayer dollars may be wasted on payments to unscrupulous providers," the report concludes.

The study was commissioned by Sens. Max Baucus, D-Mont., Tom Carper, D-Del., and Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.

Carper said it is critical to improve the system "because these private-sector contractors perform many of the key payment, oversight and other administrative functions in Medicare."

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**William
Andrews, 83**
CRYSTAL RIVER

William Benjamin Andrews, 83, of Crystal River, died Friday, July 6, 2012, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Gainesville, Fla. Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory of Crystal River is assisting the family with private arrangements.

**Arthur
Dougherty, 76**
CRYSTAL RIVER

Arthur Paul Dougherty, 76, of Crystal River, died Saturday, July 7, 2012, at the H.P.H. Hospice House in Lecanto, Fla.

He was born Dec. 7, 1935, to Arthur Henry and Mae Phillips Dougherty in Bronx, N.Y. He came to Florida 22 years ago from Philadelphia, Pa. He was retired from the United States Army after 27 years of service, with the rank of Sgt. 1st Class. He also served in the Navy and Air Force. Mr. Dougherty was also an officer with the Philadelphia Police Department.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, David Dougherty and James Meador. He is survived by his wife, Janice, of Crystal River; sons, Paul Dougherty (Anita), of New Hampshire, James Dougherty (Sandy) and Daniel Dougherty of Philadelphia; daughters, Susan McGovern (Richard), of Oviedo, Fla., Kathleen Miller (Jim), of Orlando, Fla., Joan Dougherty, of Philadelphia, Maureen Dougherty, of St. Petersburg, Mary Dougherty of Philadelphia, and Dawn Rogers (Tim), of Crystal River; 28 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 16, at the Strickland Funeral Home chapel in Crystal River. Inurnment with full military honors will follow at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. For those who wish, memorial contributions are requested to HPH Hospice, 3545 N. Lecanto Hwy. Beverly Hills, FL 34465, or to your local Hospice. Strickland Funeral with Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

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**Constance
'Connie'
Gelston**

Constance Joyce Francis (nee Barley) Gelston of Homosassa, Fla., formerly of Massapequa, N.Y., died June 30, 2012. Connie was born in London, England, in 1919.

She was the loving wife of the late Herbert Gelston, beloved mother of John Gelston and Susan Volce, grandmother to Jennifer and Kerry Gelston, Timothy and Thomas Volce and Lori Baron and step-grandmother to Dan and Jay Volce. She was great-grandmother to Zak, Kaz, Jordan and Taylor Volce, dear sister to Frank Barley (Alice), Margaret Altherr, Jennette Carleton (Herb), Edith Sourbeck (Don) and Anne Verity (Curt). She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, Crystal River, Fla. Interment will be private at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Connie's memory to Saint Anne's Episcopal Church or the HPH Hospice Foundation.

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**Mary
Whelan, 57**
CRYSTAL RIVER

Mary Lynett Whelan, 57, of Crystal River, died Friday, July 6, 2012, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

No service is planned.

Committee aligned with Scott rakes in contributions

Major political players donated nearly \$4M

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Tapping major players in Florida politics, a committee closely aligned with Gov. Rick Scott collected \$2.85 million in contributions during the past three months, a new report shows.

The Let's Get to Work Committee has hauled in a total of nearly \$3.8 million in 2012 — more than two years before Scott is expected to seek re-election. As a measure of the growing cash stockpile, the political committee has spent a relatively small amount of \$74,735 this year, according to the report on the state Division of Elections website.

Between April 4 and July 3, the committee collected nine contributions of \$100,000 or more, as money came from companies and people with interests in issues such as energy, health care and gambling. Also, in at least two cases, groups of related companies wrote

checks that totaled \$100,000.

The biggest contributors during the second quarter were Florida Power & Light Co., casino magnate Sheldon Adelson and prominent investor H. Wayne

Huizenga, with each giving \$250,000 to the committee.

FPL is the state's largest utility and is involved in numerous legislative and regulatory issues, including debates about building and financing nuclear power plants and increasing the use of renewable energy. Adelson is chairman and chief executive of Las Vegas Sands Corp., which lobbied this year on a proposal to allow resort casinos in Florida.

Among those contributing \$100,000 during the quarter were Progress Energy, which merged last week with Duke Energy and runs the state's second largest electric utility; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, which now operates under the name Florida Blue and is the state's largest private health insurer; and U.S.

Sugar Corp., a long-influential firm on issues such as agriculture and Everglades restoration.

Others that contributed \$100,000 included The Geo Group, which has backed efforts to privatize prisons; the Florida Optometric CCE, a political committee supported by optometrists who have lobbied for expanded drug-prescribing powers; and the Committee for Florida Justice Reform, a business-backed group that seeks to put limits on lawsuits.

Let's Get to Work received numerous other contributions ranging from \$100 to \$50,000. Among the notables was a \$50,000 contribution from New York developer Donald Trump and \$10,000 from the law firm Morgan & Morgan — which employs former Gov. Charlie Crist, an unpopular figure among Republicans after he left the GOP in 2010.

Scott has not opened a campaign account to run in 2014 for a second term. But money contributed to Let's Get to Work could go to such expenses as advertisements that would bolster Scott's re-election efforts.



Rick Scott committee aligned with governor collected millions of dollars in 2012.

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Florida poised to capture aviation economic activity

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott said Tuesday that signs of strength in the global civil aviation market are being tempered by worries over declining U.S. defense budgets as he meets with private companies during a weeklong trade mission in the United Kingdom.

Speaking from London, Scott told the News Service of Florida that he remains optimistic that the state can benefit from global developments within the aircraft manufacturing industry that includes the announcement last week of a new Airbus facility in Mobile, Ala.

Florida remains well poised to capture some of the economic activity expected to be generated by the \$600 million plant, which is projected to directly employ 1,000 workers but will have a much broader economic impact, especially along the Florida Panhandle.

"People are excited," Scott said after a day of meetings with business prospects at the Farnborough International Air Show in London. "There are a lot of suppliers to Airbus, and I think they are going to be more interested (in looking at Florida) now."

Scott said there is concern that long-term defense cutbacks could affect portions of Florida's aviation sector, which now is made up of nearly 2,000 companies employing more than 83,000 workers. Florida has a huge military aviation sector, with flight installations located throughout the state.

As part of a budget deal forged last year, federal lawmakers have agreed to \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts over a decade, half of which would affect the Defense Department. The cuts are expected to begin

in January, but congressional leaders have been speaking about extending the deadline to March.

The budget cuts were part of a deal signed into law in August to raise the nation's debt limit. Along with spending cuts, lawmakers are also looking at moves that could increase taxes and eliminate tax loopholes. Scott said the looming deadline is on the minds of many at the air show.

"On one side, the one dealing with U.S. defense spending, there is concern about the automatic cutbacks" that could kick in, Scott said.

The governor said concern on the military side is being offset by an apparent buying spree in the commercial flight sector. Deals have already been announced at the air show totaling billions of dollars in contracts for aircraft and related equipment.

"On the civilian side, this is one of the busiest times for sales," Scott said. "Boeing has made some big announcements already."

Scott said the six-day trade mission has given him an opportunity to tout some recent developments in the state including the push toward science, technology and math degrees and the creation of Florida Polytechnic, the state's 12th university that backers say will be a showcase for STEM education.

Besides making pitches to companies that Florida is a great place to do business, Scott said he's also meeting throughout the week with tourism officials. Britain is Florida's third largest source of tourists behind Canada and Brazil.

Scott also said he remains fiscally cautious about how to spend the state's economic development funds, which total about \$103 million.

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Rising costs



Associated Press

Steam rises from the cooling tower of the single operating reactor in April 2007 at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in Spring City, Tenn. The Tennessee Valley Authority has concluded construction of the power plant, initially budgeted for \$2.5 billion, is about three years behind schedule and will cost up to \$2 billion more.

Building expenses increase for US nuclear plants

Associated Press

ATLANTA — America's first new nuclear plants in more than a decade are costing billions more to build and sometimes taking longer to deliver than planned, problems that could chill the industry's hopes for a jumpstart to the nation's new nuclear age.

Licensing delay charges, soaring construction expenses and installation glitches as mundane as misshapen metal bars have driven up costs of three plants in Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina, from hundreds of millions to as much as \$2 billion, according to an Associated Press analysis of public records and regulatory filings.

Those problems, along with jangled nerves from last year's meltdown in Japan and the lure of cheap natural gas, could discourage utilities from sinking cash into new reactors, experts said. The building slowdown would be another blow to the so-called nuclear renaissance, a drive over the past decade to build 30 new reactors to meet the country's growing power needs. Industry watchers now say that only a handful will be built this decade.

"People are looking at these things very carefully," said Richard Lester, head of the department of nuclear science and engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Inexpensive gas alone, he said, "is casting a pretty long shadow over the prospects" for construction of new nuclear plants.

Pending projects

The AP's review of pending projects found:

■ Plant Vogtle in eastern Georgia, initially estimated to cost \$14 billion, has run into more than \$800 million in extra charges related to licensing delays. A state monitor has said bluntly co-owner Southern Co. can't stick to its budget. The plant, whose first reactor was supposed to be operational by April 2016, is now delayed seven months.

■ The long-mothballed Watts Bar power plant in eastern Tennessee, initially budgeted at \$2.5 billion, will cost up to \$2 billion more, the Tennessee Valley Authority concluded this spring. The utility said its initial budget underestimated how much work was needed to finish the plant and wasted money by not completing more design work before starting construction. The project had been targeted to finish in 2012, but has been postponed until 2015.

■ Plant Summer in South Carolina, expected to cost around \$10.5 billion, has seen costs jump by \$670 million; but with lower interest rates and cheaper-than-expected labor; the owners assert the project is still on or under budget. A deadline to put the first new reactor online has been delayed from 2016 to 2017; the second reactor is now eight months ahead of schedule, targeted for early 2018.

Southern Co. and others in the nuclear business say cost overruns are expected in projects this complex,



The working nuclear reactor is seen April 9, 2012, at V.C. Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville, S.C.

and they are balanced out by other savings over the life of the plant. Southern Co. expects Plant Vogtle will cost \$2 billion less to operate over its 60-year lifetime than initially projected because of anticipated tax breaks and historically low interest rates.

Cutting costs

Regulators have been trying to make it easier to build, encouraging the use of off-the-shelf reactor designs that get approval in advance. New construction techniques are supposed to require less in-the-field assembly, making building quicker and reducing human error. Interest rates and labor costs have been down after a bruising recession.

"It's a down environment economically," said Steve Byrne, president of generation and transmission for SCANA's South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., one of the utilities building Plant Summer's reactors. "It's terrible for the country, but it's a great time to be building" a nuclear facility.

Natural gas factor

But the economy is also working against progress on new construction. The next company in line to build, Progress Energy, has pushed back construction plans for two reactors in Florida because of the economy, low demand and extremely cheap natural gas. It expects its first new reactor to be finished in 2024.

Plants burning natural gas are far cheaper to build than nuclear power plants. But utility executives said they need a diversified mix of power plants, including nuclear, because relying too heavily on a single fuel such as natural gas backfires if prices go up.

Massive meltdown

Rising construction costs hit an industry already under financial pressure, after meltdowns last year at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant after a tsunami

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in Japan. NRG Energy wrote off a \$481 million investment in two planned reactors in Texas shortly after the accident, citing uncertainties after the Japanese disaster. Other utilities still seeking to build have said they expect the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will adopt new safety rules in response to the accident; they cannot predict the exact costs.

Bad message

Industry leaders said the soaring costs could threaten projects worth the investment and send the wrong message to the public.

"It's important to get this project done right because if every time we build a nuclear plant we go substantially over budget, ratepayers will begin to believe we can't do a nuclear project on budget," said Tim Echols, a nuclear power proponent who chairs Georgia's Public Service Commission.

An earlier push to expand the reach of nuclear power in the 1970s was thwarted by a number of obstacles: Electric companies overestimated demand and designed plants they didn't need. They had trouble managing massive construction workforces. Utilities designed nuclear plants as they built, leading to mistakes and slowdowns. Interest rates skyrocketed and the 1979 meltdown at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania forced plant operators to meet new rules at additional costs.

Keeping promises

To win approval to build at Plant Vogtle, Southern Co. had to promise it would build its plant on budget, particularly as state officials remembered the massive cost overruns that occurred when it built the plant's two existing reactors, said Robert Baker, a former utility regulator who has criticized the project.

The utility has been authorized to spend more than \$6.1 billion as its share of the estimated \$14 billion project, which was tracking under budget at the end of last year.

Southern Co. is about seven months behind schedule, mostly because of the federal approval process for the reactor, according to company executives and filings. Southern Co. also faced delays in getting an important license allowing it to start building the guts of the plant.

Another, less exotic problem at Vogtle: At one point, workers built metal bars straight rather than curved, as regulators had directed, so Southern Co. had to rip them out and replace them. Crews in South Carolina, watching the progress at Vogtle, have halted the construction of those bars.

Licensing delays

Plant Vogtle's designers and builders — Westinghouse Electric Co. and The Shaw Group Inc. — want Southern Co. to pay an additional \$400 million for the licensing delays, according to a May report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Southern Co. subsidiary Georgia Power, which owns nearly half the new plant, denies responsibility for those costs and is negotiating on behalf of all the owners. Financial information divulged by three companies who own 98 percent of the project show \$838 million in potential charges.

It is unclear how much this could cost the utility's 2.4 million customers. Southern Co. earlier estimated typical residential customers would see a \$10 increase in their monthly bills when both reactors are producing power in 2018. Utility regulators ultimately set the rates.

Similar issues have played out in central South Carolina, where SCANA Corp. and Santee Cooper won permission to build two reactors at Plant Summer, about 25 miles north of Columbia. SCANA agreed to pay \$138 million in March to settle claims over licensing delays raised by the companies designing and building the reactor. Santee Cooper will pay nearly \$113 million as its share of those costs, company officials said.



Associated Press

TOP: A technician watches a monitor in the Unit 1 Control Room on April 5, 2012, at Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant in Spring City, Tenn. **LEFT:** The Unit 3 nuclear island where a new nuclear reactor will sit is seen Feb. 15, 2012, before a visit by U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu at the Vogtle nuclear power plant in Waynesboro, Ga. Vogtle initially estimated the cost at \$14 billion, but it has run into more than \$800 million in extra charges related to licensing delays.

In May, SCANA asked utility regulators to raise its base spending on the project by \$283 million, which includes the settlement related to licensing delays and extra costs for cyber security and staffing. However, the company said it will stay within its existing budget because it expects other expenses to be lower.

More problems

Supplying parts efficiently for the new reactors has also proved difficult. William Jacobs Jr., the state monitor

hired by Georgia utility regulators, has publicly questioned whether a factory run by The Shaw Group can master quality control rules and deliver parts on time. NRC inspectors have faulted the facility for failing to maintain accurate records on the qualifications of workers. SCANA Corp. raised similar concerns.

Shaw spokeswoman Gentry Brann said the company has addressed the NRC's concerns.

In Tennessee, internal reviews faulted the Tennessee

Valley Authority for not providing enough oversight on the project and for allowing a culture to develop that discouraged the sharing of bad news; for example, site problems that led to delays. Not enough engineering work was finished before construction started, meaning construction workers sometimes did not have enough work to do.

In an embarrassing episode, the TVA temporarily stopped work at the site in January after two mishaps revealed safety problems. No

one was injured, and the operating plant did not experience any problems. In one case, workers removed a cable connected to equipment in the working reactor. In another, they cut out valves before getting proper clearance and verifying the system was safe.

Corrections

Changes have been made to bring the project under control, said Mike Skaggs, who became the authority's senior vice president of nuclear construction in October. He said the TVA has

carefully evaluated the remaining work on the reactor, slimmed down its workforce and made instructions to work crews easier to understand.

Skaggs has been involved in building two other nuclear plants and said the project requires constant monitoring.

"If you've got a good estimate, you use the estimate as a roadmap to complete the project," Skaggs said. "What I'm most worried about is the assumptions we've made in the estimate — are they ringing out true?"

Ten of the most admired women of Citrus County will be featured in the special section on Wednesday, September 12, 2012

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10 Citrus County's MOST ADMIRABLE WOMEN

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Most Admired in the Arts

Name: _____
Work or home phone: _____
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Most Admired in Business

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Most Admired Mother

Name: _____
Work or home phone: _____
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Most Admired Up and Coming Youth

Name: _____
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Most Admired Athlete

Name: _____
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Most Admired in Community Involvement

Name: _____
Work or home phone: _____
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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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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.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Yld, PE, Last, Chg %YTD. Includes entries like AK Steel, AKT Inc, Abetek, AbinBev, BofA, BofA.

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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.

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Stocks fall for a fourth day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell for the fourth straight day Tuesday following a profit slump at technology companies and a steep decline in oil prices, which sent energy stocks sharply lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 83.17 points to close at 12,653.12. Aluminum maker Alcoa was the biggest loser in the Dow, giving up 4 percent after reporting a slump in revenue late Monday.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 lost 10.99 points to 1,341.47. The index is in its longest slump since May 18. Chip maker Advanced Micro Devices fell sharply after reporting that a slowdown in China and Europe led to an 11 percent drop in second-quarter revenue.

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Market watch

July 10, 2012

Market watch table showing Dow Jones (-83.17), Nasdaq composite (-29.44), Standard & Poor's 500 (-10.99), Russell 2000 (-9.63), NYSE diary, and Nasdaq diary.

That news sent other technology stocks down hard. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite dropped 1.1 percent, the most of the three major indexes. It closed 29.44 points lower at 2,902.33.

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China's trade growth weakens amid slump

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's trade growth plunged in June, hurt by weak U.S. and European demand and a Chinese slowdown, with a potential impact on economies as far-flung as Africa and Australia.

Import growth fell by half from May's level to 6.3 percent, data showed Tuesday, as factories facing weak foreign orders cut purchases of raw materials and domestic demand softened despite stimulus efforts. Export growth declined to 11.3 percent from May's 15.3 percent.

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orts to cool overheating and inflation. That is bad news for companies and investors that were looking to relatively strong Chinese growth to shore up global demand as the United States and Europe struggle.

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lysts expect that earnings at companies in the S&P 500 fell 2 percent in the April-through-June period compared with a year ago, according to S&P Capital IQ. That would be the first drop in nearly three years.

"The past quarter was great, but going forward many companies may have problems," said Joe Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist at TD Ameritrade, a brokerage. "People are confused about what to think."

A resolution to a labor dispute in Norway early Friday weighed on oil prices, which pushed energy stocks lower. Early Tuesday, the Norwegian government intervened to end a strike that threatened North Sea oil production.

Benchmark crude oil fell \$2.08 to \$83.91 a barrel in New York. Major energy companies dropped as a result, including Occidental Petroleum, down \$1.95 at \$83.24, and ConocoPhillips, down 90 cents at \$53.43.

Natural gas producers took a hit from a sharp drop in the price of natural gas, which was down 5 percent at \$2.74 per 1,000 cubic feet. Cabot Oil & Gas slumped \$1.20 to \$39.07 and Chesapeake Energy gave up \$1.29 cents to \$18.69.

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China's economic growth fell to 8.1 percent in the first quarter and data due out this week are expected to show it fell as low as 7.3 percent in the second quarter. Analysts expect a rebound later this year, following two rate cuts since early June.

Premier Wen Jiabao told domestic economists at a conference this week in Beijing that stabilizing China's economic growth was "an urgent task for the short term and an arduous task for the long term."

A transcript of his remarks posted to the government's website Tuesday quoted him as saying that China has been boosting consumption and diversifying exports.

Wen warned last weekend the economy faces further pressure to slow, suggesting Beijing might be considering more stimulus. It also has reduced gasoline prices and is pumping money into the economy through spending on low-cost housing and other public works.

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Marcel Pagnol, news summaries, March 15, 1954

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AEROBIC SEPTIC

Commission decision short-sighted

Officials can be fickle when it comes to environmental initiatives in tough economic times. While that may be a popular area in which to find wiggle room, it's courting trouble in the long run.

Two planned developments were given the go-ahead to proceed without the inclusion of aerobic wastewater treatment systems. Those systems had been included in the developers' agreements to take effect in 2013.

The state had been braced to proceed with aerobic septic requirements, but with the emphasis now on the economy, environmental concerns have been de-emphasized.

According to the attorney representing the two local projects, aerobic septic systems "require much more maintenance and the verdict of the Legislature was the data on those systems and their performance was spotty at best.

THE ISSUE:

Aerobic wastewater treatment.

OUR OPINION:

County should have required for planned developments.

And so the Legislature repealed the requirement for aerobic septic tank systems."

With the dismantling of the Florida Department of Community Affairs in recent years, counties have less state oversight and greater latitude when it comes to planning. Unfortunately, "well managed, planned growth" is becoming a catchphrase of the past.

Case in point: The state lowers its standards, so local officials follow.

At a time when county and city officials are having to nobly fend off criticism for requiring people to hook up to central sewer around Crystal River, the commission should not have cut the two planned developments a break.

It's understandable that the state of the economy causes officials to rethink their priorities, but they should be consistent and base their decisions on the long-term best interest of Citrus County.

It's easy to earn a loser label

Bill Young, the longest-serving Republican in Congress, was being bashed by liberals last week for being "insensitive."

To sensitive liberals, this is the worst of crimes. It outranks more minor transgressions such as trying to protect your borders or trying to eliminate voting fraud. And it's on a par with amassing great sums of wealth by actually producing something, as opposed to being able to stuff a ball through a hoop or impersonating someone in front of a camera.

What insensitive thing Young did was answer a question at a public event. Some Michael Moore wannabe, or "progressive activist" with a video camera as he was described, was berating Young for not supporting a \$10 minimum wage. Young told him to get a job.

But the liberal media get to determine who among us are winners and losers. It is one of their perks.

So Young was deemed a "loser" because he "came across as insensitive in a tough economy" and it "earned him a healthy dose of unflattering news coverage."



Lloyd Brown
FLORIDA VOICES

Got it? They gave him the news coverage. It was free. He didn't earn it. Then they blasted him for having it, and labeled him a "loser."

They also determined with their highly calibrated sensitometers that it came across as insensitive. To whom? Not me. It came across as a perfectly reasonable

response. Maybe my sensitometer is on the fritz.

According to one story, the guy had a job, making \$8.50 an hour. If he wanted to be paid \$10 an hour, one would expect him to apply for a job paying that amount. Had he applied for one?

We don't know. Not important to have a critical fact when you are beating up a conservative congressman.

But the activist favored a higher minimum wage. That made him a hero to the liberal media.

They have compassion, you know.

But they seem a little cheap to me. Why just \$10? Why not \$20?

That's roughly the average hourly wage in America (2009). It also happens to be the average

wage of reporters.

Surely they want other people to be paid as much as they are?

There is no need to stint when you are spending OPM (Other People's Money.)

Liberals think minimum wages are great. It is not important to them that raising the minimum wage casts thousands of people out of their jobs — or prevents them from being hired, which is pretty much the same thing — or that the majority of those sacrificed jobs are held by black teenagers.

Next to paying people for not working, paying people more than the market price is a high priority among liberals.

Like the commissars of the old Soviet Union who calculated the prices of millions of items in the marketplace, liberals know better than employers and employees what millions of people should earn. Increasingly, it looks as if we are going to be just as successful as the Rusksies were.

Lloyd Brown was in the newspaper business nearly 50 years, beginning as a copy boy and retiring as editorial page editor of the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville.

And on the seventh day, he called his patent attorney...

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Hot Corner: TURN SIGNALS

Hands on the wheel

To the person (who) wrote in about taking pictures of the sheriff's department not making (turn) signals: Be careful for the guy behind you with the camera taking pictures of you driving with one hand unsafe. He might turn that into the sheriff's department, too. That makes you an unsafe driver because you're concentrating on the wrong thing. You're supposed to be watching the traffic and mind your own business.

Lay off deputies

I'm reading in the Sound Off about so many people complaining about the sheriff's department not using their turn signals. Well, hold on, people. There's a whole bunch of just plain ordinary people driving (who) never use them. In fact, there's hundreds more than the sheriff's department. So lay off the sheriff's department for a little while, OK? And, no, I don't have anything to do with the sheriff's department. I'm just an ordinary person, just like you, but I do use my turn signals.

Mahi-mahi

This is in answer to the person asking about mahi-mahi on the menu. The fish is, and always has been, dolphin(fish). We caught them in the ocean near floating seaweed — a beautiful blue-and-yellow fish — in the water. They have a blunt face and the male has a very blunt face. It's a good-eating fish, but when they start putting them on the menu, they changed the name to mahi-mahi so people would not think they were eating our friendly dolphins. Our variety on the East Coast were called porpoise — also very friendly.

Get over it

I'm so tired of reading about deputies not using their turn signals. I hope to God that this is the worst thing they do. I hope if any complainers need their help, they don't break the speed limit to get to them to help them. Think about it.

Eyes on the road

I just read in Monday, June 25's Sound Off, a person who is using their cell phone to record sheriff's deputies who are not using their turn signals. Gee, whoever is recording, are you paying attention to your driving or are you more interested in worrying about the sheriff's deputies who do a fantastic job? Maybe you should put your cell phone away, turn it off. Yes, I have a cell phone. No, I am not stupid enough to use it while I'm driving. If it rings, I will not answer until I can pull over. My wife has a cell phone. She will not use it. See, we're smart. We're not like some people who use their cell phones when they're driving.

Don't raise taxes

I'd like to know who called in Sound Off and suggested we raise everybody's property taxes so that the sheriff will have money then to do what he wants to do and we won't have to have volunteers. The whole idea of volunteers is to help out problems where there is a budget issue. Of course, the sheriff spends a lot of money on a lot of frivolous things, so that's part of the problem, too. Let's come up and say that I should pay more taxes so the volunteers don't have to work there and the sheriff's got extra money.



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LETTERS to the Editor

Don't support death

Should Citrus County support a "no-kill" animal shelter?

I have been a volunteer at the Citrus County Animal Shelter, and I am concerned for the animals who don't get adopted quickly enough. When the shelter is full, they have no choice but to euthanize the animals.

Others will say it's the only way, but should these healthy, adoptable animals be euthanized? Each of these animals represents a special life just like those pets we love and care for in our lives, but these have been dealt a lousy hand. I have come to know many of these animals by name, and when they are gone I wonder if they have been adopted or put down. I can't bear to ask the question of what happened to them. It is wonderful to see some find a forever home, but not all are so lucky!

Staff and volunteers work hard to save the animals, but time runs out and there is no alternative. Or is there? I can't believe we can't save more of these animals. It takes a community to want to save them.

There are those who doubt that "no-kill" works, but how do you know if you don't try? I believe that if the community and those who love life and want to save the animals would support a "no-kill" shelter, it would be better than it is today. There is always room for improvement, and the community support is what is needed.

If you care that healthy companion animals are being euthanized, then let your county commissioners know that you support a "no-kill" Citrus County Animal Shelter.

Donna Sprague
 Beverly Hills

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Fluttering flags

In the Monday, June 25 Sound Off, a retired Army sergeant stated the U.S. flag on Army uniforms appears to be backwards. Of course, if a flag is hung on a wall, the stars are to be in the upper left. On the right shoulder of the uniform the stars are on the upper right.

I had the same thought as the sergeant when I first saw the flags on soldiers and civilians deploying to Iraq.

Here is the full official U.S. Army answer to that:

"Thank you for your inquiry about the proper placement of the American flag on the uniform of the U.S. Army Forces. Army Regulation 670-1, 'Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and

Insignia," updated most recently Sept. 5, 2003, addresses explicitly the proper and lawful placement of the U.S. flag patch on the Army uniform. The regulation states that when authorized for application to the proper uniform the American flag patch is to be worn, right or left shoulder, so that "the star field faces forward, or to the flag's own right. When worn in this manner, the flag is facing to the observer's right, and gives the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward. The appropriate replica for the right shoulder sleeve is identified as the 'reverse side flag.'

"We appreciate and share your concern for the respectful display of our American flag on the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces."

For information on Army Regulation 670-1, view the following document: www.apd.army.mil/pdffiles/r670_1.pdf.

Another source of information is Army.mil's Army Service Uniform microsite: www.army.mil/asu/.

As a 30-year Army civil servant, I was required to wear the Army desert camouflage uniform while deployed to Iraq. Let me just remind readers that many thousands of federal civil servants and contract employees of the U.S. government are now honorably serving or have served in combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. This includes the Department of Defense, the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and varied other U.S. government agencies.

Joel Heath, U.S. Army civil servant (retired)
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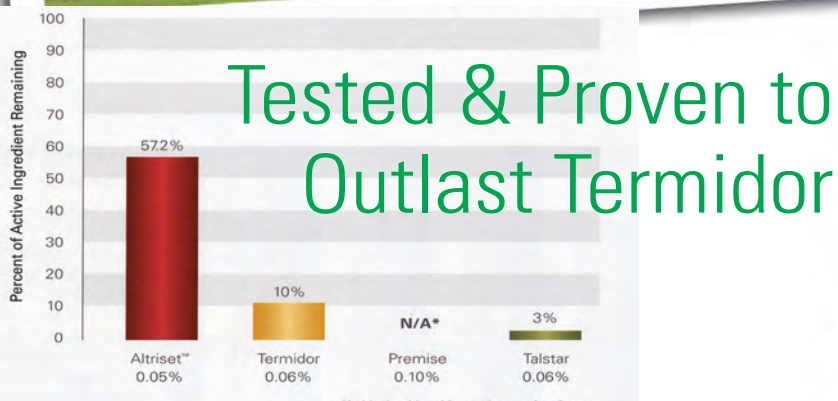
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Honoring



Associated Press

Mourners line the streets of Lexington, Va., to watch Chase Prasnicky's hearse pass on Tuesday. Prasnicky, 24, was killed by an improvised explosive device June 27 in Afghanistan.

Health care options for 20-somethings

WASHINGTON — They're young, healthy and flat broke — and now the government says they have to buy thousands of dollars' worth of medical insurance. What should tapped-out 20-somethings do?

Well, some may just do nothing. The annual fine for shrugging off the new federal insurance requirement, which is to begin in 2014, starts out at a relatively low \$95, depending on income. That would be far cheaper than paying premiums.

But that doesn't necessarily make blowing off the mandate a good idea for the fit and frugal. Millions of young people will qualify for good deals on health care if they take time to sort through the complicated law.

World BRIEFS

Meeting



Associated Press

Two female Egyptian lawmakers greet each other Tuesday at a brief session of Parliament, the first since the country's high court ruled the chamber unconstitutional in Cairo. Egypt's Islamist-dominated parliament convened Tuesday in defiance of a ruling by the country's highest court and swiftly voted to seek a legal opinion on the decision that invalidated the chamber over apparent election irregularities.

Kofi Annan presses for peace plan

BAGHDAD — The U.N.'s special envoy on the Syrian crisis sought to build support for his



Kofi Annan

peace efforts Tuesday with the leaders of Iran and Iraq, saying President Bashar Assad has agreed to a plan to quell the bloodshed in the most violent areas of Syria and then expand the operation to the whole country.

Top diplomat Kofi Annan said at a news conference in Iran the plan still must be presented to the Syrian opposition. But he said his talks with Assad a day earlier focused on a new approach to ending the violence, which activists say has killed more than 17,000 people since March 2011.

—From wire reports

Report: Too little mental health care

Not enough doctors, nurses specialized to care for elderly

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Getting older doesn't just mean a risk for physical ailments like heart disease and bum knees: A new report finds as many as 1 in 5 seniors has a mental health or substance abuse problem.

And as the population rapidly ages over the next two decades, millions of baby boomers may have a hard time finding care and services for mental health problems such as depression — because the nation is woefully lacking in doctors, nurses and other health workers trained for their special needs, the Institute of Medicine said Tuesday.

Instead, the country is focused mostly on preparing for the physical health needs of what's been called the silver tsunami.

"The burden of mental illness

and substance abuse disorders in older adults in the United States borders on a crisis," wrote Dr. Dan Blazer of Duke University, who chaired the Institute of Medicine panel that investigated the issue. "Yet this crisis is largely hidden from the public and many of those who develop policy and programs to care for older people."

Already, at least 5.6 million to 8 million Americans age 65 and older have a mental health condition or substance abuse disorder, the report found — calling that a conservative estimate which doesn't

include a number of disorders. Depressive disorders and psychiatric symptoms related to dementia are the most common.

While the panel couldn't make precise projections, those numbers are sure to grow as the number of seniors nearly doubles by 2030, said report co-author Dr. Peter Rabins, a psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University. How much substance abuse treatment for seniors will be needed is a particular question, as rates of illegal drug use are higher in boomers currently in their 50s than in previous generations.

Freedom riders?



Associated Press

Inmates pedal stationary bikes to charge car batteries July 6 at a prison in Santa Rita do Sapucaí, Brazil. A program allows inmates to shave days off their sentence in exchange for riding stationary bikes hooked up to converted car batteries used to illuminate Santa Rita do Sapucaí's town square.

Inmates in Brazilian jail pedal their way out of prison, literally

Associated Press

SANTA RITA DO SAPUCAÍ, Brazil — Brazilian inmate Ronaldo da Silva hops on a bicycle and pedals furiously, clocking up several miles before slowing down and jumping off.

Silva hasn't gotten far, in fact not an inch. He's still inside the medium-security prison — where he's serving a 5 1/2-year sentence for holding up a bakery — standing next to a stationary bike.

But he did move a bit closer to freedom. Silva is part of an innovative program that allows inmates at a prison in Brazil's southeastern Minas Gerais state to reduce their sentences in exchange for generating power to help illuminate the town at night.

By pedaling the prison's stationary bikes, the inmates charge a battery that's used to power 10 street lamps along the town's riverside promenade. For every three eight-hour days they spend on the bikes, Silva and the voluntary program's other participants get one day shaved off their sentences.

It is one of several new projects being implemented across Brazil, including literacy programs, all aimed at thinning out notoriously overcrowded prisons and cutting down on recidivism by helping restore inmates' sense of self-worth. Lambasted by critics as too soft on criminals, such initiatives are seen



An inmate watches from inside his cell as others pedal stationary bikes.

by their defenders as effective ways of breaking the cycle of violence that reigns in the country's penitentiaries.

"We used to spend all day locked up in our cells, only seeing the sun for two hours a day," said 38-year-old Silva, whose missing front teeth speak to a life of hardships and privation. "Now we're out in the fresh air, generating electricity for the town and at the same time we're winning our freedom."

Silva has already pedaled off 9 pounds and 20 days from his sentence.

Clad in red, prison-issue sweatpants and matching T-shirts, he and his fellow cyclists hit the bikes at nine in the morning and ride until 5 p.m., with breaks for lunch and an afternoon snack.

The resistance is strong, and the inmates soon work up a sweat,

though the crisp mountain air of Santa Rita do Sapucaí — a city of about 35,000 nestled in a mountain range about two hours northwest of Sao Paulo — keeps them cooler than they'd be in most other parts of tropical Brazil. With just four bikes, so far, the project's eight participants take turns relieving one another.

The 2-month-old program is the brainchild of the town's judge, Jose Henrique Mallmann, who said he got the idea from a story he read on the Internet about gyms in the United States where electricity is generated by the exercise bikes.

The municipal police contributed bicycles that had long been lingering in the lost and found, and neighborhood engineers helped transform them into stationary bikes and hooked them to car batteries donated by local businesses. Area entrepreneurs also pitched in the converter used to transform the battery's charge into the 110 volts needed to power 10 of the cast iron street lamps that dot the riverside promenade.

Every night before sunset, a guard drives the charged battery from the prison, on the outskirts of town, to the downtown promenade. He hooks it up to the converter and a few minutes later, the 10 street lamps begin to glow a soft white, like full moons suspended over the rushing waters of the river.

NTSB: Inaction caused Mich. oil spill

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Canadian operator of an oil pipeline that ruptured in southwestern Michigan two years ago, causing the most expensive onshore spill in U.S. history, failed to deal adequately with structural problems detected years ago and to respond appropriately to the catastrophe, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

Enbridge Inc. knew in 2005 its pipeline near Marshall, a city 95 miles west of Detroit, was cracked and corroded, but it didn't perform excavations that ultimately might have prevented the rupture,

NTSB investigators told the five-member board in Washington before it approved the findings and 19 safety recommendations.

Enbridge didn't realize the pipeline was gushing oil into the Kalamazoo River and an adjoining creek for more than 17 hours, when a gas company worker pointed it out, and during that time Enbridge control center personnel twice pumped more oil into the ruptured line, investigators found.

"Learning about Enbridge's poor handling of the rupture, you can't help but think of the Keystone Kops," NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman said at

Tuesday's meeting. "Why didn't they recognize what was happening? What took so long?"

The report also faulted the government, citing weak regulation and insufficient review of Enbridge's oil spill response plan by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

The NTSB doesn't have the power to regulate pipeline companies, but its safety recommendations carry significant weight with lawmakers, federal and state regulators and industry officials. Results of its investigations sometimes are used in lawsuits.



Associated Press

Workers continue Tuesday cleaning up the Kalamazoo River above the Ceresco Dam in Michigan. An oil spill two years ago dumped about 843,000 gallons of heavy crude into the Kalamazoo River and a tributary creek, fouling more than 35 miles of waterways and wetlands.

Regulator: \$200M missing at brokerage

Association said PFG has only \$5M in bank

MICHAEL A. LEE
AP Business Writer

A regulatory group ordered accounts frozen at Iowa-based brokerage Peregrine Financial Group late Monday, saying it hasn't been able to account for \$220 million in customer funds, following what the company said was a suicide attempt by its founder and chairman.

The National Futures Association said it received information PFG may have falsified bank records, and the company only had about \$5 million of \$225 million it had claimed to have in a deposit account. The association, an industry group that serves in a self-regulatory role, said PFG could not demonstrate it meets capital requirements and rules requiring it to segregate customer funds.

A PFG spokeswoman didn't return phone messages or emails from The Associated Press, and several messages left at PFG's offices in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Chicago were not returned.

But in a statement to its clients, the company said its founder and chairman, Russell R. Wasendorf Sr., attempted suicide earlier Monday, though it provided no information on his condition. The company said the attempt prompted investigation of "some accounting irregularities."

Lauren Nelson, spokeswoman for PFG customer Attain Capital, said her company has a "substantial amount" of business with PFG and is still assessing how badly its accounts were affected. Nelson provided a copy of the PFG client statement to the AP.

The futures association's action bars PFG from most trading, except as needed to liquidate customer accounts.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rashard Lewis decides to sign with Heat

MIAMI — Rashard Lewis is joining the NBA champion Miami Heat. Agent Tony Dutt said the free agent forward and the Heat agreed to terms on Tuesday, and Lewis is expected to sign his contract Wednesday in Miami. Lewis becomes the second addition for the Heat through free agency, after Ray Allen agreed to terms last week. Lewis and Allen were Seattle teammates for five seasons.

The 6-foot-10 Lewis was waived earlier this offseason by New Orleans, who exercised a \$13.7 million buyout clause in his contract.

Slowed by knee problems this past season, Lewis averaged 7.8 points in 28 games for Washington. For his career, he's averaged 16.1 points, and his 1,690 career 3-pointers made rank fifth among active players.

Conn. woman's Gehrig homer ball sells for \$62,617

STAMFORD, Conn. — An auction house says a baseball New York Yankees slugger Lou Gehrig hit for a home run in the 1928 World Series has sold for \$62,617.

Hunt Auctions says the ball sold Tuesday at the All-Star FanFest in Kansas City, Mo. The buyer's name isn't available.

Stamford, Conn., resident Elizabeth Gott said last week she decided to sell the ball on behalf of her 30-year-old son, Michael, so he could use the proceeds to pay off his medical school debt.

Gehrig hit the homer off St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander while teammate Babe Ruth was on base. A newspaper account quoted him calling it his most significant home run at the time.

A circa-1920s bat used by Ty Cobb sold for \$253,000.

NASCAR levies big fines for Daytona infractions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR has penalized two championship contending teams for problems found during qualifying at Daytona.

Three-time champion Tony Stewart was docked six points, and crew chief Steve Addington was fined \$25,000 because of a cooling hose found inside Stewart's car during qualifying. He forfeited his second-place qualifying spot, but still won Saturday night's race.

In the Nationwide Series, Austin Dillon was docked six points for the same violation as Stewart. Crew chief Danny Stockman and car chief Robert Strmiska have both been suspended until July 25. The team was also penalized last week.

NASCAR also fined crew chief Adam Stevens \$10,000 and docked Joe Gibbs six points because Joey Logano's car failed Friday night's Nationwide Series post-race inspection.

IndyCar fines Conway's team for illegal fuel cell

INDIANAPOLIS — IndyCar has penalized A.J. Foyt Racing for an illegal fuel cell in Mike Conway's car at Toronto.

Foyt was fined \$15,000 and the team was docked 10 points on Tuesday.

Conway finished third in Sunday's race at Toronto. The infraction was found during a post-race inspection.

— From wire reports

Hutcherson signs on with Defiance

J.M. SORACCHI
Staff Writer

A diligent student, recent Crystal River High School graduate Napolean Hutcherson knew he was going to college.

Outside of the academic aspect, the Pirate wanted to find a place he would also be able to fit in while continuing to play football.

On Friday, Hutcherson felt confident he'd managed to do that in announcing his decision to attend Defiance College, a Division III school in Ohio which has about 1,000 students.

Joining the emerging football team under coach Brian Sheehan and the school's offering of an engineering program sold Hutcherson on matriculating at the Midwestern campus.

"It just comes down to what I really wanted to do for the rest of my life," Hutcherson said. "(Defiance has) the top priority of whatever you need to do to be successful, we'll be behind you."

Hutcherson rushed for 1,045 yards and nine touchdowns in his first full season

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J.M. SORACCHI/Chronicle

Crystal River High School running back Napolean Hutcherson, center, recently signed a Letter-of-Intent to play collegiate football for Defiance College, a Division III school in Defiance, Ohio. Hutcherson is flanked by his parents Edna and Napolean Sr.

Not. Even. Close.



Associated Press

The American League's David Price, of the Tampa Bay Rays, pitches Tuesday against the National League during the second inning of the MLB All-Star Game in Kansas City.

NL dominates AL with 8-0 shutout

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pablo Sandoval hit a bases-loaded triple off Justin Verlander during a five-run first inning, and the National League romped to an 8-0 win over the American League in the All-Star game Tuesday night.

Melky Cabrera, Sandoval's teammate in San Francisco, added a two-run homer in the fourth. Rafael Furcal and Ryan Braun each tripled to help the NL set a record for the most in a Midsummer Classic.

Adding to a big night for the Giants, NL starter Matt Cain tossed two sharp innings.

Braun also had an RBI double

off Verlander during the biggest first inning since 2006, when the AL scored six times off Roger Clemens before his hometown fans in Houston.

"It's exciting for me to hit a triple with the bases loaded in the All-Star game," said Sandoval, who has only 12 triples in his career. "It's a good taste for me."

The start couldn't have tasted much better for the National League, earned home-field advantage in the World Series for the third straight year.

The reward sure came in handy last season, when the Cardinals rallied to win the final

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NL All-Stars 8, AL All-Stars 0

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| AMCt cf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Trout lf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Braun lf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Bautist rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bruce rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Trumo rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Votto 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Fielder 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Freese 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Konerk 1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LaHair 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Mauer 1b | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Beltran lf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Beltre 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harper ph-1f | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | McCarr 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Ruiz c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ortiz dh | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sandoval 3b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Butler ph-dh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DWright 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Napoli c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
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| Altuve 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grndrs cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Price | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M.Harrison | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Weaver | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sale | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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| Rodney | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Tour rider Di Gregorio arrested in doping probe



Associated Press

Remy Di Gregorio of France celebrates March 12, 2011, as he crosses the finish line to win the seventh stage of the Paris-Nice cycling race in Biot, France. Di Gregorio, now riding for Cofidis cycling team, was arrested at his team hotel in connection with a Tour de France doping investigation and was suspended by his team.

Associated Press

VILLIE-MORGON, France — The longtime problem of doping hit the Tour de France head on Tuesday when a French rider was arrested at his team hotel and suspended by his team.

Police made their move on the Tour's first rest day in arresting Cofidis cyclist Remy Di Gregorio, with judicial officials saying two other people suspected of supplying the Frenchman with banned substances were also arrested — one along with the rider in Bourg-en-Bresse, and another in Marseille.

The officials requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly as the investigation is ongoing.

Cycling's premier showcase event has long been dogged by doping scandals.

Two-time winner Alberto Contador of Spain is sitting out this year to serve a doping ban from the 2010 race, while seven-time Tour champion Lance Armstrong has been charged with participating in a vast conspiracy by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. The American has declared his innocence and is asking a federal court to block USADA's case.

Di Gregorio's arrest comes after an investigation that began last June and is led by the French police agency responsible for doping investigations, OCLAESP, and Marseille police.

"(The police) have followed Remy's actions for a good while," Cofidis manager Yvon Sanquer said at a news conference. "If I had ever been aware or anyone else had been aware,

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GET IN THE GAME

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Working vacation

Texas club pro gets taste of big time in Europe

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

JACKSONVILLE — What makes golf so appealing is that it can be played for a lifetime.

And the dreams that go with it don't expire easily, either.

Such is the case of Tim Thelen. His name might not be familiar outside the PGA of America or southeast Texas. Thelen spent his career as a golf professional, working at a country club in College Station and a resort in New Ulm, and once giving lessons at a driving range that since has been replaced by a Wal-Mart.

He was good enough to play college golf at Houston Baptist — a Scottish kid named Colin Montgomerie was on his team — but he never made it through Q-school, and that was before there was an alternative like the Web.com Tour. Back then, there wasn't even a web. The one year he reached the final stage of Q-school, he was 38. And while there was a developmental tour and Thelen had conditional status, he also had a steady income and an 11-year-old son.

Thelen won the Club Pro Championship twice and played in the PGA Championship nine times without ever making the cut. He played in 22 regular PGA Tour events, through his status as a club pro or Monday qualifying, and made four cuts and the grand sum of \$78,742 over 15 years.

But as he approached his 50th birthday, a conversation with the late club pro Bob Boyd changed everything.

"He played on the European Senior Tour. This was late 2009 and he had been playing for five years, and he loved it over there," Thelen said Tuesday morning from his home in College Station. "It's different over there. But it's like I told my wife, there's an opportunity



Associated Press

Tim Thelen chips during the second round of the PGA Championship on Aug. 13, 2010 at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis. Thelen, a career club pro in Texas, turned 50 and went to Europe to try to play on the Senior Tour. He told his wife they would either make money or go broke. In the last two weeks, Thelen has won against fields that included Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam.

to make money and we'll see the world."

It has turned into so much more than he expected.

Two weeks ago in Munich, with wife Lucinda on the bag, Thelen holed out with a 6-iron for an albatross on the par-5 opening hole in the Berenberg Bank Masters. On the back nine, with Bernhard Langer and Barry Lane among those chasing him down, Thelen closed with three birdies on the last four holes to win.

Bags packed, hotel booked, they headed off to Switzerland for the Bad Ragaz PGA Seniors Open. This time, it was a pair of

Ryder Cup captains — former world No. 1 Ian Woosnam and Mark James — applying the pressure. Thelen made two late birdies to thwart the charge and won again.

And so ended his six-week journey that began in Michigan for the Senior PGA Championship and took him to Spain, England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and finally back home to Texas for two weeks.

That allowed the 51-year-old Thelen time to reflect before heading back over to Turnberry for the Senior British Open.

"I had a really good career as a club pro," said

Thelen, who resigned from The Falls when he earned his European Senior card. "Winning the Club Pro Championship twice, winning the National Assistant Pro Championship once ... I knew I could play. I didn't know I could reach the level I have today. You always dream of playing on a tour, and I never lost focus. But as a golf pro, you have to find time to play and practice.

"Every golf professional has that opportunity," he said. "It's whether he takes that opportunity when the shop closes at 7 p.m. and

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Top 25 from Web.com Tour to get PGA cards

Plan follows months of talks

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The top 25 players from the Web.com Tour are assured of getting PGA Tour cards under a new system announced Tuesday that does away with Q-school being a direct path to the big leagues.

More than six months of discussions ended with what the tour felt was the most simple plan for awarding PGA Tour cards.

Starting in September 2013, the top 75 players from the Web.com Tour and the top 75 players who do not qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs — those who are No. 126 through No. 200 in the FedEx Cup standings — will compete in three \$1 million tournaments known as "The Finals."

All players in the Finals will start from scratch, and 50 cards will be awarded based on the Finals money list.

However, the top 25 from the Web.com Tour regular season already will be assured of getting PGA cards, even if they fall out of the top 50 on the Finals money list. They would play only for position going into the 2013-14 season, which would start in October.

The player who leads the Web.com Tour money list in the regular season, and the player who wins the Finals money list, will be exempt into The Players Championship and have the same status as a PGA Tour player who kept his card the previous year.

"We looked at a dizzying number of potential options," said Andy Pazder, the tour's chief of operations. "This one provided the best blend of continuing to recognize the seasonal performance of the Web.com Tour. At the same time, it creates a way for the cream to rise over three weeks of head-to-head play."

The change is part of a

major overhaul of the PGA Tour season that starting next fall will do away with the money list as a way to measure performance.

Currently, the FedEx Cup season ends with the Tour Championship in late September, followed by the Fall Series of events that give players a chance to finish in the top 125 on the money list to earn their cards for next year. Those who fail go to Q-school, a six-round tournament with 25 cards awarded. The Web.com Tour also awards 25 cards.

Under the new system, the FedEx Cup still ends at the Tour Championship. The Finals — for the Web.com players and leftovers from the PGA Tour — will end the week after the Tour Championship. The next season then starts in October.

Q-school will continue to be held in late fall, but only to award Web.com Tour cards.

The model for the Finals was reached after much discussion by the tour's board (which includes four players) and Player Advisory Councils that represent players from the PGA Tour and Nationwide Tours. It was critical that they got it right the first time — unlike the FedEx Cup points system, which was altered each of the first three years — because jobs were at stake.

Pazder said keeping the model simple was a factor, "but not a motivating factor."

"The motivating factor was a system that would identify the best 25 players in those fields," he said. "And the best way to do that is head-to-head competition. Everyone starts on a level playing field. It's not based upon subjective seedings. It's based on results. One of the beauties of our sport is you go out and perform, and based on your performance, you get paid or you don't."

Local LEADERS

BRENTWOOD

July 4 — Wednesday Point Quota Group results.

First +8
Chuck Curtis and Jay Hylemon
Second +4
(MOC) Total of 10 on No. 6
Jerry Walker and Wayne Brooks
Most Over Quota +5
Morris Frank
Closest to the Pin:
No. 2 Chuck Curtis
No. 4 Jay Hylemon
50/50 winner Bob Staker

July 5 — Thursday Evening Scramble results.

First 7 under
Ted Mell, Maggie Cart and Jennie Diaz
Second 5 under
Kenny McCabe, Ron Cart, Paul Roy and Frank Hyer
Third 3 under
Vaughn Thornton, John Fish and Louis DeGennaro

"Honorable Mention"
Lee Levering, Diane Levering, Bob Morlan and Helene Morlan
Closest to the Pin:
No. 2 Vaughn Thornton
No. 4 Jennie Diaz

July 7 — Saturday Morning (HDPC) Scramble results.

First
Bob Myers, L. T. Schull, Irv Rayburn and Neil Lamoreaux
Second
Frank Hughes, Dick Emberly, John Schott and Jerry Krause
Third
Kenny McCabe, Bob Staker, Russ Doring and Ruth Doring
Closest to the Pin:
Nos. 2 and 4 Bob Staker

July 8 — Sunday Morning Scramble results.

First
Second Low Gross Kay Close 71
Second Low Gross Jackie Dziekan 80

First 7 under
Mona Evans, Steve Leonard, Mike Wagner and Diane Wagner
Second 4 under
(MOC) Birdie on No. 6
George Batson, Jay Hylemon and Russel Clark
Third 4 under
Louis DeGennaro, Jenny Diaz, Bob Staker and Jerry Walker
Closest to the Pin:
No. 2 women only Peggy Gleason
No. 4 Men only Steve Leonard
50/50 winner Peggy Peardon

July 9 — Monday Morning Mens Group (2-man scramble) results.

First
Bob Staker and Bob Goyette
Second
Kenny McCabe and Chuck Taylor
Closest to the Pin:
No. 2 Bob Staker

CITRUS HILLS

July 4 — The Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association played "Red, White, and Blue — 2 Best Balls" on the Meadows golf course.

First -24
Rod Pavilion, Bruce Cahoon, Vic Jamnik and Harold Cipollone
Second -21
Jack Hammond, Jim Remler, Roger Williams and Joe Skender
Third -19 (MOC)
Jerry Czack, Harvey Schrank, Mike Rizzio and Len Feutz
Fourth -19
Bill Lindsey, Paul Perregaux, John Keller and Dave Obrien

July 3 — The Citrus Hills Ladies Golf Association participated in the qualifying round for the end of year Ace of Aces tournament.

Flight 1
First Low Gross Kay Close 71
Second Low Gross Jackie Dziekan 80

First Low Net Linda McCracken 68
Second Low Net IvaLee Lawrence 70

Flight 2
First Low Gross Helen Clayton 85
Second Low Gross Youngja Chi 91
(Tie)
Brenda Lindsey 91
First Low Net Betty Mullins 69
(Tie)
Bonnie Yanosy 69

Flight 3
First Low Gross Virginia Romiti 93
Second Low Gross Linda Mullen 96
(Tie)
Fran Geyer 96
First Low Net Gladys Kean 66
Second Low Net Barbara Musick 71

Flight 4
First Low Gross Brenda Benoit 92
Second Low Gross Carol Graves 101
First Low Net JoAnn Messina 66
Second Low Net Karin Radtke 76

First Low Net Susan Kim
Second Low Net Becky Holland
Third Youngja Chi
Fourth Jackie Dziekan
Fifth Helene Reed
Sixth Linda McCracken
Seventh Pat Laskowski
Eighth Bonnie Yanosy
Ninth Marti Jones
Tenth IvaLee Lawrence
Eleventh Pat Laskowski
Twelfth Kay Close

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Second Low Net Becky Holland
Third Youngja Chi
Fourth Jackie Dziekan
Fifth Helene Reed
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No. 14 Williamson
No. 16 Miner

July 5 — The Citrus Springs Men's Association played 2 best balls on par 4's and 5's and 3 best balls on par 3's.

First 133
Lycke, Colletti, Starling and Curry (blind)
Second 133
Miner, Norton, Woodworth and Balas (blind)

Closest to the Pin:
No. 4 Miner
No. 8 Curry
No. 11 Feltner
No. 14 Curry
No. 16 Williamson

July 3 — Citrus Springs Golf & Country Club played nine-hole, par-3 mixed scramble.

First 21
Sharon Kundel, Gordon Bulcock and David Flaherty
Second 24
Chris Tallard, Rick Drohan and Vaughn Rockney
Third 25
Hazel Voss, Janet Lilivik, Walt Norton and Ed Turschmann
Fourth 26*
Barb Birkholz, Nancy Hayden, Bob Birkholz and Dick Hayden

*Matching of cards to determine place
Closest to the Pin:
No. 13 women only Miss Nada
No. 15 men only Rick Drohan
No. 17 all players Gordon Bulcock

July 6 — Points Quota "Chicks with Sticks" results.

First
Amy Angeletti +4
Noreen Elliott +1
Closest to the Pin:
No. 4 Roberta Gendron
No. 8 Marge Sibley
No. 11 Sandy Brown

July 5 — Today the 7 Rivers Men's Golf Association played a "two man better ball" tournament.

First Flight
First 55
Bob Cox and Clayton Jeck
Second 56

No. 16 Carole Seifert
"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Jan at 352-344-9550 or Carole at 352-746-2082.

July 4 — Wednesday Point Quota Group results.

First
Dick Emberly 35
Jim Graham 36
Gene St. Don 36
Terry Myers 36
OTG winner Jim Graham
Golfers of any age or ability are welcome to join in for a friendly round of nine holes of competitive golf every Tuesday morning at Pine Ridge. The group alternates weekly front nine and back nine with tee time at 7:40 a.m. For information, call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800 or email new216@tampabay.rr.com.

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First +8
Chuck Curtis and Jay Hylemon
Second +4
(MOC) Total of 10 on No. 6
Jerry Walker and Wayne Brooks
Most Over Quota +5
Morris Frank
Closest to the Pin:
No. 2 Chuck Curtis
No. 4 Jay Hylemon
50/50 winner Bob Staker

July 5 — Thursday Evening Scramble results.

First 7 under
Ted Mell, Maggie Cart and Jennie Diaz
Second 5 under
Kenny McCabe, Ron Cart, Paul Roy and Frank Hyer
Third 3 under
Vaughn Thornton, John Fish and Louis DeGennaro

"Honorable Mention"
Lee Levering, Diane Levering, Bob Morlan and Helene Morlan
Closest to the Pin:
No. 2 Vaughn Thornton
No. 4 Jennie Diaz

July 7 — Saturday Morning (HDPC) Scramble results.

First
Bob Myers, L. T. Schull, Irv Rayburn and Neil Lamoreaux
Second
Frank Hughes, Dick Emberly, John Schott and Jerry Krause
Third
Kenny McCabe, Bob Staker, Russ Doring and Ruth Doring
Closest to the Pin:
Nos. 2 and 4 Bob Staker

AI Silliman and Cliff Ledbetter
Second Flight
First 52
Ted Grabowski and Barry Blood
Second 53
Mario Benigno and Don Eddy
Closest to the Pin:
No. 7 Bob Cox
No. 11 Don Eddy

July 5 — Sugarmill Woods Country Club Men's Golf played individual net flighted.

Flight 1
First Wally Wyatt 65
Second Carl Pedersen 68
Third Doug Martin 70
(Tie)
John Bradley 70

Flight 2
First Bob Chadderton 70
Second Sid Kaplowitz 71
Third Gary Osborne 76
(Tie)
Ed Skinner 76

Flight 3
First Bob Mason 64
Second Charles McCreery 67
(Tie)
Tony Corso 67

Golfers of the Week:
Low Gross Wally Wyatt 75
(Tie)
Carl Pedersen 75
Low Net Wally Wyatt 65
Low Senior Net Bob Mason 64

Closest to the Pin:
Oak No. 3 Wally Wyatt 20"
Oak No. 6 Carl Pedersen 9' 1"
Pine No. 4 John Bradley 11' 3"

July 3 — Twisted Oaks Ladies Association played red, white and yellow tees.

First Chris Hultzen 68
Second Suzanne Matthews 76
Third Lorraine Adams 65
Fourth Carol Lanzillo 78
(Tie)
Fran Quillen 78
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Golf STATISTICS

PGA Tour

Through July 8

FedExCup Regular Season Points

1, Tiger Woods, 1,951.563. 2, Jason Dufner, 1,849.300. 3, Hunter Mahan, 1,654.300. 4, Bubba Watson, 1,617.214. 5, Matt Kuchar, 1,423.150. 6, Zach Johnson, 1,419.660. 7, Webb Simpson, 1,377.900. 8, Rory McIlroy, 1,372.000. 9, Phil Mickelson, 1,312.750. 10, Carl Pettersson, 1,309.750.

Scoring Average

1, Tiger Woods, 69.08. 2, Matt Kuchar, 69.16. 3, Jim Furyk, 69.45. 4, Jason Dufner, 69.46. 5, Padraig Harrington, 69.48. 6, Rory McIlroy, 69.49. 7, Justin Rose, 69.54. 8, Lee Westwood, 69.60. 9, Bubba Watson, 69.71. 10, Zach Johnson, 69.73.

Driving Distance

1, Bubba Watson, 316.3. 2, Jamie Love-mark, 311.0. 3, Charlie Beljan, 310.5. 4, Robert Garrigus, 308.9. 5, J.B. Holmes, 308.6. 6, Kyle Stanley, 306.2. 7, Dustin Johnson, 304.9. 8, Jason Kokrak, 304.6. 9, Jason Day, 304.4. 10, Rory McIlroy, 304.2.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1, Jerry Kelly, 71.51%. 2, Graeme McDowell, 70.98%. 3, Ben Curtis, 70.48%. 4, Heath Slocum, 70.27%. 5, Jim Furyk, 69.57%. 6, John Huh, 68.91%. 7, Brian Davis, 68.45%. 8, David Toms, 68.43%. 9, Hunter Mahan, 68.34%. 10, Mark Wilson, 68.32%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage

1, Bubba Watson, 72.36%. 2, Lee Westwood, 71.63%. 3, Hunter Mahan, 70.37%. 4, Justin Rose, 70.33%. 5, John Senden, 69.81%. 6 (tie), Ben Curtis and Jason Dufner, 69.44%. 8, Greg Owen, 69.00%. 9, Martin Laird, 68.41%. 10, Tiger Woods, 67.95%.

Total Driving

1, John Rollins, 55.2. 2, Boo Weekley, 63.3. 3, Tiger Woods, 80.4. 4, Brandt Jobe, 81.5. 5, Roberto Castro, 83.6. 6, Bo Van Pelt, 84.7. 7, Hunter Mahan, 85.8. 8, Keegan Bradley, 87.9. 9, Jason Dufner, 90.10. 10, Graham DeLaet, 92.

Strokes Gained - Putting

1, Aaron Baddeley, .808. 2, Ben Curtis, .799. 3, Luke Donald, .758. 4, Brandt Snedeker, .730. 5, Zach Johnson, .709. 6, Bo Van Pelt, .691. 7, Derek Lamely, .689. 8, Bryce Molder, .681. 9, Martin Flores, .625. 10, Ryan Palmer, .619.

Birdie Average

1, Webb Simpson, 4.13. 2, Jason Dufner, 4.11. 3 (tie), Bubba Watson and Rory McIlroy, 4.08. 5, Martin Laird, 4.04. 6, Keegan Bradley, 4.00. 7, Lee Westwood, 3.93. 8 (tie), Phil Mickelson and Bo Van Pelt, 3.92. 10, John Senden, 3.91.

Eagles (Holes per)

1, Bubba Watson, 80.0. 2, Jonas Blixt, 81.0. 3, Rory McIlroy, 93.6. 4, Ben Crane, 97.2. 5, Gary Woodland, 98.0. 6, Nick Watney, 100.8. 7, Luke Donald, 102.0. 8, Garth Mulroy, 105.0. 9, Charles Howell III, 108.0. 10, Scott Piercy, 109.8.

Sand Save Percentage

1, Jonas Blixt, 65.59%. 2, Greg Chalmers, 64.17%. 3, Lee Westwood, 64.15%. 4, Martin Flores, 63.73%. 5, Brian Gay, 62.63%. 6, Aaron Baddeley, 62.50%. 7, Jim Furyk, 62.14%. 8, Chris DiMarco, 61.72%. 9, Rocco Mediate, 61.54%. 10, David Toms, 61.02%.

All-Around Ranking

1, Keegan Bradley, 212. 2, Lee Westwood, 239. 3, Jason Dufner, 247. 4, Bo Van Pelt, 258. 5, Justin Rose, 284. 6, Bubba Watson, 306. 7, Rory McIlroy, 307. 8, Matt Kuchar, 313. 9, Zach Johnson, 347. 10, Tiger Woods, 351.

Champions Tour

Through July 8

Charles Schwab Cup

1, Tom Lehman, 1,522 Points. 2, Michael Allen, 1,266. 3, Bernhard Langer, 1,115. 4, Joe Daley, 958. 5, Fred Couples, 898. 6, Mark Calcavecchia, 844. 7, John Cook, 789. 8, Brad Bryant, 763. 9, Roger Chapman, 756. 10, Kenny Perry, 719.

Scoring Average (Actual)

1, Fred Couples, 68.81. 2, Bernhard Langer, 69.09. 3, Michael Allen, 69.10. 4, Tom Lehman, 69.15. 5, Kenny Perry, 69.20. 6, Jay Haas, 69.79. 7, Mark Calcavecchia, 69.83. 8, Brad Bryant, 69.87. 9, Peter Senior, 70.05. 10, Jeff Sluman, 70.07.

Driving Distance

1, Kenny Perry, 297.7. 2, Fred Couples, 297.6. 3, John Huston, 295.8. 4, Tom Lehman, 289.8. 5, Sandy Lyle, 289.5. 6, Steve Lowery, 287.8. 7, Mark Calcavecchia, 287.3. 8, Michael Allen, 286.0. 9, Russ Cochran, 285.7. 10, Brad Bryant, 285.6.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1, Fred Funk, 78.69%. 2, Jeff Hart, 78.60%. 3, Corey Pavin, 77.55%. 4, Bernhard Langer, 77.25%. 5, Sonny Skinner, 75.95%. 6, Bob

Gilder, 75.81%. 7, John Cook, 75.54%. 8, Hale Irwin, 75.46%. 9, Mark McNulty, 75.28%. 10, Wayne Levi, 75.00%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage

1, Tom Lehman, 78.62%. 2, Fred Couples, 75.66%. 3, Kenny Perry, 75.56%. 4, Mike Goodes, 73.27%. 5, David Eger, 73.19%. 6, Dan Forsman, 73.12%. 7, Bill Glasson, 73.08%. 8, Brad Bryant, 72.81%. 9 (tie), Russ Cochran and Jeff Sluman, 72.62%.

Total Driving

1, Tom Lehman, 17.2. 2, Russ Cochran, 32.3. 3, Bernhard Langer, 34.4. 4, Joel Edwards, .36. 5, Jim Rutledge, 39.6. 6, David Eger, 43.7 (tie), John Cook and Michael Allen, 49.9. 3 tied with 52.

Putting Average

1, Bernhard Langer, 1.735. 2, Michael Allen, 1.737. 3, Corey Pavin, 1.741. 4, Mark Calcavecchia, 1.743. 5, Jay Haas, 1.746. 6, Tom Pernice Jr., 1.750. 7, David Frost, 1.752. 8, Peter Senior, 1.760. 9, Fred Couples, 1.762. 10, 2 tied with 1.765.

Birdie Average

1, Mark Calcavecchia, 4.76. 2, Fred Couples, 4.57. 3, Michael Allen, 4.54. 4, Brad Bryant, 4.32. 5, Kenny Perry, 4.30. 6, Tom Lehman, 4.21. 7, Fred Funk, 4.03. 8 (tie), Jay Haas, John Huston and Tom Pernice Jr., 4.00.

Eagles (Holes per)

1, Kenny Perry, 77.1. 2, Hal Sutton, 93.0. 3 (tie), Jay Haas and Andrew Magee, 94.5. 5, Bernhard Langer, 115.2. 6, Tom Lehman, 118.8. 7, Gary Hallberg, 120.0. 8, Russ Cochran, 126.0. 9, Eduardo Romero, 132.0. 10, 2 tied with 138.0.

Sand Save Percentage

1, Willie Wood, 60.00%. 2, David Frost, 57.69%. 3, Gary Hallberg, 56.92%. 4, Michael Allen, 56.25%. 5, Gil Morgan, 56.10%. 6, Bernhard Langer, 54.55%. 7, Sandy Lyle, 54.29%. 8, Vicente Fernandez, 54.17%. 9, Peter Senior, 53.85%. 10, Tom Pernice Jr., 53.33%.

All-Around Ranking

1, Bernhard Langer, 72.2. 2, Tom Lehman, 90.3. 3, Michael Allen, 95.4. 4, Mark Calcavecchia, 112.5. 5, Kenny Perry, 118.6. 6, Jay Haas, 120.7. 7, Russ Cochran, 133.8. 8, Mike Goodes, 149.9. 9, Brad Bryant, 167.10. 10, Jeff Sluman, 174.

LPGA Tour

Through July 8

Scoring

1, Ai Miyazato, 70.35. 2, Na Yeon Choi, 70.53. 3, Shanshan Feng, 70.60. 4, Stacy Lewis, 70.60. 5, Jiyai Shin, 70.68. 6, Yani Tseng, 70.90. 7, So Yeon Ryu, 70.98. 8, Amy Yang, 71.00. 9, Suzann Pettersen, 71.08. 10, 2 tied with 71.23.

Driving Distance

1, Maude-Aimee LeBlanc, 282.0. 2, Brittany Lincicome, 278.0. 3, Lexi Thompson, 274.0. 4, Vicky Hurst, 273.0. 5, Yani Tseng, 271.0. 6, Gerina Pillier, 270.0. 7, Karin Sjodin, 269.0. 8, Michelle Wie, 268.0. 9, Maria Hjorth, 267.0. 10, Sydnee Michaels, 267.0.

Greens in Regulation Pct.

1 (tie), Karin Sjodin and Sun Young Yoo, 75.00%. 3, Paula Creamer, 73.50%. 4, Stacy Lewis, 73.30%. 5, Lexi Thompson, 72.90%. 6, Suzann Pettersen, 72.50%. 7, Azahara Munoz, 72.10%. 8, Na Yeon Choi, 71.80%. 9, Shanshan Feng, 71.40%. 10, Karrie Webb, 70.70%.

Putting Average

1, Inbee Park, 1.735. 2, Jin Young Pak, 1.747. 3, Stacy Lewis, 1.750. 4, So Yeon Ryu, 1.761. 5, Yani Tseng, 1.764. 6, Na Yeon Choi, 1.768. 7, M.J. Hur, 1.772. 8, Ai Miyazato, 1.776. 9, Se Ri Pak, 1.779. 10, Taylor Coutu, 1.785.

Birdie Average

1, Stacy Lewis, 4.02. 2 (tie), Suzann Pettersen and So Yeon Ryu, 3.62. 4, Yani Tseng, 4.17. 5, Na Yeon Choi, 3.71. 6, Hee Young Park, 3.64. 7, Lexi Thompson, 3.71. 8, Inbee Park, 3.68. 9, Anna Nordqvist, 3.22. 10, Sun Young Yoo, 3.33.

Eagle Average

1, Jodi Ewart, 0.18. 2 (tie), Na Yeon Choi, Tiffany Joh, Paula Creamer, Pornanong Phatlum and Stacy Lewis, 0.11. 7, 9 tied with 0.09.

Sand Save Percentage

1, Jiyai Shin, 65.00%. 2, Hee Kyung Seo, 63.64%. 3 (tie), Leta Lindley and Sun Young Yoo, 61.54%. 5, M.J. Hur, 58.82%. 6, Nicole Castrale, 58.62%. 7, Danah Bordner, 58.33%. 8, Morgan Pressel, 57.69%. 9, Ai Miyazato, 57.58%. 10, Paula Creamer, 57.50%.

Rounds Under Par

1, Ai Miyazato, .700. 2, Jiyai Shin, .679. 3, Shanshan Feng, .667. 4, Suzann Pettersen, .640. 5, Stacy Lewis, .625. 6, So Yeon Ryu, .609. 7, Na Yeon Choi, .578. 8, Yani Tseng, .537. 9, Cristie Kerr, .533. 10, 2 tied with .523.

Allmendinger: I didn't knowingly take drug



Associated Press

Driver AJ Allmendinger helps push his car on pit row Friday during qualifying for a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach.

Could be required to undergo rehab; substance still not identified

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Eager to resolve his suspension for a failed drug test, AJ Allmendinger said Tuesday that he has formally asked NASCAR to test his second urine sample and insisted that he would never “knowingly” take a prohibited substance.

Allmendinger was informed hours before Saturday night's race at Daytona he had failed a random June 29 drug test. NASCAR does not disclose what substance was found, and Allmendinger and Penske Racing have not revealed details.

In his first statement since the suspension, Allmendinger confirmed Tuesday that he has requested his “B” sample be tested and is following the steps listed in the 2012 rule book regarding the drug testing policy.

“I fully respect NASCAR's drug usage policy and the reasons they have it. I am hoping this can get resolved as quickly as possible so that I can get back to driving the No. 22 Penske Racing Dodge,” he said. “I am sorry that this has caused such a distraction for my Penske Racing team, our sponsors and fans. Obviously I would never do anything to jeopardize my opportunity here at Penske Racing or to my fellow drivers. I am very conscious about my training and health and would never knowingly take a prohibited drug.”

Team owner Roger Penske indicated he's supporting Allmendinger.

“I'm more concerned about the individual than I am the circumstance,” Penske said on NASCAR's Sirius XM Radio channel. “Long-term, one way or the other, he's a fighter, he's a good race driver and I'm sure he'll be fine. This is a speed bump that neither one of us had contemplated, and we have to deal with it professionally.”

The 30-year-old driver was tested at Kentucky Speedway and informed eight days later by

Army to drop NASCAR sponsorship

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The U.S. Army will not return to Stewart-Haas Racing next season, effectively ending its sponsorship in NASCAR altogether after a decade.

SHR said Tuesday it is pursuing a new sponsor.

“The U.S. Army has been a great partner of Stewart-Haas Racing since the team's inception,” said Brett Froot, executive vice president of SHR. “It has been a mutually beneficial relationship, with the U.S. Army introducing training regimens that improved our pit crews while instilling the mental, physical and emotional strength of the U.S. Army Soldier in all of us.”

The Army has been in NASCAR for 10 seasons, and at one point was a primary sponsor. It moved to SHR to sponsor Ryan Newman in 2009 when the team was formed.

“The sport, our drivers and the passionate NASCAR fans embraced the Army's participation and created a tremendous opportunity for Americans to learn more about the profession of the Army Strong Soldier,” Army marketer John Myers said in a statement.

The decision to leave NASCAR comes as Rep. Betty McCollum of Minnesota and Rep. Jackson Kingston of Georgia are pushing an amendment that would

prohibit military sponsorship of sports.

McCollum lost a House vote a year ago to end military sponsorships of NASCAR, professional wrestling and fishing, but is trying again to have the approximately \$80 million in sponsorship cut from the defense budget.

McCollum applauded the Army's decision to pull out of NASCAR.

“The Army made the right move to eliminate a wasteful program and protect taxpayer dollars — which has been my goal all along,” she said. “Congress is facing a very difficult budget environment, and I want taxpayer dollars protected, even at the Pentagon.”

“I will continue to work to save taxpayer dollars by ending all of the Pentagon's multi-million dollar professional sports sponsorships of motor racing, bass fishing and ultimate fishing.”

It's not clear how the Army's decision will affect SHR, which currently fields two full-time teams — one for three-time NASCAR champion and team co-owner Tony Stewart, and one for Newman. The plan was to expand to three teams next season with Danica Patrick, who is running 10 Sprint Cup Series races this year for SHR.

Although Stewart has said he wants to bring Newman back next year, the driver is in the final year of his contract and the sponsorship loss will likely slow contract extension talks.

FRINGE

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there's still two hours to practice or play nine holes. Unfortunately, it's hard on the wife and kid. But you've got to keep your dreams alive.”

He remembers the conversation with his wife after earning his card.

“Two things can happen,” he said. “We can make some money. Or we can go broke. And we've been there before.”

Lucinda caddies for him in the summer until she has to go back to her day job teaching children with autism, and working two nights a week at Texas A&M where she is an instructor on how to teach children with disabilities.

The only time Thelen ever traveled in his previous job was to Ireland and Wales for the PGA Cup, a Ryder Cup for club pros. That was as part of a team. Now, he and his wife have learned to book hotel rooms on the Internet, figuring out which rooms are close to the golf course and whether they need a rental car. With one TV channel in their hotel room in Switzerland, they wound up watching “Jaws” in German.

There was the time Thelen woke up in the middle of the night in France upon hearing his door open, only to see an elderly man standing there. “I'm speaking English at him, he's speaking French at me and we're getting nowhere,” he said. The man presumably was given the wrong room key. A friend who came over

to caddie for him in Portugal had dry skin. They went to buy lotion and, not being able to read the label in Portuguese, bought liquid soap.

“After three days, he looked like a lizard,” Thelen said.

On the golf course, it's the same game he started playing at age 6 growing up in Minnesota. Winning feels the same in Switzerland as it did at the Club Pro Championship. The difference was looking up at the leaderboard and seeing his name alongside guys like Langer and Woosnam.

“I look up at the board at the Club Pro Championship, I know most of those guys. I have dinner with them. I knew after so many years that I could win out there,” he said. “But in my second year on the European Senior Tour, getting to play golf with guys I grew up watching ... I didn't know if I could win.”

With back-to-back wins, Thelen now has made \$144,711 this year and is second on the Order of Merit behind Senior PGA champion Roger Chapman. He wants to try Q-school on the Champions Tour in America this year. The prize money is higher. The travel is easier.

Whatever happens, he knows he has a tour to call home, even if it's thousands of miles away.

“I've had the opportunity to see the world and different cultures,” Thelen said. “I've loved golf since I started playing at 6 years old. This is a dream, something I've always wanted to do.”



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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Matthew Price and RHP Brandon Kline on minor league contracts.
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with C Sammy Ayala on a minor league contract and assigned him to Bristol (Appalachian).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Thomas White and RHP Benny Suarez on minor league contracts.
 NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned OF Robert Refsnyder to Charleston (SAL).
National League
 MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned OF Cody Kessler to Jamestown (NYP).
American Association
 EL PASO DIABLOS — Released RHP Edgar Garcia. Signed RHP Justin Harper.
 GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS — Signed RHP Steven Matre.
Can-Am League
 WORCESTER TORNADES — Released LHP Zach Zuercher.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 DETROIT PISTONS — Named Kenny Jimenez entertainment manager for game entertainment performance teams.
 MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed F John Henson to a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
 WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Jeremy McGee.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed F Krys Barch.
 OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed D Tyler Eckerford to a two-year, two-way contract.
 PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed assistant to the general manager/goaltender coach Sean Burke to a multi-year contract extension.
 ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed RW Jamie Langenbrunner to a one-year contract. Traded RW B.J. Crombeen and a 2014 fifth-round draft pick to Tampa Bay for 2013 and 2014 fourth-round draft picks.
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed RW Teddy Purcell to a three-year contract extension through the 2015-16 season.

ECHL
 ECHL — Named Scott Frasnelly director of business growth and development.

LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
 BUFFALO BANDITS — Announced Darris Kilgour is no longer general manager but will be retained as coach. Declined to renew the contract of associate general manager Derek Graham.

MOTORSPORTS
 INDYCAR — Fined A.J. Foyt Racing \$15,000 and docked it 10 points for an illegal fuel cell in Mike Conway's car at Toronto on Sunday.
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 Expectations were great when Maradona arrived in Dubai on a two-year deal in May 2011. He was popular with fans and helped put United Arab Emirates football on the map, but his team finished eighth in the 12-team league and failed to either qualify for next season's Asian Champions League nor win any domestic titles.
 — From wire reports

MLB LEADERS

AL

BATTING—Trout, Los Angeles, .341; AJackson, Detroit, .332; Konerko, Chicago, .329; Mauer, Minnesota, .326; Beltre, Texas, .326; McCabrera, Detroit, .324; Rios, Chicago, .318.

RUNS—Kinsler, Texas, 63; Ortiz, Boston, 62; Granderson, New York, 61; Bautista, Toronto, 59; De Aza, Chicago, 59; Cano, New York, 57; Choo, Cleveland, 57; Trout, Los Angeles, 57.

RBI—Hamilton, Texas, 75; McCabrera, Detroit, 71; Bautista, Toronto, 65; Fielder, Detroit, 63; Adunn, Chicago, 61; Willingham, Minnesota, 60; Encarnacion, Toronto, 58.

HITS—McCabrera, Detroit, 111; Jeter, New York, 111; Beltre, Texas, 104; Cano, New York, 104; Kinsler, Texas, 101; Rios, Chicago, 101; AdJones, Baltimore, 98.

DOUBLES—AdGonzalez, Boston, 27; Agordon, Kansas City, 27; McCabrera, Detroit, 26; Cano, New York, 26; Choo, Cleveland, 26; Kinsler, Texas, 26; Ortiz, Boston, 25.

TRIPLES—Andrus, Texas, 5; Berry, Detroit, 5; AJackson, Detroit, 5; Rios, Chicago, 5; JWeeks, Oakland, 5; De Aza, Chicago, 4; Reddick, Oakland, 4; Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 4.

HOME RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 27; Hamilton, Texas, 27; Adunn, Chicago, 25; Encarnacion, Toronto, 23; Granderson, New York, 23; Ortiz, Boston, 22; Trumbo, Los Angeles, 22.

STOLEN BASES—Trout, Los Angeles, 26; RDavis, Toronto, 23; Kipnis, Cleveland, 20; Revere, Minnesota, 18; Andrus, Texas, 16; Crisp, Oakland, 16; 6 tied at 15.

PITCHING—MHarrison, Texas, 11-4; Price, Tampa Bay, 11-4; Weaver, Los Angeles, 10-1; Sale, Chicago, 10-2; Nova, New York, 10-3; Darvish, Texas, 10-5; 5 tied at 9.

STRIKEOUTS—FHernandez, Seattle, 128; Verlander, Detroit, 128; Scherzer, Detroit, 121; Darvish, Texas, 117; Shields, Tampa Bay, 109; Peavy, Chicago, 108; Price, Tampa Bay, 105; Sabathia, New York, 105.

SAVES—JJohnson, Baltimore, 26; Rodney, Tampa Bay, 25; CPerez, Cleveland, 24; Broxton, Kansas City, 21; RSoriano, New York, 20; Aceves, Boston, 19; Nathan, Texas, 18.

NL

BATTING—McCutchen, Pittsburgh, .362; McCabrera, San Francisco, .353; DWright, New York, .351; Ruiz, Philadelphia, .350; Votto, Cincinnati, .348; CGonzalez, Colorado, .330; Prado, Atlanta, .321.

RUNS—CGonzalez, Colorado, 61; Bourn, Atlanta, 60; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 58; Pence, Philadelphia, 58; Braun, Milwaukee, 56; Holliday, St. Louis, 56; DWright, New York, 56.

RBI—Beltran, St. Louis, 65; Braun, Milwaukee, 61; Kubel, Arizona, 60; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 60; DWright, New York, 59; CGonzalez, Colorado, 58; Bruce, Cincinnati, 56; Holliday, St. Louis, 56.

HITS—McCabrera, San Francisco, 119; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 112; Bourn, Atlanta, 111; DWright, New York, 106; CGonzalez, Colorado, 104; Prado, Atlanta, 104; Holliday, St. Louis, 104.

DOUBLES—Votto, Cincinnati, 35; Ramirez, Milwaukee, 27; DWright, New York, 27; Cuddyer, Colorado, 25; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 25; Desmond, Washington, 24; Hart, Milwaukee, 24.

TRIPLES—Fowler, Colorado, 9; McCabrera, San Francisco, 7; SCastro, Chicago, 7; Bourn, Atlanta, 6; Reyes, Miami, 6; 8 tied at 5.

HOME RUNS—Braun, Milwaukee, 24; Beltran, St. Louis, 20; Stanton, Miami, 19; Bruce, Cincinnati, 18; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 18; Desmond, Washington, 17; CGonzalez, Colorado, 17.

STOLEN BASES—DGordon, Los Angeles, 30; Bourn, Atlanta, 25; Campana, Chicago, 25; Bonifacio, Miami, 20; Pierre, Philadelphia, 20; Reyes, Miami, 20; Schafer, Houston, 20.

PITCHING—Dickey, New York, 12-1; GGonzalez, Washington, 12-3; Lynn, St. Louis, 11-4; AJBurnett, Pittsburgh, 10-2; Hamels, Philadelphia, 10-4; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 10-5; Cueto, Cincinnati, 10-5; Hanson, Atlanta, 10-5.

STRIKEOUTS—Strasburg, Washington, 128; Dickey, New York, 123; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 119; GGonzalez, Washington, 118; Hamels, Philadelphia, 118; McCain, San Francisco, 118; Greinke, Milwaukee, 111.

SAVES—Kimbrel, Atlanta, 25; Hanrahan, Pittsburgh, 23; SCastilla, San Francisco, 21; Motte, St. Louis, 20; HBell, Miami, 19; FFrancisco, New York, 18; Papelbon, Philadelphia, 18; Myers, Houston, 18.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| East Division | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB | WC | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
| New York | 52 | 33 | .612 | — | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 25-16 | 27-17 |
| Baltimore | 45 | 40 | .529 | 7 | — | 4-6 | L-2 | 22-20 | 23-20 |
| Tampa Bay | 45 | 41 | .523 | 7½ | ½ | 5-5 | W-1 | 24-19 | 21-22 |
| Boston | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9½ | 2½ | 3-7 | L-1 | 22-24 | 21-19 |
| Toronto | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9½ | 2½ | 5-5 | W-1 | 23-19 | 20-24 |

| Central Division | | | | | | | | | |
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| | W | L | Pct | GB | WC | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
| Chicago | 47 | 38 | .553 | — | — | 7-3 | L-1 | 24-22 | 23-16 |
| Cleveland | 44 | 41 | .518 | 3 | 1 | 6-4 | L-1 | 24-21 | 20-20 |
| Detroit | 44 | 42 | .512 | 3½ | 1½ | 7-3 | W-5 | 22-20 | 22-22 |
| Kansas City | 37 | 47 | .440 | 9½ | 7½ | 2-8 | L-3 | 14-23 | 23-24 |
| Minnesota | 36 | 49 | .424 | 11 | 9 | 6-4 | L-2 | 17-25 | 19-24 |

| West Division | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB | WC | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
| Texas | 52 | 34 | .605 | — | — | 5-5 | W-2 | 29-16 | 23-18 |
| L. Angeles | 48 | 38 | .558 | 4 | — | 5-5 | W-2 | 25-18 | 23-20 |
| Oakland | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 | 2½ | 6-4 | W-1 | 24-20 | 19-23 |
| Seattle | 36 | 51 | .414 | 16½ | 10 | 4-6 | L-1 | 16-25 | 20-26 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| East Division | | | | | | | | | |
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| | W | L | Pct | GB | WC | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
| Wash. | 49 | 34 | .590 | — | — | 6-4 | L-1 | 24-16 | 25-18 |
| Atlanta | 46 | 39 | .541 | 4 | — | 6-4 | W-4 | 20-22 | 26-17 |
| New York | 46 | 40 | .535 | 4½ | ½ | 6-4 | L-1 | 26-20 | 20-20 |
| Miami | 41 | 44 | .482 | 9 | 5 | 6-4 | L-2 | 22-22 | 19-22 |
| Philly | 37 | 50 | .425 | 14 | 10 | 1-9 | L-4 | 17-27 | 20-23 |

| Central Division | | | | | | | | | |
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| | W | L | Pct | GB | WC | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
| Pittsburgh | 48 | 37 | .565 | — | — | 8-2 | W-2 | 29-14 | 19-23 |
| Cincinnati | 47 | 38 | .553 | 1 | — | 6-4 | W-3 | 23-16 | 24-20 |
| St. Louis | 46 | 40 | .535 | 2½ | ½ | 6-4 | W-2 | 23-20 | 23-20 |
| Milwaukee | 40 | 45 | .471 | 8 | 6 | 6-4 | W-1 | 22-21 | 18-24 |
| Chicago | 33 | 52 | .388 | 15 | 13 | 7-3 | W-1 | 19-20 | 14-32 |
| Houston | 33 | 53 | .384 | 15½ | 13½ | 1-9 | L-1 | 24-21 | 9-32 |

| West Division | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB | WC | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
| L. Angeles | 47 | 40 | .540 | — | — | 4-6 | L-3 | 27-16 | 20-24 |
| San Fran. | 46 | 40 | .535 | ½ | ½ | 3-7 | L-2 | 26-16 | 20-24 |
| Arizona | 42 | 43 | .494 | 4 | 4 | 4-6 | W-3 | 23-21 | 19-22 |
| San Diego | 34 | 53 | .391 | 13 | 13 | 6-4 | L-3 | 17-27 | 17-26 |
| Colorado | 33 | 52 | .388 | 13 | 13 | 4-6 | W-1 | 18-25 | 15-27 |

'It's like finding the Mona Lisa in the attic'

Baseball cards found in house worth millions

Associated Press

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Karl Kissner picked up a soot-covered cardboard box that had been under a wooden dollhouse in his grandfather's attic. Taking a look inside, he saw hundreds of baseball cards bundled with twine. They were smaller than the ones he was used to seeing.

But some of the names were familiar: Hall of Famers Ty Cobb, Cy Young and Honus Wagner.

Then he put the box on a dresser and went back to digging through the attic.

It wasn't until two weeks later that he learned that his family had come across what experts say is one of the biggest, most exciting finds in the history of sports card collecting, a discovery worth perhaps millions.

The cards are from an extremely rare series issued around 1910. Up to now, the few known to exist were in so-so condition at best, with faded images and worn edges. But the ones from the attic in the town of Defiance are nearly pristine, untouched for more than a century. The colors are vibrant, the borders crisp and white.

"It's like finding the Mona Lisa in the attic," Kissner said.

Sports card experts who authenticated the find say they may never again see something this impressive.

"Every future find will ultimately be compared to this," said Joe Orlando, president of Professional Sports Authenticator.

The best of the bunch — 37 cards — are expected to bring a total of \$500,000 when they are sold at auction in August during the National Sports Collectors Convention in Baltimore. There are about 700 cards in all that could be worth up to \$3 million, experts say.

Kissner and his family say the



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This photo provided by Heritage Auctions of Dallas shows a 1910 E98 Ty Cobb baseball card, found in the attic of a house in Defiance, Ohio with about 700 others. The best of the bunch — 37 cards — are expected to bring a total of \$500,000 when they are sold at auction in August.

cards belonged to their grandfather, Carl Hench, who died in the 1940s. Hench ran a meat market in Defiance, and the family suspects he got them as a promotional item from a candy company that distributed them with caramels. They think he gave some away and kept others.

After Hench and his wife died, two of his daughters lived in the house. Jean Hench kept the house until she died last October, leaving everything inside to her 20 nieces and nephews. Kissner, 51, is the youngest and was put in charge of the estate. His aunt was a pack rat, and the house was filled with three generations of stuff.

They found calendars from the meat market, turn-of-the-century dresses, a steamer trunk from Germany and a dresser with Grandma's

clothes neatly folded in the drawers.

Months went by before they even got to the attic. On Feb. 29, Kissner's cousin Karla Hench pulled out the dirty green box with metal clips at the corners and lifted the lid.

Not knowing whether the cards were valuable, the two cousins put the box aside. But Kissner decided to do a little research. The cards were at his office in the restaurant he owns when he realized they might have something. He immediately put them in a bank vault.

Still not knowing whether the cards were real, they sent eight to expert Peter Calderon at Heritage Auctions in Dallas.

Calderon said his first words were "Oh, my God."

"I was in complete awe," he said. "You just don't see them this nice."

The cards are from what is known as the E98 series. It is not clear who manufactured them or how many were produced, but the series consists of 30 players, half of them Hall of Famers.

The experts at Heritage Auctions checked out the family's background, the age of the home and the history of the meat market. They looked at the cards and how they were printed.

"Everything lines up," said Chris Ivy, the company's director of sports auctions.

They then sent all the cards to Professional Sports Authenticator, which had previously authenticated fewer than 700 E98s. The Ohio cards were the finest examples from the E98 series the company had ever seen.

The company grades cards on a 1-to-10 scale based of their condition. Up to now, the highest grade it had ever given a Ty Cobb card from the E98 series was a 7. Sixteen Cobbs found in the Ohio attic were graded a 9 — almost perfect. A Honus Wagner was judged a 10, a first for the series.

Heritage Auctions plans to sell most of the Ohio cards over the next two of three years through auctions and private sales so that it doesn't flood the market. In all, they could bring \$2 million or \$3 million, Ivy said.

This day in baseball

July 11

1914 — Babe Ruth made his major league debut for the Boston Red Sox, getting the win in a 4-3 victory over Cleveland. He was removed for a pinch hitter in the seventh, and Duffy Lewis' single led to the winning run.

1944 — Phil Cavaretta set an All-Star game record by reaching base safely five straight times — triple, single, three walks — to lead the NL to a 7-1 victory over the AL at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh.

1950 — The All-Star game returned to Comiskey Park, the site of the first game, and was won by the NL 4-3 on Red Schoendienst's 14th-inning home run off Ted Gray. It was the first extra-inning All-Star game, the first time the NL won at an AL park and the first All-Star game shown on network television.

1961 — Despite a record seven errors and pitcher Stu Miller getting blown off the Candlestick Park mound by a gale wind, the NL edged the AL 5-4 in the first of two All-Star games played that year.

1967 — Tony Perez's home run off Catfish Hunter in the 15th inning gave the NL a 2-1 win in the longest game in All-Star history. The game was played in California's Anaheim Stadium.

1973 — Jim Northrup of Detroit knocked in eight runs, batting in the leadoff spot, to lead the Tigers to a 14-2 romp over the Texas Rangers.

1978 — Steve Garvey keyed the NL's 7-3 All-Star victory at San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium with a game-tying, two-run single and a triple that sparked a four-run eighth inning.

1985 — Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros became the first pitcher in major league history to reach the 4,000-strikeout mark when he fanned New York's Danny Heep leading off the sixth inning. The Astros beat the Mets 4-3 in 12 innings on Bill Doran's fifth hit of the game.

1995 — Jeff Conine's solo shot in the eighth inning gave the NL a 3-2 victory in the All-Star game. Craig Biggio and Mike Piazza also homered for the NL.

2000 — Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored as the AL defeated the NL 6-3 in the All-Star game. Jeter became the first Yankee to win the All-Star game MVP.

2006 — With the American League down to its final strike, Michael Young hit a two-run triple off Trevor Hoffman for a 3-2 victory that kept the Americans unbeaten in the All-Star game for the past decade. The NL took a 2-1 lead into the ninth behind David Wright's homer and some daring, old-style baserunning.

2008 — Chris Volstad became the sixth pitcher since 1971 to get a victory as a starter and a reliever in his first two big league appearances when he came within one out of a shutout in a 3-1 win over the Dodgers. Volstad was making his first career start, after throwing two innings of scoreless relief at Colorado on July 6.

2009 — Nick Johnson, Josh Willingham and Adam Dunn homered in consecutive at-bats and the Nationals set season highs for hits and runs in a 13-2 win at Houston.

Today's birthday: Javier Lopez, 35.

Baseball calendar

July 13 — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.

July 22 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.

July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.

Aug 15-16 — Owners' meetings, Denver.

Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.

Oct. 5 — Postseason begins, wild-card playoffs.

Oct. 7 — Division series begin.

Oct. 13 — League championship series begin.

Oct. 24 — World Series begins.

November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.

November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.

Nov. 7-9 — General managers meetings, Indian Wells, Calif.

Dec. 2 — Last day for teams to offer 2013 contracts to unsigned players.

Dec. 3-6 — Winter meetings, Nashville, Tenn.

Finals pain remains for Durant with James around

LAS VEGAS — Kevin Durant can't hide from the hurt this summer.

LeBron James is right there every time he steps on the basketball court now. The NBA Finals ended in Miami only about three weeks ago, with James' victory celebration interrupted only briefly to embrace his opponent in a consoling hug.

Durant admits it bothers him coming to the gym and seeing James every day.

"It does. It does, but what can I do?" Durant said Tuesday. "He's my teammate now. I'm a team player. I can't let that affect this. This is bigger than that. It's tough to lose in the finals and play the guy you've been going up against for five games who beat you. So me, I'm just going to get over it, still be a great teammate, come out and play hard."

Kobe Bryant was in Durant's shoes four years ago, having to shake off the disappointment of a finals loss to the Boston Celtics and get back out on the court for the Olympics. He said it's normal to not want to play for a few days, but figures Durant has had enough time to get over it by now.

"But then again, I wasn't playing on the Olympic team with, you know, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce and Garnett," Bryant said. "He's got to look at LeBron every day. I didn't have to do that. So I don't know if I could do that. I'd probably be trying to destroy him every single day in practice to try to, I don't know, take a little of the edge off maybe."

James and Durant are actually friends, James inviting

Olympics BRIEFS

Durant to work out with him last summer in Ohio. That wouldn't make much difference to Bryant, one of the NBA's fiercest competitors.

"Being the friends thing, I mean that's fine," Bryant said. "Once you start playing, I'd really, I'd have to go after him. There's just no way."

Bannister carries Olympic torch on fabled track

OXFORD, England — Roger Bannister returned to the track where he broke the 4-minute barrier for the mile 58 years ago, walking slowly but smiling broadly as he carried the Olympic torch across the finish line Tuesday just 17 days before the start of the London Games.

The 83-year-old Bannister walked 30 yards along the track, holding the Olympic torch aloft in his left hand as hundreds cheered for a man who is an embodiment of sporting achievement in Britain.

"In a way, I'm back in the sport that I belong to," he said. "I spent 10 years training before I broke the 4-minute mile."

Bannister — who shattered an ankle in a car accident in 1975 and didn't run again — put his walking cane aside and leaned on a young man to descend three stairs from the podium where the Olympic torch was lit to start the day's relay.

He walked down the track before handing the torch to Oxford doctoral student Nicola Byrom, who ran a full lap wearing the white torchbearer uniform.

Bannister declined to wear the uniform, fueling speculation that the Oxford-educated neurologist may put on the outfit to light the cauldron at the

opening ceremony in London on July 27.

Bannister is among those considered a candidate to light the cauldron.

He refused to speculate, saying he was fully focused on Tuesday's torch relay event.

Bannister said he felt "right at home" on the track where he ran the mile in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds on May 6, 1954. The Iffley Road track is now called the Roger Bannister track.

"It's an honor to be included in a list of torch carriers, which has included injured soldiers back from Afghanistan and other places," Bannister said.

The strong winds on a chilly, rainy Tuesday reminded him of that historic day when "the weather was so bad that I nearly decided not to attempt it."

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Spotlight on PEOPLE



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Alicia Keys, left, and Oprah Winfrey smile during a taping of "Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular," on May 17, 2011, in Chicago.

Keys' nonprofit to honor Winfrey

NEW YORK — **Oprah Winfrey** is getting a tribute from **Alicia Keys**.

Keys announced Tuesday her organization, **Keep a Child Alive**, will honor Winfrey at its Black Ball event Nov. 1.

Key says in a statement the media mogul is "a personal inspiration to me because her philanthropic work truly comes from the heart."

Winfrey's humanitarian efforts include building schools in South Africa.

Keep a Child Alive was founded in 2003. It assists those affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa and India. Keys said this year's Black Ball will pay "special tribute to the empowerment of women — the heartbeat, soul, and backbone of the AIDS movement."

Stewart to stay at company five years

NEW YORK — **Martha Stewart** will stay at the company she founded, **Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc.**, as chairman and will be its chief creative officer through June 2017.

The lifestyle, media and merchandising company also said Tuesday that **Lisa Gersh** is the new CEO. Gersh had been named president and chief operating officer in May 2011 with the expectation she would assume the CEO role.

Charles Koppelman, the former chairman of the board, had served as CEO during a series of management changes. Stewart took over as non-executive chairman in May.

Spike Lee works on Jackson doc

NEW YORK — **Spike Lee** worked with **Michael Jackson** and considered



Spike Lee

him a friend, but the director said even he learned a lot combing through footage of the icon for a planned documentary about the singer's "Bad" album.

"We have footage in this documentary that no one's ever seen, stuff that Michael shot himself, behind-the-scenes stuff," he said in an interview Monday. "We had complete access to the vaults of Michael Jackson. ... He wrote 60 demos for the 'Bad' record. Only 11 made it. So we got to hear a lot of that stuff, too, so it was just a great experience."

—From wire reports

Time to retire



O'Toole, 80, to step away from acting after 50 years

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Peter O'Toole is retiring from show business, saying he no longer has the heart for it and it's time to "chuck in the sponge."

O'Toole, who turns 80 on Aug. 2, said in a statement Tuesday his career on stage and screen fulfilled him emotionally and financially, bringing "me together with fine people, good companions with whom I've shared the inevitable lot of all actors: flops and hits."

"However, it's my belief that one should decide for oneself when it is time to end one's stay," he said. "So I bid the profession a dry-eyed and profoundly grateful farewell."

In retirement, O'Toole said he will focus on the third volume of his memoirs.

An eight-time Academy Award nominee who never won Hollywood's top acting honor, O'Toole shot to screen stardom 50 years ago in the title role of "Lawrence of Arabia," which earned seven Oscars, including best picture and director for David Lean.

O'Toole's grand performance as British adventurer T.E. Lawrence brought him his first best-actor nomination but set him on an unenviable path of Oscar futility. His eight losses without a win is a record among actors.

The honors stacked up quickly as O'Toole received Oscar nominations for 1964's "Becket," 1968's "The Lion in Winter," 1969's "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," 1972's "The Ruling Class," 1980's "The Stunt Man" and 1982's "My Favorite Year."

In the latter film, O'Toole played a dissolute actor preoccupied with drink and debauchery, seemingly a tailor-made role for a star known in his early years for epic carousing



Actor Peter O'Toole said after working on the stage and screen, he was retiring Tuesday. O'Toole played many roles including the title role in "Lawrence of Arabia" in 1961, top left; King Henry II of England with actress Katharine Hepburn who played Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine in "The Lion in Winter" in 1968, top right; and Simon Dermott in "How to Steal a Million Dollars and Live Happily Ever After" in 1965, bottom.

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with such fellow partiers as Richard Burton, Richard Harris and Peter Finch.

O'Toole went into acting after serving in the Royal Navy, studying at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. His early stage successes included the lead in "Hamlet" and Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice."

He was among a wily new breed of young British stage actors who soon would rise to Hollywood stardom.

"There was a group of us working-class actors, Peter O'Toole, Albert Finney, everybody, and we changed the way things were," Michael Caine said last weekend in an interview for his latest film, "The Dark Knight Rises."

Caine recalled being O'Toole's understudy in playwright Willis Hall's "The Long and the Short and the Tall," which opened in London in 1959.

"He did an incredible performance and he got 'Lawrence of Arabia,' and then I took it on tour," said

two-time Oscar winner Caine.

In 2003, at age 70, O'Toole received an honorary Oscar, often given as a consolation prize for acclaimed actors and filmmakers who never managed to win Hollywood's top award.

The honorary Oscar came 20 years after his seventh nomination, for "My Favorite Year." By then it seemed a safe bet that O'Toole's prospects for another nomination were slim. He was still working regularly, but in smaller roles unlikely to earn awards attention.

O'Toole graciously accepted the honorary award, quipping, "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride, my foot," as he clutched his Oscar statuette.

O'Toole nearly turned down the award, sending a letter asking the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences hold off on the honorary Oscar until he turned 80.

Hoping another Oscar-worthy role would come his way, O'Toole wrote: "I am still in the game and might win the bugger outright."

O'Toole was still in the game. He earned his eighth best-actor nomination for 2006's "Venus," in which he played a lecherous old actor consigned to roles as feeble-minded royals or aged men on their death beds.

"If you fail the first time, try, try, try, try, try, try, try again," O'Toole said in a statement on nominations day.

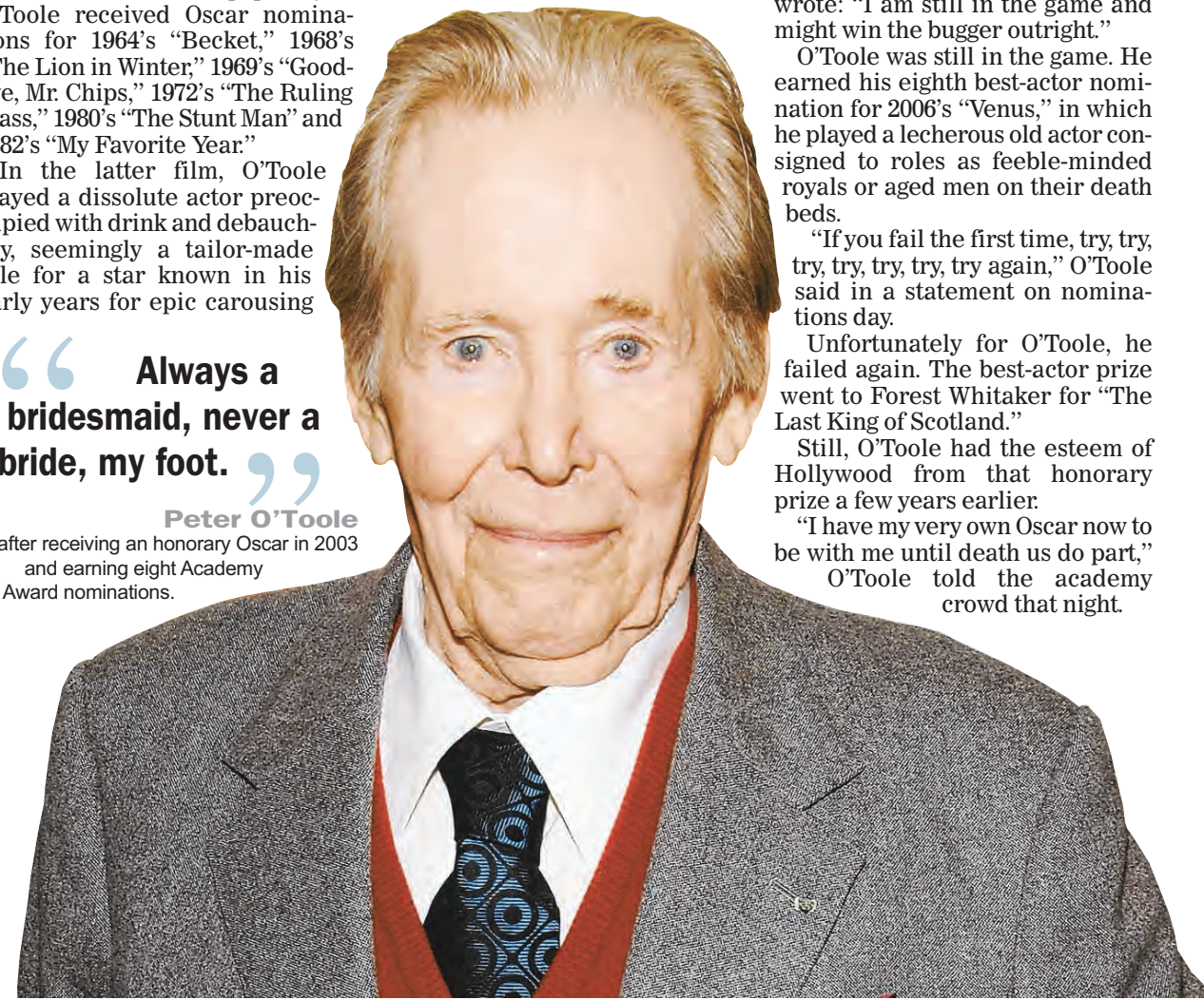
Unfortunately for O'Toole, he failed again. The best-actor prize went to Forest Whitaker for "The Last King of Scotland."

Still, O'Toole had the esteem of Hollywood from that honorary prize a few years earlier:

"I have my very own Oscar now to be with me until death us do part," O'Toole told the academy crowd that night.

“ Always a bridesmaid, never a bride, my foot. ”

Peter O'Toole after receiving an honorary Oscar in 2003 and earning eight Academy Award nominations.



Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday — In the year ahead, you could be remarkably lucky in areas that never proved fortunate in the past, yet you could also experience some disappointment in areas that were previously winners. Fortunately, the good will outweigh the bad.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Someone who is separated from you by distance but not spirit is anxiously awaiting a word from you. If you've been harboring the same feelings, do what you can to touch base.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even if it takes a few tries, now that two important objectives can be achieved if you go after them. They are interrelated, so your efforts will bring them together simultaneously.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A couple of people you've helped in the past will be supportive of your interests if and when you require assistance. Don't be reluctant to let your needs be known.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Conditions are a bit unusual and somewhat mysterious where your work or career is concerned. You'll be helped rather than hindered, even when you don't ask for assistance.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone you find to be appealing has also been rather intrigued by you. This fact might finally become known to both of you through a tantalizing set of circumstances.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you choose to use them, you have the time and ability to complete a lot of little things you've left half-finished recently. Be smart and tie up all those loose ends.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're in an extremely creative cycle at this point in time, and your ideas could have much greater value than you attach to them. It would be wise to discuss your concepts with others.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It looks like your financial

prospects are outstanding. It's one of those times when you might want to focus on making extra money.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you want to have more clout with your peers, you only have to assert yourself. You have excellent leadership qualities at present.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Someone for whom you've gone out of your way to help in the past has been looking for a way to reciprocate, and he or she just might find out a way to do so. You deserve it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Don't give up on your hopes and expectations, because they have excellent possibilities for being gratified. What you desire will be placed at your fingertips.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — An opportunity from an unsuspected source is likely to present itself, and it could help you fulfill an ambitious desire. However, it will be of a fleeting nature, so you must act fast.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

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

MONDAY, JULY 9

Fantasy 5: 15 - 21 - 23 - 27 - 29
5-of-5 3 winners \$67,540.32
4-of-5 350 \$93
3-of-5 9,430 \$9.50

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Fantasy 5: 2 - 21 - 30 - 31 - 32
5-of-5 1 winner \$179,937.33
4-of-5 224 \$129.50
3-of-5 6,892 \$11.50

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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

Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 11, the 193rd day of 2012. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On July 11, 1937, American composer and pianist **George Gershwin**, whose works included "Rhapsody in Blue," "Concerto in F," "An American in Paris," and "Porgy and Bess," died at a Los Angeles hospital of a brain tumor; he was 38.

On this date:

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1804, Vice President **Aaron Burr** mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary **Alexander Hamilton** during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

In 1859, **Big Ben**, the great bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for the first time.

In 1934, President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** became the first incumbent chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1960, the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by **Harper Lee** was first published by J.B. Lippincott and Co.

In 1972, the **World Chess Championship** opened as grandmasters **Bobby Fischer** of the United States and defending champion **Boris Spassky** of the Soviet Union began play in Reykjavik, Iceland. (Fischer won after 21 games.)

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station **Skylab** made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

Ten years ago: Lawmakers balked at moving the Coast Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency into a new Homeland Security Department despite pleas from senior Cabinet officials to stick to President **George W. Bush's** blueprint. (Both agencies did end up being included in the new department.)

Five years ago: **Lady Bird Johnson**, the former first lady who'd championed conservation and worked tenaciously for the political career of her husband, President **Lyndon Johnson**, died in Austin, Texas, at age 94.

One year ago: **Rupert Murdoch's** media empire was besieged by accusations that two more of his British newspapers engaged in hacking, deception and privacy violations.

Today's Birthdays: Actor **Tab Hunter** is 81. Actress **Sela Ward** is 56. Singer **Suzanne Vega** is 53. Rock guitarist **Richie Sambora** (Bon Jovi) is 53. Actress **Lisa Rinna** is 49. Wildlife expert **Jeff Corwin** is 45.

Thought for Today:

"Those people who think only of themselves, are hopelessly uneducated. They are not educated, no matter how instructed they may be." — **Nicholas Murray Butler**, American educator (1862-1947).

News NOTES

Bonsai enthusiasts to meet July 14

Buttonwood Bonsai Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 14, at Key Training Center, 130 Heights St., Inverness.

Darwin Mounsey will give a presentation on cypress trees; about how to make them into a bonsai tree, and care and maintenance. There will be a question-and-answer period after the presentation.

Meetings are open to the public; visitors are welcome. For more information, call President Bob Eskeitz at 352-556-4999 or Corresponding Secretary Duane Finch Sr. at 352-726-9261.

Lodge to do 'Burgers & Brats'

The Ridge Mason Lodge No. 398 in Homosassa invites everyone to "Burgers & Brats at the Blue Lodge" beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at the lodge, 5060 S. Memorial Drive.

Entertainment will be provided by Steel of the Night. On the menu are hamburgers, bratwurst, salads and desserts. Tickets, sold in advance only, are \$10.

For more information, call 352-228-7666.

Come eat with dinner club

An open invitation is extended to any resident of Citrus Hills to come and meet new people and have a culinary experience as part of the Citrus Hills Dinner Club.

The group meets at 6 p.m. the second Saturday monthly for an evening of new food experiences. From appetizers to desserts, all bases are covered. The hosts open their homes to the guests and provide the main course, while dinner guests – couples and singles – bring the accompaniments. The tables are set for a group of seven or eight. Dinner guests provide their own cocktail hour beverages.

All diners take turns hosting the rotating groups two times a year and there are themed group events.

Information sheets are available at the Citrus Hills Activity Center's main desk. Details of the season's dinners as well as contact numbers are provided. There is a \$5 per person fee to cover the dining supplies for the community dinners.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Gino



Special to the Chronicle

Gino is a friendly, darling black and white Chihuahua mix who was given up by his previous family. He is approximately 5 years old and looking for a new home. He is fully vetted and micro-chipped, and could steal your heart in no time. Adopt A Rescued Pet Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions, so can only adopt to the Citrus County area. Call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name for a return call. Visit www.adoptarescuedpet.com for other pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

Spruce it up!

Extension Service's master gardeners to look at improving yards with shrubbery

Special to the Chronicle

Do you have an area in your yard in need of a little "sprucing up"? Would a spot of color work wonders? Do you want to "plant it and forget it"?

The July Master Gardener Plant Clinic topic will be Ornamental Shrubs.

Shrubs can fit into any size area, look well as multiple plants or stand-alone specimens, attract wildlife and, once established, can be relatively maintenance free. With little effort and low cost, shrubs can transform the

appearance of your home.

The plant clinics, under the auspices of the County Extension Office, meet at various libraries throughout Citrus County.

The remaining schedule for the July free plants clinics is:

■ Wednesday, July 11: 1:30 p.m. at Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills.

■ Friday, July 13: 1:30 p.m. at Coastal Region Library, Crystal River.

■ Wednesday, July 18: 1 p.m. at Citrus Springs Library.

■ Tuesday, July 24: 2 p.m. at Homosassa Library.

Bring any questions about your landscape or samples of plant identification or problems. Master gardener volunteers will be available to address these and any other concerns you may have regarding anything related to your home landscape.

The plant clinic usually held in Floral City was not offered this month due to the Fourth of July holiday. It will return next month on the first Wednesday.

Call the Extension Service at 352-527-5700 for more information.



United Way allocation



ROCHELLE KAISER/For the Chronicle

The Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County received a \$30,000 allocation from United Way. President and CEO Amy Meek and Jennifer Barber, director of finance and operations, made the presentation to staff and summer camp participants at the Boys & Girls Club Robert Halleen Unit. Standing, from left, are: Melissa Miller, club leader; Jennifer Barber; Terri Stewart, Boys & Girls Club executive director; Amy Meek; and Chad Halleen, Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors' president.

DAR chapter in support of education



The Fort Cooper Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, celebrated Flag Day, June 14, at four libraries in Citrus County: Central Ridge, Floral City, Homosassa and Costal Region. The chapter members gave flags, flag codes, the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed and bookmarks to the attending public. The Fort Cooper Chapter had word search, word scramble and crafts and the libraries provided crayons and patriotic pictures for the children to color. Members were present at the Central Ridge Library to meet Betsy Ross and take a seat for a video presentation on flag history. Children made special snacks, patriotic crafts and learned about the flag. At the Homosassa Library, Betsy Ross sat and sewed the stars on her flag and taught children and adults how to make a perfect five-pointed star. "The Many Faces of Old Glory" by Vane Scott was shown by the Withlacoochee Chapter SAR. At the Floral City branch, the community attended a special observance honoring our nation's flag. There were speeches and celebration of the flag's history and importance. Seated, from left, are: Jean Nelson and Sue Camillo; first row, from left, are Kathe Echlin, Carolyn Ohlmeyer, Priscilla Tyson and Mary Ann Machonkin; second row, from left, are: Jimmie Barnes, Larry Sturgis, Richard Sumner and Jim Echlin.

Special to the Chronicle

Local graduates receive state DAR scholarships

Special to the Chronicle

It was with great pride that Sue Camillo, regent of the local Fort Cooper Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, received the news that two Citrus County young women received scholarships from the Florida State Society DAR.

FSSDAR Scholarship Chairman Janet Zengel Messer advised Morgan Lee Metzger and

Kimberly Daniela Hafner, both of whom were sponsored by the local Fort Cooper Chapter, have each received a \$500 scholarship for their college expenses.

Metzger received the highest ranking from the FSSDAR scholarship committee members and was awarded the 2012 Frey Scholarship. Hafner received an award funded from the FSSDAR Scholarship Fund and earlier in the year received the Fort Cooper Chapter scholarship.

Metzger is a graduate of Citrus High School and will enroll at Auburn University with a major in biochemistry. Her career goal is to become a veterinarian. Hafner graduated recently from Lecanto High School and will attend the University of Florida, where she will study pre-medicine in her plan to become a pediatrician.

The Fort Cooper Chapter is especially proud that two Citrus County recipients have been

chosen for the state awards from more than 100 chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution active throughout Florida, Camillo said, and would like to extend congratulations to the two young women for a successful college experience and career achievement.

For more information about the scholarships and Fort Cooper Chapter, call Sue Camillo at 352 382-7383 or email Prusue33@tampabay.rr.com.

HONORS

■ Benjamin Stoddard recently **graduated** from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, Calif., and is currently studying for the bar exam. He is also a graduate of Oakland Christian School, in Michigan, Lecanto High School and Stetson University, in Deland. He earned a music degree at Stetson and is on staff as Director of Music at his church in San Diego. He is the grandson of Joyce Stoddard of Homosassa.

■ Allyson Vrabel, of Crystal River, was named to the **dean's list** at Olivet Nazarene University, in Bourbonnais, Ill., for spring 2012 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

■ Crystal River Woman's Club Education Department awards two **\$1,000 scholarships** to women who wish to change their lives by increasing their education.

Applicants must reside in Citrus County. The scholarships are not for students presently enrolled in high school.

Applications may be requested by calling Jo Ann Ryan, CRWC Education Department chairman, at 352-382-1138. Applications must be completed before July 18.

■ The College of Central Florida is now awarding **dozens of scholarships** to qualifying students interested in taking honors classes at the Citrus campus this fall semester. A major component of CF's Honors Institute, the Community of Scholars Honors Program offers incoming high school graduates two-year tuition scholarships, currently valued at \$3,000 per academic year, while offering partial scholarships to those who are currently attending CF.

Students in the honors program are free to pursue the degree option of their choosing at CF, with the scholarship requirement being successful participation in a limited number of honors-level classes that also serve to fulfill degree

requirements. Students may also take classes at any of the CF locations each term, and are not bound to enrolling only in classes offered at the Citrus campus. Besides financial benefits, the Community of Scholars offers members priority registration each term.

Typically, a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 is needed to qualify for the Community of Scholars, although applications for those with a slightly lower GPA may be considered in some cases. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships should call Dr. June Hall at 352-746-6721.

CLASSES AND COURSES

For information about outdoors and recreational classes in Citrus County, see the Sunday Sports section of the Chronicle.

■ A new addition is coming for the **Adult Literacy Program** offered at Coastal Regional Library in Crystal River. During July and August, Pre-GED Math and Pre-GED Language Arts — Part I will be offered.

The library's Adult Literacy Education Program assists learners studying for and working toward their GEDs on a one-on-one tutoring basis. The library's Adult Literacy Education Program provides them with direct instruction, new skills and the self-confidence to eventually take the GED exam. In order to meet the learning demands of the community, the library system will soon be offering the group Pre-GED classes at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

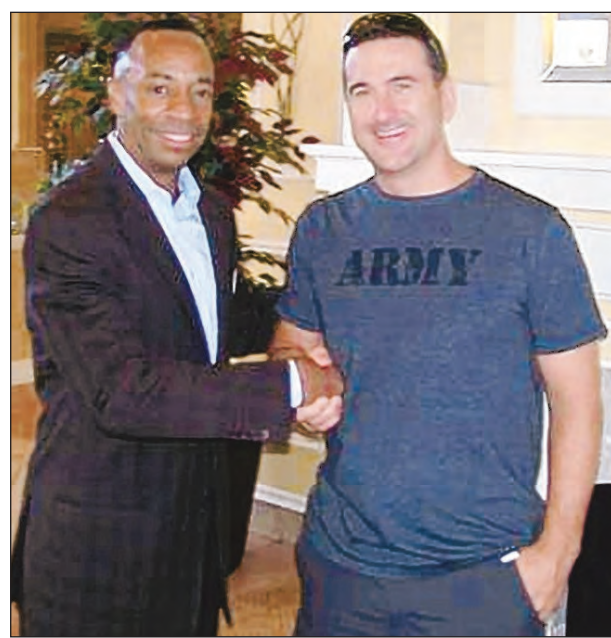
All class times will be from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Charlyn at 352-795-3716.

■ **The Art of Calligraphy** art class is offered every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Garden Shed, 2423 S. Rockcrusher Road., Homosassa. Call Louise at 352-503-7063 for more information.

■ **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** would like input from community members regarding what classes they would like to see offered at the school. To offer suggestions, log on to www.wtionline.cc, then click on "Community Education" and fill out a suggestion form.

■ The Withlacoochee

Chalk Talk



Special to the Chronicle

Odyssey Leach, general manager for the Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels' Royal Plaza Hotel (left) in Orlando, welcomes A+ for Teachers at Downtown Disney contest winner Robert Russo, of Inverness, an English teacher at Crystal River High School.

CRHS Teacher honored

Special to the Chronicle

Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels selected seven essay winners in its fourth annual contest, hosted in partnership with Walt Disney World to honor outstanding teachers who were nominated by a student. Winning essays were selected based on overall content, grammar and heart; and winners each received a five-day, four-night vacation to the Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels.

Crystal River High School teacher Robert Russo was nominated as an "A+ Teacher" by 10th

grader Shelby Mire of Homosassa, who said her teacher not only has gifted teaching skills but also does service work to desolate villages in Africa during his summer vacations.

Mire said Russo participates in church mission trips and helps raise money to make the trips possible. He also is a hero at home, according to Mire, who said her affable teacher has four children, the youngest of whom is a special needs son. Russo devotes his energy and courage to keeping his family strong, especially on their many trips to the hospital.

Technical Institute is accepting applications for **various programs and classes**. Classes start Aug. 8, unless otherwise noted.

● Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45

p.m. weekdays. The class is three sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,440; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. NCCER certification is available.

● Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing. Classes

meet at 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The class is three sessions. The cost is about \$1,560 per session; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. Program is NATEF/ASE certified.

● Automotive Service Technology I & II. Classes meet 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The class is four sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,560; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. Program is NATEF/ASE certified.

● Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts. Classes meet 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is three sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,560; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. Food preparation and serving activities are an integral part of the course. ServSafe certification is available.

● Corrections Officer. Classes meet 5 to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday for 420 hours — approximately five months. The cost is approximately \$1,300 and does not include lab fees, books and uniforms. The state certification exam fee is an additional cost. For more information, visit the website www.ccpstc.com.

● Cosmetology. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is approximately 11 months and prepares students for the licensing exam. The cost per session is about \$1,600; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. Students must attend an orientation session before the start of the program.

● Early Childhood Education. Classes meet 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The program length is 600 hours. Students receive part I and part II state-mandated child care training in order to prepare for the state competency examinations. Tuition is about \$1,600; books, supplies and lab fees are additional.

● Electricity. Classes meet 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is two sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,560; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. The program is NCCER-certified.

● Firefighter I. Classes meet two days per week from 5 until 10 p.m. and every other Saturday for 225 hours —

approximately 16 weeks. The cost is approximately \$720 and does not include books, lab fees, uniforms or bunker gear.

For more information, visit the website www.ccpstc.com

● Industrial Machinery Maintenance. Classes meet 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is three sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,560; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. The program is NCCER-certified.

● Law Enforcement Officer. Classes meet 5 to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday for 770 hours approximately 10 months. The cost is about \$2,200 and does not include lab fees, books and uniforms. The state certification exam fee is an additional cost. Financial assistance is available for qualified students. Some Saturday classes are required.

For more information, visit the website www.ccpstc.com.

● Massage Therapy. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The program length is 750 hours. Tuition is about \$1,995; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. This program is designed to prepare students for employment as Licensed Massage Therapists. Upon completion of the program graduates must take the board-approved examination to practice as massage therapists.

● Medical Administrative Specialist. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is two sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,400; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) certification is available.

● Network Systems Administration. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is two sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,400; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. This is a viable career path with multiple opportunities for advancement. Workers generally start out in support positions and then advance as they become more knowledgeable about the computer systems. There are several industry certifications offered through Microsoft, Cisco, Red Hat and CompTIA Network +.

See CHALK/Page C4

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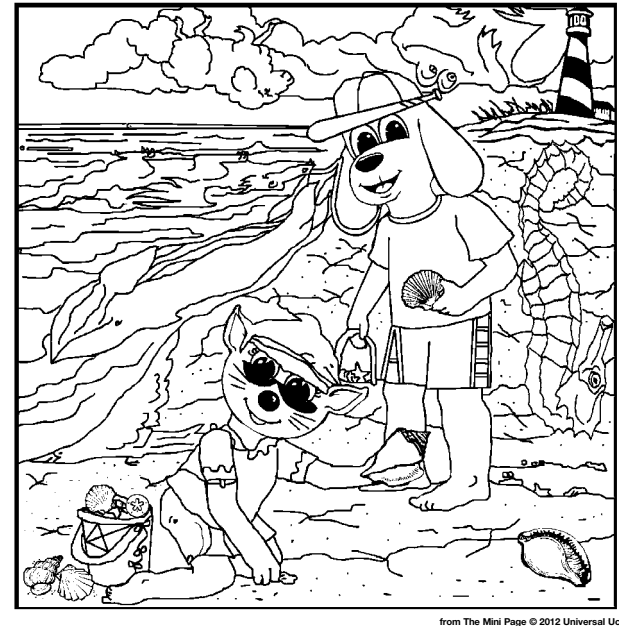
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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are hunting for seashells. See if you can find:

- exclamation mark
- dolphin
- sheep
- baseball
- bat
- kite
- whale
- frog
- letter A
- bell
- dog's face
- number 2
- dragon
- seahorse
- ladder
- flying bird



Homes From a Watery Habitat

Seashells

Have you ever hunted for seashells at the seashore? Did you know that they were once the homes of animals from a strange, watery world?

The Mini Page talked with an expert from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, to learn more about our world's beautiful seashells.

A big family

Sea animals with shells belong to a group known as **mollusks** (MAHL-usks). Mollusks also include some animals with no shells, such as the octopus.

Pre-owned homes

Some animals move into the shells of other animals after the original owner dies. Shells offer them shelter.



This longfinger hermit crab peeks out of its home, once owned by a conch.



A queen conch (kahngk) snail looks out of its shell. The beautiful pink mother-of-pearl that coats the inside of the shell is smooth and comfortable against the snail's soft body.

Protection

Shells help protect animals with soft bodies and no backbones, or **vertebrae** (VER-tuh-bray). Soft-bodied animals with no backbone are called **invertebrates** (in-VER-tuh-brits). Most animals are invertebrates.

Seashells protect invertebrate sea animals. These **marine** animals, or creatures living in the water, build shell homes and live inside them.



Home builders

Shells are made of a rock-like material, which is formed from calcium and other minerals, like our bones are. Sea animals get these minerals from the water.

Shelled marine animals have a special skin-like covering over their bodies. This is called a **mantle**. The mantle **secret**es (si-KREETS), or produces and spreads, the material for the shell all around the animal's body.

Growing the shell

Sea animals build their shells over time, layer by layer. You can tell how old a shellfish was by counting the layers spreading out over the shell, much like counting the rings of a tree.

Shellfish don't build their shells at a steady rate. They have growth spurts.

The beautiful colors on the shell vary depending on the animals' diets and how fast they are secreting the shell material.

Shellfish in warmer waters, where there is a big variety of food, will usually have many more colors than shellfish in colder waters.



Tropical cone shell

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Squash and Cheese Casserole

- You'll need:**
- 1 1/2 pounds yellow squash, sliced
 - 1 medium onion, diced
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 4 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1/2 cup low-fat milk
 - 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- What to do:**
1. Combine squash, onion, salt and sugar in a pan with enough water to cover.
 2. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes until tender.
 3. Drain the squash mixture; place in a bowl and mash.
 4. Add butter and mix well. Stir in eggs, cheddar cheese, milk and pepper.
 5. Spoon into a buttered 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.
 6. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes, until set.
- You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

Meet Julie Fowlis



Julie Fowlis is a Scottish singer whose work is featured in the Disney animated movie "Brave." She often sings in the traditional language of Scots Gaelic. She has made several CDs.

She grew up in the Outer Hebrides, a chain of islands off the west coast of Scotland. She got her college master's degree in arts and culture and the environment.

Julie worked on the music for a **documentary**, or real-life movie, about the islands of Scotland. She supports charitable causes that work to save the environment and raise awareness about global warming.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Paul Konerko



Height: 6-2 **Birthdate:** 3-5-76
Weight: 220 **Hometown:** Providence, R.I.

It's the middle of the baseball season, too soon for jumping to conclusions. But Paul Konerko has the stance, swing and swat of a batting champion.

The Chicago White Sox first baseman is in a hitting "zone." As of early June, his .371 average topped the National League and stirred thoughts of a .400 season, which no player has achieved since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941.

Konerko has put power in the Sox attack before. The five-time All-Star has belted 30 homers or more seven times in 13-plus seasons in Chicago, where he and his family are active in charitable work.

Konerko is 36, an age when many players are past their prime or retired. But the Sox captain is still swinging and leading his team in all-star style.

One Shell or Two

Single-shelled animals

Animals such as snails build single shells to live in. Sea snails such as the conch or whelk usually build shells in a spiral shape.



Sinuous whelk

Gastropods

Single-shelled marine animals belong to a group called **gastropods** (GAS-truh-pods). "Gastro" means stomach, and "pod" means foot. People gave them this name because it looks as if the animals are moving along on their stomachs. This is not what is really happening. They are really pulling themselves along with a big muscle.



The giant clam is the largest bivalve on Earth. It can weigh up to 500 pounds. As with many bivalves, a young clam swims around. But when it starts to grow its shells, it attaches itself to something, such as a rock or the ocean floor. The clam will stay in that one spot for the rest of its life. Some bivalves move themselves along with an organ called a foot.

Two-shelled animals

Sea animals such as clams and oysters have two shells joined together with a kind of hinge. This type of shellfish is called a **bivalve** (BIE-valve).

Have you noticed that you usually find only one half of a shell? When the animal dies or is eaten, the hinge usually breaks, and the two halves of the shell separate.

Shell Stories

Shellfish lifestyle

Shellfish have a straw-like organ called a **siphon** (SIE-fun) that they use to pull water across their gills. They breathe and feed with their gills. They get their oxygen and food from the water.

Some shellfish also have a type of tiny plant called **algae** (AL-gee) living with them. The algae can make energy from sunlight and nutrients they get from the water. They share this energy with the shellfish.

Bivalves open their shells when they are eating or breathing. They close their shells when they feel threatened.

Shellfish that live in areas close to the coast may close their shells during low tide. This keeps the animal from drying out. When the tide comes back in, the animal opens up its house and lets the water in.



These bay scallops live on the ocean floor off the coast of Florida.



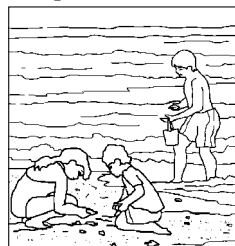
Collecting shells

Never take a shell that is home to a living animal. All living things are important to the environment.

Some living shellfish can sting you. The nose area of some cone shellfish has a kind of harpoon. They inject their prey with venom to paralyze it, then they eat it. Sometimes people can have serious reactions to the stings.

If you pick up a shell that has a decaying part of the animal inside, it can really stink. If you are going to take it home, clean it out first.

Some beaches are protected, and people are not allowed to take shells from those areas. Be sure you check before collecting shells.



These seashells have washed up on Valencia Beach in Spain.

Collectors might have the best luck finding shells early in the morning or after a storm. In the early morning, you could be ahead of all the other collectors. Storms may wash shells in from the sea or expose shells that have been buried in the sand.

You might have good luck digging for shells at the water line too.

Mother-of-pearl

Mother-of-pearl is the beautiful, colorful part of seashells. This protective, smooth coating provides a cushion between the rougher outer shell and the animal's soft body. Think about when you wear wool. It is more comfortable to have a silky, smooth lining or a shirt between you and the wool. You don't really want the scratchy wool rubbing against your skin.

Mother-of-pearl is the same substance that makes up pearls. When a shellfish such as an oyster feels something like a grain of sand irritating its mantle, it secretes a protective pearl coating around the irritant.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Mary:** How do millionaires dance?
Maurice: Check-to-check!
- Manny:** Why don't cows have money?
Milly: Because people milk them dry!
- Monroe:** What is the difference between an angry rabbit and counterfeit money?
Maureen: One is a mad bunny, and the other is bad money!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Seashells TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of seashells are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ALGAE, BEACH, BIVALVE, CLAM, COLORS, CONCH, CRAB, DIET, EAT, GASTROPOD, INVERTEBRATES, MANTLE, MARINE, MOLLUSK, OCEAN, PEARL, SAND, SEA, SHELL, SHORE, SIPHON, TIDE, WATER, WET.

DO YOU COLLECT SHELLS?

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S E M T M T D O P O R T S A G
K A S E T A R B E T R E V N I

Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

- On the Web**
- animals.howstuffworks.com/marine-life
 - conchologists.com/kids/facts
 - video.nationalgeographic.com/video/kids/animals-pets-kids/invertebrates-kids/crab-carrier-kids
- At the library:**
- "Seashells, Crabs & Sea Stars" by Christiane Kump Tibbitts
 - "Pocket Spotters: Seashells" by R. Tucker Abbott

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Fuchs wall raising



Special to the Chronicle

Neither rain, not wind, nor the threat of Tropical Storm Debby could delay Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County from blessing the site of the Fuchs family home on Saturday, June 23, at 8816 N. Delene Terrace in Crystal River. The rain proved challenging for volunteer building teams partnering with Habitat. Constant showers delayed foundation work. "With so much rain these past couple of weeks, we're doing our best to keep construction on schedule," said Habitat Construction Manager James Baldwin. "Nevertheless, we will get it done." The new house is one of 15 planned for construction in Citrus County this year. It will be Habitat's 82nd house. For more information, call the Habitat office at 352-563-2744 or visit the webpage at www.habitatcc.org.

Food safety training offered

Special to the Chronicle

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

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

The next class will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 18. It runs approximately seven hours. Participants will then have a maximum of three hours to take the national certification exam. There is no "test-only" option.

Participants should bring valid picture identification with them and a sack lunch. Training will be at the Citrus County Extension office, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto.

The brochure and registration form can be downloaded from fyc.ifas.ufl.edu/foodsafety/. Registration is also possible with a credit card by calling the toll-free hotline at 888-232-8723. Pre-registration is required.

Cost for the course and exam is \$110. The purchase of the ServSafe Manual for \$55 is recommended; it is available in English or Spanish. It is suggested that participants study the ServSafe Manager, sixth-edition textbook prior to the class. For more information, call Monica Payne at the University of Florida/IFAS Citrus County Extension office in Lecanto at 352-527-5713.

Blues friends to offer scholarship

Special to the Chronicle

The Nature Coast Friends of Blues Inc. voted earlier this year to award a student age 5 to 18 a \$750 scholarship to take music lessons, plus a spot in the 2013 Teenstock "Kids Helping Kids." The lessons must include music theory.

The scholarship is open to instrumentalists and vocalists. The club is also looking for music teachers who have students in need. The money will come from proceeds raised at the 2012 Blues'n Bar-B-Que.

Applicants must complete the application, furnish their

music teacher's name and contact information, write an essay that describes past musical experience, musical goals, genre of music enjoyed, instrument played, level of proficiency and a statement of financial need. The application must include a letter from the music teacher and a personal reference from a non-relative regarding personal character, honesty and integrity.

The deadline to enter is Oct. 1. The winner and his/her teacher will be notified on Nov. 17.

For more information, call NCFB President Susan Mitchell at 352-503-3498.

Register now for YMCA camp

The Citrus County YMCA is offering a summer camp and swimming lessons throughout the summer.

■ Adventure Camp — "Where Learning & Fun Come Together"

Camp will be at two locations: Whispering Pines Park in Inverness and the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in Homosassa. Each week of camp has a separate theme and will incorporate activities such as sports, arts/crafts and field trips, but will also focus on literacy, as well.

Campers may choose the weeks they want to attend based on the unique theme of each week. Camp is open for ages 5 to 12, with a counselor-in-training program for ages 13 to 15. The Y's Summer Day Camp will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 29 to Aug. 3, with extended care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for no extra charge. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

■ Swim lessons

Group swim lessons began May 29 at Central Ridge Community Pool in Beverly Hills. There are a variety of classes available including preschool, youth and adult. There are also infant/toddler classes offered for infants age 6 months and older. Swim sessions generally consist of eight lessons; several sessions are offered throughout the summer until Aug. 4.

Registration forms for camp and swim lessons are available at www.ymcasuncoast.org under Locations/Citrus County. Online registration is available for those who have an active membership with the Citrus County YMCA. Registration packets may also be picked up at the YMCA office, 3909 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, Whispering Pines Park and Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. For more information, call 352-637-0132.

Disc golf on tap in Inverness

Special to the Chronicle

Whispering Pines Park in Inverness, the city of Inverness and Citrus Disc Golf Club will host Community Disc Golf day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at the park, 1700 Forest Drive.

The event is for all disc golf novices who have never entered a disc golf competition. Start times, number of holes played and divisions will be as flexible as possible. Loaner discs will be available and certificates will be awarded as prizes.

For more information, call Bob Theis at 352-895-6097, or email rollertheis@yahoo.com.

The Whispering Pines Park Jr. Olympic swimming pool will be open at the time of the tournament. A \$3 entry fee is required.

CHALK

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● Nursing Assistant. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays, and are four weeks long and will begin August 8. The cost is about \$320; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. CPR certification is included. Licensing exam is available upon successful completion of the program.

● Patient Care Assistant. Classes meet 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays, for 11 weeks. This course includes Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide certifications and will begin September 10. The cost is about \$772; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. Licensing exam is available upon successful completion of the program.

● Applied Welding Technology. Classes meet 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays. The course is two sessions. The cost per session is about \$1,560; books, supplies and lab fees are additional. AWS certification is available.

Financial assistance is available for qualified students. Most programs are approved for veterans' training. For information, call Student Services at 352-726-2430, ext. 4326; or visit the website at www.wtonline.cc.

■ Join the excitement as the Homosassa Public Library begins a new **Celebrate Reading** program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Celebrate Reading is a session consisting of two programs geared toward helping preschool and elementary school-age children develop literacy skills, improve their reading and gain a love of books.

The first program, PAWS to Read, gives children the opportunity to build confidence in their reading ability by reading aloud to a certified therapist.

The second program, Reading Pals, pairs teens and younger children together. Teens read storybooks aloud to one or two younger children at a time. Children may wish to draw or write about a story they like.

Listening to stories, talking about stories and reading aloud are great ways to improve liter-

acy skills while having a good time. For information, call the youth librarian at 352-628-5626.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ The College of Central Florida will present a workshop on "How to Manage Your Money in College and Life" on Tuesday, July 24.

Pedro Hernandez from the Florida Department of Education will be the guest speaker at the event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Citrus Learning and Conference Center, Room 101B, at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

There is no charge to attend and light refreshments will be served. Participants must register by calling Rebecca York, 352-746-6721 ext. 6147.

■ The College of Central Florida will hold FAFSA Tuesdays each week through Aug. 21 to assist students with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Help will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Citrus Learning and Conference Center at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. The free services are available on a walk-in basis for incoming, readmitting and transfer students entering CF in the fall semester.

The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal aid to attend college. To learn more about the FAFSA, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. To learn more about CF, visit www.CF.edu. For additional information about FAFSA Tuesdays, call Rebecca York, 352-746-6721 ext. 6147.

■ The CF Institute at the College of Central Florida is accepting registration for classes that begin in July.

● Phlebotomy will meet from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 16 through Aug. 29 at the CF Hampton Center, 1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. Students will learn how to draw and process blood samples in preparation for work in laboratories and blood banks. The fee is \$449 and does not include a required textbook. The enrollment deadline is Thursday, July 12.

● Certified Nursing Assistant will meet from 4 to 9 p.m. on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 23 through Sept. 20 at the CF Hampton Center, 1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. This program prepares the individual for work as a nursing assistant in nursing homes and prepares students to take the Florida CNA exam. The course consists of classroom instruction as well as lab practice and clinical experience. A high school diploma or GED is not required. The fee is \$589. The enrollment deadline is Thursday, July 19.

● Grantsmanship 102: Advanced Techniques for Grant Developers, will cover five areas of grant writing. The class meets from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

Class will be in the Ewers Century Center. The registration deadline is Wednesday, July 25.

For more information or to register, visit CFtraining.cf.edu or call 352-873-5804.

■ The Citrus County School Board is accepting applications for charter schools for the 2013-14 school year. Applications and instructions will be provided to all requestors. All completed applications must be received by the superintendent on or before 4:30 p.m. Aug. 1.

For more information, call 352-726-1931, ext. 2235.

■ Citrus High School class of 1982 wants to share its 30th class reunion with other classes, primarily those that graduated from 1978 through 1985. Any graduates of CHS, however, are also invited. Reunion coordinator Jeff Hudson said faculty and staff from those years are also invited. The multi-class reunion effort is in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of CHS.

The reunion will be July 13 through 15 at Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando.

Cost for the reunion for both days is \$125 per couple; \$100 for individuals. Those who wish to attend only one evening may do so for \$80 per couple; \$60 for singles. Grand Cypress offers a special rate of \$139 per night, good for two nights prior and two nights following the event, for a total of six nights.

To RSVP to attend, email Jeff Hudson at judson4992@yahoo.com.

ACTION FIGURES

10 Reasons Why Readers Vote and Voters Read

86% of voters who cast ballots in the last local election read a newspaper in print or online in the past week, or more often.

57% of voters rate newspapers — more than any other medium — as reliable, accurate and in-depth for local/civic issues.

51% of voters rate newspaper websites — more than any other type of local websites — as reliable, accurate and in-depth about local political/civic issues.

54% of voters rate local TV political ads as annoying, followed closely by those on network TV. Newspaper ads are rated least annoying.

40% of voters report that they are likely to read/look at a candidate's newspaper ad.

91% of voters who contributed money to a campaign read a newspaper in print or online in the past week, or more often.

79% of voters in the 18- to 34-year-old age group read a newspaper in print or online in the past week, or more often.

83% of Republican, 81% of Independent and 84% of Democratic voters read a newspaper in print or online in the last week, or more often.

58% of voters who plan to use mobile devices for news about campaigns and elections use newspaper sources for that news.

62% of voters ages 18 to 34 who plan to use mobile devices to check for campaign/election news rely on newspaper sources. #

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Bridge section. Includes North, West, East, South hands with card suits and numbers. Dealer: South, Vulnerable: Both. Opening lead: ♠ 3.

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Mitch McConnell, the longest-serving U.S. senator in Kentucky history, said, "A reporter asked recently, 'What keeps you up at night?'"

You will sleep at night if you count all of your tricks correctly. Take this three-no-trump contract. How should South plan the play after West leads his fourth-highest spade?

North, holding 14 high-card points, expected three no-trump to cruise home. He sensibly eschewed Stayman because he had 4-3-3 distribution.

South had only four top tricks: two spades and two diamonds. He could get six more winners from hearts and clubs, but he would be losing the lead twice.

It looked to South as though it could not hurt if he tried dummy's spade jack at trick one. However, look what happened when East covered with the queen.

Now go back to trick one and play low from the board. Assume East puts in his nine. Declarer wins with his ace and, say, plays on clubs.

JUMBLE word game. Includes a grid of letters and instructions: "Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter for each square, to form four ordinary words."

- ACROSS
1 "State Fair" state
5 Ecuador's capital
10 Brought to ruin
12 Sunspot phenomenon
13 Has contempt for
14 Egg —
15 "Fatha" Hines
16 Cook's vessel
18 Install, as carpet
19 Chorus girl
22 Glitches
25 Copied a drawing
29 Rajahs' spouses
30 Film on cassette
32 Hitch —
33 In the least (2 wds.)
34 Computer reminders

Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with filled-in letters and numbers 1-55.

Dear Annie: I've been dating "Dayna" for eight months, and we moved in together three months ago. We fell in love from the moment we met.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

lems by drinking because that's what my family did. I'm determined to break the cycle and have made the first step toward that goal. I see life differently now, and all I want to do is make Dayna happy again.

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com. Includes a crossword puzzle grid.

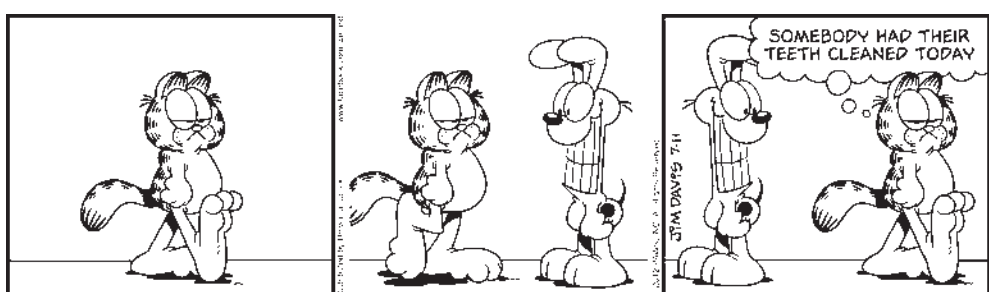
I know our relationship was moving too fast, but I believe in my heart that Dayna is the one for me. On the night of the incident, I had so much alcohol in my system that I'm pretty sure I would have fought with anyone who crossed my path.

Dear Annie: I have been a widow for 12 years and am now engaged to a wonderful man. I want to invite my close friends and family to our wedding. Do I also need to invite my late husband's brother and sisters?

Peanuts



Garfield



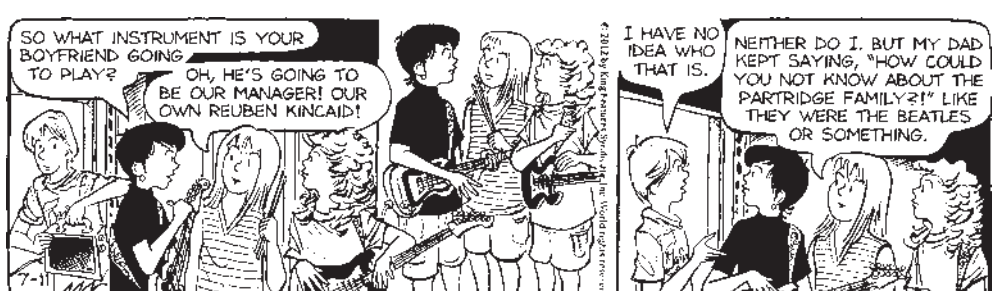
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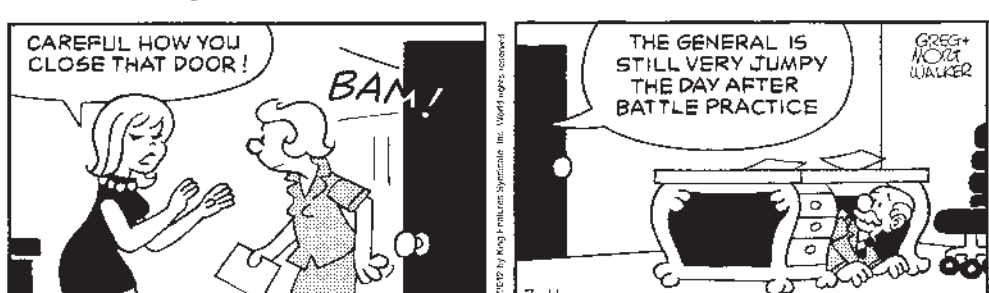
For Better or For Worse



Sally Forth



Beetle Bailey



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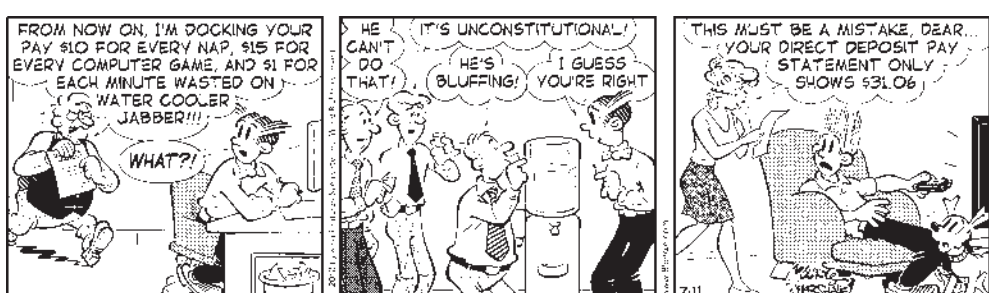
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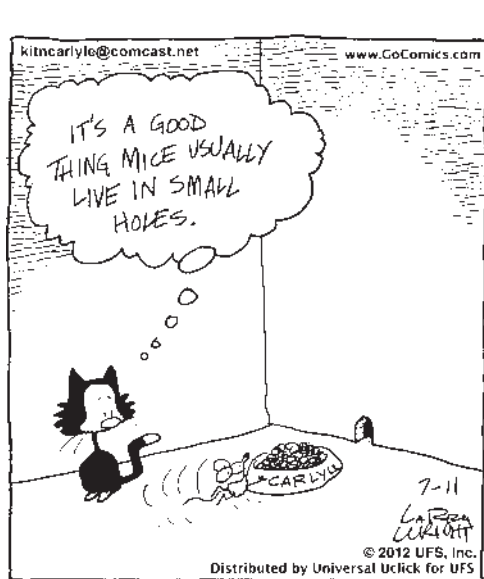
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Blondie



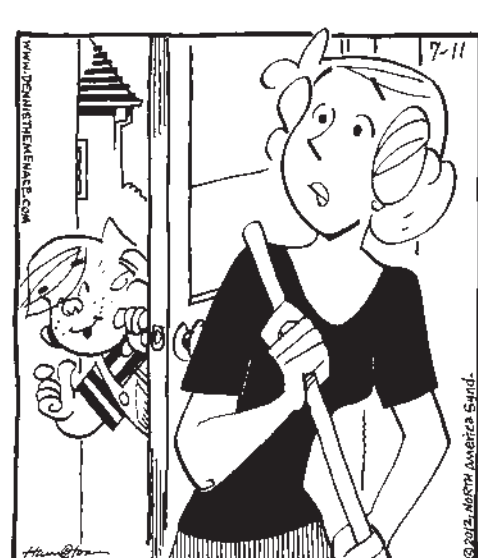
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Rubes



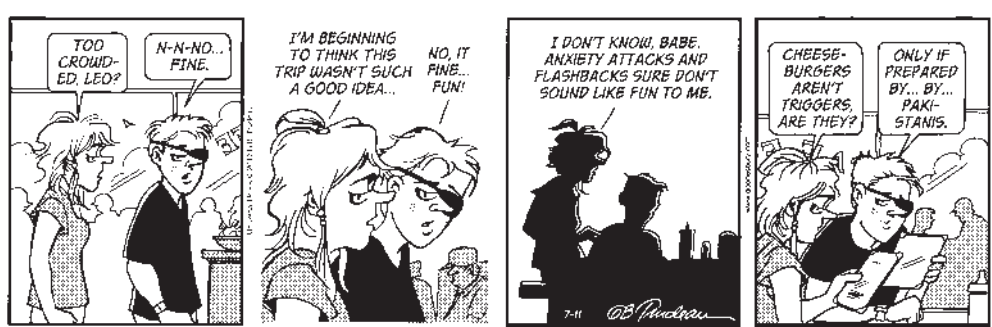
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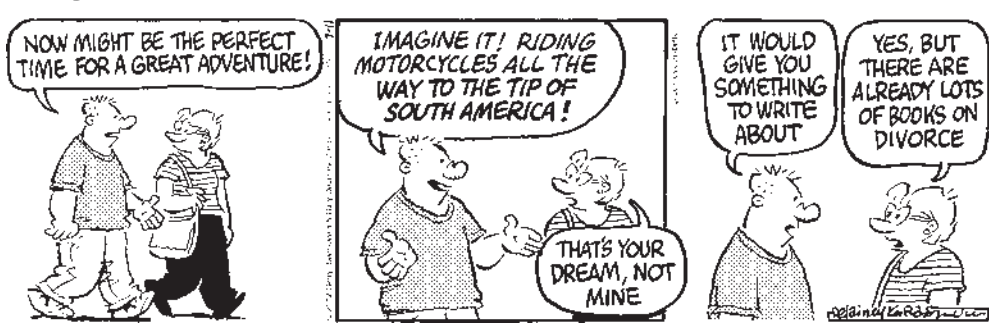
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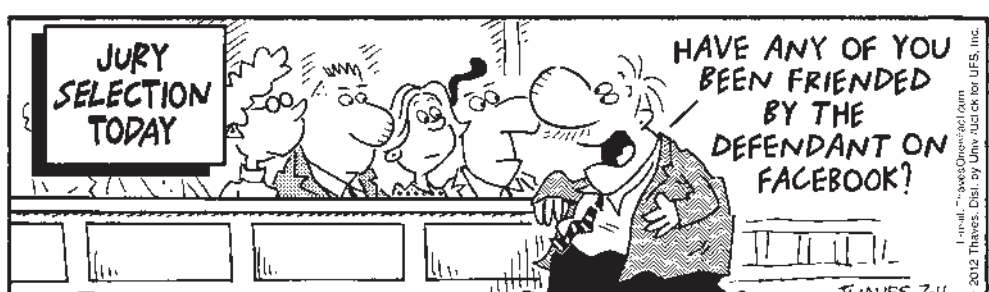
Betty



Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG) 12 p.m.
Katy Perry: Part of Me In 3D (PG) 2:35 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m. No passes.
Magic Mike (R) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 3:45 p.m., 10:15 p.m. No passes.
The Amazing Spider-Man In 3D (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.
Ted (R) 1 p.m., 4:10, 7:20, 10:30. No passes.
Brave (PG) 4:40 p.m., 9:55 p.m. No passes.
Brave (PG) In 3D. 1:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m. No passes.
Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R) Digital. 4:30 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R) In 3D. 1:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m. No passes.
That's My Boy (R) 4 p.m., 10:20 p.m.
Madagascar 3 (PG) 4:45 p.m., 9:55 p.m.
Madagascar 3 (PG) In 3D. 1:45 p.m., 7:15. No passes.
Prometheus (R) In 3D. 1 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG) 12:15 p.m.
Katy Perry: Part of Me In 3D (PG) 2:35 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:10 p.m. No passes.
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 10 p.m. No passes.
The Amazing Spider-Man In 3D (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:30 p.m. No passes.
Savages (R) 12:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13) 12:05 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:40 p.m.
Magic Mike (R) 12:40 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
People Like Us (PG-13) 12:50 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
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FOUND Male Poodle Mix and Female Terrier Mix in Dunnellon on July 8th. Please contact Citrus County Animal Services, Animal IDs #A16668263 and #A16668313, 352/746-8400, 4030 S. Airport Rd, Inverness, www.citruscritters.com

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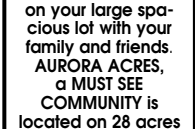
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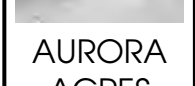


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