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**Lawyer  
 sues  
 sheriff's  
 office  
 for docs**

**A. B. SIDIBE**  
*Staff Writer*

Attorney Bill Grant has filed a lawsuit against the Citrus County Sheriff's Office to hand over documents relating to a purported confidential informant who was killed last month.

Grant filed the suit Wednesday on behalf of Wendy Irene Moore, the mother of Jamie Seeger, 27, who was gunned down near the intersection of West Cyrus Street and Reynolds Avenue at 3 a.m. July 25.

Seeger was found sitting in the driver's seat, dead from gunshot wounds, according to investigators.

The sheriff's office has not yet made an arrest in the case.

Gail Tierney, spokeswoman for the sheriff's office, said the investigation is ongoing.

Tierney also added: "Seeing as this matter is now in active litigation, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office will not be commenting at this time."

From the outset of the case, Grant has claimed he is seeking answers for Seeger's family and accused the sheriff's office of "circling the wagons."

"Our sole concern is that the family deserves to know. This family wants closure and justice," Grant said Wednesday, exactly four weeks after Seeger's death.

Less than a week after Seeger was killed, Grant vowed to sue the sheriff's office if it did not hand over documents he said would prove Seeger was a confidential informant.

In his suit filed with the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Grant notes his office submitted a public-records request to the sheriff's office July 27 for the following:

- Receipts for monies paid to Jamie Seeger;
- Protocols involving the use of confidential informants.
- Documents signed by Jamie Seeger regarding her services as a confidential informant.
- Any other documents regarding Jamie Seeger.

Through its attorneys, the sheriff's office denied the requests, saying it is

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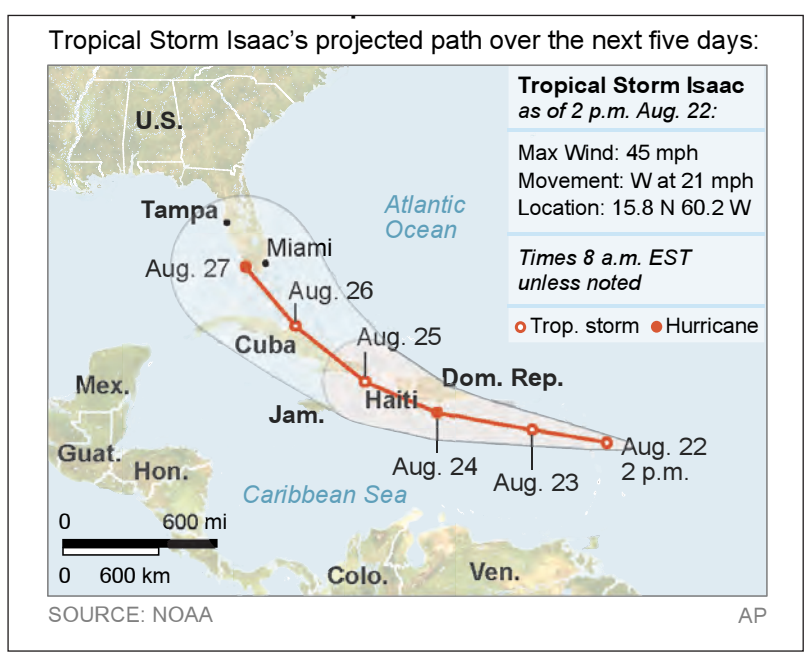
**All eyes on T.S. Isaac**

*Tropical storm  
 churns into  
 Eastern Caribbean*  
*Associated Press*

ROSEAU, Dominica — The churning center of Tropical Storm Isaac spun over tiny islands at the eastern entrance to the Caribbean, where many seafront bars and restaurants stubbornly remained open Wednesday evening as lightning and thunder cracked and choppy surf slapped against piers and seawalls.

U.S. forecasters said Isaac was likely to approach Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, as a hurricane late

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*Local authorities  
 monitoring storm*

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
*Chronicle Intern*

Citrus County authorities are keeping their eyes on Tropical Storm Isaac, but say it's too soon to know the storm's exact path.

Capt. Joe Eckstein, emergency management director of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, said residents should not overreact even though some projections show Isaac arriving in Florida as a hurricane by Monday.

"That's what I see at 11 a.m. today, but I think at 5 p.m. this evening,

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**Tourists brave rain to see manatees, dolphins**



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Mia and Leslie Balachzar walk to their car Wednesday after spending an hour on the Crystal River before the rains, wind and lightning swept in. They are visiting the area from Los Angeles and managed to see a couple of manatees and a bottlenose dolphin on the trip into King's Bay. For more on Wednesday's weather, see Page A3.

**Wahoo residents unhappy with flooded road**

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
*Staff Writer*

**Wahoo has been flooded this time since June 24, when Tropical Storm Debby brought 10 inches of rain overnight to Citrus County.**

CRYSTAL RIVER — A narrow two-track behind Penny and Steve Maas's house is the new main street in their neighborhood.



**Ken Frink**  
 assistant county administrator.

For about 19 neighbors, cutting through the Maas's yard is the only outlet to Riverbend Road and North Citrus Avenue because a swath of flooding on Wahoo Trail has blocked their access.

"This is as bad as I've ever seen it," John Carpenter, a four-year resident along Wahoo, said Wednesday.

idents should pay to have the road elevated. If not, flooding from heavy rains will continue on the low-lying area of Wahoo.

"It's going to happen again," Assistant County Administrator Ken Frink said.

Officials met on the Maas's back porch Wednesday hoping to find solutions without an abundance of government involvement, since the county cannot expend money on private roads except in cases of emergency.

Mrs. Maas said that day could be near.

"If somebody gets hurt out here, we're in trouble," she said.

said the county could pump water from the road to nearby Lake Rousseau. The problem, he said, is getting permission from property owners between Wahoo Trail and the lake to lay above-ground pipe temporarily across their lands.

So far, he said, property owners haven't cooperated, but he hopes to speak with them personally about the problem.

Like many low-lying areas of Citrus County, heavy rains tend to plug up a portion of Wahoo because lack of drainage means the water has nowhere to go.

Wahoo flooded in 2004 when four tropical systems crisscrossed the state.

Carpenter and the Maases said they didn't know about



MIKE WRIGHT/Chronicle

Penny Maas looks at a map of the Wahoo Trail area where she lives north of Crystal River, as Assistant County Administrator Ken Frink looks on. County officials said flooding on Wahoo Trail is legendary.

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# First lady announces new hiring push for vets

Associated Press

NAVAL STATION MAYPORT, Fla. — First lady Michelle Obama chose a naval station in the electoral battleground of Florida to announce Wednesday that 2,000 businesses around the country have hired or trained more than 125,000 military veterans and spouses in the past year, exceeding a White House goal of 100,000 by the end of next year.

Mrs. Obama also told a crowd of Navy personnel and their spouses at this Jacksonville base that the same companies have committed to hire or train an additional 250,000 veterans and

military spouses by 2014. That includes hiring or training 50,000 military spouses within three years — and helping them keep those jobs as families move from one duty station to another.

Mrs. Obama said she is repeatedly hearing from companies that some of their best employees are military veterans or their spouses, so the Joining Forces effort is helping companies do better.

Jacksonville has a large military presence. It also happens to be part of President Barack Obama's strategy to win Florida and its 29 electoral college votes — the most of any tossup states in November's election.

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exempt from the public records law.

The sheriff's office also would neither confirm nor deny the existence of a confidential informant, according to a letter its attorneys sent Grant.

Grant's office also made a similar request to the State Attorney's Office asking for records of Jamie Seeger in which she is listed as a witness.

Grant said the State Attorney's Office promptly supplied all the information requested including a list of cases she was associated with as a witness. In the documents Grant shared with the *Chronicle*, Seeger was assigned a number and not identified by name.

"The State Attorney's Of-

ice was great, they turned over everything. Looking at these papers, we now know she was obviously a confidential informant," he said.

Grant said the sheriff's office is showing a "reckless disregard for the sensitivities and compassion of the family."

The sheriff's office has said its priority is finding Seeger's killer and would not discuss an ongoing homicide investigation.

But Grant said the exemption regarding confidential informants becomes moot if the informant is dead.

"We are conceding the part about protocol, but we don't think the rest of the information we are requesting will compromise the investigation in any way," Grant said.

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MIKE WRIGHT/Chronicle

A portion of Wahoo Trail has been impassible since Tropical Storm Debby two months ago.

## ROAD

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the earlier flooding when they moved in.

Assistant public works director Larry Brock said a phone call to the county offices in Lecanto would have told them what they needed to know.

"I don't know of a single call you would have made in the county that doesn't know about Wahoo Trail flooding," Brock said.

Wahoo has been flooded this time since June 24, when Tropical Storm Debby brought 10 inches of rain overnight to Citrus County. This week's rains, several inches since Monday, haven't helped.

Residents along the blocked-off area of Wahoo were forced to set up mailboxes and garbage cans on the side of Wahoo accessible from Citrus Avenue, as if the road stops where the

water starts.

Frink said officials may seek help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, which provides funding to victims of storm damage in areas declared an emergency, as is the case in Citrus from Tropical Storm Debby.

And they say the residents' true solution lies in gathering support for a special assessment to pay for raising the roadway.

"The residents have to take ownership of it," Brock said. "They can't sit by in fair weather and then cry foul when it rains."

Penny Maas agreed. She

said it doesn't matter why the road wasn't built to handle heavy rainfall.

"That was yesterday," she said. "We're got to think

about today and tomorrow."

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**Victim of Aug. 5 crash identified**

A 49-year-old Beverly Hills man who died Aug. 5 after his vehicle jumped a curb and crashed into two unoccupied vehicles was identified Wednesday by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Lloyd Steve Lane's name was withheld until his relatives were informed.

According to the preliminary report from FHP, a 2004 Dodge truck driven by Lane was traveling east shortly before 2:30 a.m. that Sunday on State Road 44 near the intersection of Rock Crusher Road.

For unknown reasons, Lane reportedly lost control of the truck, drove off the roadway and struck a curb. Authorities said the truck became airborne and traveled into the parking lot of a Kangaroo gas station, where it hit a 2000 Dodge Durango SUV and 1987 Dodge Aries.

Lane was pronounced dead at the scene.

The unoccupied vehicles received an estimated \$6,000 and \$3,000 worth of damage, respectively.

The crash is still under investigation.

**Tallahassee**

**Judge rejects teacher evaluation rule**

Siding with two teachers and a union, a state judge found Wednesday that Florida education officials did not properly carry out part of a 2011 law that has fueled a long-running controversy about linking teacher performance and pay.

Administrative Law Judge John Van Laningham, in a 57-page order, rejected a state-approved rule that would spell out how school districts should evaluate teachers, declaring it "wholly invalid" because of flaws in the way it was pieced together.

"Material procedural flaws, such as those described in this final order, taint the resulting rule in its entirety and cannot be cured without starting over and redoing the process," Van Laningham wrote.

The order deals with the somewhat-arcaic process of state agencies, such as the Department of Education, adopting rules to carry out the details of broader legislation. Van Laningham did not reject the underlying law, only the rule that included requirements for how school districts should measure teacher performance.

Andy Ford, president of the Florida Education Association teachers union, issued a statement after Van Laningham's ruling, calling it a "huge victory in our battle for fair, reliable and valid evaluations."

"It's time for the state's education bureaucracy to stop trying to impose its will on teachers and administrators and start having a meaningful dialogue with us to put together a fair evaluation system that is understandable, valid and accepted," Ford said.

The challenge is part of a bigger fight about the Republican-controlled Legislature's move last year to use student test scores and other criteria to evaluate teacher performance and link it to pay.

—From staff and wire reports

**Correction**

Because of writer error, a story on Page A1 of Wednesday's *Chronicle*, "Pets, not pests," contained incorrect information. The non-emergency phone number to report animals at large is 352-726-1121.

The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

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**United Way changing crisis line service**

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
*Staff Writer*

When a personal crisis strikes, people want fast and accurate assistance.

To answer that need, several years ago United Way of Citrus County set up a three-digit social services telephone line at 2-1-1 to provide crisis counseling and referrals for many needs, including domestic violence, food and housing services, health care and legal assistance.

"We offer this service for when people need assistance," said Amy Meek, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Citrus County.

On average, county residents call 2-1-1 for help about 300 times a month. Many have complained the service was slow to answer, leaving callers on hold for a long time, and not always satisfying the callers' needs,

according to Meek.

"Right now, Tampa Bay Cares facilitates our county residents' calls," Meek said. "We pay for this service. It costs \$30,000 a year total, with United Way paying \$20,000 and the county paying \$10,000. Since we are paying for this service, it needs to be useful to county residents."

That's why the United Way board of directors looked for an alternative service and will change Sept. 24 from Tampa Bay Cares to the service offered by the United Way in Orlando. Meek said she heard good reviews about Heart of Florida in Orlando.

"They run the 2-1-1 services for Marion, Lake and Sumter counties," Meek said. "I spoke with the crew in Marion County's United Way, who recommended it. Lake and Sumter counties said when they switched, their call volume doubled." Meek said she and some

other United Way members, Capt. Buddy Grant with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and Cathy Pearson, assistant county administrator, went to Orlando to observe the operation of the Heart of Florida 2-1-1 service.

"It only took 45 seconds to get a person on the line, rather than several minutes," Meek said. "And I liked the question they asked when they answered the phone: 'What caused your need today?'"

Meek also was impressed that Heart of Florida does follow-up calls.

"After three or four days, they call people back to make sure they got help," Meek said.

Pearson and Grant "fell in love" with the Heart of Florida service, Meek said: "They were just blown away."

Marie Straight, president of the board of directors of United Way of Citrus County, who is senior vice

president and area manager at SunTrust Bank, toured the Heart of Citrus facility last month.

"Its state-of-the-art output and measurements are really impressive," Straight said. "That's why we made the decision to have it as our vendor."

Straight said the Heart of Florida operation seemed to be able to provide more case management and follow-up to its callers.

Not only did the United Way board like the service better, the price was an improvement, too: \$5,000 a year cheaper than the Tampa vendor.

A person in a crisis is under stress and needs services. If the service line lets them down in some way, the caller stops using it and does not recommend the service line to acquaintances.

"They need to talk to someone who cares for them," Meek said.

Heart of Florida impressed Meek with that quality.

If people get quick and accurate information, Meek said, they will give positive feedback.

"People will give referrals to the help line if they have more confidence in it," she said.

Meek said she wants to relaunch the 2-1-1 telephone help line after it switches to Orlando.

"If people have been frustrated with it before, I want to encourage them to use it again," Meek said.

Callers will use the same telephone number, 2-1-1. The only difference is the call will be answered by someone in Orlando rather than Tampa, who will direct the caller to services in Citrus County.

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**Storm creates headaches**

*Tree falls on mobile home, causes minor damage*

**SHEMIR WILES**  
*Staff Writer*

INVERNESS — From the outside, Tony and Evelyn Rollyson's periwinkle, white-trimmed mobile home inside Eden Gardens looked unscathed.

But inside, rain and pieces of bark from a large pine tree's trunk fell through cracks in the couple's bowed aluminum roof, which covered their enclosed porch.

Tony Rollyson, who works at night, said he was sleeping soundly in his bedroom when he heard a loud crashing noise from the rear of his home.

"It definitely woke me up," he said. "I jumped up looking for whatever hit."

Mrs. Rollyson said she was watching television when she heard "this big old bang." Her first reaction was to call to her husband to make sure he was OK.

"I ran. I said, 'Tony, Tony! Are you OK?'" she said. "It was horrible."

A large, dead pine tree from a neighbor's yard had fallen and landed directly on the wall separating the porch from their computer room. The very top of the tree landed on the couple's bathroom, but did not cause much damage.

"That kept it from crashing into our house," Rollyson said. "God was looking out for us there."

Rollyson said the tree, though dead, wasn't leaning; therefore, he believes it collapsed under the weight of all the rain that fell the past three days.

The couple has no insurance



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

**Evelyn Rollyson tries to contact the bank that is handling the foreclosure of the adjacent property where a pine tree fell onto their 14-foot-wide mobile home.**

on the home because, Rollyson said, it's too old.

"My grandmother lived in this house for 30 years, and it was old then," he said.

Because the tree was on his neighbor's property, Rollyson said Wednesday he believes his neighbor should foot the bill for the tree's removal and any repairs to his property. The only problem is, the Rollysons' neighbor has been dead since November, and they have no clue who owns the home.

Rollyson said they've been able to find the name of the bank handling the foreclosure on the home, but they haven't been able to get any answers about what the bank plans to do with the property, let alone if they will do anything to help fix their home.

Their biggest concern right

now, Rollyson said, is the water leaking into their home and getting into the ceiling, which could cause mold problems in the future.

"I have no idea what we're going to do," he said. "I work (for) \$10 an hour. It's going to take me a while to get it fixed."

Since Monday, Citrus County has received approximately 14 inches of rain as a direct result of consistent thunderstorms producing heavy amounts of precipitation.

According to meteorologist Mike Clay of Bay News 9, these thunderstorms are not connected with Tropical Storm Isaac.

Due to a slow-moving cold front of low pressure north of Citrus County, thunderstorms have been

forced to travel eastbound, from the west across Central Florida and below the front.

"A cool front came through due west and stalled north of us," Clay said. "The thunderstorms move with and south of the front."

As high pressure from the south of Florida moves northward, chances of rain will drop in the days ahead.

"It won't eliminate the chance of rain," he said, "but will lower it a lot."

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**NAMI offers 12-week class for families, friends of the mentally ill**

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
*Staff Writer*

*My description of having mental illness in a family: There is a 10-ton elephant in another room and you know nothing about it until it comes crashing through the wall and sits on you and you look for help — and often there isn't any.*

Marilyn Booth, member of NAMI Citrus

Who better to teach and mentor family members of people with mental illness than others in the same situation?

On Monday nights, David and Mary Ellen Welch from NAMI Hernando County are leading a "Family to Family" class at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hernando.

The free 12-week class is designed to educate, uplift and encourage people who live with and love people with mental illness.

The curriculum is from

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

"This is our signature program," said David Welch. "It's where family members teach other family members about mental illness, what it is, coping mechanisms — how to deal with the 'elephant in the next room.' It's designed to help you, so you're not blaming yourself."

Welch said NAMI was started in the 1970s at a time when mothers were being blamed for their children's schizophrenia.

"That still happens," he said. "But mental illness is an illness; it's not a result of bad parenting."

Both Welch and his wife have people in their families with mental illness, and Welch lives with bipolar disorder, so he knows both sides of a family's daily situation.

The "Family to Family" curriculum covers topics such

as the basics of schizophrenia, depression, bipolar and other disorders, basics of brain biology, medication, problem solving, empathy, communication skills, self-care, fighting the stigma of mental illness and rehabilitation.

Although Welch works in the mental health field, he stressed that this class is never to be taught by professionals and is doing it wearing his "family" hat.

"We want families to understand that as we teach, we're family members too," he said. It's coming from a 'been there, done that' perspective and not academics.

"We tell people that they are their own experts and the person with the mental illness is the coach," he said.

Florida and Texas rank among the two lowest-funded states for mental health issues.

"This is why this class is so important," said NAMI Citrus member Marilyn

**CONNECT WITH NAMI**

- The National Alliance on Mental Illness "Family to Family" class meets at 6 p.m. on Mondays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on County Road 486, Citrus Hills. For information, call David Welch at 352-232-0351 or email [Davidwelchcenterprises@hotmail.com](mailto:Davidwelchcenterprises@hotmail.com).
- NAMI Citrus support group meets at 6:30 p.m. on second Mondays of the month at the same location. Everyone with an interest in mental health issues is welcome. For information, call 352-341-2273.

Booth. "All of our NAMI work is greatly needed to assist those who have no resources and who feel terribly alone or abandoned by the health system."

"Family to Family" meets at 6 p.m. on Mondays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on County Road 486, Citrus Hills. For information about joining in the remaining classes, or to find out what has already been covered, call David Welch at 352-232-0351 or email

[Davidwelchcenterprises@hotmail.com](mailto:Davidwelchcenterprises@hotmail.com).

NAMI Citrus support group meets at 6:30 p.m. on second Mondays of the month, also at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Refreshments are served. Everyone with an interest in mental health issues is welcome. For information, call 352-341-2273.

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STORM

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you're going to see something different," he said Wednesday, referring to weather reports.

"The forecast is pretty accurate three days out, but

when you're starting to get to a five or seven day forecast for Florida, those haven't been real accurate."

Eckstein said Citrus County residents should have already had a plan in place for any eventuality, regardless if Isaac — or any hurricane — hits

CARIBBEAN

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Thursday or early Friday after intensifying over the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea. It was predicted to move on to Cuba as a tropical storm and perhaps eventually menace Florida as a hurricane later in the week.

By Wednesday evening, the storm was 65 miles southwest of the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Isaac was moving west at 21 mph, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

At the bar of the Fort Young Hotel in Dominica's coastal capital of Roseau, a few tourists and locals spent the evening drinking cold beer and chatting over the sound of white-crested waves just outside.

"The skies were very black and cloudy most of the day, but it's been pretty quiet so far. Some rain, very little wind," bartender Raymond Reynolds said at the 71-room hotel on the jagged, densely forested island. "We've been through this before."

In the foothills of Dominica's Morne Aux Diaboles volcano, Tess Hunneybell, owner of Manico River Eco Resort, said most of the day was "weirdly quiet" after

she and others wrapped the resort's signature tree-houses in tarpaulin and nailed shut louver doors.

As a precaution, Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit urged people to stay home from work Wednesday. "I want us all to be safe," he said. "I don't want lives to be lost."

As the storm approached, military authorities at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, canceled several days of pretrial hearings in the case of five prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks. They also planned to evacuate about 200 people, including legal teams and relatives of Sept. 11 victims.

Isaac also poses a possible threat to Florida during next week's Republican National Convention in Tampa, according to forecasters, though the storm's track is uncertain.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, along the harbor in St. Croix's historic town of Christiansted, piers normally lined with pleasure boats were empty Wednesday. Business owners stacked sandbags around the doorways of the pastel-colored buildings that line the narrow streets. One bar advertised a "hurricane party."

Lia Studdard, who owns a 40-foot boat moored in the harbor, planned to spend the storm holed up in a hotel room with a view of

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or not.

"It's no surprise that we are in hurricane season, so nobody should be surprised

that we have a storm and that the 'cone of uncertainty' is headed toward Florida," he said.

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her vessel.

"I don't think it's going to be as bad as everyone expects," Studdard said. "Worst case scenario, I'll take my dinghy and go out and drop another anchor."

The U.S. Virgin Islands commissioner of public works, Darryl Smalls, said crews distributed sandbags to residents in St. Croix, where schools and govern-

ment offices were ordered to remain closed Thursday. St. Kitts announced similar closures for Wednesday.

On the U.S. island of Puerto Rico, Gov. Luis Fortuno declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard. He also canceled classes and closed government agencies. Federal officials closed the popular San Felipe del Morro castle in Old

San Juan. The storm was expected to pass just south of Puerto Rico on Thursday.

Authorities in Puerto Rico reported a 75-year-old woman died Wednesday in the northern city of Bayamon when she fell from a second-floor balcony while filling a barrel with water in preparation for the storm.

The U.S. Coast Guard closed all ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to incoming commercial ships and warned that all commercial vessels bigger than 200 gross tons must leave or obtain permission to remain in port.

As he campaigned in Nevada, President Barack Obama received an update from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

on U.S. preparations for Isaac, deputy press secretary Josh Earnest reported.

"FEMA has been in close coordination with local officials and emergency managers in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands," Earnest told reporters as Obama flew to a later stop in New York. Earnest said FEMA had deployed teams to both locations.

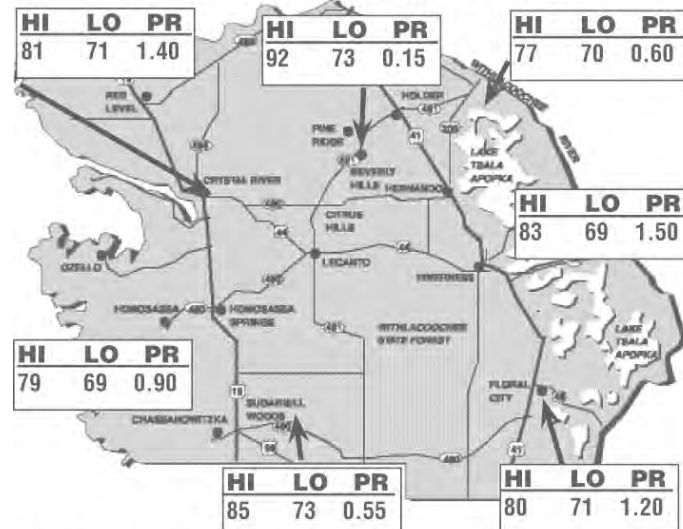
The storm unleashed downpours on the French island of Guadeloupe on Wednesday, said local chief meteorologist Norbert Auizerats. In Martinique, officials warned of swollen rivers and flooding. Meteorologist Jean-Noel Degrace said at least 3 inches of rain had fallen Wednesday morning.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Includes locations like Daytona Bch., Ft. Lauderdale, Fort Myers, etc.

MARINE OUTLOOK

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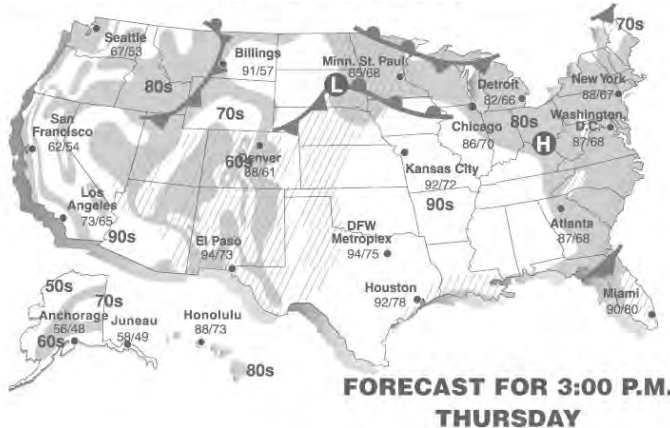
Gulf water temperature 86. Taken at Aripeka.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, Tues., Wed., Full. Includes Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, etc.

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY

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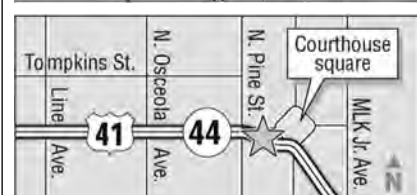
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## Obituaries

**Richard "Dick" Wilder, 69**

HOMOSASSA

Richard F. "Dick" Wilder, 69, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Aug. 21, 2012, at his home.



Richard Wilder

A native of Wildwood, Fla., he was born Sept. 19, 1942, to William and Catherine (Allen) Wilder, one of six children. Mr. Wilder grew up in Citrus County as a boy and played football on the very first Junior Varsity team at Crystal River High School. He moved to St. Petersburg as a teen and began a 54-year career in funeral service with Lee Williams Funeral Home in St. Petersburg, washing cars, serving with the ambulance crew, or wherever he was needed. Dick attended the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, Louisville, Ky., and graduated in 1967. In 1975, Dick moved to Homosassa Springs and established Wilder Funeral Home, where he worked until the day of his passing, a Citrus County career that spanned 37 years. He had resided in Sugarmill Woods for the past 20 years and was a member of the Springs Lodge F&AM, where he served for a number of years as its secretary. He was of the Baptist faith and was an avid Bobby Bowden and Florida Seminole fan. His many associations in Citrus County included Homosassa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Shriners Club, Rotary International and Citrus County Cattleman's Association. Dick was one of the founding fathers of Chassahowitzka Baptist Church, which later evolved into Faith Baptist Church. Dick Wilder was known countywide as a man who always gave more than he received and contributed to many local organizations, especially Little League and soccer, and even coached his daughters on their softball team when they were young. Mr. Wilder sponsored many Citrus County bowling leagues over the years.

He is survived by his wife

of 26 years, Lynn Wilder, Homosassa; daughter, Donna Guinn (Rodney), Ocala; daughter, Dina Baird (Walter), Ocala; daughter, Mitzi Patrick (Darrell), Crystal River; daughter, Gina Ingram (Casey); brother, Robert Wilder, Ocala; sister, Katie Rehnke, St. Petersburg; sister-in-law, Doris Wilder, Brooksville; grandchildren, Madison, Ian, Daniel, Joshua, Ethan and Tyler; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by three siblings, William, Walter and Ann.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Gulf To Lake Baptist Church, Crystal River, with pastors Lloyd Bertine and Laverle Coats. Interment will follow at Magnolia Cemetery, Lecanto. Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Wilder Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to either Hospice of Citrus County or the Shriners Club. www.wilderfuneral.com.

**R. Lawrence Delgado, 89**

CRYSTAL RIVER

R. Lawrence Delgado, 89, of Crystal River, Fla., died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell with full military honors.

**Michael Scott Decker, 39**

SEABROOK, N.H.

Michael Scott Decker, 39, died Aug. 7, 2012, at North Shore Medical Center in Lynn, Mass. He was born Nov. 13, 1972, in Barnstable, Mass., and grew up in Somersworth and Exeter, N.H.

He attended Berwick Academy and graduated from Exeter High School class of 1991. A resident of Seabrook, N.H., for the last 10 years, he formerly worked as a machinist for Venture Corporation and Xaloy Inc. An artistic person who enjoyed drawing, Michael also loved many outdoor activities including fishing and skiing.

He is survived by his parents, Donald and Carla (Guyeski) Decker of Beverly Hills, Fla.; his paternal grandmother, Florence Decker of Beverly Hills, Fla.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to Cross Roads House, 600 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (www.crossroadshouse.org).

To sign an online guestbook, please visit www.brewittfuneralhome.com.

**Robert Lynch, 75**

INVERNESS

Robert S. Lynch, 75, Inverness, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at HPH Hospice Care Center. Inurnment will be at Florida National Cemetery. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

**Helga Ost, 84**

INVERNESS

Helga I. Ost, 84, of Inverness, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at Hospice of Citrus County Care Unit. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

**Charles Weichhan, 76**

BEVERLY HILLS

Charles E. Weichhan, 76, of Beverly Hills, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012.

Private burial will be in Hills of Rest Cemetery in Floral City.

Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is handling arrangements.

**Lori Yuelling, 59**

FLORAL CITY

Lori J. Yuelling, 59, of Floral City, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012, at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

**Mystery disease not contagious**

Associated Press

Researchers have identified a mysterious new disease that has left scores of people in Asia and some in the United States with AIDS-like symptoms even though they are not infected with HIV.

The patients' immune systems become damaged, leaving them unable to fend off germs as healthy people do. What triggers this isn't known, but the disease does not seem to be contagious.

This is another kind of acquired immune deficiency that is not inherited and occurs in adults, but doesn't spread the way AIDS does through a virus, said Dr. Sarah Browne, a scientist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

She helped lead the study with researchers in Thailand and Taiwan where most of the cases

have been found since 2004. Their report is in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"This is absolutely fascinating. I've seen probably at least three patients in the last 10 years or so" who might have had this, said Dr. Dennis Maki, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

It's still possible that an infection of some sort could trigger the disease, even though the disease itself doesn't seem to spread person-to-person, he said.

The disease develops around age 50 on average but does not run in families, which makes it unlikely that a single gene is responsible, Browne said. Some patients have died of overwhelming infections, including some Asians now living in the U.S., although Browne could not estimate how many.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

How To Read The Mutual Fund Tables

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

Table of mutual funds with columns: Name, NAV, Chg. Includes funds like Advance Capital, AllianceBern, and various international and domestic equity funds.

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Fed's concerns about recovery give investors comfort, send stocks higher

Associated Press NEW YORK — Investors drew some comfort Wednesday from signals that the Federal Reserve is worried about the slow pace of the U.S. economic recovery and feels more urgency about providing help.

Stocks climbed back from lows after minutes from the last major Fed meeting were released. The price of gold rose, as it sometimes does when investors think the Fed is about to pump money into the economy. Gold climbed \$14 an ounce to \$1,657, its highest level since early May, in trading after the day's official close.

When investors expect stimulus from the Fed, they sometimes buy gold in anticipation of a weaker dollar or because of inflation fears.

The minutes, from a meeting July 31 and Aug. 1, stated "many members" of the Fed's Open Market Committee felt additional action would be warranted unless the economic recovery shows "substantial and sustainable strengthening."

The recovery of the U.S. housing market is looking steadier and more sustainable, a trend that will likely add to economic growth in 2012 for the first time in seven years.

Purchases, construction and prices are gradually but consistently increasing, though they remain far below levels seen in a healthy economy.

Sales of previously occupied homes rose 2.3 percent in July from June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.47 million, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. Over the past 12 months, sales have jumped more than 10 percent.

U.S. regulators mandated Wednesday that public companies disclose information about their use of minerals from Congo, where militias linked to atrocities have profited from mining minerals used in electronics, jewelry and other goods.

The Securities and Exchange Commission voted 3-2 to adopt a rule under the 2010 financial overhaul law. Public companies that use the designated minerals from Congo and neighboring countries will have to disclose annually their efforts to trace the minerals back to their sources.

The SEC also voted 2-1 to require producers of oil, natural gas or minerals to disclose any payments involving commercial development they make to the U.S. or a foreign government.

The payments will include taxes, royalties and licensing fees.

—From wire reports

Market watch Aug. 22, 2012. Dow Jones industrials -30.82, Nasdaq composite +6.41, Standard & Poor's 500 +0.32, Russell 2000 -2.80.

NYSE diary. Advanced: 1,183, Declined: 1,827, Unchanged: 115, Volume: 3.0 b.

Nasdaq diary. Advanced: 911, Declined: 1,534, Unchanged: 137, Volume: 1.4 b.

Business HIGHLIGHTS. PayPal to offer in-store payments thru Discover.

Business HIGHLIGHTS. Rise in US home sales reflects steady improvement.

Business HIGHLIGHTS. T-Mobile brings back unlimited data plan.

Business HIGHLIGHTS. Chinese solar industry faces weak sales, price war.

Business HIGHLIGHTS. SEC mandates company disclosures on mineral use.

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**PLANTING THE SEEDS**

# Garden idea something to rally around

A recent news story noted that the United Way of Citrus County is planning a community garden on county-donated land in Beverly Hills.

So—planning a garden. Why is that newsworthy?

Community gardening actually is a big deal, practiced for many years in Europe and now gaining a lot of traction all over the United States. The bottom line: Experience shows community gardens are good for their communities.

The American Community Gardening Association sums up the benefits: "Community gardening improves people's quality of life by providing a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, stimulating social interaction, encouraging self-reliance, beautifying neighborhoods, producing nutritious food, reducing family food budgets, conserving resources and creating opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education."

Now, that's what we call a big deal.

United Way President/CEO Amy Meek's team is forming alliances throughout the county to plan and help implement the community gardening project, now in the planning stage.

Partner groups are providing advice on everything from soil analysis to plant selection, growing and irrigation guidance and much more. Partners include the Citrus County Commission, the Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension Office, and the Citrus County Agricultural Alliance. Thanks to expert technical advice already received, plans are coming together to prepare the soil prior to spring planting.

The Nature Coast Volunteer Center is ramping up recruiting efforts for project volunteers. Supervisor Laurie Diestler said there will be a variety of opportunities available, and she wants to hear from folks who want to be involved. Call 352-527-5950 to get on the list.

The United Way's garden project network also includes major community support partner Wal-Mart Supercenter in Inverness, and there's plenty of room on the team for more.

While the garden will initially be a group effort, Meek envisions a possible future involving members contributing to garden upkeep and sharing in the harvest. Baby steps and pilot project successes first, she said. Then, who knows? Stay tuned. It's all good.

**THE ISSUE:**

United Way plans community garden in Beverly Hills.

**OUR OPINION:**

A great idea, for many reasons.

# Why government needs a diet

— WASHINGTON  
 Because the possibility of effectively supervising government varies inversely with government's size, so does government's lawfulness. This iron law of Leviathan is illustrated by a dispiriting story that begins with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, aka the stimulus, that supposedly temporary response to an economic emergency.

Because nothing is as immortal as a temporary government program, the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW), a creature of the stimulus, was folded into the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, aka Obamacare. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), working through CPPW, disbursed money to 25 states to fight, among other things, the scourge of soda pop.

In Cook County, Ill., according to an official report, recipients using some of a \$16 million CDC grant "educated policymakers on link between SSBs (sugar-sweetened beverages) and obesity, economic impact of an SSB tax, and importance of investing revenue into prevention." According to a Philadelphia city website, a \$15 million CDC grant funded efforts to "campaign" for a "two-cent per ounce excise tax" on SSBs. In California, an official report says a \$2.2 million CDC grant for obesity prevention funded "training for grantees on media advocacy" against SSBs. A New York report says a \$3 million grant was used to "educate leaders and decision-makers about, and promote the effective implementation of ... a tax to substantially increase the price of beverages containing caloric sweetener." The Rhode Island Department of Health used a \$3 million grant for "educating key

decision-makers to serve as champions of specific ... pricing and procurement strategies to reduce consumption of" SSBs. In government-speak, "educating" is synonymous with "lobbying."

Clearly some of the \$230 million in CDC/CPPW anti-obesity grants was spent in violation of the law, which prohibits the use of federal funds "to influence in any manner ... an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation." But leaving legality aside, is such "nutrition activism" effective?

Not according to Michael L. Marlow, economics professor at California Polytechnic State University, and Sherzod Abdulkadirov of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Writing in Regulation quarterly ("Can Behavioral Economics Combat Obesity?"), a publication of the libertarian Cato Institute, they powerfully question the assumptions underlying paternalistic policies such as using taxes to nudge individuals to make consumption choices that serve their real but unrecognized interests — e.g., drinking fewer SSBs.

Paternalists wield two weapons, mandating the provision of more information (e.g., calorie counts for restaurant menu items) and increasing the cost of bad decisions, meaning those the paternalists disapprove. Marlow and Abdulkadirov respond:

"Most obese individuals know they are heavy, and that many of the foods they eat are high-calorie. They also face the stigma often linked to obesity. They hardly need the government to give them additional incentives to lose weight. People aware of their mistakes also have strong incentives to correct them."

Research indicates that overweight individuals have "reasonably close" to accurate estimates of the increased health risks and decreased life expectancy associated with obesity. Hence the weakness of mandated information as a modifier of behavior. A study conducted after New York City mandated posting calorie counts in restaurant chains concluded that while 28 percent of patrons said the information influenced their choices, researchers could not detect a change in calories purchased after the law.

Other research findings include: A study of nearly 20,000 students from kindergarten through eighth grade found that among those with easy access to high-calorie snacks in schools, 35.5 percent were overweight — compared with 34.8 percent of children in schools without such snacks. Nutrition policy is replicating a familiar pattern: Increased taxes on alcohol and tobacco mostly decrease consumption by light users, not the heavy users who are the social problem, and whose demand is relatively inelastic.

The robust market in diet books, weight loss centers, exercise equipment, athletic clubs, health foods — between 1987 and 2004, 35,272 new food products were labeled "no fat" or "low fat" — refutes the theory that there is some "market failure" government must correct. But as long as there are bureaucrats who consider themselves completely rational and informed, there will be policies to substitute government supervision of individuals for individuals' personal responsibility.

As the soft paternalism of incentives fails, there will be increasing resort to the hard paternalism of mandates and proscriptions. Hence the increasing need to supervise our supervisors, the government.

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George Will  
**OTHER VOICES**



**Hot Corner: KIDS TODAY**

**Why stay?**

This is Aug. 20. I'm calling in about the "Kids today," the person that is complaining about kids being kids. I won't say they're all perfect. Some do a better job of respecting other people's property than others. But what bothers me is, they repeated over that they came from up North. Apparently they like it better than they do here. My comment is simple: The same road that brought you here will take you back.

**Why leave?**

To the person complaining about children having too much time off from school and that they need to stay inside until the parents get home from work: If the North is so wonderful, why did you leave?

**Parents' origins**

To the person complaining about children driving bicycles and skateboards on their driveways: Did you ever stop to think that over half of these parents of these children are originally from up North?

**Hot Corner: PARKWAY SURVEY**

**Slanted survey**

I'm one of the people who received one of the Suncoast Parkway surveys. That survey asked a lot of questions, but it never did ask if we wanted the parkway completed or not. So whoever's looking at the questions and answers, they can draw any conclusion they want. The survey was a complete sham. It will not work to determine if people want that parkway or not.

**Don't push parkway**

I don't know who you are that keeps saying we need to put the parkway in our Homosassa Springs. We do not need the parkway. The parkway extends a little further down and it takes you to the airport and that's sufficient enough. Leave our little town alone. Stop trying to push the parkway. We already defeated you and if you try again, we will defeat you again. This is a nice, small community town.

**Believe in students**

I'm calling about the article about Pat Deutschman saying students must pass the civics test or fail high school, and what she thought about it. If she wants to lower the bar yet further for these children here, it's undermining their ability to learn. It's like training seals here. What's wrong with being able to pass a civics exam? In the Northern states, like I, for one, we took it in seventh grade. Everybody had to take the state exam. And she should have more faith in the students' ability and not say, as in her article, "What do you want, the children not to pass the eighth grade?"



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**LETTERS to the Editor**

**Misinformed, again**

In the Aug. 13 editorial, the editorial board repeated the assertions of Andy Houston's comments in a guest column of Aug. 5. Mr. Houston was incorrect, as is your editorial.

Facts that are being given by opponents to the way the project is being handled have repeated, over and over; that we are not against the sewer project, just the assessment we are being made to pay for the City of Crystal River, but for the \$4,000 to \$5,000 we are being charged by the city to hook up, inspect, etc., we derive no benefit. We are not in an environmentally sensitive area for King's Bay and Crystal River.

I'll tell you the same thing I told Mr. Houston: Read the SWFWMD report titled "Origins of Nutrients in Ground Water Discharge from the King's Bay Springs." This document clearly states that the problem with King's Bay and Crystal River is a result of the city dumping sewage into King's Bay for years and septic systems from east, north and northeast of Crystal River. This is fact. Our benefit has been ruined streets, unsightly monuments/air vents, unusual flooding due to the sewer

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First, I want to thank the Citrus County Chronicle for its strong endorsement of my candidacy for the office of Citrus County sheriff. Your endorsement was very factual and to the point, while also portraying my worthy primary opponents in a positive light. Good job.

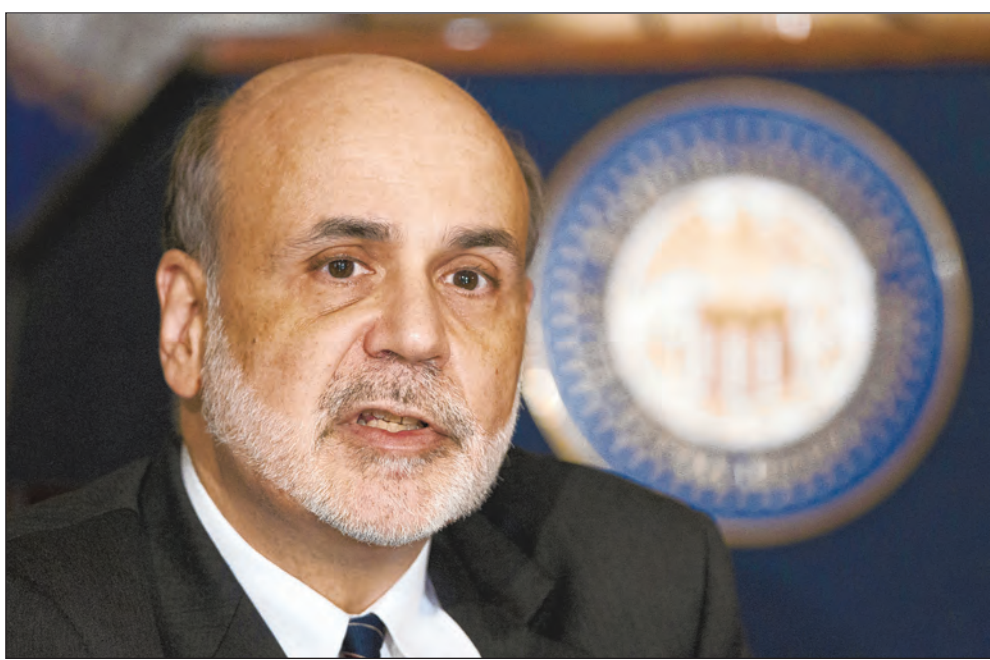
I also want to give a big thank-you to the many volunteers who have spent many hours, days and months helping the Winn Webb campaign to be a success, as well as the many financial contributors who helped to fund the campaign. I could not have won without all of you.

Also, special thanks go out to the voters who weathered the weather (rain and heat) to come out and vote. I witnessed many of you using umbrellas to access your voting precincts. Your support and dedication to the electoral process was greatly appreciated and did not go unnoticed. I am asking for your continued support and fervent prayers in the general election.

Thanks again to all of you.

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Associated Press

**Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke speaks Aug. 7 to educators in the board room of the Federal Reserve in Washington. Federal Reserve officials spoke with increased urgency Wednesday at their last meeting about the need to provide more help for a weak U.S. economy. The minutes of the July 31 to Aug. 1 meeting show many members feeling further support would be needed "fairly soon" unless the economy improved significantly.**

# Fed could take action

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve officials signaled Wednesday that they may be ready to launch a new bond buying program when they next meet in September.

The goal would be to try to lower long-term interest rates to encourage more borrowing and spending.

Minutes of their July 31 to Aug. 1 policy meeting released Wednesday don't explicitly say what action the Fed would most likely take. But they hint that the central bank is preparing to begin more bond buying.

The minutes show Fed officials spoke at the meeting with increased urgency about the need to provide more help for the still-weak U.S. economy. Many felt further support would be needed "fairly soon" unless the economy improved significantly.

The Fed has already sought to drive down long-term rates by buying more than \$2 trillion in Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities in two previous rounds of bond purchases. The purchases are called "quantitative easing."

Based on the minutes, David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors, said he thought the likelihood of further quantitative easing had risen from evenly split to as high as a 70 percent chance that the Fed will make that move when it meets Sept. 12 and 13.

"I believe the Fed is signaling in very clear terms that a third round of bond purchases will be approved at the September meeting," Jones said.

In the minutes, the Fed noted, "Many members judged that additional monetary accommodation would likely be warranted fairly soon unless incoming information pointed to a substantial and sustainable strengthening in the pace of the economic recovery."

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said that wording signaled that the Fed won't be satisfied by the modest improvements the economy has made recently.

"Quantitative easing is still very much on the table," Ashworth said.

The minutes also show many officials favor pushing the timetable for any increase in record-low short-term rates beyond the Fed's current target of late 2014 at the earliest. Some economists think the target will be extended to mid-2015.

Reaction to the minutes in the stock and bond markets was positive but muted. The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, down most of the day, finished essentially flat. The price of gold, which traders sometimes buy as a hedge against inflation, jumped about \$10 an ounce, to \$1,650, its highest point since early May.

The Fed releases minutes

of its private discussions three weeks after each meeting. After it meets in September, Fed policymakers will also update their economic forecasts, and Chairman Ben Bernanke will hold a news conference.

Ashworth and some other economists said the minutes suggested that if the Fed does launch a new bond buying program, it won't set a target amount, as it has in the past. Rather, the Fed could keep a new program open-ended so it could continue to buy bonds until it saw a significant decline in the unemployment rate, now at 8.3 percent.

An open-ended bond-buying program would represent a major shift in Fed policy, said Michael Gapen, an economist at Barclays.

Even if the Fed announces another round of bond purchases, some economists have questioned how much it might help. They note that mortgage rates and other key borrowing rates are already near record lows.

After its August meeting, the Fed announced no changes in its policies. But in a statement afterward, it appeared to signal a growing willingness to take further steps to boost the economy if it doesn't improve.

## Nation BRIEFS

### Balloons for surveillance

ROMA, Texas — Balloons tethered high above the Texas-Mexico border have already assisted Border Patrol agents less than two weeks into their testing period.

The captive balloons carry high-tech payloads of infrared and long-distance cameras.

Border Patrol spokesman Henry Mendiola declined to specify if the two aerostats had helped in seizing drugs or illegal immigrants. However, he said the balloons floating near Roma have been an effective new surveillance tool for agents. Agents offered a glimpse of the capabilities Wednesday to media and government officials.

The devices are on loan from the Defense Department so that Customs and Border Protection can study whether they should be added to the its arsenal of border monitoring equipment.

That arsenal includes airplanes, helicopters, drones, ground-based sensors and agents.







### Texas targets program's funding

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas officials are vowing to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood after a federal court sided with the state in a challenge over a new law that bans clinics affiliated with abortion providers from getting state money.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans late Tuesday reversed a federal judge's temporary injunction allowing the funding to continue pending an October trial on Planned Parenthood's challenge to the law. State officials are seeking to halt money to Planned Parenthood clinics that provide family planning and health services. The appeals court's decision means Texas is now free to impose the ban.

—From wire reports

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**Nation BRIEFS**

**Piglet trio**



Associated Press

Three little piglets nestle together for a nap Wednesday in their pen at the 1782 Settlement Farm in Middlesex, Vt.

**Lawmaker in sex scandal drops out**

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota state lawmaker involved in a rest-stop sexual encounter with a 17-year-old boy says he won't run for reelection after all.

Rep. Kerry Gauthier told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he made the decision on his own after multiple conversations with Democratic leaders who urged him to drop out. Gauthier had said earlier in the day that he would not drop out.

Gauthier also told AP an overdose of muscle relaxants he took last week was a suicide attempt.

**World BRIEFS**

**Ganesh**



Associated Press

People look at an idol of Hindu elephant-headed god Ganesh Wednesday in Mumbai, India. The idol will be immersed in the Arabian Sea at the end of the 10-day-long Ganesh festival, which begins Sept. 19.

**Mexican telecom fight turns ugly**

MEXICO CITY — A fight over hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of frequencies used by next-generation wireless devices has erupted into an ugly feud between the Mexican government and one of its most powerful media companies.

The head of broadcaster MVS Communications and some of the top officials in President Felipe Calderon's administration accused each other Wednesday of lying about the reasons the government is withdrawing MVS's concession on frequencies in the 2.5-gigahertz bandwidth.

**Ailing Egypt seeks \$4.8B IMF loan**

CAIRO — Egypt formally asked the International Monetary Fund for a \$4.8 billion loan on Wednesday, seeking a desperately needed rescue package for its faltering economy, but raising the possibility of painful restructuring in a country still reeling since its revolution more than 18 months ago.

The IMF has avoided making specific conditions for a loan, but it seeks a cohesive government plan for restarting economic growth and reducing a deficit that has grown to \$23.6 billion.

A key part of that will likely be reducing subsidies that suck up a third of the government budget every year. Touching those subsidies, however, could bring social upheaval, since they keep commodities such as fuel and bread cheap for a population of around 82 million.

The biggest subsidies are those on fuel, which cost the government some \$16 billion a year.

— From wire reports

# Record West Nile outbreak

## CDC: Epidemic one of the largest in US history

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The current West Nile outbreak is one of the largest in the U.S., with four times the usual number of cases for this time of year, federal health officials said Wednesday.

It's still too early to say how bad the year will end up because most infections are reported in August and September. But never before have so many illnesses been re-

ported this early, said Dr. Lyle Petersen of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We're in the midst of one of the largest West Nile outbreaks ever seen in the United States," said Petersen, who oversees the CDC's mosquito-borne illness programs.

So far, 1,118 illnesses have been reported, about half of them in Texas. In an average year, fewer than 300 cases are reported by mid-August. There have also been 41 deaths this year, the CDC said.

And cases seem to be accelerating: About 400 of the cases were reported in just the last week.

Experts think the mild winter, early spring and very hot summer helped stimulate mosquito breeding and the spread of the virus. Mos-

quitoes pick up the virus from birds they bite and then pass it on to people.

CDC officials are also looking into the possibility that the virus mutated, but so far have no information showing that happened, Petersen said.

West Nile virus was first diagnosed in Uganda in 1937, but no cases were reported in the U.S. until 1999 in New York. The virus gradually spread across the country.

It peaked in 2002 and 2003, when severe illnesses reached nearly 3,000 and deaths surpassed 260. Last year was mild, with fewer than 700 cases.

Only about 1 in 5 infected people get sick. Early symptoms can include fever, headache and body

aches. Some recover in a matter of days. But 1 in 150 infected people will develop severe symptoms including neck stiffness, disorientation, coma and paralysis.

Many illnesses probably go unreported, especially milder cases. In this year's case count, more than half are severe, CDC officials said.

In recent years, cases have been scattered across the country. Hot spots are usually in southeast Louisiana, central and southern California, and areas around Dallas, Houston, Chicago and Phoenix.

Those areas seem to have a combination of factors that include the right kinds of virus-carrying mosquitoes and birds, along with large numbers of people who can be infected, health officials say.

**Quilt mob**



Associated Press

Quilters form a "flash mob" Wednesday on the Gillette Bridge in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich. They are in town for the American Quilter's Society Quilt Show and contest.

# Mars Rover takes spin

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Curiosity took its first test drive around the gravel-strewn Martian terrain Wednesday, preparation for the ultimate road trip to find out if life could have existed on the Red Planet.

The six-wheeled NASA rover did not stray far from the spot where it landed more than two weeks ago. It rolled forward about 15 feet, rotated to a right angle and reversed a short distance, leaving track marks on the ancient soil.

Mission managers were ecstatic that the maiden voyage of the \$2.5 billion mission was glitch-free.

"It couldn't be more important," said project manager Peter Theisinger at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "We built a rover. So unless the rover roves, we really haven't accomplished anything. It's a big moment."

The short spin came a day after Curiosity successfully wiggled its wheels to test its steering capabilities.

Curiosity landed in Gale Crater near the Martian equator Aug. 5 to explore whether the environment once supported microbial life. The touchdown site has been named Bradbury Landing in honor of the late "The Martian Chronicles" author Ray Bradbury, who would have turned 92 on Wednesday.

The rover's ultimate destination is Mount Sharp, a towering mountain that looms from the ancient crater floor. Signs of past water have been spotted at the base, which provides a starting point to hunt for the chemical building blocks of life.

Before Curiosity treks toward the mountain, it will take a detour to an intriguing spot 1,300 feet away, where it will drill into bedrock. With the test drive out of the way, Curiosity was expected to stay at its new position for several days before making its first big drive — a trip that will take as long as a month and a half.

Curiosity won't head to Mount Sharp until the end of the year.

Rover driver Matt Heverly said the first drive took about 16 minutes, with most of the time used to take pictures. Heverly said the wheels did not sink much into the ground, which appeared firm.

"We should have smooth sailing ahead of us," he said.

Since the car-sized rover is the most sophisticated spacecraft sent to Mars, engineers have taken their time to make sure the rover is in tiptop shape.

# CBO: Congress risks recession

## Analyst warns of budget stalemate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A stalemate between Democrats and Republicans that ends up boosting taxes and slashing federal spending in January would likely thrust the nation into a 2013 recession and cost 2 million jobs by the end of that year, Congress' top nonpartisan budget analyst warned Wednesday.

The cautionary report by the Congressional Budget Office, drearier

than a similar alarm it issued in May, immediately raised the political stakes in one of this election year's signature conflicts between the two parties.

Without an agreement between President Barack Obama and Congress by January, tax reductions on virtually all taxpayers are scheduled to expire and spending cuts will be imposed on hundreds of popular domestic and defense programs. That would plunge the nation off a so-called "fiscal cliff," which each side is eager to blame on the other.

Together, the scheduled tax increases and spending cuts would total nearly \$500 billion next year, the report said — a huge amount of activity

to suck out of a \$16 trillion economy that is already struggling. That would be the largest annual reduction in the federal deficit compared to the size of the economy in more than four decades, said Douglas Elmendorf, the budget office's director.

Doing that "would probably lead to a recession early next year," Elmendorf told reporters.

That scenario would cause the economy to shrink by 0.5 percent in 2013 and push unemployment up to around 9 percent in the second half of next year, according to the report. Elmendorf said that would mean 2 million fewer jobs than if the tax cuts are renewed and the spending cuts averted.

# Middle class income suffers decline

## Economic hit is 'worst in modern history'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The middle class is receiving less of America's total income, declining to its smallest share in decades as median wages stagnate in the economic doldrums and wealth concentrates at the top.

A study released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center highlights diminished hopes, too, for the roughly 50 percent of adults defined as middle class, with household incomes ranging from \$39,000 to \$118,000. The report describes this mid-tier group as suffering its "worst decade in modern history," having fallen backward in income for the first time since the end of World War II.

Three years after the recession technically ended, middle class Americans are still feeling the economic pinch, with most saying

they have been forced to reduce spending in the past year. And fewer now believe that hard work will allow them to get ahead in life. Families are now more likely to say their children's economic future will be the same or worse than their own.

In all, 85 percent of middle class Americans say it is more difficult now than a decade ago to maintain their standard of living. Some 62 percent say a lot of the blame lies with Congress. A slight majority say a lot lies with banks and other financial institutions. Just 8 percent blame the middle class itself.

"The job market is changing, our living standards are falling in the middle, and middle-income parents are now afraid that their children will be worse off than they are," said Timothy Smeeding, a University of Wisconsin-Madison economics professor who

specializes in income inequality.

He said that many middle-income families have taken a big hit in the past decade as health care costs increased, mid-wage jobs disappeared due to automation and outsourcing and college tuition mounted for those seeking to build credentials to get better work. In the meantime, more-affluent families have fared better in net worth because they are less dependent than lower-income groups on home property values, which remain shriveled after the housing bust. Wealthier Americans are more likely to be invested in the stock market, which as a whole has been quicker to recover from the downturn.

"These are the disaffected middle class who work hard and play by the rules of society, but increasingly see their situation declining by forces beyond

their control," Smeeding said in an interview. "No matter who is president, the climb back up for the middle class and the recovery will be slow and often painful."

The Pew study is just the latest indicator of a long-term trend of widening U.S. income inequality. The Census Bureau reported last year that income fell for the wealthiest — down 1.2 percent to \$180,810 for the top 5 percent of households. But the bottom fifth of households — those making \$20,000 or less — saw incomes decline 4 percent.

In 1970, the share of U.S. income that went to the middle class was 62 percent, while wealthier Americans received just 29 percent. But by 2010, the middle class garnered 45 percent of the nation's income, tying a low first reached in 2006, compared to 46 percent for upper-income Americans.

Since 2000, the median income for America's middle class has fallen from \$72,956 to \$69,487.



## Pirates open season at home vs. Weeki Wachee

*CR plays today; Citrus, Lecanto kick off Friday*

SEAN ARNOLD  
 Correspondent

It's dress rehearsal week for area prep football teams. Players, coaches and fans will begin to see the some of the payoffs of the arduous camps and offseason workouts. Whether they like what they see or not may vary widely as each team faces significantly different preseason opponents while they attempt address divergent needs.

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Coaches are careful not to overemphasize their teams' performances this week — good or bad — knowing it essentially amounts to a mulligan before the regular season ensues.

### Weeki Wachee Hornets at Crystal River Pirates, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Crystal River's preseason exhibition will be preceded by a BBQ dinner fundraiser at 6 p.m., in order to raise funds for former

Pirate graduate Josh White, a corporal in the United States Marines who lost both of his legs while deployed in Afghanistan. Sales from the BBQ, which will be held in the back parking lot of the school, as well as the concessions during the game, will go to White and his family.

Tonight's game will also welcome Weeki Wachee to its first-ever varsity season. But regardless of opponent, second-year Pirates

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Crystal River's Dallas Baldner, (9), and Al Ellison compete for a ball during a recent practice. The Pirates host Weeki Wachee at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle



### Oakland's Colon suspended for positive drug test

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Make it two 50-game suspensions in exactly one week — both starters for contending teams from the Bay Area, both for testosterone.

Former Cy Young Award winner Bartolo Colon of the Oakland Athletics was suspended for 50 games Wednesday after a positive test, joining San Francisco Giants outfielder Melky Cabrera on the suspended list for the rest of the regular season.

Major League Baseball made the announcement of Colon's penalty a week after All-Star game MVP Cabrera received his 50-game suspension

"I apologize to the fans, to my teammates and to the Oakland A's," Colon said in a statement released by the players' association. "I accept responsibility for my actions and I will serve my suspension as required by the joint drug program."

He will miss the final 40 games of the regular season and the first 10 games of the postseason if Oakland advances that far. Any remainder of the suspension would be served in a future season, if Colon signs another major league contract.

"It's a shock," Oakland reliever Grant Balfour said. "He's a guy that we're definitely relying on right now. I guess you could say it's bad timing any time, but especially now."

Oakland, which hasn't made the playoffs since 2006, began Wednesday a half-game out in the AL wild-card race. The A's were preparing for an afternoon series finale against Minnesota when they got the news from clubhouse televisions. A closed-door team meeting was called.

"The Oakland Athletics are disappointed to learn of today's suspension," the team said in a statement.

Starter Brandon McCarthy took that a little further.

"You can say someone's a good teammate, but it has to extend in all facets," McCarthy said after a 5-1 win. "Off the field, on the field and how you are in the clubhouse, no matter how look at it, we've now lost a really important part of our team to his actions."

General manager Billy Beane received word from MLB earlier Wednesday and began searching for a starter to take Colon's turn in the rotation Thursday at Tampa Bay. Tyson Ross will be called up from Triple-A Sacramento. Ross arrived to the Coliseum and moved into Colon's locker.

"It shocked all of us just the fact someone got caught for that," Ross said.

Beane addressed the A's in the clubhouse before the team took the field for pregame warmups.

"Listen, it's disappointing. From a baseball standpoint, we're scrambling," Beane said. "We're all disappointed, not just for the Giants and the A's, but for baseball."

The 39-year-old Colon is 10-9 with a 3.43 ERA in 24 starts this season, his first with the A's, and has a 171-122 record in 15 big league seasons. A two-time All-Star, the burly right-hander won the 2005 AL Cy Young Award after going 21-8

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## Rays fend off Royals

Win is 16th in 21 games

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — James Shields gave the Tampa Bay Rays another strong pitching performance as they make their push in the AL East.

Shields took a three-hitter into the eighth inning, leading Tampa Bay over the Kansas City Royals 5-3 Wednesday for the Rays' 16th win in 21 games.

Shields (12-7) retired 12 in a row after Alcides Escobar's two-out single in the third and allowed three runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings. The right-hander struck out seven and walked one, improving to 4-0 with a 2.15 ERA in his last five starts.

"I'm mixing my pitches up pretty well," Shields said. "My delivery has been really, really well ever since the beginning of this month. My change up is back in action."

Escobar ended Shields' day with a two-out RBI triple in the eighth that pulled Tampa Bay to 4-2. Jake McGee allowed a run-scoring single to Alex Gordon, and Kyle Farnsworth retired Billy Butler on a grounder.

"Shields set the tone, again," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "Our starters normally do that. Great job on his part."

Jose Labaton homered off See RAYS/Page B4



Associated Press

The Tampa Bay Rays' Carlos Pena slides into home plate ahead of the throw to Kansas City Royals catcher Salvador Perez during the sixth inning Wednesday in St. Petersburg. Pena scored on a double by teammate Ryan Roberts. The Rays defeated the Royals 5-3.

## Japan builds early lead, beats Panama 4-1

Strong pitching advances team to finals

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The Little Leaguers from Japan are playing textbook baseball.

Strong pitching, solid defense and powerful bats have carried the team from Tokyo to a berth in the international final at the World Series following a 4-1 victory over Panama on Wednesday.

Kotaro Kiyomiya homered in the first, and starter Ryuji Osada struck out seven.

The left-handed Kiyomiya displayed prodigious power for a 13-year-old slugger. His blast landed nearly halfway up the hill beyond the right-field wall, about 310 feet from the plate.

"As soon as I hit it I knew it was a home run," he said through an interpreter. "That's why I didn't take off quickly."

Panama finally got on the board in the fifth after Edwin Nieto hustled around first to score on a double by Daniel Cruz and an error.

But Osada got the next batter to ground weakly to short to end the threat.

Texas and Tennessee play the nightcap in the U.S. bracket.

On the international side, Japan is a traditional power, having appeared in the World Series finals four out of the previous five years, including a title in 2010.

Now, Tokyo is two wins away from taking home another title to Japan. Noriatsu Osaka retired the

side in order in the sixth for the save.

The two teams then lined up for the customary postgame high-fives at the plate before Japan's players sprinted out to center to pay homage to the bust of Howard Lamade just beyond the outfield wall — another Japan tradition at the World Series. The main Little League stadium is named after Lamade.

Japan pounded out eight hits but squandered a couple other scoring opportunities. Despite the first-inning homers, manager Yoichi Kubo thinks his boys aren't swinging the bats well.

"We have not adjusted to this big stage" at the plate, Kubo said. "Our pitching has been very good."

The Panama team from Aguadulce moves into the elimination bracket to play Mexico on Thursday, with the winner of that game facing Japan in the international championship game on Saturday.

It's time for Panama manager Luis Gonzalez to settle his players down.

"We will have a team meeting to get them to relax because we have to be ready to play another game," Gonzalez said through an interpreter.

While they struggled at the plate, Panama pitching settled down after the rough first. Kiyomiya's homer to right was nearly caught by a fan watching the game from a beach chair carefully



Associated Press

Tokyo's Kotaro Kiyomiya, left center, is greeted by teammates Wednesday after hitting a two-run homerun off Panama pitcher Julio Goff in the first inning at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa. Tokyo won 4-1.

perched on the steep hill; Shun Oshima followed with a solo shot to right two batters later.

Twelve-year-old reliever James Gonzalez got a strikeout to end a bases-loaded jam the next inning before Panama. He allowed a run and two hits in three innings, benefiting from some nifty glove work like 13-year-old shortstop Daniel

Cruz's diving stop to his right and Edison Gonzalez's sweep tag at first to end the bottom of the fourth.

Panama pitchers were often serenaded to chants of "Strike him out" in Spanish by their fans, who were yelling the phrase when Oshima tripped down the left-field line to tack on an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth.



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# GET IN THE GAME

## Taking amberjack to a new level

ALAN PEIRCE  
Special to the Chronicle

When I first heard my brother-in-law, James "Jim Bob" Higgins, talking about catching full-grown greater amberjack on spinning tackle and top-water plugs, I was a bit skeptical, to say the least. Old Jim Bob, who has caught his share of AJs out of Carrabelle, is known to tell a fish tale or two. But this one has been verified, and if you get a chance to see what I'm talking about, I promise you won't be disappointed.

Greater amberjack, which opened for recreational harvest in Gulf state and federal waters Aug. 1, are one of the strongest fish in the sea. They have been known to break expensive rods and bring the burliest of fishermen to their knees. Social in nature, when you find one, you generally find a whole bunch. They love artificial reef structures with an ample amount of vertical relief.

Need help finding an artificial reef to fish on? Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater" and "Artificial Reefs" for coordinates in your area.

Water depth is also very important. In my experience, which is primarily limited to the Florida Panhandle region, the minimum depth for good amberjack fishing is about 65 feet, and most of the larger jacks will be in water depths greater than 80 feet.

Once you are anchored over the right location, what's next? I like to start with some live bait to get them all fired up. Using a standard slip-lead bottom/fish finder rig with 60- to 80-pound test, drop a few frisky pinfish, grunts or blue runners halfway to the bottom. If amberjack are in the area, it shouldn't take long for the live bait to be inhaled. Remember, circle hooks are required when using natural bait and fishing for reef fish, which includes amberjack. Be sure to have your drag set appropriately for the tackle. With a circle hook, don't ever try to set the hook. The fish will do all the



AMANDA NALLEY/Courtesy of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Kyle Miller holds his catch, a greater amberjack, after reeling it in April 3 off the waters of Panama City.

work, so just hang on till your rod bends over, and it's pretty much "fish-on" from there!

Once you catch a few on the grouper rod, put all that heavy tackle away and break out the spinning rods and baitcasters. I don't mean your bait rod with 8-pound test, but something in the 17- to 30-pound range is perfect. The next thing you want to do is tie on a short piece of 40- to 50-pound mono leader and a big, obnoxious, top-water popping plug. I don't think the color matters as long as it's something bright and highly visible. Anything that catches your eye in

the tackle store will also catch the jacks', but you want to use one of the flat-faced chugger-type plugs that are designed to make a lot of commotion when you snatch them across the water.

Remember to remove the treble hooks and replace with a single hook. You might also want to smash the barb down to facilitate hook removal or go with no hook at all if you're not intending to keep any more fish and just want to see some action.

Work the plug fast and watch the jacks explode in excitement! Get close-up photos or video of the ac-

tion by dragging the plug in a figure-eight pattern right next to the boat. To keep the school in range, you might need to periodically chum with some of the live bait.

Good luck, and if you try them on the top-water plugs, give me a shout and let me know how you did or send me some photos or video to post on our website: MyFWC.com.

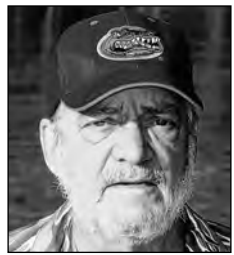
Remember, on the Atlantic side, there is no closed season, so you can enjoy this fishery on a year-round basis. The minimum size limit is 28 inches fork length in the Atlantic and 30 inches fork length

in the Gulf, and the daily bag limit is one fish per person.

Gone Coastal is a monthly column produced by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management to help recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities in Florida. The FWC is also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime. To contact the FWC's Regulatory Outreach subsection, call 850-487-0554 or email Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.

## Bow-hunting jamboree aims for Labor Day

Those of you who are bow hunters will want to attend the Florida Bow Hunters Council's Bow Hunter Jamboree and Broadhead Shoot on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1 through 3, at the Citrus Wildlife Management Area near Inverness. Enter only at Trail 10, off State Road 581.



RG Schmidt  
TIGHT LINES

For more information, go to MyFWC.com/bowhunt.

While we're on the subject of hunting, FWC staff would like to have public comments on some proposed rule changes for hunting and Wildlife Management Areas. As some of you know, rules on WMAs are not necessarily the same as on other public lands in the state. To see the proposals and add your input, go to [www.myfwc.com/about/rules-regulations/proposed-rule-changes/hunting/](http://www.myfwc.com/about/rules-regulations/proposed-rule-changes/hunting/).

I don't normally make suggestions on fishing for

pelagic species, as offshore angling is not my field of expertise, but Alan Peirce, writing in the FWC column featured above, has a suggestion for amberjack anglers that make the one-fish-per-day (30 inches fork length in Gulf waters) limit a bit easier to take. It sure sounds like a good way to add a large amount of fun for a small investment in time and equipment.

I've had a number of reports of large black drum both north of the Withlacoochee River, in Waccasassa Bay, and south of the river, from Chambers Island nearly to the Barge Canal, with smaller fish well up into Johns Creek. The fishing in Waccasassa Bay is often sight casting, as the big drum can be seen laying near large rocks. Pieces of blue claw crab work well, and of course shrimp. Cast up current and let the tidal flow carry the bait to the

fish. The spoil banks have been giving up some reds and a few very large sea trout.

There have been some schools of redfish north of Crystal River, but I have no reports of large concentrations, and nothing down Ozello or Homosassa way. That won't last long, as the reds are getting ready to stage for the offshore spawn. The large schools should start to become visible around the next moon, in September, but August has two moons this year (the misnamed "blue moon"), so it's possible staging could start around the end of the month.

Look for large discolored areas on the flats, as these staging schools can be, and very often are, so large they'll actually turn the water a light bronze color. It's a sight to behold, and if you're new to Florida and have never seen these congregations, you're in for a treat.

Tight Lines to you.

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## Use checklist before boating

Special to the Chronicle

Keeping track of appointments or events has become more complex in a very over-scheduled world. A list of reminders added to the calendar on the refrigerator or in the smartphone can help make sure nothing is forgotten. When it comes to leisure time, a checklist is still valuable especially when heading out onto the water.

Create a pre-underway checklist like the Coast Guard Auxiliary has for their boat crews. Each time, before an auxiliary boat leaves the dock, the

entire crew reviews a standardized checklist together. Once all the items on the list are checked off, it is time to get underway.

It does not have to be complicated; this is just an example of a pre-underway checklist you could use:

- Driver's license.
- Current registration papers and boating safety course completion card.
- Check fuel supply and oil level.
- Working proper navigation lights for night operations.
- Enough lifejackets, the right size for all.
- Marine radio.

- GPS.
- Float plan left with a friend or in your vehicle.
- Other emergency equipment such as flares, first aid kit, signaling devices, tools and an anchor.

It is always better to choose safety than take a risk with your life or the lives of your passengers.

Learn more by taking a boating safety class. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills and Seamanship class is offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 28, at 148 N.E. 5th St., Crystal River. The cost is \$40. For more information, call Linda at 352-503-6199.

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

### Outdoors BRIEF

#### Flotilla offers GPS training

Interested in learning how to use that GPS you have for your boat? U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-01 Crystal River will be offering a two-day com-

prehensive class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Class size is limited to 10 people for more one-on-one instruction. Call Linda Jones for more information at 352-503-6199.

#### SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

We want your outdoors photos. Send submissions to [sports@chronicleonline.com](mailto:sports@chronicleonline.com).

# Keselowski eyeing title bid

## Driver a Sprint Cup contender

Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Brad Keselowski is talking the talk of a title contender.

The 28-year-old Keselowski probably won't need a wild card to reach the Chase for the Sprint Cup this year. He's near the top of the standings after back-to-back second-place finishes at Watkins Glen and Michigan.

Perhaps more important, he's starting to show some impressive consistency.

"We're in a great position as a team as the Chase is about to start here to make some noise," Keselowski said. "I'm just feeling lucky to be there — but then, of course, we obviously want to win. I can taste the legitimacy of being a championship contender."

Keselowski made it to the Chase last year as a wild card, but now he's solidly in fifth place with three races remaining in the Cup's regular season. Not only does Keselowski have three wins in 2012 — tied for the most on the circuit — but he also has seven straight top-10 finishes, five of which were in the top five.

Next up is Bristol, where Keselowski won earlier this season.

Keselowski finished fifth in the Cup standings last year, a 20-spot jump from 2010. This year began poorly, with a late accident in the Daytona 500. Earlier in that race, he caused a bit of a stir when he posted on Twitter during a red-flag stoppage. Afterward, NASCAR said it was OK for Keselowski to keep his cellphone in his car during events, and that all drivers were encouraged to use social media.

Before long, Keselowski was earning attention for his driving again, with wins at Bristol and Talladega. A victory at Kentucky started his current streak of top-10s.

Last weekend, he led at his home



Associated Press

After a string of top-10 finishes, including back-to-back second-place showings, Brad Keselowski is talking as if he's a contender for the Sprint Cup title.

state's track before being passed by Jimmie Johnson with about 10 laps to go. Johnson's engine later faltered, and Keselowski finished second behind Greg Biffle.

"My team has done an excellent job over the last few weeks of hitting their marks, executing on all fronts, no mistakes, solid cars," Keselowski said. "I'm very proud of that."

Before the race, Keselowski had said he felt he was at least tied for first in the standings, even though the point totals said otherwise. His reasoning was that when the Chase starts, drivers receive bonus points for regular-season wins, and the point totals don't really matter. In that

sense, it was a disappointment to fall just short of what could have been a series-leading fourth victory.

"Those bonus points mean a lot for the Chase, where consistent, solid-place finishes without risking a bad day are extremely important," Keselowski said. "You'll probably be happier with second in the Chase than what you would be here."

Keselowski rubbed some drivers the wrong way earlier in his career with his aggression, and after he spent time in development with Hendrick Motorsports, he signed with Penske in the fall of 2009 when a Cup ride with HMS

didn't materialize.

After last weekend's race, when he was passed by Johnson of Hendrick but still finished ahead of him, Keselowski was asked if there was any extra satisfaction to be competing race-for-race with HMS.

"It's a terrible way to live your life where you live it looking back at missed opportunities. I'm trying to live it where I look forward at the great opportunity that I have now," Keselowski said. "Although they might have your mind that it was never meant to be and this was what was meant to be. That makes me feel very fortunate there was

some higher calling in a way.

"It's hard to always reflect on that, especially when you're struggling. But I'm not struggling now, so it's easy to say."

Make no mistake, even when he tries to take the high road, Keselowski relishes competition.

After Sunday's race, he spent a decent amount of time talking about Johnson's No. 48 car, portraying himself as a bit of an underdog.

Then he began looking ahead. "Although they might have the most speed, we're not giving up," Keselowski said. "We're going to keep 'em honest through this Chase."

## More at stake than money in FedEx Cup

Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — The FedEx Cup was all about the \$10 million bonus when it began in 2007 because there was nothing left to decide.

Tiger Woods was the best player in golf, and everyone knew it.

He already had won five times that year, including the PGA Championship at Southern Hills. He already had earned \$7.8 million on the PGA Tour, making it impossible for anyone to catch him without winning all four playoff events, which was bordering on impossible. There was no debate on player of the year.

Golf is more unpredictable these days.

And that's what makes the FedEx Cup playoffs, which start this week at Bethpage Black, more compelling than \$10 million to the winner.

Thanks to changes that former U.S. captain Paul Azinger brought to the Ryder Cup — specifically waiting three weeks to decide the captain's picks — the next two tournaments will serve as an audition for a half-dozen players trying to get on the team.

Rickie Fowler and Dustin Johnson are two of them, and they played together Tuesday during a practice round at The Barclays. Not only were they linked as possible picks, they were partners in a game against Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley.

"You guys playing a match?" one of the fans called out to Mickelson from behind the ropes.

"Just for funnies," Mickelson said, with a laugh that made it clear that more was at stake.

The prevailing thought is that Davis Love III has a good idea on three of his four picks. Hunter Mahan barely missed out qualifying and finished ninth, which shows the quality of American play this year because he won two times, including his thorough win over Rory McIlroy at the Match Play Championship. Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk also appear to be logical picks, leaving Love with one more choice.

Fowler? Johnson? Brandt Snedeker?



Associated Press

Tiger Woods signs autographs Wednesday after playing in the pro-am at The Barclays golf tournament at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Winning at Bethpage Black this week, or at the TPC Boston next week in the second playoff event, could make it tough for Love to leave any of them out.

"If I play well the next two weeks, I would hope that I'd definitely be in consideration," said Johnson, who has won every year since his rookie season in 2008. "But I think I've had a good year, other than I didn't play for three months. But hopefully, the captain knows that, and he'll make the right decision."

There are four picks. But there might only be one, two at the most.

"He probably already has the guys he's going to pick," Johnson said. "And these next couple weeks probably could change his mind. But most of the guys have played well all week, and I've played pretty solid all year long and I think I'd be a great asset to the team. And hopefully, I'll get picked."

PGA Tour members vote on player of the year. The ballots aren't due until after the final event at Disney in November, and it was so close last year that Luke Donald and Webb Simpson played deep into the Fall Series. Simpson and Donald finished Nos. 1-2 in the FedEx Cup. Neither won a major. Donald finished the season with a 64 to win Disney and capture the money title. Only then was it an easy vote.

That probably won't be the case this time.

For three players, their only win was a major — Simpson (U.S. Open), Bubba Watson (Masters) and Ernie Els (British Open). The leading candidate for player of the year going into the FedEx Cup playoffs is McIlroy, who won the Honda Classic and the PGA Championship, setting a record with his eight-shot margin.

Not to be forgotten is Woods, who has won three times this year. No one else has more than two.

Els, Simpson and Watson could make it a five-man race if they were to win the FedEx Cup, which means they would have to win another tournament. Keep in mind that the next four weeks — particularly the next two with a full field — feature some of the strongest fields of the year.

Woods (No. 1 in the standings) and McIlroy (No. 3) are in the same group the opening two rounds at Bethpage, which is fitting. How they perform over the next month could decide who wins player of the year.

Woods is a 10-time winner of the award, including two of those years when he failed to win a major.

The closest vote was in 2003, when he had one more win than Vijay Singh (5 to 4), and won the Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average while Singh won the

money title. Neither won a major. Three years ago, Woods won despite not having a major because he won six times, including the FedEx Cup. McIlroy has a major, and the degree of dominance will not be overlooked. He joined Woods as the only players to win majors by at least eight shots since 1976.

Woods probably has to win a playoff event to capture player of the year. And if McIlroy were to win a playoff event, that should be enough for him to win unless Woods were to win twice, including the FedEx Cup.

Beyond the Ryder Cup and the tour's biggest award, the FedEx Cup offers something for each of the 125 players who qualified — hope.

Heath Slocum was the only player who moved into the top 125 last week, moving up to No. 124. He is a long shot, though history is on his side. Three years ago, Slocum narrowly got into playoffs at No. 124 and made a 10-foot putt on the last hole at The Barclays to beat Woods, Els, Stricker and Padraig Harrington. That assured him a spot in the Tour Championship and in all four majors.

The goal for Slocum is keep playing as long as he can — the top 100 go to the second round in Boston, the top 70 to the third event in Indianapolis.

## Umpire credited for life-saving effort

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Umpire Jim Joyce is being credited with taking quick action to help save the life of a food service worker who collapsed of an apparent heart attack at Chase Field.

Russ Amaral, vice president of ballpark operations, says Joyce happened to be walking past Jayne Powers when she collapsed before Monday night's game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Miami Marlins.

After deciding it wasn't a seizure, as some of her co-workers suggested, Joyce quickly started CPR.

Marlins bullpen catcher Jeff Urgelles, a former firefighter and paramedic, was called to the scene and began helping Joyce.

Paramedics arrived moments later and transported the woman to a hospital, where her condition improved.

Joyce, Urgelles and others involved were honored in a brief ceremony before Wednesday night's series

finale. Urgelles carried the Marlins' lineup card to home plate.

Joyce is best remembered for blowing the call that cost Detroit's Armando Galarraga a perfect game on June 2, 2010. A major league umpire for 24 years, he was the crew chief for the Diamondbacks-Marlins series. Galarraga famously said he had no ill feelings after the umpire acknowledged he had missed the call and apologized for doing so.

Joyce did not respond to a request made through Major League Baseball on Wednesday to comment on this week's incident. But he told MLB.com on Tuesday that he knew he had to act quickly when he saw the woman go down.

"I knew something was wrong," Joyce said. "And I knew if something wasn't done, this lady could actually die in front of me. It was more instinct than anything else."

He also said he and his wife had an emotional visit with Powers in the hospital on Tuesday.



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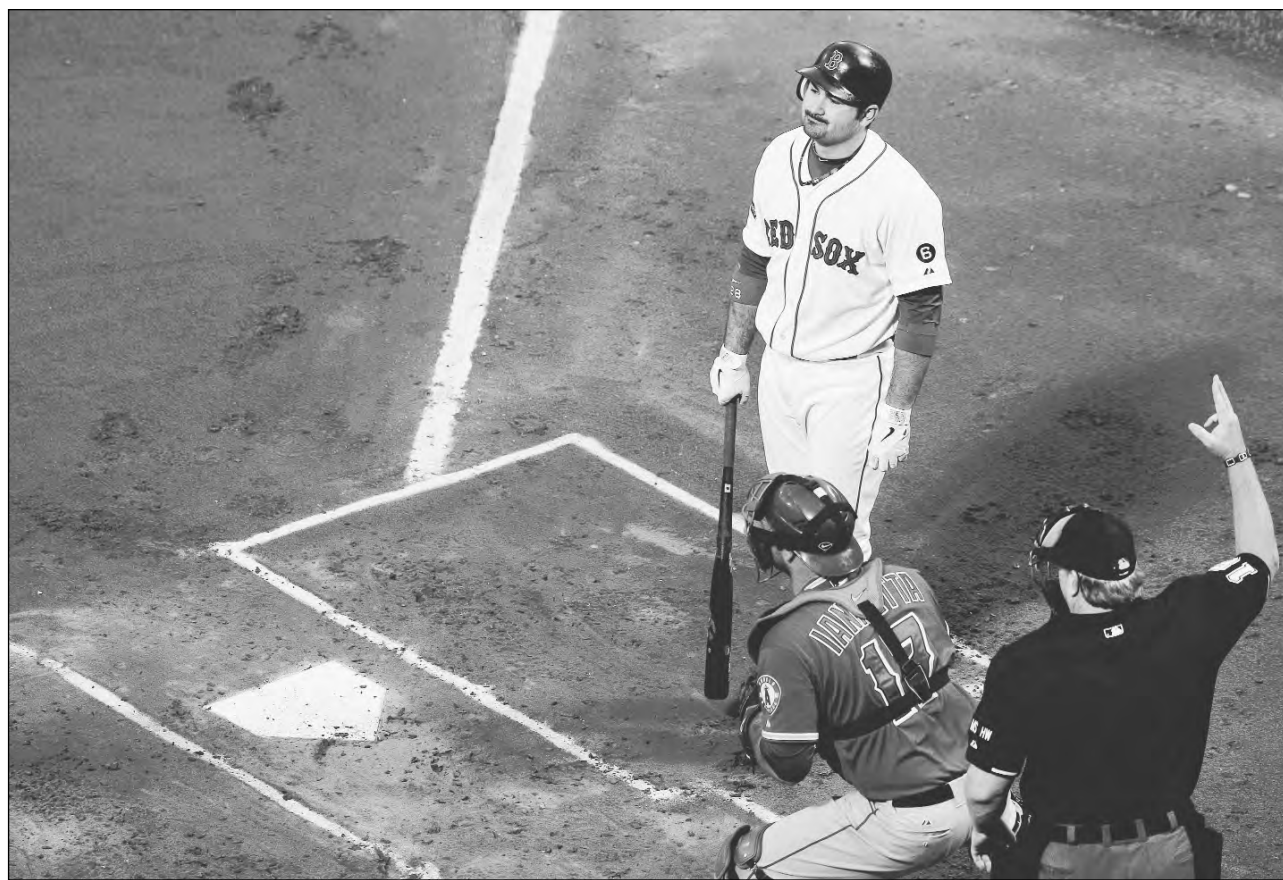
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League-wide statistics table for the American League, divided into East, Central, and West Divisions.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

League-wide statistics table for the National League, divided into East, Central, and West Divisions.



Associated Press

Boston Red Sox first baseman Adrian Gonzalez reacts Wednesday as he called out on strikes while Los Angeles Angels catcher Chris Iannetta watches during the first inning in Boston.

For Red Sox, time running out Boston drops another; now 8 and a half games back in Wild Card

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jered Weaver rebounded from a terrible start by pitching seven solid innings, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the fading Boston Red Sox 7-3 on Wednesday night.

Howie Kendrick hit a solo homer and Torii Hunter had a two-run single for the Angels, who have won the first two in a three-game set at Boston after getting swept in a four-game home series against Tampa Bay over the weekend.

Los Angeles slugger Albert Pujols left in the fourth inning with tightness in his right calf.

Ryan Lavarnway and Mike Aviles had RBI doubles for Boston, which lost for the sixth time in eight games and fell to 6-14 in August.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox 2, Yankees 1

CHICAGO — Chris Sale struck out 13 in 7 2-3 stellar innings to get his 15th victory, Alex Rios hit a go-ahead homer and the Chicago White Sox beat the New York Yankees 2-1 to complete a three-game sweep in the meeting of division leaders.

Sale (15-4) outpitched New York's Phil Hughes, allowing one walk and three hits, including Derek Jeter's solo homer in the sixth — the Yankee star's third homer in as many nights.

New York's loss and Tampa Bay's victory over Kansas City reduced the Yankees' lead in the AL East to three games, their smallest since before play on June 26.

The win gave the White Sox their first three-game sweep of the Yankees at home since 1991, the year U.S. Cellular Field (then known as new Comiskey Park) opened.

Athletics 5, Twins 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Coco Crisp homered, hit an RBI double and scored three runs, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Minnesota Twins 5-1 for their second straight winning series.

Yoenis Cespedes hit a go-ahead two-run single in the third inning that held up for Tommy Milone, and Crisp also singled and stole his 28th base to give the A's a much-needed boost only a couple of hours after right-hander Bartolo Colon received a 50-game suspension for a positive testosterone test a day before he had been scheduled to start the opener of a series at Tampa Bay.

Mariners 3, Indians 1

SEATTLE — Eric Thames hit a tiebreaking, two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Cleveland Indians 3-1 for their eighth straight win.

Seattle completed a three-game sweep and is on its longest winning streak since taking eight in a row from June 23 to July 1, 2007. The Mariners have won 15 of their last 16 home games.

Tigers 3, Blue Jays 2

DETROIT — Anibal Sanchez pitched effectively into the seventh inning, and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2.

Sanchez (2-3), acquired from Miami in a five-player deal last month, allowed one earned run and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out six and walked two, leaving with the tying run on third base.

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For more box scores, see Page B4.

Padres 4, Pirates 2

SAN DIEGO — Andrew Werner allowed two runs over six-plus innings in his major league debut and Carlos Quentin drove in three runs, leading the San Diego Padres to a 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Quentin had three RBIs for the second straight game, including a two-run double in the first inning and an RBI single in the fifth.

Reds 3, Phillies 2

PHILADELPHIA — Bronson Arroyo allowed three hits in eight-plus innings, and Jay Bruce homered to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Arroyo (10-7), who gave up both runs while striking out four and walking none, retired the first 14 batters before Domonic Brown's two-out homer in the fifth. Brown doubled off the wall in right-center with one out in the eighth and pinch-hitter Kevin Frandsen reached on an infield single leading off the ninth for the other hits off Arroyo.

Braves 5, Nationals 1

WASHINGTON — Kris Medlen pitched seven shutout innings in his latest winning performance and Martin Prado's two-run double proved decisive to help the Braves end a four-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over the Washington Nationals.

Medlen (5-1) allowed seven hits while striking out seven and walking one in his fifth start of the season. The Braves have won 16 consecutive starts behind the right-hander dating back to May 2010.

More importantly, Atlanta salvaged the three-game divisional series and halted the Nationals three-game winning streak. The Braves, who entered the day atop the National League wild card chase, moved within six games of the NL East leading Nationals.

Rockies 5, Mets 2

NEW YORK — Wilin Rosario hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning, and the Colorado Rockies beat the New York Mets 5-2 for their seventh straight victory at Citi Field.

Rosario also had a sacrifice fly, and DJ LeMahieu drove in a run with a squeeze bunt to help the last-place Rockies win their fourth in a row and eighth in 11 games. Colorado will go for a four-game sweep on Thursday, a feat the Rockies accomplished during their previous visit to Queens in April 2011.

Prized rookie Matt Harvey had another impressive outing for New York, striking out nine over six innings of three-hit ball. But the slumping Mets (57-67) lost their fourth straight and fell to 11-27 since the All-Star break, leaving them a season-worst 10 games below .500.

Cardinals 4, Astros 2

ST. LOUIS — Kyle Lohse pitched seven innings of three-hit ball to earn his seventh consecutive win and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros 4-2.

Lohse (13-2) gave up two runs and retired his last 14 batters while improving to 7-0 with a 2.21 ERA in 12 starts since he dropped a 3-2 decision against Kansas City on June 15.

The Cardinals have won consecutive games to grab a half-game lead on Pittsburgh for the second wild-card spot in the National League.

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Brewers 3, Cubs 2

Table with columns for Chicago and Milwaukee, including batting order (ab r h bi) and statistics (W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away).

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Diamondbacks 3, Marlins 2 (Game 1)

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Padres 4, Pirates 2

Table with columns for Pittsburgh and San Diego, including batting order (ab r h bi) and statistics (W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away).

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Reds 3, Phillies 2

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Braves 5, Nationals 1

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Table with columns for IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO for Atlanta and Washington.

# ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

## Spotlight on PEOPLE

# Party animal prince

### Rowling slates NYC appearance

NEW YORK — This fall, British writer **J.K. Rowling** plans to make her one and only in-person appearance in the U.S. to promote her first novel for adults.

The "Harry Potter" author will discuss "The Casual Vacancy" at New York's Jazz at Lincoln Center on Oct. 16. The venue can seat about 1,100 people.

Little, Brown and Company announced Wednesday that Rowling will be interviewed on stage by fellow author **Ann Patchett** and will take "select" audience questions. Rowling also will sign copies of her new book for each audience member. Booksellers will have access to a live web cast.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, starting Sept. 10. Prices range from \$44 for phone purchases, \$43 for online and \$37 at the Jazz at Lincoln Center box office.

### Alicia Silverstone on Broadway

NEW YORK — Alicia Silverstone is coming back to Broadway — in a romantic comedy set in the porn industry.

Producers of **David West**

Read's comedy "The Performers" said Wednesday the actress will join **Henry Winkler** and "30 Rock" star **Cheyenne Jackson** in the play, which begins previews Oct. 23 at the Longacre Theatre.

It's about two high school friends who reconnect at the Adult Film Awards in Las Vegas. Silverstone will play the girlfriend of one of the friends.

The rest of the cast includes **Daniel Breaker**, **Ari Graynor** and **Jenni Barber**.

### LL Cool J nabs intruder at home

LOS ANGELES — **LL Cool J** plays a special agent on TV's "NCIS: Los Angeles," and now he's caught an actual bad guy.

The 44-year-old rapper struggled with and

subdued a suspected burglar early Wednesday morning at his home in the Studio City area, police said. He was not hurt.

Police got a 911 call shortly before 1 a.m. from someone who said her father had spotted an intruder in their home and was holding him downstairs.

A 58-year-old man was taken to the hospital and was expected to be arrested on suspicion of burglary. His identity wasn't released.

— From wire reports



Associated Press

Britain's Prince Harry smiles March 10 after playing rugby at Flamengo's beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Photographs of a naked Prince Harry in a Las Vegas hotel room have popped up online. A celebrity gossip site published two pictures of the 27-year-old royal cavorting with what they called a mystery woman in a VIP suite. Prince Harry's office confirmed Wednesday that the photos were of the prince but declined to make any further comment.

## Harry caught up again in naughty doings; Britons shrug it off

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Prince Harry has been caught on camera doing something embarrassing — again.

Celebrity gossip website TMZ on Tuesday posted photos of the 27-year-old royal cavorting nude with an unidentified woman in a VIP suite in Las Vegas. It's hardly the first time the prince — who allegedly disrobed as part of a game of strip pool — has been filmed in a compromising situation. The third-in-line to the throne was famously photographed wearing a Nazi uniform for a costume party, and in another photo gaffe he was seen cupping the breast of a female TV presenter. Some would argue footage in which he was heard to utter a racial slur while teasing a fellow army cadet from Pakistan was more serious.

If the reaction of Britons to Harry's Las Vegas adventure was anything to go by, the nude photos will do little to tarnish his generally positive, party-prince image. The Associated Press asked an assortment of royal watchers and British subjects about what they thought about the prince's naked romp.

### Did Harry do anything wrong?

Jim Conlon, a 60-year-old construction worker: "The answer to that is categorically NO." Conlon, who was unloading bags of material from a car, seemed genuinely offended by the very question. "I'd be proud of him if he were my son," he said.

Conlon's opinion was typical of a country where thousands of streets and pubs are named for the royal family. Polls published earlier this year showed support for the monarchy at an all-time high, perhaps buoyed by the celebrations surrounding Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations marking her 60 years on the throne.

Interviews with Londoners up and down the capital's Prince of Wales Road yielded few critics of Harry's antics.

Craig Martin, 38, another construction worker: "He's the prince. He can have any bird he wants!"

Down the road, caregiver Shirley

Ashard laughed at the news of Harry's naked adventure, dismissing questions about the propriety of running around a plush hotel room in the buff with a boys-will-be-boys shrug.

"I've got kids. They do things like that," the 59-year-old said. "He's a lad, for God's sake."

### Will Harry's romp harm the image of the prince, or the royal family?

Hanad Darwish, a 19-year-old student from Birmingham, worried about what Harry's hijinks said about his judgment.

"It is a little immature and gives the royals a bad image," he said.

But Ingrid Seward, editor-in-chief of Majesty magazine, said it wasn't likely that Harry's reputation would suffer. Seward said his party-boy image was part of his approachable, normal persona.

"Of course it's stupid, but it doesn't make people dislike him — quite the opposite," she said.

"It shows that he is a guy who gets into trouble and he's the one people love to love. It could only happen to Harry — but we love him for it."

She did think, though, that Harry might get a talking-to from Prince Charles. "I would think his father would speak to him," she said.

### Doesn't the royal family have a history of bad-boy behavior?

Yes, said Anne Sebba, biographer of Wallis Simpson, the American divorcee whose affair with King Edward VIII — Harry's great-great-uncle — led to his abdication in 1936.

That king's grandfather, Edward VII — who reigned from 1901 to 1910 — had many affairs, parking his carriage outside the houses of his mistresses while he visited.

"The staff would be very discreet," said Sebba. "People knew; they just didn't talk about it."

Edward VIII and Simpson were well known in upper-crust circles for their hedonistic parties — and some visitors wrote their shocked reactions in diaries.

"It didn't reach the papers," Sebba said. "It is just in the private diaries. Nobody was taking photo-

graphs. Nobody was posting it on the Internet.

"The old system depended on incredible discretion, loyalty and deference — and all that has gone. The royal family has had to make themselves so open and available and this is the downside of the coin."

Both of Prince Harry's parents also had affairs — his mother, the late Princess Diana acknowledged she strayed, while his father Prince Charles's reputation initially took a hit when the details of his affair with Camilla Parker Bowles, now his second wife, went public.

Prince Harry's office confirmed Wednesday that the photos were of the prince, but declined to make any further comment.

### What about the prince's privacy?

The blurry, low-resolution photographs appear to have been snapped from inside a hotel suite, and it isn't clear that the prince was aware that they were being taken.

That could be a violation of the royal's privacy. It might also explain why Britain's scandal-hungry tabloids — normally avid consumers of titillating photos — were steering clear of the images.

Ashard, the caregiver, said the only outrage she could muster was against the photographer.

"That's out of order," she said. "How would you like it if someone took pictures of you in your hotel room?"

### Isn't someone supposed to be watching him?

Royal protection officers watch over the queen and her family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — though they remain firmly on the outside of the bedroom door. So shouldn't someone have been around to make sure this didn't happen? Dai Davies, a former head of royal protection, said it did seem as if someone had let their guard down.

He noted that the past few decades were replete with examples of journalists trying to catch royals in compromising positions.

"There has to be a degree of responsibility and caution," he said. "Surely we have to learn from history. The press love this."

## Florida LOTTERIES

### SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

**Mega Money:** 10 – 22 – 38 – 41  
**Mega Ball:** 5

4-of-4 MB 1 winner \$2 million  
4-of-4 6 winners \$1,433.50

3-of-4 MB 42 \$448.50  
3-of-4 1,071 \$52.50

2-of-4 MB 1,362 \$28.50  
1-of-4 MB 13,057 \$3

2-of-4 31,866 \$2

**Fantasy 5:** 2 – 17 – 20 – 25 – 30  
5-of-5 1 winner \$199,198.87

4-of-5 268 \$119.50  
3-of-5 8,049 \$11

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 20

**Fantasy 5:** 11 – 12 – 13 – 16 – 21  
5-of-5 1 winners \$194,087.90

4-of-5 315 \$99  
3-of-5 10,163 \$8.50

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

**Fantasy 5:** 9 – 14 – 16 – 21 – 35  
5-of-5 2 winners \$86,630.43

4-of-5 240 \$116  
3-of-5 7,641 \$10

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

**Powerball:** 14 – 26 – 41 – 55 – 59  
**Powerball:** 1

### 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](http://www.flalottery.com), or call 850-487-7777.

## Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 236th day of 2012. There are 130 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight:

On Aug. 23, 1912, actor, dancer, director and choreographer Gene Kelly was born Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh.

### On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

Ten years ago: North Korean leader Kim Jong Il made his second visit to Russia in a year, meeting with President Vladimir Putin outside Vladivostok.

Five years ago: Reality TV star Nicole Richie spent 82 minutes in a Los Angeles County jail to complete a four-day sentence for driving under the influence of drugs.

One year ago: A pair of judges in New York put an end to the sensational sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, setting him free after prosecutors questioned the credibility of the hotel housekeeper who'd accused the French diplomat.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Barbara Eden is 78. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 63. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 63. Queen Noor of Jordan is 61. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 43. Actor Jay Mohr is 42. Actor Ray Park is 38. Actor Scott Caan is 36. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 35. Figure skater Nicole Bobek is 35. NBA player Kobe Bryant is 34. Actress Joanne Froggatt is 32. Actress Annie Ilonczeh is 29. Actress Kimberly Matula is 24. NBA player Jeremy Lin is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "A wise man without a book is like a workman with no tools." — Moroccan proverb.

## Today's HOROSCOPE

**Birthday** — When you take on responsibilities that others avoid, your chances for advancement become much greater. Even if these chores should test your mettle, you'll still do a good job.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Your powers of observation are especially sharp, which is well and good, provided you don't start nitpicking to others about things you think they're doing incorrectly.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Possibilities for gain look better than usual for you. In fact, when it comes to a group involvement, you will likely be the one who guides things to a financially successful conclusion.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Taking pride in what you do is an admirable thing. However, being proud purely for vanity's sake is something else again. Be able to distinguish between the two.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — To operate more effec-

tively, you should do your best not to call attention to yourself or your activities. If you allow outside influences to get involved, you'll get thrown off course.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Although you might think that you'd enjoy a little solitude, you'd be much happier engaging in a group activity. Being a loner isn't apt to pay off, spiritually or financially.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — An important objective can be achieved if you give it your full dedication. If you start questioning your convictions, however, things are likely to grind to a halt.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — This is an excellent day to take on projects that require a creative touch and a dash of imagination. Light up the room if you've got a bright idea.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Being inflexible almost always works against you, especially if you happen to be in-

involved in a joint endeavor. Be as intellectually mobile as possible.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — When it comes to matters where you allow your feelings to color your judgment, you'll suffer. Do your best to keep emotions out of your decision-making and to view things logically.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — An immense feeling of gratification is likely to come from being of service to another. Don't be reluctant to put yourself out for someone.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Your organizational abilities are apt to be a shade or two sharper than usual, so don't hesitate to use them to your advantage. Start with tackling a big project or two.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — It will be up to you to guide an important endeavor to a successful conclusion. Take things one step at a time, and make sure you don't leave anything up to chance.





# CUBAN-STYLE COOKING

WITH OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN NAME, DECOR



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

The seafood paella, shrimp-stuffed chicken breast and a succulent pallomia steak are prepared with fresh herbs and spices for a Cuban flavor at Penn Station restaurant in downtown Dunnellon.

## Penn Station has historical feel in Dunnellon

JULIANNE MUNN  
 Chronicle food writer

Go for the food and stay for the history lesson. That's the double treat diners receive when eating at Penn Station in the heart of Dunnellon, where 19th century history lives on and flavors of the Caribbean reign supreme.

Chef Carlos Lugo and his wife Christina own the restaurant in the Historical District of Dunnellon, about four miles south of Rainbow Springs State Park.

He came to the United States from Havana, Cuba, in 1980 and honed his restaurant expertise in Cape Cod, Miami and New York. She managed a Denny's in Fort Lauderdale for years. The couple eventually met at Denny's in Crystal River and married in 2001.

"We opened our own restaurant in 2011," Carlos Lugo said. "One day I realized I was working so hard for everyone else and was not making the money I should. I asked myself 'What's wrong with this picture?'"

The couple bought a place on the corner of U.S. 41 and Pennsylvania Avenue in Dunnellon.

"We named it Penn Station, because it's on Pennsylvania Avenue and the police and fire stations are very close by," Christina Lugo said.



ABOVE: One of the two dining rooms is decorated with historical pieces, including an old saloon bar built in 1862, which is not seen. BELOW: Dessert options are a traditional flan or selection of Mango ice cream always available at the full ice cream parlor.

Up to 92 customers are served in two dining rooms — one equipped with a stage for weekend karaoke and a large TV for sports fans. In the rear dining area, history comes alive as an old saloon bar and huge old-fashioned furniture eclipse an entire wall.

The tiger oak bar was built in 1862 in Ohio by the Brunswick factory.

According to the local historical society, the bar was visited in its time by President Teddy Roosevelt, members of the Jesse James and Ma Barker gangs, John Wayne, Johnny Weissmuller (Tarzan) and Elvis Presley, to name just a few notables.

The bar survived several fires, historians say. It was initially built for a club in

Waco, Texas. When the club burned, it was sent to Baton Rouge, La., where members of the James gang enjoyed the bar's service. After a fire in Baton Rouge, the bar was transported to Ybor City in Tampa. That's where President Teddy Roosevelt is reputed to have fired a bullet into the bar's oak exterior. There is no word on why he may have done it.

Its next resting place, after the Ybor City bar burned down, was the old Dunnellon Hotel in late 1892. Finally, it was placed at the former Buckhorn Bar that became a Masonic Lodge, which was later transformed into Penn Station.

The showpiece is somewhat worse for the wear, but is an enduring reminder of the old South and West with its full-length, slightly battered mirror sup-

ported by cupboards a few feet behind the counter and foot rail.

Major changes to the bar's ambiance are the lack of spittoons — prevalent in 19th- and early 20th-century taverns — and the new upgrade of a full ice cream parlor behind the counter, serving Hershey's brand cones, milkshakes and sundaes instead of whiskey, rum and gin.

When the bar reached Dunnellon from Ybor City, it was cut in half and a portion was taken to New York, Christiana Lugo said, "and from there, that section just disappeared. No one knows what happened to it."

Aside from the ambiance, traditional Cuban cuisine and American dishes highlight the extensive menu.

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### PENN STATION

■ **ADDRESS:** 20583 W. Pennsylvania Ave. off the corner of U.S. 41 in Dunnellon.

■ **CALL:** 352-465-1212 for carry-out and delivery orders.

■ **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (no breakfast served on those days); 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for lunch and dinner Sunday. Closed on Mondays.

Julianne Munn  
**OVER EASY**

## Feeding GOP at the RNC

New eating places seem to have popped up all across the area during the past few months, but sadly, some are disappearing.

One of those closing this week was the wonderful French bakery in Dunnellon, operated by Parisian Pascal Denis and his wife Janice. She said they are hopeful their business may restart — perhaps closer to Crystal River — but nothing is certain right now.

The little bakery produced mouth-watering freshly baked goods such as croissants, a variety of breads and rolls, bagels, pastries, cookies and pies. Here's hoping we have a taste of the bakery again soon.

With the Republican National Convention quickly approaching, Katharina Brierton Lane, of Hayworth Creative Public Relations in Ormond Beach, provided data about the event at the Tampa Convention Center next week.

The convention center (TCC) expects to serve more than 5,500 gallons of coffee during the five days of RNC. The coffee machine (named Big Bertha) can brew 110 gallons at a time. If you're calculating, that's 44,000 grade cups at Starbucks.

The TCC kitchen can bake more than 50 dozen cookies in 12 minutes in its five convection ovens. Combine this with the 300 gallons of milk ordered by one sponsor and you have the ultimate cookies-and-milk experience!

As of two weeks before RNC, TCC produced 400 pages of event orders for media booths, including everything from cleaning and security to linens and tables, Lane said.

The TCC is preparing to serve 5,000 meals a day between its planned banquets and at the concession stands during RNC. And the food is good fare. Meals will feature everything from sushi and Szechuan to American and Italian cuisine.

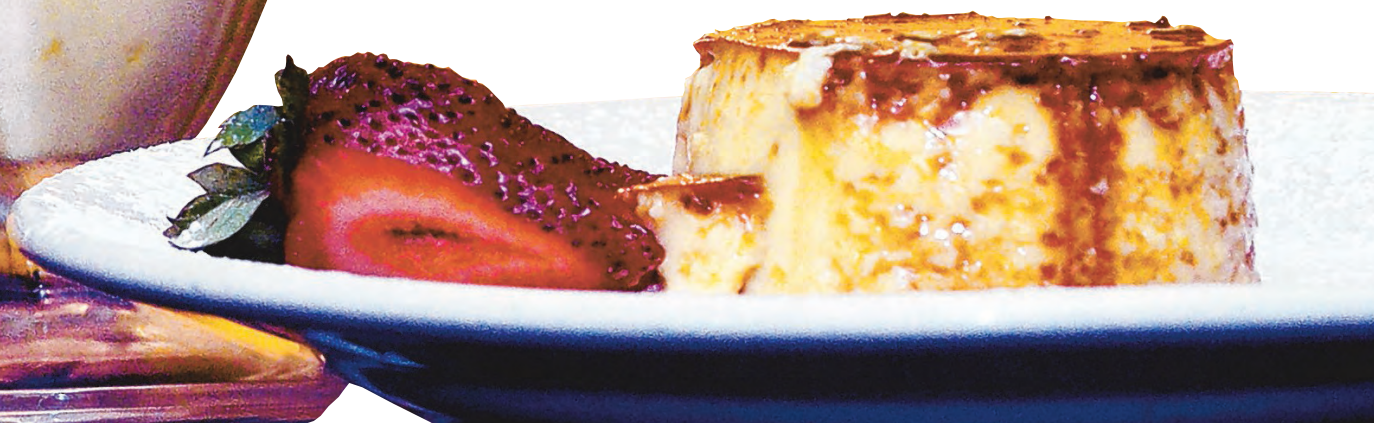
To date, there is no similar report of food and beverage plans for the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. But if any emerge, I will share the info.

School has started and parents are busier than ever. Here is a supper that won't cost you much time:

### OLD-FASHIONED SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS

- 4 Smithfield pork chops (preferably bone in)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Flour for dredging
- 4 potatoes, sliced with skins
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 packet onion gravy mix

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The Penn Station Deli and Grill offers a selection of Cuban and American food from its Pennsylvania Avenue location in Dunnellon.

DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

## PENN

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Some of the tempting entrees in Lugo's repertoire include beef steak Palomillo (\$10.95), large-size empanada, seafood paella (\$15.95), picadillo (\$8.95), yellow rice and black beans, pressed Cuban sandwiches (\$7.99), and hand-cut french fries flavored with garlic or Cajun seasonings.

"Nothing is pre-made here," Christina Lugo said.

That includes a dessert flan; the popular chicken breast stuffed with sweet plantains in butter, wine and cream sauce (\$10.95); two grilled pork chops marinated in mojo sauce (\$10.95); and Cuban-style oven roasted pork (\$10.99).

A nice touch at Penn Station is the full porch and landscaped entrance where patrons can relax before and after breakfast, lunch or dinner. Beer and wine is available.

Diners may ask about reservations and group meetings. The restaurant is wheelchair accessible and has outdoor seating, TV and free Wi-Fi.

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Chef Lugo's recipe for a favorite entrée is:

### SEAFOOD PAELLA

- 1/2 cup white wine
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup diced onions
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1/4 cup diced red and green peppers
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 1 cup yellow rice
- 2 cups fish stock
- 1/2 tablespoon saffron
- 12 mussels
- 12 clams
- 1 pound (16 to 20) shrimp
- 1/2 pound fish of choice



ABOVE: The open layout allows diners to smell the aroma coming from the kitchen. Fresh tomatoes, peppers and mangos line the counters at the restaurant. BELOW: Chef Carlos Lugo, right, and sous chef Jesse McClain work on the finishing touches of a dish.



- 1/2 pound sliced chorizo
- 1/2 teaspoon each of salt and pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cilantro
- 1 diced fresh tomato

Heat oil in large pan. Sauté onions, garlic, peppers, celery and tomatoes for 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Cover paella and let simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. It

serves 4 to 6.

Julianne Munn is the food writer for the Citrus County Chronicle. Email her at [jmunn2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmunn2@tampabay.rr.com).

# New jobs and wedding work

It is 5:15 a.m. and my 18-year-old daughter Elizabeth just left for her factory job. My husband Joe left more than an hour ago for his job.

Elizabeth started at the factory a couple of weeks ago. She works five days a week. Her cleaning job didn't have enough days of work each week for her. At the factory, they make camping trailers.

I miss Elizabeth's help at home, but Susan and Verena are done detasseling corn now. So, they can help. School will open in a few weeks. The six youngest will be in school then. This will be Verena's last year. Kevin will be in the first grade, Lovina in second, Joseph in fourth, Loretta in sixth and Benjamin in seventh. Time is going by too fast!

Yesterday was a long but enjoyable day. We were attending the wedding of Albert Jr. and Louanna. It is a little bit harder to get started today after such a long day yesterday. I was a cook at the wedding.

I was happy I managed to get my new dress sewn before the wedding. We had to wear a hunter green-colored dress.

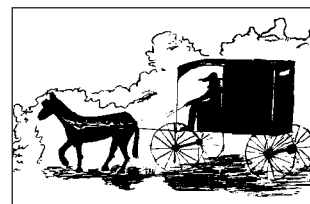
Elizabeth and her friend Timothy were table waiters. She had to wear a dark sage-colored dress. It is much easier for me since Elizabeth has learned to cut out and sew her own dress, cape and apron. She worked on it during the afternoon after work.

We hired a driver to go the 22 miles to Albert's for the wedding while Timothy and Elizabeth drove the horse and buggy. It took them more than two hours to get there, but they made it home in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Seems the horse always knows when it is coming home and wants to travel faster.

Cooks were assigned different jobs at the wedding. My job was to help make gravy. My sisters, Liz and Emma, also were assigned to this job. We made gallons and gallons of gravy. Then we had to help the table waiters at "Table 9" wash dishes after each setting.

The couple had 24 waiters for 12 tables. A boy and a girl were assigned to each table. About 300 people could be served at one time.

A delicious meal was served for the noon dinner and evening supper. On the menu was grilled chicken, dressing, mixed vegetables, salad, homemade bread, butter and grape jelly, grape jello pudding, mixed fruit, and pecan, peanut butter and apple pie. For the evening meal, they had baked chicken instead of grilled, ice cream and



Lovina Eicher

## THE AMISH COOK

strawberries instead of mixed fruit, with most of the same menu as earlier.

It really rained around noon, but it quit and was cloudy. It made the weather cool for us cooks who worked in the wedding wagon. With seven stoves going, it seemed pleasant with a nice breeze.

Supper was at 5:30 p.m. for the adults and 7 p.m. for the youths. After the meal, the youths sang songs the couple chose. While singing, the wedding cake was cut and passed around.

Our ride to go home came at 8:30 p.m. Certain couples were assigned to put the wedding dishes into the wedding wagon. Wedding wagons make it a lot easier to not have to use one's own pots, pans and dishes for the wedding. It also comes with tables, stoves and a cooler. The church benches are used for seating.

I will share a recipe made for our breakfast recently. I like to try different recipes. This one is called country brunch skillet. I used peeled and cooked potatoes out of our own garden, but you can use frozen.

### COUNTRY BRUNCH SKILLET

- 6 strips of bacon
- 6 cups frozen hashed browns
- 3/4 cup chopped green peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Place a large skillet over medium heat and cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, crumble and set aside. Drain the grease, reserving two tablespoons of drippings. Add potatoes, peppers, onions and salt to drippings. Cook and stir for two minutes.

Cover, cook and drain occasionally until potatoes are brown and tender for 15 minutes. Make six wells in the hashed-brown mixture, break one egg into each well.

Cover and cook over low heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until eggs are set. Sprinkle with bacon and cheese.

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## INVITATION TO BID

DATE: August 23, 2012

The City of Inverness will accept sealed bids for:

BID NO: Landscape Management 2012-1

DEPARTMENT: Facilities & Landscape Management Department

ITEM: Contractual Landscape Management of:

1. Inverness Government Center Grounds
2. Downtown Business District

All sealed bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form and marked in a sealed envelope indicating bid number, item description and vendor name. **Potential bidders may submit proposals for one, or both of the project areas.** Proposals submitted via facsimile will be considered non-responsive and will not be accepted. All sealed bids will be mailed or hand delivered to the City Clerk, no later than **2:00pm** on **September 6, 2012** address:

City Clerk  
City of Inverness  
212 W. Main Street  
Inverness, FL 34450

Bids will be opened and read aloud at **2:30pm** on **Thursday, September 6, 2012** at the Inverness Government Building, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, FL, in Room **105**.

To obtain a copy of the bid specifications, please contact the City Clerk at (352) 726-2611.

Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager  
City of Inverness

## EASY

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- 2 cups beef broth (can be made with beef granules)
- 1 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- 3 tablespoons parsley, chopped for garnish

Heat oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season pork chops with salt and pepper and dredge in flour. Fry pork chops in oil until

browned.

While chops are browning, add potatoes and onions to a slow cooker. Place browned pork chops over potatoes and onions and top with remaining ingredients. Cook on the low setting of your slow cooker for 3 to 4 hours. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve.

— Courtesy of Smithfield products

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### DRINKS & SUCH COLUMN

Check out Ron Drinkhouse's column about conversations with a new wine drinker on Page C6.

**News NOTES**

**Post to have yard, bake sale Friday**

Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225 will have its inaugural yard sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, and Saturday, Aug. 25, at the post home, 6535 S. Withlapopka Drive, Floral City.

All are welcome to check out all the military, household and unique items available, including homemade goodies at the Auxiliary's bake sale. For information, call Roger Galyeon at 352-344-5159 or Tom Gallagher at 352-860-1629.

The post meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday. All eligible veterans are welcome.

**Friends of Blues helps other groups**

In an effort to help other nonprofit groups, the Nature Coast Friends of Blues has Blues'n Bar-B-Que gift certificates good for four people to attend the 2012 Blues'n Bar-B-Que free of charge.

The gift certificates are great for silent auction fundraisers an organization may have between now and the Nov. 3 event. Email Susan Mitchell at [sukelo@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sukelo@tampabay.rr.com), or call 352-503-3498.

**Seven Rivers collects toiletries**

Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center will have a "Soap & Shampoo" Drive during the month of September. Collection bins will be set up in the cafeteria of the hospital, at the Seven Rivers Rehab & Wound Center, 1675 S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River (next to Sweetbay) and at the Seven Rivers Outpatient Laboratory, 11503 W. Emerald Oaks Drive, Crystal River (north of the hospital).

The Soap & Shampoo Drive will benefit the efforts of the We Care Food Pantry. Items requested for donation include: body soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry soap and dish detergent.

**Learn boating skills with flotilla**

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-01 Crystal River will be offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship class from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Aug. 28 and running through Sept. 27.

Cost is \$40. The class is acceptable for citations and paperwork will be completed for participants. Call Linda Jones at 352-503-6199.

**Animal Shelter ADOPTABLES**

**Penny**



Special to the Chronicle

This cute little golden girl is very playful, loves toys, is crate trained and is very sweet. Penny is a 7-month-old retriever mix and weighs 37 pounds. She gets along with other dogs and likes cats. She is good on a leash and is very well mannered. Penny would make a great pet in any home. Meet Penny at Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View all adoptable pets at [www.citruscritters.com](http://www.citruscritters.com). Call 352-746-8400.

# Transport for trips

*Boys & Girls Clubs need another passenger van to move children*

Special to the Chronicle

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County need a 14- or 15-passenger van to transport children on field trips and special outings.

The clubs presently own one 15-passenger van that is kept in constant use.

This past summer, the van was used to transport children from the Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club to swimming activities twice a week. When that was happening, the children from the Robert Halleen Club in Homosassa had no way to go in small groups to the library, and the Evelyn Waters Club children in Inverness had no

transportation to the nursing home to play bingo with residents. With the present one-van schedule, when the van is in use at one club, the other two clubs are out of luck.

In their quest to purchase another van, the clubs have decided to sell advertisement/logo van "wrap" space on the present Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County van. Businesses would have their logos in public view as the van transports children to and from various places.

Another way to accomplish the goal is for people to donate an old vehicle that no one drives or wants to drive, as long as it still runs and has the title. Chad Halleen of Love Honda/Chevro-

let and president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County Board of Directors will sell the vehicle at auction and give the money to the clubs.

Donations from the public are also welcomed.

An additional van will also allow children to travel and participate in community service projects, to go on field trips and to participate in sports venues.

Anyone wishing to purchase advertising space on the present club van, donate an old vehicle, or make a donation for the purchase of a new van may call the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County administration office at 352-621-9225.



**For the dogs**

The public is invited to attend the 11th annual 832 K-9's Deputy Dogs Fundraiser from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Plantation on Crystal River. Tickets for the event are \$50 for adults. Purchase tickets online at [www.deputydogs.org](http://www.deputydogs.org) or phone 352-302-8319. The event will feature an evening of dinner and music, silent auction, raffles, awards and lots of sloppy kisses from some of the heroic bloodhounds. Pictured: Duke and Angie Snodgrass show off two pups from the "Made in America" litter.

Special to the Chronicle

## Kids Central rep to speak at Key

Special to the Chronicle

Michelle Mongeluzzo of Kids Central will speak about Kinship Care, the unique challenges of raising a child not your own, and possible solutions to those challenges at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the

Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center (CCLEC,) at the Key Training Center; 5521 Buster Whitton Way, Lecanto.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Extended family members raising children often face guardianship, legal and funding issues that natural

families never face. There are also personal issues that might arise. Children might be dealing with emotional problems when moved from their natural parents or family. Grandparents, especially, may have health issues that complicate the job of parenting.

Extended family members are often called upon to take over the care of a disabled adult if the caregiving parent dies. Dealing with schools and adult agencies becomes a full-time job.

For more information, call Stephanie Hopper at 352-344-0288.

**Knights with point of oath — 'Charity'**



Special to the Chronicle

Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus Council 6391 of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, local expectant mothers and young families of Citrus County will receive needed food and baby items. Their donation of \$782.76 to the Pregnancy and Family Life Center of Citrus County (PFLC) will provide 500 pounds of food, as well as layettes filled with baby goods including diapers, baby wipes, lotions, bottles and sleepwear. The center, at 317 W. Tompkins St., in Inverness, currently serves clients from age 14 to 74, including grandparents raising their grandchildren. With supplies low, this terrific boost from the Knights exemplifies their First Point of Oath, "Charity." Pictured, from left, are: Peter Reguin (grand knight), Cindy Devine (PFLC director), Judy Horton (PFLC assistant director) and Susan Slough (PFLC treasurer).

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**News NOTES**

**Free class on 'Caregiver Stress'**

If you are a caregiver of a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's, or know of someone who is, you are welcome at a free class on "Caregiver Stress" slated for Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Superior Residences of Lecanto, 4865 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway.

Registration and refreshments will be at 4:45 p.m.

For more information and to RSVP, call Superior Residences of Lecanto at 352-746-5483.

**Center helps troops, victims**

The Center for Victim Rights and Wear to Go! consignment are teaming up again to help out U.S. troops overseas and crime victims at home.

Needed supplies are small-size toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, mouthwash, combs, dental floss, hand-held games, game books (word search, sudoku, etc. and other such items to send to the troops overseas. Old cell phones are also still being collected.

Items can be dropped off at Wear to Go! In Times Square Plaza, 3802 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness. For more information, call Cynthia at 352-628-6481 at The Center for Victim Rights.

**Right to Life to meet Aug. 27**

Citrus County Right to Life will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Citrus County Right to Life is nondenominational. All are welcome to attend meetings and become involved.

For more information, call 352-563-7017.

**Jerseyans, friends to get together**

The New Jersey and Friends Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at the VFW Post 4252 on State Road 200 in Hernando.

Speaker will be Dr. Patricia Kallenbach, from the Wellness Center in Crystal River, about holistic medicine.

Other activities for September include lunch at Charlie Brown's Crab House in Homosassa at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, and lunch at The Olive Tree in Crystal River at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. Call Mary Anne at 352-746-3386.

The club bowls at 10 a.m. Thursdays at Beverly Hills Bowl. All are welcome; being from New Jersey is not a requirement to join.

For more information, call 352-527-3568.

**'Moonstruck' at Courthouse Square**

Bring a chair, spread your blanket and as the sun goes down on Courthouse Square in Inverness on Friday, Aug. 31, come and see the PG-rated adult romantic comedy "Moonstruck," starring Cher.

The open-air free showing for Night at the Museum celebrates the second full moon in August. Prior to the movie appearing on a giant screen outside of the courthouse, Elvis favorites will be heard around the square.

Movie-time refreshments will be offered for sale such as soda, water and popcorn. As soon as it turns dark, staff of the county's Parks and Recreation Department will begin the showing of "Moonstruck" on the specially equipped outdoor screen and projection system. The movie will be shown on the east side of the courthouse adjacent to North Apopka Avenue.

There will be no rain date. For more information, call 352-341-6436.

THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 23, 2012. Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (e.g., WESH, WEDU, WFTS, WTVT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WCJB, WCLF, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WYKE, WOGX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, ESPN2, EWTN, FAM, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MAX, MSNBC, NGC, NICK, OWN, OXY, SHOW, SPEED, SPIKE, STARZ, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A).

Bridge

Bridge game hand. North: 8-23-12, ♠ K Q J 9, ♥ A K Q, ♦ 6, ♣ A 6 5 3 2. West: ♠ --, ♥ J 10 7, ♦ K Q J 10 9, ♣ K Q J 10 9. East: ♠ 6 5 4 3 2, ♥ 8 5 3 2, ♦ 8 3, ♣ 7 4. South: ♠ A 10 8 7, ♥ 9 6 4, ♦ A 7 5 4 2, ♣ 8. Dealer: West, Vulnerable: Both. Opening lead: ♣ K.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assoc.

Henry David Thoreau wrote, "It is not worth the while to go round the world to count the cats in Zanzibar."

I always thought the key stat about Zanzibar was that the whole population of the world could stand on it. However, for a bridge player, this should become: It is worth the while to count the tricks in every deal. In today's layout, how should South plan the play in (a) six spades and (b) seven spades after West leads, say, the club king to North's ace.

North's use of Blackwood wasn't guaranteed to reach the right contract, but he had to move toward a slam. He might have made a four-diamond splinter bid over three clubs, showing a big hand with a singleton or void in diamonds. South would have liked his aces, but would have wished for a fifth trump. The auction might have continued five diamonds (showing the diamond ace and warning of duplication if North were void in diamonds) - five hearts (first-round control) - six spades.

South has eight trump tricks by crossruffing. So, if in six spades, he needs four side-suit winners. He should cash two heart tricks and the diamond ace, then crossruff. But in seven spades, he must hope that three rounds of hearts stand up (which is unlikely given West's bidding). Here, though, it works perfectly.

Finally, if you would like to be in seven spades, give West a trump. Then his hand is presumably 1-2-5-5 and he can either lead that trump or wait to ruff the third heart. Here, it is lucky that spades are 0-5.

JUMBLE

Jumble puzzle grid and illustration. Grid: OHAOY, GLAEE, GACNEY, HEHNPY. Illustration: A man and woman looking at a Beatles album cover.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. Answers tomorrow: COVET PINCH AFRaid GASKET. Yesterday's Answer: Everything was going along nicely in the strawberry field until someone - PICKED A FIGHT.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues and answers. ACROSS: 1 Senseless, 6 Whitish gem, 10 Dressing gown, etc. DOWN: 1 Likable prez?, 2 Turn down, etc. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' with a grid.

Dear Annie: I've been married for 14 years. The first few, everything was good, and then I stopped enjoying sex. I've seen several different doctors and had my hormones checked, and the verdict is I am in great health for a 39-year-old.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

I think the main problem is, while I love my husband, I don't find him attractive. I'm not sure I ever did. I was 23 when we met and had never had a boyfriend. Men had never been interested in me until he came along. He is smart, funny and experimental in the bedroom, so it isn't like we haven't tried new things. He would do anything for me.

But, Annie, having sex with him is a massive chore. I suspect he knows this, and I hate making him feel bad. I can't fake passion I don't feel. To tell the truth, I doubt another man would do it for me, either, and I'm not attracted to women. I feel like a part of me is missing, and I don't know how to find it. What now? — Berlin, Germany

Dear Berlin: It is possible you are asexual — meaning you are not attracted, sexually, to anyone. If this sounds like what you are experiencing, please look into AVEN (Asexual Visibility and Education Network) at asexuality.org.

doctor who specializes in sexual disorders. A normal balance of hormones for most women may be insufficient for you. And of course, there are other possibilities — psychological issues, weight issues, nutrition deficiencies, medications — all of which can affect desire and libido. You owe it to yourself and your husband to figure this out. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I am appalled by my own offspring. My son is 30, and my daughter-in-law is 27. My grandchild is 16 months old.

We had been traveling and stopped at a restaurant. While we waited for our food, my son and his wife fed my grandchild her dinner. The end result was at least 10 pasta noodles dropped on the carpeted floor under the table. I cleaned them up, but it should have been the job of my so-called adult children to leave our table floor area clean. They felt it was no big deal to leave the mess.

We most likely will never return to that restaurant, and they won't remember us anyway. But if it had been my place of business, I would have told us not to return until we had manners. What do you say? — Angry and Embarrassed.

Dear Angry: We say calm down. Restaurants serve food. People — both children and adults — spill and drop food all the time. While one should not deliberately toss food around,

and it behooves parents to keep the mess to a minimum and pick up what they can, it isn't necessary to leave the floor spotless. Cleaning up is part of the overhead costs, and the management does not expect patrons to do all the work.

Dear Annie: I believe you were wrong in your advice to "Frustrated and Alone in Indianapolis," whose mother is difficult. You suggested he try to find better ways to deal with her.

I, too, have had to deal with a mother like his. I finally had to make the same decision and cut all ties. It was not easy, but I am healthier for it. I don't miss my mother, only the idea of a mother. Some people are so toxic you simply cannot have them in your life. — B.T.

Dear B.T.: "Frustrated's" mother sounded like someone who has learned to push her son's buttons. We felt it might be worth figuring out how to respond differently to her and see whether that helps before cutting her off. We still do.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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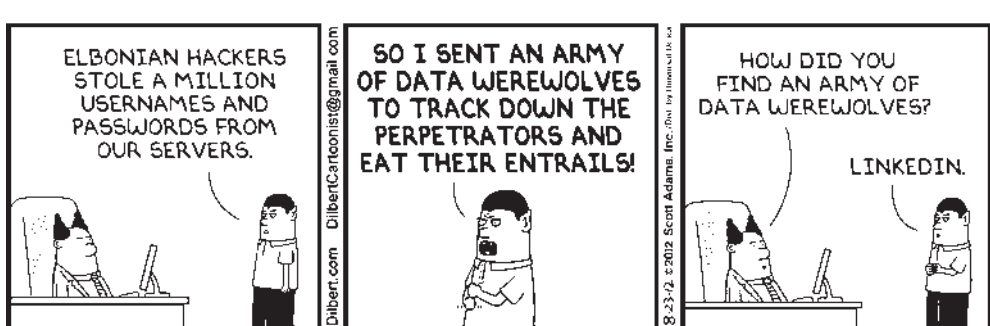
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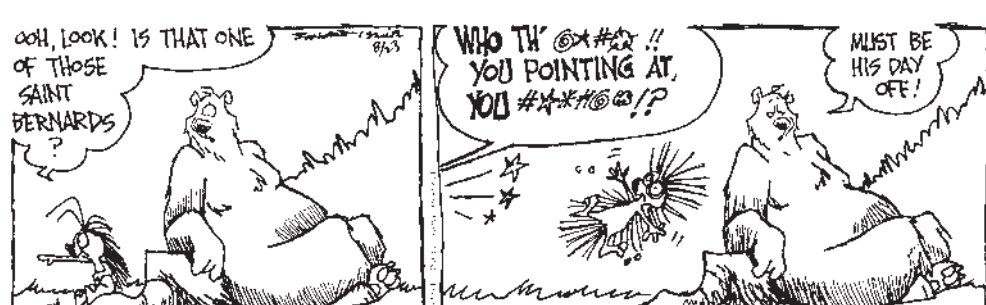
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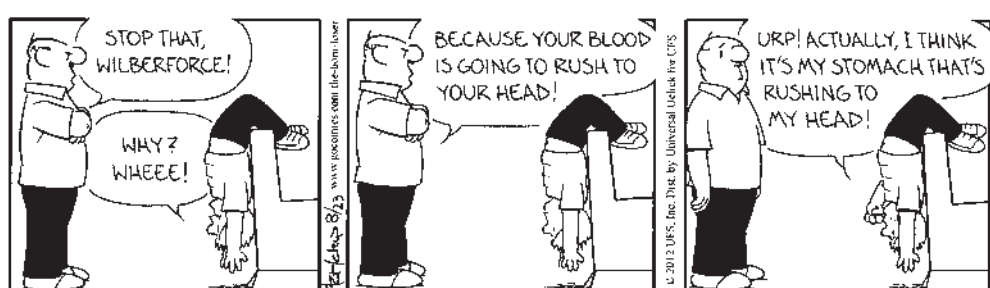
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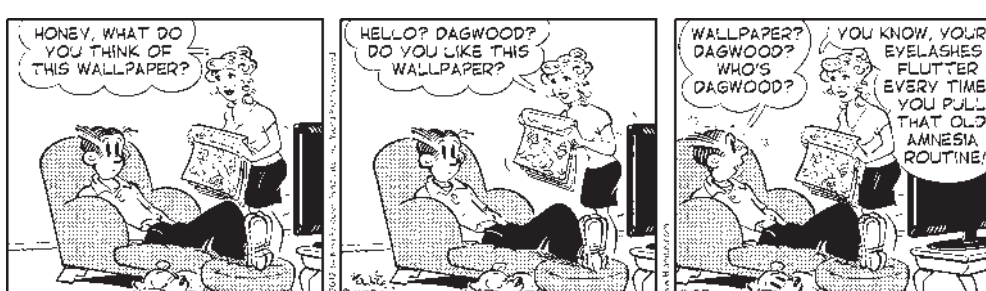
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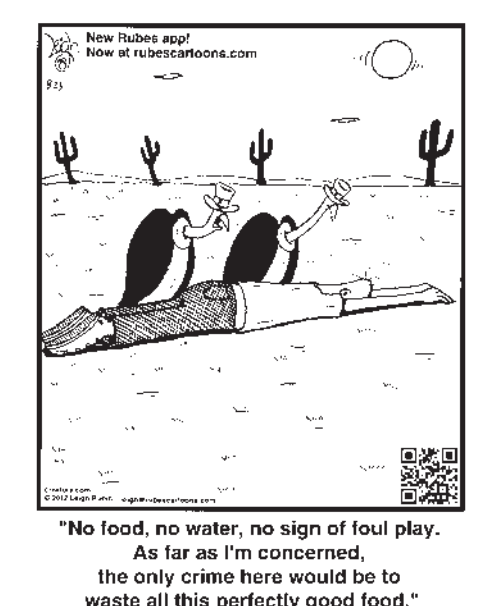
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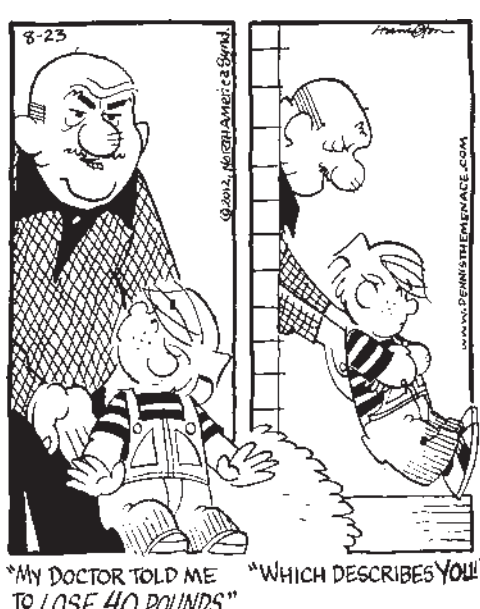
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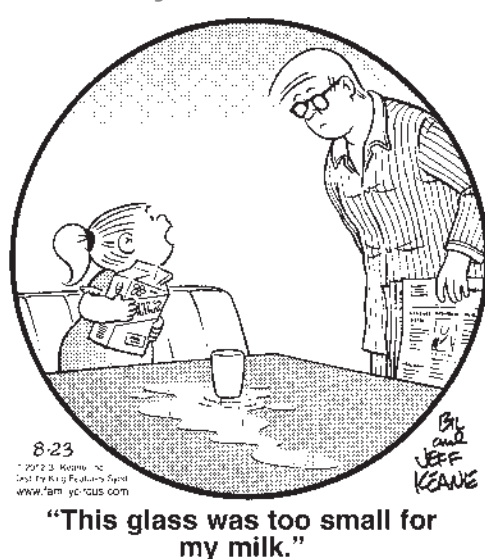
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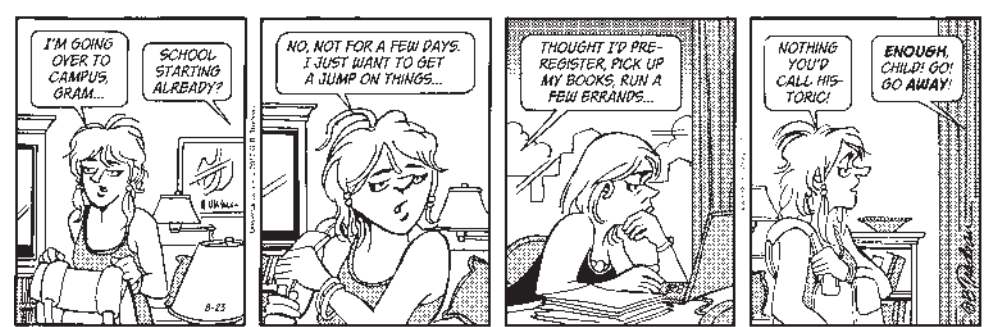
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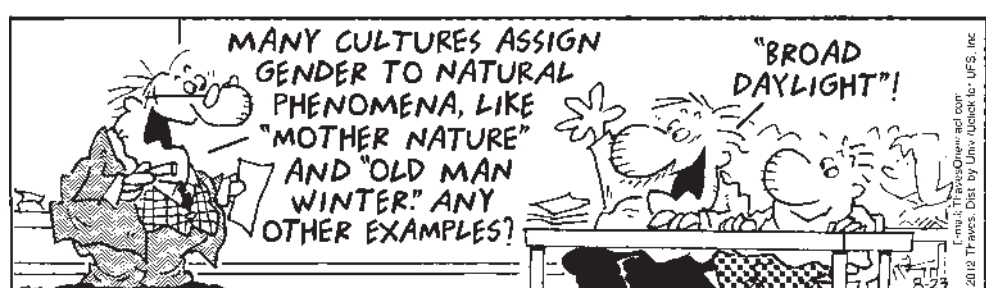
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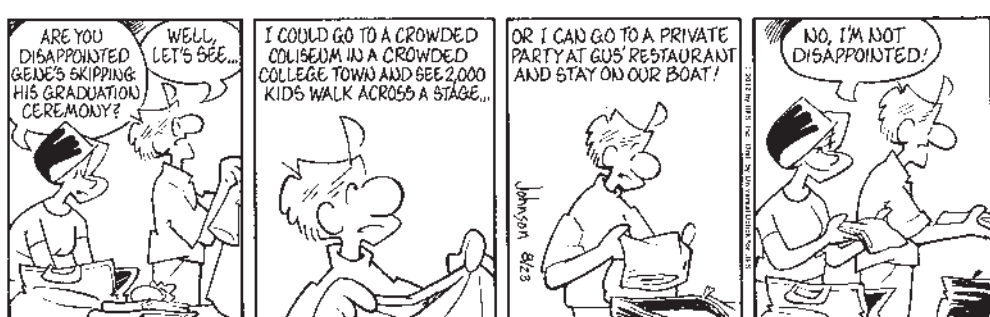
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Shark Night (PG-13) In Real 3D. 1:40 p.m., 7:45 p.m. No passes.
Shark Night (PG-13) 4:40 p.m.
The Help (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7 p.m.
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
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