



NEWS BRIEFS

Plane makes hard landing on I-75

TAMPA — Fire rescue officials in Tampa said a single-engine plane carrying three people made a hard landing in the median of Interstate 75.

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue units responded to the scene east of Tampa just after 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Officials said the aircraft did not crash, but was damaged when it landed. They said an estimated 60 gallons of fuel may have spilled onto the ground. A hazardous materials team is at the scene.

Authorities said the pilot and two passengers were not injured.

No further details were immediately available.

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T.S. Isaac heads for Haiti

Could become hurricane Friday

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tropical Storm Isaac churned toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti on Thursday, threatening to strengthen into a hurricane that could take a shot at Florida just as the Republicans gather for their national convention.

The storm dumped heavy rain across eastern and southern Puerto Rico and whipped up waves as high

as 10 feet in the Caribbean as it moved through the region.

U.S. forecasters said Isaac could become a Category 1 hurricane Friday as it approaches the island of Hispaniola, which is shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti. It was expected to weaken a little while crossing over Haiti and the eastern two-thirds of Cuba.

The storm was projected to head toward Florida as a hurricane by Monday, but the U.S. National Hur-

ricane Center in Miami said some forecast models predict it could go farther west into the Gulf of Mexico, so "significant uncertainty remains about the threat Isaac poses to Florida."

Isaac was centered 210 miles southeast of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Thursday evening, and its maximum sustained winds had strengthened a bit to 45 mph. It was moving west-northwest at 16 mph, according to the hurricane center.

Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe urged people to avoid

crossing rivers and to tape their windows and said they should ask relatives overseas to wire money so they can stock up on food and water.

Above all, he said, it was important to stay calm. "Panic creates more problems," he said.

Lamothe and other officials in Haiti, which is prone to flooding, said the government has set aside about \$50,000 in emergency funds and it had buses and 32 boats on standby for evacuations.

While Haiti's government spent the day preparing for Isaac, others

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Waterlogged



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Marie LaFollette's house and business — Tropical Window Tinting and Signs — have been flooded since Tropical Storm Debby left 6 inches of water in their living room in late June. LaFollette, her husband, Karl, and their two dogs, Sonny and Cher, have been living in a converted school bus.

Already under water, residents don't want to face a hurricane

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HOMOSASSA — As the Florida Gulf Coast braces for a possible hurricane early next week, Marie LaFollette contemplates whether she will have to walk away from her livelihood.

Standing outside her sodden home Thursday afternoon on West River Glen Court, LaFollette said her property hasn't been dry since June 24, right before Tropical Storm Debby came through town.

Since then, flip flops have been the footwear of choice to get around her home.

LaFollette said she and her husband, Karl, have been trying to make their house habitable again, but every time they fix something, more rain comes and floods it.

Their vacant lot across the street resembles marshland while more water sits stagnant in the backyard of the rental home they own next door.

“ I have flood insurance, but it doesn't cover the expenses for somewhere else to live. ”

Marie LaFollette
her property hasn't been dry since before Tropical Storm Debby.

Because the ground is so saturated, the toilet and showers at her home and the rental home don't work. Consequently, LaFollette said she and her husband actually had to pay their tenants to stay some place else.

They, on the other hand, have been living in a converted 1984 school bus in their driveway with their two 100-pound dogs, Sonny and Cher.

LaFollette said she and her husband originally put a bed, shower and toilet in the bus so they could take it to the racetracks.

But now, using it as their main living quarters has begun to wear thin.

"I have flood insurance, but it doesn't cover the expenses for somewhere else to live," she said.

The flooding, however, comes at no surprise to LaFollette. When the "no-name" storm came through in 1993, their properties flooded. And in 2004 when a series of storms pummeled the area back to back, LaFollette said she had 22 inches of water in her home. It took five to six months for the water to dissipate.

The couple also deals with excessive flooding in the parking lot of their business, Tropical Window Tinting and Signs, which is right around the corner on U.S. 19 next to High Octane Saloon & Grill.

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County keeps eye on storm

Officials expect Tuesday arrival

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Citrus County officials are preparing for a storm that may or may not arrive.

Capt. Joe Eckstein, the emergency management director of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office is urging caution Thursday as Tropical Storm Isaac moves toward Haiti.

"I think for citizens of this county, we have to understand that the storm is too far away and it's moving, like, at 15 mph," Eckstein said.

"We continue monitoring what is happening, I don't want people to start panicking about it," he said.

Eckstein said he goes through daily conference calls with officials in Tampa and two other calls with Florida Emergency Management officials to plot strategies and monitor the disorganized storm.

He said several variables may intervene between now and the storms' expected arrival Tuesday in the area.

"It has not even been on land yet. The latest computer models are putting it further to the west. Originally, they had it coming ashore in the Big Bend area; now they have it more toward the Panhandle. So, I am just saying let's give it a little more time and see what it is going to do," Eckstein said.

BayNews 9 Meteorologist Mike Clay said Thursday afternoon Isaac has the potential to develop into a powerful storm.

"The conditions are there, but I think it's trying to make up its mind," Clay said.

He thinks even if the storm strengthens, but ends up going over Cuba, the mountains on that island may weaken it or break it up, he said.

County officials will open up sandbag stations if they believe the storm is headed in the direction of Citrus County, spokeswoman Lindsay Ubinas said.

"Right now, I will say we are in monitoring mode," she said. "We will see what happens in the next day or two."

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Court clerk hopes to upgrade equipment

Lawmakers give court officials additional funds

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INVERNESS — A state government-level decision to allow court clerks to spend more money will not cause a major impact on Citrus County Circuit Court, but could cut down on the wait time in the clerk's office.

"We have positioned ourselves to be very conservative," said Angela Vick, chief deputy clerk. "We don't have to make drastic changes that af-



Angela Vick
chief deputy clerk of court.

fect services that some counties had to make."

Vick, who directs agency-wide strategic planning, was asked how a decision last week by the Legislative Budget Commission would affect the clerk of court's office. The commission, a panel of state lawmakers, unanimously approved Gov. Rick Scott's request to let the 67 clerks — one in each county — gain access to and spend additional fee and fine collections in the Clerks' Trust Fund that have increased from the passage of a new law.

In some Florida counties, the

additional funds — amounting to \$29.5 million — will be used to avoid layoffs and service reductions. Leon County Clerk of Courts Bob Inzer, for example, told the commission the funding would let him recall some workers who had been laid off.

That grim prospect was never the case in Citrus County, according to Vick.

"We didn't lay anybody off," Vick said, although "our people have been double-dutying it for quite a while now."

Other clerks of court also were confronted with closing branch offices and cutting office hours, unlike Citrus County.

Vick said she does not yet know

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If Tropical Storm Isaac dumps any more rain, Marie LaFollette said she will be flooded again.

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As the lowest piece of property surrounded by other businesses that were built up at the time of their construction, any runoff from rain collects in their parking lot.

"We're in a bowl," she said.

They've talked to officials from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the county, but both agencies say there is nothing they can do.

LaFollette said the building was built in 1969, before the other two businesses on either side were built. Then when U.S. 19 was expanded, it caused even more drainage problems.

Now when it rains, runoff in the parking lot gets so high, it has come close to entering the building.

It has already caused pitting in their parking lot and

cracks in the concrete stoop they have outside their front door. And the flooded parking lot hurts business because, LaFollette said, people don't want pull up if they have to step out in ankle-deep water.

LaFollette, shaking her head, said she doesn't even want to think about what a hurricane would do.

"If my business floods, it will be a tremendous expense," she said.

And because they still owe money on their home, LaFollette said she and her husband are not sure what to do.

They purposely purchased the two homes and lot around the corner because they wanted to build their life and retire there. Now, LaFollette said, they are thinking about leaving it all behind if Tropical Storm Isaac dumps more rain.

"It's done," she said, looking back as her damaged home. "This was our retirement, but now it's no good."

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CLERK

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how much additional funding will be returned to her office, and she does not expect a large amount. She said she will be advised about the amount next month. However much funding shows up, Vick said, it will be spent on upgrading office equipment.

"We've been making things last longer," Vick said. "Our desktops date back to 2003. Can you believe that?"

The new equipment would shorten the wait time for customers, even though the clerk's office can't send out more staff to serve.

While customer wait time may have seemed sluggish, Vick said, "We have been keeping a 100-percent timeline in processing documents."

Information from the Associated Press was used in this report. Chronicle reporter Chris Van Ormer can be reached at cvanormer@chronicleonline.com.

ISAAC

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did not because they didn't have the means. The notion of preparation in a country where the bulk of the population gets by on about \$2 a day was met with a shrug.

"We don't have houses that can bear a hurricane," said Jeanette Lauredan, who lives in a tent camp in the crowded Delmas district of Port-au-Prince, stretching out her arms in concern.

About 400,000 people remain in settlement camps that are mere clusters of shacks and tarps as a result of Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake.

So far, Isaac itself had caused no reported injuries or deaths, but police in Puerto Rico said a 75-year-old woman died near the capital of San Juan on Wednesday when she fell off a balcony while filling a drum with water in preparation for the storm.

Schools and government offices remained closed Thursday on the U.S. territory, where Gov. Luis Fortuno said 7,800 people were without power and more than 3,000 had no water.

With rain falling on and off

throughout the day, the governor warned Puerto Ricans to stay away from beaches and swollen rivers.

"It's not the day to participate in recreational activities in these areas," Fortuno said.

Jose Alberto Melendez, 51, disregarded the advice and went to a beach near Old San Juan.

"It's my birthday," he said. "I had already planned to come to the beach."

He unfolded his chair and turned on the radio just as a squall approached, sending him running for shelter.

Nearby, a group of four friends visiting from Poland picked up their beach blankets and took cover as well.

Agata Gajda, 24, said she and her three friends had slept on the beach because there was no room at a hostel. She said police woke them up Thursday morning and warned them about the storm.

In the Dominican Republic, authorities began to evacuate people living in low-lying areas but encountered some resistance.

"Nobody wants to leave their homes for fear they'll get robbed," said Francisco Mateo, community leader of the impoverished La Cienega neighborhood in Santo Domingo, the capital.



Associated Press

Carlos Eduardo Perez loads water Thursday into the trunk of his car as he prepares for Tropical Storm Isaac in Hialeah.

The Dominican government plans to close all nine airports by dawn Friday, said Alejandro Herrera, civil aviation director. Schools closed by Thursday afternoon.

The approach of the storm led military authorities at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to cancel pretrial hearings for five prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks. They also evacuated about

200 people, including legal teams and relatives of Sept. 11 victims.

Isaac also posed a threat to next week's Republican National Convention in Tampa, where 70,000 delegates, journalists and protesters are expected to descend on the city.

Convention officials said they were working closely with state and federal authorities on monitoring the storm.

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Burns set for Flying Eagle Preserve

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is conducting controlled, prescribed burns this month on the district's Flying Eagle Preserve in Citrus County.

About 200 acres of land will be burned in small, manageable units within the preserve that is east of Inverness as part of routine maintenance of lands managed by the district.

According to Land Management Supervisor Will VanGelder, burns are conducted to mimic natural fire cycles under a controlled situation. The object is to avoid uncontrolled wildfires and enhance the area's natural conditions by maintaining the ecological and wildlife habitat values. Prescribed burns are only conducted when weather conditions allow the objectives to be met while minimizing impacts to the public.

Every effort will be made to ensure that smoke will not affect homes or highways. However, vehicle operators should exercise caution in case smoke does lead to reduced visibility on the area's roads or highways.

The district protects approximately 449,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands for water resource and natural systems protection.

For more information, call the district at 352-796-7211 or 800-423-1476, ext. 4467.

Voter registration drives coming up

Citrus County's Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill has announced voter registration drives at area high schools to register students and prepare first-time voters for the Nov. 6 general election.

The schedule is as follows:

■ Citrus High — Tuesday, Aug. 28.

■ Crystal River High — Wednesday, Aug. 29.

■ Lecanto High — Thursday, Aug. 30.

During lunch period, students who are 18 years of age may register to vote and students who are age 17 and 16 may pre-register. The deadline to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 9.

Citrus 95 FM Radio has partnered with the elections office since 2006 to conduct the voter registration drive and help get the message out to students on the importance of voting.

For more information call the elections office at 352-341-6740.

Ocala

Jury convicts man in sexual battery case

A 38-year-old Ocala man faces up to life in prison after jurors found him guilty of sexual battery.

It took about an hour Wednesday for the six-member jury to return the verdict against Michael Frye. He has two more rape cases pending.

The *Ocala Star-Banner* reported Frye is suspected of abducting and attacking four women in Marion and Alachua counties between July 5 and Oct. 12 of last year. He is also a suspect in another incident in Gainesville.

Prosecutors said Frye attacked a 43-year-old woman Oct. 12.

Frye contended the sex was consensual and the woman didn't remember because she was high on crack cocaine.

The newspaper reported Frye showed little emotion in court. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled later.

—From staff and wire reports

Isaac to shake up RNC security?

Associated Press

TAMPA — Tropical Storm Isaac could force a shakeup of the security plans for the GOP convention in Tampa, because about half of the expected officers come from other parts of Florida and some could be forced to stay home for the storm, authorities said Thursday.

More than 3,500 officers from 59 law enforcement agencies from around the state are scheduled to come to Tampa to patrol the streets as the convention opens Monday. About half would come from outside Hillsborough County and the city of Tampa.

About 1,700 National Guard troops were already expected to help with pa-

trols. Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee said the number could increase if other law enforcement agencies don't end up sending officers.

The storm is forecast to start affecting South Florida on Monday and could reach the Tampa area by Tuesday.

"We're in a situation right now where we don't know what's going to happen," Gee said. "My primary concern right now is that we will lose resources."

Gee said some agencies, especially in South Florida, might decide not to send officers to Tampa if the storm threatens their areas. "As things change, they might have to prioritize," he said.

Gee's agency is in charge of the county where the con-

vention will take place. The Hillsborough Sheriff's Office is providing the bulk of the staffing for the event because it is the largest agency in the area and also oversees the county jail. The Tampa Police is the other main agency handling security outside of the convention hall. The Secret Service is in charge of everything inside the convention hall.

The sheriff joined Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor and representatives from the FBI and Secret Service at a media event Thursday. As they spoke to reporters, a large TV screen tuned to a cable news channel showed colorful radar images of Isaac swirling in the Caribbean.

Convention officials said

they were working closely with state and federal authorities on monitoring the storm.

"We continue to move forward with our planning and look forward to a successful convention," convention CEO William Harris said in a statement.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott said RNC officials were on a call Thursday with state, local and federal authorities and there were no plans to cancel the convention.

Scott pointed out the storm is still trending westward, and he hoped it would not have a major impact on Florida.

"It's a forecast, and all the forecasts are prone to error, but fortunately it has gone a little bit west," Scott said.

"Hopefully it will dissipate by the time it gets over Cuba."

Scott also said Florida "is more prepared than any state in the country for hurricanes."

"The National Guard will be ready for any contingency," he said. "So if that happened, then the logical backup would be the National Guard."

Jeff Masters, director of meteorology for Weather Underground, said the storm's current forecast indicates Tampa is unlikely to take a direct hit from a potential hurricane. When the storm passes the Bay area, it's likely to have an east-west motion, meaning it could sideswipe Tampa, causing rain and flooding, but not directly strike the city.

Business awash in worry

Owner hopes flooding issue will be fixed before the next big rain

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Linda Downey said it makes her sick to think what early next week could potentially bring.

As Tropical Storm Isaac churns toward the Florida Peninsula, Downey, owner of Taste of Philly, 630 N.E. Second Ave., has visions of water swooshing down from the property across the street and gathering in her parking lot and perhaps inside the business.

"Since they put fill there and it rains, we get flooding here. It was really bad during (Tropical Storm) Debby," Downey said.

She said she first called about the grade of the property to city officials in early January, but nothing happened.

Then in July, after the deluge associated with Tropical Storm Debby, Downey said she called the Southwest Florida Water Management Dis-



Special to the Chronicle

This was the view in late June in front of Taste of Philly after Tropical Storm Debby.

trict to explain the situation.

In April 2012, the water district issued an exemption for the property owner, David Garrick, to pour gravel for a parking lot, according to district spokeswoman Robyn Felix.

However, after Downey's call, Felix said water district officials inspected

the site and found the grade of the property was causing the flooding at the business.

"We wrote Mr. Garrick a letter July 7 to re-grade the property," Felix said.

Felix said the property owner gave a verbal commitment Wednesday to have the property re-graded by Aug. 31.

Downey hopes the re-

grading will happen before the storm gets here, possibly early next week.

"I don't know why any of this happened. I am still confused by it all," Downey said.

Crystal River City Manager Andy Houston said the city issued Garrick a permit to clear trees from the property.

He said in January 2012, officials inspected the property and found fill was present and it was re-graded.

Houston said an order was issued to stop work on the property.

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Dunnellon man arrested on drug charges

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BEVERLY HILLS — A Dunnellon man who is familiar to investigators was arrested Wednesday near a suspected drug house, according to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

James Stephens, 33, of S.W. 107th Lane, Dunnellon, was grabbed by Tactical Impact Unit personnel after he was spotted leaving a

residence on Barbour Street investigators had under surveillance.

According to the report, police knew Stephens did not have a valid driver's license and tailed him briefly before stopping him.

He reportedly returned to the residence and during a search of the house, investigators found a plastic



James Stephens

bag of crack cocaine weighing about 5 grams in the arm of the couch. Investigators believe the square pieces of cocaine were not for personal use, but for sale.

Deputies also found scales, pipes, grinders and plastic baggies with drug residue.

Stephens allegedly told

investigators the cocaine belonged to him and he doesn't use the drug. He reportedly said he prefers marijuana.

He also told investigators the majority of the marijuana pipes found belonged to him.

Stephens is facing a felony charge of possession with intent to sell a controlled substance, driving while license suspended or revoked

(habitual traffic offender) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Stephens also preliminarily qualifies as a felony habitual offender.

No bond was set. For the other charges his bond was set at \$2,500.

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Readers invited to get carded in September

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In the Sept. 27, 1977, episode of "Happy Days," Ritchie Cunningham takes lovable biker Fonzi to a library to meet girls.

While there, Fonzi applies for his first-ever library card.

As the urban legend goes, in the days that followed the airing of this TV show, requests for library cards increased 500 percent.

Although that legend has since been debunked, what is true is here in Citrus County, thousands of residents sign up for library cards each year.

Currently, 93,000 residents are active members of the Citrus County Library System (CCLS).

This September, the CCLS will kick off a "Show Your Card" campaign for National Library Card Sign-up Month.

"This year we're going to be doing some fun little things at each branch to showcase the people who get new cards," said CCLS spokeswoman Sabrina Smith said. "We have brand new cards this year, which we're really excited about, to coincide with our 25th year as a library system in October."

From Sept. 1 to 8, library

patrons can come in for a free card design upgrade. Normal fee to change card design is \$1.

Throughout the month people who sign up for new cards can also participate in drawings for gift cards from local restaurants.

"We'll be going to all the schools, public and private, to sign up all the kindergartners," Smith said. "We do that every September."

Smith said 93,000 cardholders is a significant number in a community of 140,000, and that more than 2,000 people visit one of the five library branches per day.

"We have an interesting mix of traditional and non-

traditional users," she said. "A lot of people still come in for the books and physical materials, but we now have our e-book program, which has taken off. Since we started in February, we have over 8,000 checkouts already just with our digital titles."

To check out a digital book, first go online to citrus.lib.overdrive.com and browse through the titles available. The checkout procedure depends on your electronic reader device.

Kindle devices use the check out through the Amazon.com site; Nook devices require a download directly to your computer and then a

transfer via USB cable. For other devices, such as iPads and Android tablets and phones — there's an app for that.

The libraries also offer a variety of classes, activities and special events. A card is only needed to check out materials.

"We're happy to have such positive support from the community for the library," Smith said. "We have such an educated and curious and literate community that really knows the value of having a library system."

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Couple split by Romney Medicare proposal

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mike O'Malley is 55; wife Sharon is 53. So what?

They're on opposite sides of the age cutoff in Mitt Romney's Medicare plan, and that could create a bumpy transition for the suburban Chicago couple and others like them. It would be the difference between being in the traditional program for the elderly and a less certain future.

As the issue rises in importance in the presidential campaign, it's leading to inevitable comparisons for couples and siblings who are just a few years apart — and sometimes perhaps a touch of envy.

The proposal came from Romney's running mate, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan. But Romney has largely embraced it, throwing a brighter spotlight on the question of whether and how to revamp the retiree health care program.

Ryan wants to reshape Medicare for future retirees — anyone 54 and younger — while people 55 and older would get Medicare in roughly the same form as it exists today.

Starting in 2023, new retirees on the younger side of the line would get a fixed amount of money from the government to pick either private health insurance or a federal plan modeled on Medicare. Ryan said that will keep the program solvent.

Looking at the O'Malleys can help explain how people of slightly different ages would be affected.

Under Ryan's plan, Mike would qualify for traditional Medicare in about another decade. Nothing would change for him.

"So I'm covered," Mike O'Malley said, adding Ryan's proposal is "a catalyst for thought."

But Sharon, in the new program, would have decisions to make. Whichever way she chooses, eventually she might have to pay more for health insurance than Mike, if costs grow faster than the amount the government provides.

"I'm going to be the one who's not going to have the health care," Sharon O'Malley said. "It makes you nervous when you pay all this money into the system and it won't be there when you need it."

Backers of Ryan's approach say people like Sharon O'Malley should not worry. They say the plan should unleash a wave of competition that wrings waste out of the health care system and delivers quality care at affordable prices.

Given the popularity of original Medicare, however, many experts think the Romney-Ryan overhaul will be a tough sell — like former President George W. Bush's ill-fated attempt to introduce private accounts to Social Security.

"Any change is viewed with skepticism, and that is just a starting reality for most people," said John Rother, president of the National Coalition on Health



Associated Press

Mike O'Malley, 55, left, and his wife Sharon, 53, are on opposite sides of the age cutoff in Mitt Romney's Medicare plan. That could create a bumpy transition for the suburban Chicago couple.

Care, a nonpartisan group representing a broad range of players in the health care system.

Indeed, even a majority of Republicans — 55 percent — prefer the idea of keeping Medicare as it is, according to a recent Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

"Most people are not thinking of the role Medicare plays in the federal budget," Rother added. "The idea of (Medicare) insolvency is an abstraction. What matters is, 'It's there for me. It works. I can count on it.' The idea of change is a threatening idea, particularly if it's couched as being necessary to fix the federal budget."

The O'Malleys have been married 30 years and consider themselves political independents. They both voted for John McCain in 2008. Mike owns a travel agency. Sharon is a nurse. They have three grown children and have put away some money for retirement. She worries their savings may not be enough.

As she imagined what Ryan's vision of Medicare might be like for her, Sharon said it could be confusing to shop for insurance among multiple private plans. In her job, she already sees elderly patients flummoxed by the Medicare prescription drug program, which offers seniors a choice among many different plans.

"I truly think they make it very difficult for Medicare recipients to know all the rules of Medicare," she said. Nearly four in 10 seniors, including younger members

of the baby-boom generation, would be in the new system by 2030.

So far, most of the debate about the Romney-Ryan proposal has focused on financial risk for future retirees, the chances that health care inflation would outrun the fixed insurance payments they would receive. If so, an older spouse on original Medicare might have to cross-subsidize the younger spouse on the new plan.

Bonnie Burns, who has spent more than 25 years counseling Medicare recipients about their benefits, said it could give rise to a new sort of family dynamic: health care envy.

"I think it would be part and parcel of whatever other family tension is going on," said Burns, who works with the nonprofit California Health Advocates and is based near Santa Cruz.

But complexity is the biggest potential problem Burns sees.

The guaranteed benefits the new plans would have to offer haven't been spelled out, or the rules to prevent marketing abuses, or consumers' rights in disputes with insurers.

"This would split everything wide open," said Burns, "None of the components would be the same."

The private plans currently available through Medicare are closely regulated by the government, so "there hasn't been a big dispute about what is and is not covered," said Burns. It's not clear whether Romney-Ryan would tighten the rules, loosen them or keep them the same.

Judge: TVA liable for massive coal ash spill

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Valley Authority is liable for a huge spill of toxin-laden sludge in 2008 in Tennessee, a federal judge ruled Thursday.

The decision is a victory for hundreds of plaintiffs who sued after a containment dike at TVA's Kingston Fossil Plant burst in 2008. About 5 million cubic yards of ash spilled out of a storage pond, flowed into a river and spoiled hundreds of acres in a riverside community 35 miles west of Knoxville.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Varlan said in a written opinion TVA was negligent in its conduct and will be liable for damages to be determined later.

"Since the spill in December 2008, TVA's commitment has not wavered — to clean up the spill, protect the public health and safety, restore the area, and, where justified, fairly compensate people who were directly impacted," the utility said in a statement.

TVA is the nation's largest public utility and also serves customers in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia.

Utility officials had argued at a trial last October the spill was caused by factors outside the utility's control, including a "slime" layer of loose ash and silt under the dike.

Varlan said the spill was caused by a combination of TVA's dike design, continued wet coal ash storage at the plant and geological conditions.

"Had TVA followed its own mandatory policies, procedures, and practices, the subsurface issues underlying the failure of North Dike would have been investigated, addressed, and potentially remedied before the catastrophic failure of December 22, 2008," he wrote.

TVA is continuing a \$1.2 billion cleanup of the spill the Environmental Protection Agency described as



Associated Press

A home is engulfed in 2008 near TVA's Kingston Fossil Plant after the failure of a storage cell unleashed 5.4 million cubic yards of ash sludge near Kingston, Tenn. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Varlan ruled Thursday the Tennessee Valley Authority is liable for the huge spill of toxin-laden sludge.

one of the worst environmental disasters of its kind. TVA also provided \$43 million to the Roane County Economic Development Foundation for use by communities in the affected area.

An estimated 500,000 cubic yards of ash remain at the bottom of the Emory and Clinch rivers nearly four years later. A decision will be made later this year to leave the submerged ash alone, dredge it up or cap it.

The spill drew national attention to coal ash and its toxic contaminants. Coal ash contains arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury and other metals, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA officials began looking into regulating coal ash as a hazardous waste but haven't yet issued any regulations.

The litigation involves more than 60 cases and more than 800 plaintiffs.

"People have been harmed through the actions

of TVA, in some cases irreparably," one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, Nashville-based Beth Alexander, said in a statement. "TVA did its best to avoid financial responsibility for the harm it has done, but there was no merit or justification for it to be given such extraordinary protection. TVA spent millions of dollars in legal fees fighting to be cleared of responsibility for what they did wrong instead of compensating the people whose property was damaged."

TVA reported in December it paid nearly \$11 million on outside legal help to battle lawsuits from the spill. About \$600,000 of that was spent on outside lawyers to assist with this trial, which ended in October. The rest of the trial work was done by in-house lawyers.

TVA said it has purchased more than 180 properties and settled more than 200 other claims from people living near the spill.

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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 Lecanto, 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 in 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 Seminoles 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 Florida 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.

Frances Castellano, 95
INVERNESS

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Frances Castellano, age 95, of Inverness, Florida, will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Pastor George Dehn officiating. Cremation will be under the direction of Hooper Crematory, Inverness, Florida. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Mrs. Castellano was born October 27, 1916 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late Anthony and Sarah (Pisano) Mazzamuto. She died August 22, 2012 under the loving care from the staff of Hospice of Citrus County's Hospice House, Lecanto, FL. She was a homemaker and moved to Inverness, Florida from New York in 1971. Her hobbies included sewing, cooking and taking care of family. She was a member of the Leroy Rooks VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary. Mrs. Castellano was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Castellano Sr. (1973), 6 brothers, and 3 sisters. Survivors include son, Anthony (Melanie) Castellano Jr., daughter, Sarah Castellano Hunt, daughter, Angelina Castellano Reese, all of Inverness, FL, 7 grandchildren, Jean Marcus, Francine Bremer, Michael (Debbie) Santangelo, Angela (Michael) Giddens, Anthony (Hannah) Santangelo, Victor Evangelista Jr., Joey (Sarah) Castellano, 14 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren



Frederick Betts, 87
HOMOSASSA

Mr. Frederick Milton Betts, age 87 of Homosassa, Florida, died Tuesday, August 21, 2012 in Homosassa, FL. He was born May 8, 1925 in Sodus, NY, son of the late Arthur and Ellen (Vandarpool) Betts. He was a veteran and worked as a lithographer for the United States Coast Guard, retiring after 20 years service. He moved to Homosassa from Connecticut in 1982 and was an avid bowler, his favorite song was "It's So Hard To Be Humble". Survivors include his wife, Irene Betts of Homosassa, 3 sons, Michael Betts, Jon Betts, and James Betts, 2 daughters, Karen Betts and Mary Morgan, and 2 grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

OBITUARIES

- Obituaries must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of the arrangements.
- Additionally, obituaries will be posted online at www.chronicleonline.com.

Helen Murphy, 97
INVERNESS

Helen Louise Murphy, 97, of Inverness, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, at her residence under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Citrus County.

Helen was born on May 19, 1915, in Imlay City, Mich., to the late Findlay and Olive Detweiler. Helen was a homemaker and teacher. She taught disabled children, a job she enjoyed very much.

Survivors include son, Ronald (Beverly) Murphy, Punta Gorda, Fla.; daughter, Linda (George) Zick, Hernando, Fla.; brother, John Detweiler, Berkley, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Murphy; two sons, Clifford and Robert; and her siblings, Donald Detweiler, Orthabelle Wood, Dorothy Jones and Betty Jewell.

A Funeral Service of Remembrance will be Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Bushnell. The family will receive friends in visitation from 1 p.m. until the hour of service. The family requests donations to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464, in lieu of flowers to help them continue their wonderful care of others as they did for Helen.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Earl 'Bob' Stephens, 92
INGLIS

Earl "Bob" Stephens, age 92, of Inglis, Fla., passed away Wednesday Aug. 22, 2012, at his home under the care of his family and Haven Hospice.

He was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Inglis, Fla., and was a lifelong resident. He was a retired commercial fisherman. He was of the Pentecostal holiness faith and a member of Yankeetown Church of God. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by his son, Robert Earl Stephens, on Sept. 24, 2007.

He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Melvena Stephens, of Inglis; a son, John David Stephens, of Dunnellon, Fla.; two daughters, Mary Earleen Sheffield, of Williston, Fla., and Juanita Roof, of Inglis, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, at Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, Fla. The funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at the 1st Baptist Church of Inglis, Fla., with Pastor Rick Moore officiating. Interment will follow at the Cedars of Lebanon Cemetery in Levy County, Fla.

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Deaths ELSEWHERE

Terry 'Tubesteak' Tracy, 77
SURFING PERSONALITY

Colorful surfing world personality Terry "Tubesteak" Tracy, a Southern California big-board fixture from San Onofre to Malibu who inspired the Kahuna beach bum role in the 1959 "Gidget" movie, has died. He was 77.

The Orange County Register said Tracy died at his San Clemente home on Wednesday.

The 1950s surfer lived in a beach shack in Malibu where he held court with legendary surfers such as Miki Dora, who gave him the "Tubesteak" nickname.

Tracy loaned Kathy Kohner a surfboard in exchange for a peanut butter sandwich and he nicknamed her Gidget.

After her screenwriter-father, Frederick Kohner, heard her stories about Malibu beach life, he wrote the book "Gidget," and it was turned into the Sandra Dee-James Darren movie.

Cliff Robertson played Tracy's Kahuna character.

—From wire reports

Results in three races finalized

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's primary election results became final Thursday, including three legislative races decided by 34 or fewer votes, although at least one of those may be contested.

The three-member Florida Elections Canvassing Commission, chaired by Gov. Rick Scott, met briefly to certify the results. Among them were easy top-of-the-ticket primary wins for Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and Republican U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, who will challenge the incumbent Nelson on Nov. 6.

The certification followed automatic recounts in the three narrowly decided legislative contests.

In a Florida Senate race between two Democratic state representatives, Jeff Clemens of Lake Worth defeated Mack Bernard of Delray Beach by 17 votes.

A Democratic House primary also pitted two sitting representatives against each other due to redistricting. Barbara Watson of Miami Gardens defeated John Patrick Julien by 13 votes in that contest.

Dr. Cary Pigman, an Avon Park physician, defeated former Rep. Randy Johnson of Sebring by 34 votes in a Republican House primary.

Johnson is not contesting his loss. Julien said he's not conceding but hasn't yet decided whether to take his race to court. Bernard did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

"The process is more important than anyone's po-

litical aspirations," Johnson said. "It's America, and you can decide an election by one vote."

Pigman will face Democrat Crystal Drake of Moore Haven in House District 55, which covers parts of St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Highlands and Glades counties.

Absent a successful challenge, Clemens is virtually assured of a seat in the 40-member Senate because his only general election opposition in District 27 will be from a write-in candidate.

The former Lake Worth mayor had support from unions and ran as a progressive. Bernard, a lawyer and former Delray Beach city commissioner, stressed his ability to work with Republicans and drew support from business interests including the Florida Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Florida.

Watson also is a prohibitive favorite to win the House District 107 seat in November because her only opposition will be from a pair of write-in candidates.

Johnson said Pigman benefited from an infusion of campaign cash by the Republican-led House's leadership. He attributed that to a dispute over hurricane insurance he had with then-House Speaker Allan Bense in 2005. Johnson said he had bucked the insurance industry that had Bense's support. Incoming Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, is Bense's son-in-law.

"That's politics," Johnson said.

State BRIEFS

Toll plaza gets \$42M makeover

ORLANDO — The busy BeachLine Expressway toll plaza near Orlando International Airport is getting a \$42 million makeover.

The Orlando Sentinel reported the work could begin as early as October. It's the second project undertaken by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority that will affect traffic around the airport. In May, the agency agreed to spend \$70 million to improve the interchange with Boggy Creek Road and State Road 417 south of the airport.

The agency is spending \$112 million on the north and south gateways into the airport. Orlando International handles 35 million passengers a year.

The BeachLine's airport plaza opened in 1983. The new plaza will feature an

overhead gantry that lets motorists with transponders drive through without slowing down.

Scott catches shrimp on work day

YULEE — Gov. Rick Scott has gotten a taste of shrimp. The governor joined Capt. Mike Adams for some trawling on Wednesday aboard his shrimp boat Bag Boy out of Yulee.

They bagged 450 pounds of shrimp from Bells River and the Jolly River in Nassau County.

It was the latest of Scott's "Let's Get to Work Day," an idea the Republican borrowed from Democratic former Gov. Bob Graham.

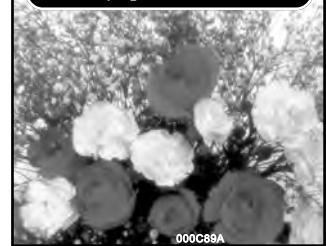
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Inverness Pool	Torpedograss / Pickerelweed / Hydrilla / Nuphar / Tussocks / Paspalum / Duckweed	Super K / Aquathol / Diquat / Glyphosate / 2,4D / Clipper / Quest / Clearcast
Floral City Pool	Duckweed	Diquat / Clipper / Quest
Chassahowitzka River	Hydrilla	Aquatho

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Hernando Pool	Tussocks / Pickerelweed	Harvesting
Floral City Pool	Smartweed / Tussocks / Water Paspalum / Torpedograss	Harvesting
Inverness Pool	Smartweed / Tussocks / Pickerelweed	Harvesting

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Year after Irene, New Yorkers ponder sea barriers

Some experts want more immediate measures

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two years before Hurricane Irene created the prospect of a flooding nightmare in New York City, 100 scientists and engineers met to sketch out a bold defense: massive, moveable barriers to shield the city from a storm-stirred sea.

Though the storm caused billions of dollars in damage along the Eastern Seaboard, Irene proved not to be the urban catastrophe forecasters feared. But in the wake of the close call a year ago, elected officials and community groups are pressing for an evaluation of whether sea barriers make sense for New York.

The city has been gathering information, while stressing barriers are only one of many ideas being studied.

Initially hesitant to recommend spending money studying a remote possibility, state Assemblyman Richard Gottfried now finds the barrier idea realistic enough that he and state Sen. Thomas Duane have urged the city to give it a thorough examination. Gottfried changed his mind before Irene, but feels the storm — which hit the city head-on as a tropical storm Aug. 28, 2011 — brought the point home to others.

"I think it did make it clear to a lot of New Yorkers that we could not take our safety for granted," he said this week.

To advocates, Irene — which shuttered subways, spurred evacuation orders for 370,000 people and raised fears that a surge of



Associated Press

A biker makes his way around a taxi stranded last August in floodwaters of Hurricane Irene, downgraded to a tropical storm, in New York. Two years before Irene created the prospect of a flooding nightmare in New York City, 100 scientists and engineers met to sketch out a bold defense: massive, moveable barriers to shield the city from a storm-stirred sea.

seawater would cripple the U.S. financial capital — added urgency to what they see as the best hope for protecting New York against a mounting threat. But some experts believe the city is better off focusing on more moderate, immediate measures to limit potential damage from storms and rising seas.

The discussion illuminates a potential dividing line for this city and others projected to face a more flood-prone future in a changing climate: take big, difficult steps in hopes of thwarting

high water, or a roster of smaller ones intended to help manage it.

New York, for its part, says it's giving equal time to both approaches.

The city administration is working toward a hard-numbers analysis of natural risks and how well various coast-protection techniques would address them, said Adam Freed, the deputy director of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. Storm-surge barriers are among the options being examined; officials have talked in

recent months with some participants in a 2009 academic conference on the issue.

In the meantime, the city also has flood-proofed some places — by installing floodgates at sewage plants, for example, and raising the ground level while redeveloping a low-lying area in Queens.

"There's no one-size-fits-all solution to the risk we face, and it's not just one risk," Freed said, noting the city also is preparing for more frequent heat waves, more extreme rainstorms and other anticipated global-warming effects. "It is

going to be a suite of strategies that encompass everything."

Proponents say sea barriers would solve a big piece of the problem, and they point to examples in cities ranging from London to Providence, R.I. But some scientists and engineers feel the structures could create a false sense of security and raise environmental and social-equity questions.

"Who gets included to be behind the gate, and who doesn't get included? ... How do you make that decision in a fair way?" said Robert Swanson, an oceanographer at Long Island's Stony Brook University, where the barrier idea is a topic of cordial debate.

Two of his colleagues, oceanography professor Malcolm J. Bowman and lecturer and engineer Douglas Hill, are driving forces behind the idea and helped galvanize the 2009 conference, which featured conceptual designs from engineering firms.

One strategy entailed an estimated \$9.1 billion set of barriers a mile long or shorter at three critical points around the city's waterways. The network would protect Manhattan and parts of the four outer boroughs and New Jersey, but not some vulnerable swaths of Brooklyn and Queens.

Some of them stood to gain protection in an alternative design: a single, 5-mile-long barrier between Sandy Hook, N.J., and the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, estimated at \$5.9 billion.

Both approaches were designed to block a 25-foot storm surge but had navigational locks or other mechanisms to let water and ship traffic flow under normal conditions. Some designs featured visible walls or berms above the waterline, but one envisioned a wall that would lie flat underwater and rise into position when needed.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list. Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day. Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Stock Footnotes: cld - Issue has been called for redemption by company. d - New 52-week low. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. ec - Company formerly listed on the American Exchange's Emerging Company Marketplace. l - temporary exempt from Nasdaq capital and surplus listing qualification. n - Stock was a new issue in the last year. The 52-week high and low figures date only from the beginning of trading. pf - Preferred stock issue, pr - Preferences, pp - Holder owns installments of purchase price. ri - Right to buy security at a specified price. s - Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. wt - Trades will be settled when the stock is issued. wd - When distributed. w - Warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock. u - New 52-week high. u - Unit, including more than one security. vj - Company in bankruptcy or receivership, or being reorganized under the bankruptcy law. Appears in front of the name.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Table with columns: High, Low, Name, Last, Chg, %YTD, 52-wk High, 52-wk Low. Includes 13,338.66, 10,404.49 Dow Jones Industrials, 5,390.11, 3,950.66 Dow Jones Transportation, 4,999.82, 4,115.40 Dow Jones Utilities.

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So You Know The remainder of the NYSE listings can be found on the next page.

CURRENCIES

Table with columns: Country, Yesterday, Pvs Day. Includes Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Rep, Denmark, Dominican Rep, Egypt, Euro, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Russia, Singapore, So. Africa, So. Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela.

MONEY RATES

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MUTUAL FUNDS

How To Read The Mutual Fund Tables

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

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

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Stocks down; Fed moves seem less like sure thing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobody ever said reading the Federal Reserve was easy.

On Wednesday, the Fed appeared to suggest it was closer to taking additional steps to help the U.S. economy. Stocks rallied as a result and finished the day well off their lows.

But the prospect of Fed help seemed much less certain Thursday, and stocks fell. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 115.30 points to close at 13,057.46 — the biggest loss in more than a month and the Dow's fourth straight down day.

James Bullard, president of the Fed's St. Louis bank, told CNBC the minutes from the July 31 to Aug. 1 meeting were "stale" because the economy had picked up since then. If it becomes "a bit stronger," he said, the Fed will hold off.

The government reported claims for unemployment insurance rose last week, the second straight increase, which also hurt stocks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.41 points to 1,402.08. The Nasdaq composite index fell 20.27 to 3,053.40.

But another Fed regional official, Chicago president Charles Evans, told reporters in Beijing he supports further action by the Fed, an apparent agreement of the Fed minutes.

Manufacturing activity fell to a nine-month low in China, the world's second-largest economy after the United States. Some investors expect that the government there may have to step in more decisively to try to boost the economy.

"It's just a harsh reminder that the worldwide economy continues to disappoint," Detrick said. Investors who yanked money out of stocks and oil put it in metals instead. The price of gold rose 2 percent, jumping \$32.30 to \$1,672.80 per ounce.

Prices also rose for other metals. The euro hit a seven-week high against the dollar. But overall, news was slow, typical for the market's traditional August lull.

The big events that could move the market lie ahead — Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech in Wyoming later this month and a German court's ruling next month on whether the country can participate in a bailout for European countries.

German leaders showed signs of the strain between the two countries. Greece has asked for more time to put in place the spending reforms Germany is requiring, but the German finance minister said Thursday more time wouldn't solve Greece's problems.

Market watch

Market watch table showing indices like Dow Jones, Nasdaq composite, Standard & Poor's 500, Russell 2000, NYSE diary, and Nasdaq diary with their respective values and changes.

Dan's Gun Room advertisement featuring a handgun, rifle, and shotgun. Text includes 'Citrus County's Oldest Gun Dealer', 'Same Location For 30 Years', and 'We Are A Master Dealer'. Includes phone number 352-726-5238 and website www.dansgunroom.com.

Home Improvement Package advertisement. Features a house image and text: 'FOR SUBSCRIBERS ONLY Home Improvement Package worth over \$275'. Includes services like 'Dryer Cleaning worth \$90', 'Air Conditioning Tune-Up worth \$99', and 'Carpet Cleaning up to 3 Rooms! worth \$89.95'. Includes contact info for Citrus Publishing employees.

New York Stock Exchange table with columns for Name, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols and their prices.

► "Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished."
 Francis Bacon, 1625

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"You may differ with my choice, but not my right to choose."
 — David S. Arthurs publisher emeritus

ON THE MOVE

Isaac could unleash fury on region

There are some eerie similarities when comparing early September 2004 and late August 2012.

President George W. Bush vs. John Kerry.

President Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney.

The local primary elections delivered some upsets to incumbents and cleared the path for some who are still serving and have been elected to new terms.

Michael Phelps visited Disney World sporting a gold medal won during the 2004 Olympics.

And — hurricane-related news was the talk of Florida and beyond.

During a hyperactive tropical storm season, Hurricane Charley obliterated Southwest and Central Florida earlier that summer and, in the first week of September, Frances plundered Citrus County, leaving more than 47,000 without power for days on end.

There's no reason to think Tropical Storm Isaac won't inflict damage and misery here next week. If predictions it may become a Category 1 or 2 storm cause an inclination to lower one's guard, remember, Frances was only tropical-storm strength when it passed through, ripping off roofs, producing 3- to 4-foot storm tides and lots of localized flooding.

Now is the time to brace for the worst. Be prepared. Be safe.

Track the storm.

Pull together essentials: Medicine, flashlights, candles, batteries, lighters, nonperishable food that's easily opened and doesn't require cooking, lots of water, a supply of cash, a full tank of gas, a battery-powered radio, car chargers for cellphones and computers and pet food.

Have an emergency evacuation plan and leave early; flee from the projected path of the storm.

If unable to leave, know which emergency shelters are open and which allows animals if you have pets.

If you have a family member or loved one who is elderly or medically needy, execute a plan to ensure their safety.

Safeguard your home. If necessary, residents will need to board up windows, fill bathtubs with water that can be used to keep toilets operable, and store or fasten down outdoor and porch items.

Pay attention to the newspaper, TV, radio, Internet and warnings via telephone if an evacuation is called. Critical information will come from all those sources when and if danger is imminent. In advance, notification of sandbag availability will be relayed; and voluntary or mandatory evacuation notices will be issued.

Now is the time to brace for the worst. Be prepared. Be safe.

THE ISSUE:

Hurricane preparation.

OUR OPINION:

Don't play wait-and-see.

Andrew teaches powerful lesson

Here's what an idiot I was: I thought it was going to be fun.

Scary, yes — the lights would go out, the winds would howl, the windows would rattle — but essentially harmless for all that. It would be fun, in a ghost-stories-in-the-dark, shiver-up-your-back kind of way. We would camp out in the house, eating bologna sandwiches and playing board games, waiting for the lights to come back on.

We had been gone for a week, a family road trip to Washington and Atlanta, and this was before the Internet was ubiquitous, back when it was still possible to unplug from the inflow of information. I had not seen a paper or watched the news since we left Miami. So it was not until the night before we returned, when I chanced to be watching television in a Savannah, Ga., motel, that we learned a hurricane was bearing down on South Florida.

We stopped in Daytona Beach the next day and called our neighbors from a pay phone. Pam and Joe told us to, for God's sake, stay where we were, but we shined them on. I didn't want to miss the fun.

That was 20 years ago this week and, needless to say, "fun" is the last word anyone who went through it would use to describe Hurricane Andrew. Because we had not been there to board up the windows, we spent that night

in a defenseless home. We didn't initially understand what we'd wandered into. At one point, water was spitting through the vent in the kitchen ceiling, and my wife was laying down newspaper because she didn't want it to ruin her floor: I pulled her clear just before the ceiling came crashing in.

That's when we understood. We huddled in a closet the rest of the night, me, her, and our five children, ages 18 years down to 23 months, listening fearfully to the thumping, howling and shattering

of the storm. Have you ever felt a wall breathing? Expanding and contracting like lungs? I felt the closet wall breathing against my back all night long. It was the first time in my life — the only time, thank you, God — I ever felt the reality, the imminence, the nearness, the likelihood of my own death. It had, shall we say, a centering effect.

But the roof over us held and when morning came, we stepped from that bunker unscathed. Looking back, that seems miraculous to me. The rest of the house was destroyed, sunlight rushing through where the living room roof had been. Almost everything we owned was damaged or destroyed — clothing, record albums, books, furniture, my wife's car, photos, appliances. We had little food, no water. The TV was facedown in a puddle.

And you know what? It didn't



Leonard Pitts Jr.

OTHER VOICES

matter. Not even a little bit.

Everybody says that, of course: "It's only stuff; it's not important." Most of the time, I think, that's just lip service. Ours is a culture of acquisition, where people literally kill and die for stuff, for DVD players, Jordans and iPads. I don't think you can appreciate how unimportant stuff truly is until all your stuff is gone and you, against the odds, are not.

This is the lesson the storm taught me. Twenty years later, I live in a new home with new stuff. But the lesson has never left.

The night after the storm, I wandered through that broken house in the dark, I had no idea what would happen next, how I would feed, clothe or house my family. But I do not remember feeling despair. All I remember is gratitude.

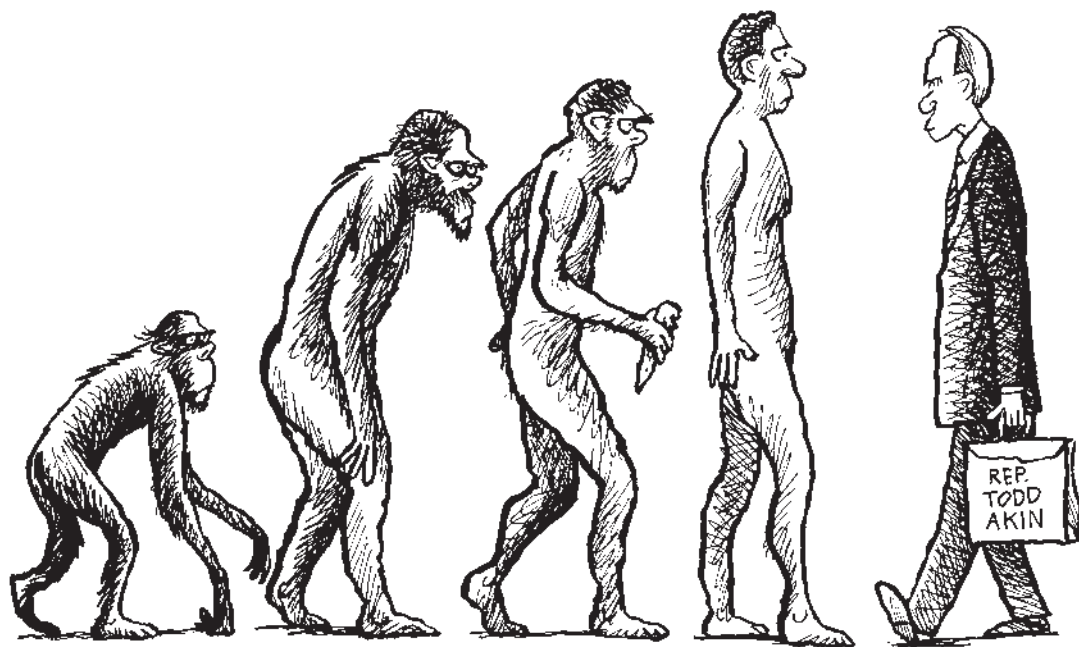
I looked up through where the ceiling had been and I could see the stars. I am a lifelong child of the city and I realized I'd never actually seen the stars; most of them had always been lost in the wash of light from the street-lamps and gas station signs of Earth. But there were no lights or signs now, and there they were, an endless field of diamonds glittering upon an infinity of black. For a long moment, I just stood there, looking up.

I'd never seen anything more beautiful in my life.

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LETTERS to the Editor

No need to kill

Why would anyone not want the Citrus County Animal Shelter to become a no-kill shelter? Most people are uninformed about how this is achieved.

They actually think the shelter will be jam-packed with dogs and cats waiting for a home, that dogs and cats will be in the shelter for a long time. This is not how a no-kill shelter works. Volunteers, rescue groups, foster care, always having off-site adoption events, expanded hours and days at the shelter — these are just some of the ways to become a no-kill shelter.

My husband was at the county animal shelter desk not long ago and a family wanted to adopt a cat. It was 4:10 and they were told adoption hours were only until 4 and to come back the next day. They said they were from out of the area and would not be able to come back. A cat lost out on its forever home because this family was 10 minutes too late. This should not happen.

Go to Nathan Winograd's website to see how a no-kill shelter can be achieved. Remember, no additional funds will be needed for the county shelter to become a no-kill shelter. Please contact our county commissioners and let them know you support the Citrus County Animal Shelter becoming a no-kill shelter.

Beverly Yuelling
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Allex X. Sosnicki
 Floral City

Need tapes?

I have over 100 VCR tapes that I don't want. There's nothing special on them but they can be reused. Can they also be recycled? Would somebody let me know, please?

Double standards

I would like to make a comment about Colorado lowering their tuition rates for illegal immigrants. If anyone knows, I would like for them to publish how this is fair in any way, shape or form. I think it's discrimination against Americans here. There's lots of people that don't go to college because they can't afford it. I don't see them lowering their rates for them. This makes no sense to me.

Will just wrong

George Will must be trying to kid us all with his column, about the limits to growth developed by MIT computers in 1972 where they predicted that we would be pretty much miserable by now and he thinks people aren't miserable. I'm calling from Florida, but what about these people out in the Midwest and West? Houses are burning on my TV set, whole forests, droughts, prices going up. It seems pretty miserable there. Then he goes on to say something

about assembly lines are still in Detroit. Detroit became a ghost town. I heard you can buy houses there for a thousand dollars a couple years ago. And now Ford, which made a great comeback, now they're going backwards and losing money again. George Will says that token environmentalism is a waste of time, like recycling

and collecting paper, because the forests were never threatened in the first place. Who's he kidding? You ever hear of the rainforest action group? Supposedly half the rainforests in the world have disappeared. Third-world countries are burning them up just to make charcoal. I don't know. They use charcoal for cooking. This guy is so out of line. People are starving all over the world, from what I hear. OK, some precious metals came down in price and we found more than there was. Yeah, by some harmful, destructive environmental practices and burning half the trees around the world.

Signs don't work

Nineteen signs within the Three Sisters prohibiting tying to trees and land access. Results: people still tie to trees and on the land and boardwalk. No U.S. Fish and Wildlife representatives around to enforce.



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Nation BRIEFS

Mighty low



Associated Press

Hundreds of barges are stuck Tuesday north and south of Greenville, Miss., due to low water on the Mississippi River. Low water levels restricting shipping traffic, forcing harbor closures and causing barges to run aground on the economically vital Mississippi River are expected to continue into October, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials said.

SEAL could face threats over book

WASHINGTON — The Navy SEAL who wrote an account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden under a pseudonym was identified Thursday as Matt Bissonnette, who retired from the Navy last summer.

Bissonnette was first identified by Fox News. One current and one former U.S. military official confirmed the name, speaking on condition of anonymity because the person as not authorized to discuss military personnel matters.

The book, "No Easy Day," is scheduled to be released Sept. 11, with the author listed under the pseudonym of Mark Owen. Penguin Group (USA)'s Dutton imprint, the publisher, asked news organizations Thursday to withhold his identity.

Special Operations Command spokesman Col. Tim Nye said the retired SEAL could be endangered by being identified, which could also expose those active-duty SEALs the author worked with in the killing of bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan, last year.

World BRIEF

Pool party



Associated Press

Harry the hippo hangs out Thursday in the water at the Monate Conservation Lodge near Modimolle, South Africa. The young hippopotamus plopped into the pool Tuesday for a swim and has not been able to get out. A game capture team will sedate the hippo and lift it out with a crane Friday.

Hippo stuck in swimming pool

JOHANNESBURG — A hefty hippo chased away from his herd at a South African game reserve has found a refreshing place to relax: the lodge's swimming pool. Now it's stuck there.

The young hippopotamus plopped into the pool Tuesday at the Monate Conservation Lodge north of Johannesburg. The pool is big enough for the hippo to swim but it's 8 feet deep with no steps and "there's no way he can come out," lodge manager Ruby Ferreira told The Associated Press on Thursday.

A game capture team will sedate the hippo and lift it out of the pool with a crane, said Mulsabel Wentzel of South Africa's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Much of the water has already been drained to make the extraction easier. A veterinarian will be present.

—From wire reports

Experts question Spanier's defense

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The story being told by Penn State president Graham Spanier as he defends himself against accusations he covered up a sex abuse allegation runs contrary into his own reputation as a detail-oriented manager.

But experts in university governance also suggest if Spanier truly didn't know what was going on, he showed a willful ignorance and a disturbing lack of curiosity about a scandal that stood to ruin Penn State's reputation.

In a series of interviews this week and at a Philadelphia news conference, Spanier and his lawyers repeatedly portrayed him as somewhat on the sidelines, completely unaware complaints about former assis-

tant football coach Jerry Sandusky were serious enough to warrant much more than passing attention.

The governance experts acknowledge the job of president requires dealing with a continual stream of problems, but they are raising doubts that Spanier took a less-than-active role in investigating the scandal that engulfed two of his top lieutenants and longtime football coach Joe Paterno.

"You can say I didn't know. You can say I was distracted. You can say they didn't tell me — up to a point," said Stephen Trachtenberg, who spent three decades as president at the University of Hartford and George Washington University.

"But from what we have heard about what transpired, his vice president,

his director of athletics, his coaches allegedly were concealing this bad news from him for such an extensive period of time that I find the story implausible," he said.

Spanier said he had no recollection of email traffic involving a 1998 police investigation of Sandusky, triggered by a woman's complaints he had showered with her son. He also told The New Yorker he had little memory of a 2001 complaint about Sandusky in a team shower with a boy, and that a follow-up meeting on the topic was wedged into his schedule during a busy time.

Sandusky was convicted of various criminal counts in June for both of those encounters, as well as child sexual abuse of eight other boys. He awaits sentencing.

Spanier has not been charged with any crimes,

but athletic director Tim Curley and vice president Gary Schultz, who reported to him on the matters, are expected to go to trial in January on charges they lied to a grand jury about the Sandusky scandal and did not properly report the 2001 accusation to authorities.

Spanier, who hasn't responded to requests for an Associated Press interview, told ABC the 2001 case was only characterized as "horseplay."

But even that should have raised red flags, said Mary Gray, an American University math and statistics professor with an expertise in university governance.

"If he was told that, I would think if I was the university president, I would ask, 'What do you mean by horsing around?'" said Gray. "He should have assigned

somebody to look into this in more detail and get back to him."

Penn State has a \$4.3 billion budget, some 90,000 students and nearly 25,000 full-time employees — a massive operation by any measure.

"I think that there is a myth out there, to some degree, that university presidents are omniscient about what's going on at their institution," said John Burness, a former senior vice president at Duke University who teaches a course on higher education and the media.

"That said, it is a little difficult to believe, given the prominence of Joe Paterno and the various emails that ended up going back and forth ... that this isn't something that a president or someone wouldn't be paying very serious attention to," he said.

No safe place



Associated Press

A displaced Syrian family sits Wednesday under a tree by the border with Turkey after they left their home, in the town of Azaz on the outskirts of Aleppo, Syria. Thousands of Syrians who have been displaced by the country's civil war are struggling to find safe shelter while shelling and airstrikes by government forces continue.

With war, many Syrian families in constant flight

Associated Press

KAFAR HAMRA, Syria — Civil war has chased Fatima Ghorab and her brood of some two dozen women and children across Syria in search of safe havens that keep disappearing in the booms of artillery shells. They now shelter in an unfinished apartment in this Aleppo suburb, crowded into two rooms with a few plastic chairs and some thin mattresses. If their neighbors didn't bring them bread, they'd have none.

As her daughters and daughters-in-law and their kids tuck into a simple lunch of tomatoes and cucumbers, canned meat and apricot jam, the 56-year-old housewife from Damascus struggles to comprehend what has become of her life.

"Before all this we were living well," said Ghorab, whose family ran a supermarket in the capital until it and their home were torched during a government attack on rebels.

"Our house was full and our shop was full. Now we're 100 degrees below zero."

Across Syria, hundreds of thousands of people have been thrown

into a life on the move by the widening fight between President Bashar Assad's forces and rebels seeking to end his rule.

Some 1.2 million people are displaced inside Syria, according to the United Nations, on top of a quarter-million who have fled to neighboring countries.

Many have picked up and fled multiple times, pushed from town to town by fighting. When they find a place that appears safe, they pile into half-built apartment buildings or sleep on tile floors in schools or on the dirt in olive groves. In tow, they bring shell-shocked children who wet their beds, get nosebleeds and vomit when they hear explosions or fighter jets.

For many, no place feels safe as the regime ramps up its use of attack helicopters and fighter jets, carrying out near-daily airstrikes on towns and villages. While some towns are largely destroyed and empty, others are packed. One day, villagers watch refugees from elsewhere flood in. The next day, they themselves load their belongings into rented trucks and clear out.

Ghorab's turmoil began several months ago, when three of her sons

were arrested for anti-regime protests. They were freed, but then her husband was arrested.

When he was released, his feet were so swollen from beatings he couldn't walk, Ghorab said. Then last month, security forces torched the family's home and supermarket during an assault to push rebels from their battle zone neighborhood of Tadamon.

By that time, Ghorab had already fled with her daughters and daughters-in-law, fearing they could be arrested too.

They went first to Aleppo, 200 miles to the north. The city, Syria's largest, had been quiet for most of the 17-month-old uprising. But then last month, rebel fighters pushed into Aleppo and the government tried to bomb them out, turning the city into a war zone.

So Ghorab and her family fled once more, to nearby Kafar Hamra. They have little money, and all their men remain in the cities to protect their remaining properties from thieves.

"I have to take care of all these women and children, and there are no men here and no money," Ghorab said.

Without big donors, Akin seeks small handouts

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Abandoned by deep-pocketed national groups, Missouri Rep. Todd Akin is passing a collection plate among his remaining supporters, asking for a few dollars at a time in hopes of sustaining a Senate campaign jeopardized by his remarks about women's bodies and "legitimate rape."

Akin claimed Thursday to have taken in more than

\$100,000 during a two-day online fundraising drive that he portrayed as a grassroots effort to circumvent "party bosses" who demanded he drop out. But the six-term congressman will need much more than that to replenish a campaign account already diminished by a hotly contested primary.

"It's very difficult, when you have the limited base we have in Missouri, to send emails out asking for \$3 at a

time," said Pat Thomas, secretary of the Missouri Republican State Committee who has worked as a coordinator for many candidates. "I don't know how to build a war chest to do that."

Akin now has to go forward without the firepower of well-funded political groups that had planned to pummel Democratic

Claire McCaskill with negative television ads.

If his money runs dry, Akin could confront a tough choice: re-evaluate whether to remain in the race or adopt a barebones strategy relying on social media and socially conservative activists to counter the mass media advertising expected from McCaskill and her allies.



Todd Akin continues campaign.

Ramadan factor blamed for Afghan attacks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American and Afghan officials are expanding the range of explanations for a surge in "insider attacks" on U.S. troops, adding on Wednesday the theory that the burden of fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan combined with the summer heat may have prompted more Afghan soldiers and police to turn their guns on their American partners.

Whatever the underlying reasons, the attacks are taking a toll and raising questions about the risk of American and other coalition troops working side by side with Afghan troops as advisers, mentors and trainers. The close contact is an essential element of the U.S. strategy for putting the Afghans in the lead combat role as the U.S. prepares to pull out its last combat troops at the end of 2014.

The top commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, Marine Gen. John R. Allen, said Thursday that while the reasons for the killings are not fully understood, the effect of Ramadan fasting is likely among the causes.

"The idea that they will fast during the day places great strain on them," Allen said, adding that the stress may have been compounded by Ramadan falling during the heat of summer and the height of the fighting season. He acknowledged hunger and heat are not the primary causes for the killings, but it is among many "different and complex reasons for why we think this may have increased" lately.

He also cited Taliban infiltration of Afghan security forces and personal Afghan grievances against U.S. troops, who Afghans have in some cases accused of being brutish and insensitive to local culture and customs.

Insider attacks have been a problem for the U.S.-led military coalition for years, but it has exploded recently into a crisis. There have been at least 32 attacks so far this year, killing 40 coalition members, mostly Americans. Last year there were 21 attacks, killing 35; and in 2010 there were 11 attacks with 20 deaths.

August has been especially worrisome, with at least 10 insider attacks by Afghans, killing 10 Americans.

The Afghan government asserted Wednesday the attacks are the result of Afghan soldiers and police being brainwashed by agents of foreign intelligence services.



Barclays starts at Bethpage Black

Harrington in lead with 64

Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Pdraig Harrington found a way to take some of the attention away from Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy on Thursday. He made six birdies on the tough back nine of Bethpage Black and opened the FedEx Cup playoffs with a 7-under 64 for a one-shot lead at The Barclays.

And that surely got the attention of Ryder Cup captain Jose Maria Olazabal.

Harrington has to rely on a captain's pick to make his seventh straight European team, and that looks to be unlikely. Not only has the three-time major champion gone four years without winning against a strong field, he and Olazabal are not the best of friends after a dispute at the Seve Trophy from nine years ago.

The Irishman had the toughest time Thursday after he got off the difficult Black course. There were so many questions about the Ryder Cup, his chances of making the team and what he has to do to impress Olazabal, that at one point Harrington adopted the American way.

"The only answer I can give at this stage is I'm pleading the Fifth Amendment on that one," Harrington said. "I honestly don't know what to say. I don't want to go in there and try too desperately to beg for a pick, or I don't want to go in there and give excuses for anything. I'll just leave it be what it is. I'm just going to play golf."

Lance stripped of 7 tour titles

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — U.S. Anti-Doping Agency chief executive Travis Tygart says the agency will ban Lance Armstrong from cycling for life and strip him of his seven Tour de France titles for doping.

Armstrong on Thursday night dropped any further challenges to USADA's allegations that he took performance-enhancing drugs to win cycling's premier event from 1999-2005.

Armstrong says USADA doesn't have the authority to vacate his Tour titles. However, Tygart told The Associated Press that USADA can do it.

Armstrong, who retired last year, declined to enter arbitration — his last option — because he said he was weary of fighting accusations that have dogged him for years. He has consistently pointed to the hundreds of drug tests that he has passed as proof of his innocence.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," Armstrong said in a statement sent to The Associated Press.

"I have been dealing with claims that I cheated and had an unfair advantage in winning my seven Tours since 1999," he said. "The toll this has taken on my family and my work for our foundation and on me leads me to where I am today — finished with this nonsense."

LHS gets pep talk from ex-NFL pro

Brother of principal played in four Super Bowls

C.J. RISAK
Correspondent

LECANTO — Establishing new goals. A higher plane of competition. Aiming for something more.

That's how athletes behave. The better they are, the loftier their target.

But ask John Davis about such well-known catchphrases, and he'll take it to another level entirely. Because Davis didn't just ask for challenges during his athletic career, he insisted on having them. Difficult ones, the kind he knew he'd have trouble winning.

And yet, he sought them out. Because to him, that's what mattered.

"Competition is the greatest thing there is," Davis said. "I don't care what anybody says, but los-

ing sucks. All the kids here have to do is experience winning."

Davis was sitting inside the Lecanto High School cafeteria early Thursday evening, preparing to address the Panthers football team. It's a program that needs a boost, having experienced just one winning season and one trip to the playoffs.

Davis knows about overcoming long odds. He did it when he graduated from Gilmer (Ga.) High School and got a football scholarship from Georgia Tech. He did it when he went into the 1987 NFL Draft and got selected by the Houston Oilers in the 11th round. And he did it when he ended up with the Buffalo Bills in 1989, playing with them until 1994 — including four

straight appearances in the Super Bowl, which included two starts, at left guard and right guard.

"I think the best story about that is when I was selected to play in the Japan Bowl," Davis said, recalling

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Lecanto High School principal Jeff Davis, left, listens as his younger brother John Davis addresses the school's fall football banquet. Davis was an NFL offensive lineman from 1987 until 1995 and played in four straight Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills. Davis told the high school team that players taking a leadership role was the first step in building a winning program.

RON THOMPSON/
Special to the Chronicle



That'll leave a mark



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Crystal River's Tobias Hollis had a firm grip on the jersey of Weeki Wachee's Glen Clarke on Thursday at Crystal River High School.

Crystal River steamrolls over Weeki Wachee in 59-12 preseason blowout

SEAN ARNOLD
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — The Crystal River football team struck early and often in Thursday's Preseason Classic as senior quarterback Joe LaFleur completed 10 of 13 passes for 299 yards and five touchdowns in a 59-12 blowout of Weeki Wachee at Earl Bramlett Stadium.

The Hornets are playing their first varsity season this fall, but the Pirates didn't show any sym-

pathy, going ahead 27-0 in the first quarter before taking a 40-0 lead into half-time. Crystal River junior running back Ty Reynolds caught a long pass from LaFleur for an 80-yard score on the game's first play from scrimmage. Reynolds then completed a pass to freshman Al Ellison for a 2-point conversion to make it 8-0 after an errant snap on the PAT attempt.

Weeki Wachee fumbled the ball away on the ensuing kickoff, setting up a pair of long runs by

Pirates senior running back Dallas Baldner (game-high 128 rushing yards) — one of which began as a 38-yard TD but was shortened by an illegal block penalty — before LaFleur added an 8-yard rushing TD to put Crystal River ahead 14-0.

Pirates sophomore receiver Sam Franklin caught four of LaFleur's passes for 151 yards and three scores, while sophomore tight end Carlton Gadson had two catches for 45 yards and a TD.

"I'm glad we showed a killer instinct, tonight, and I was very impressed with Joe (LaFleur)," second-year Crystal River coach Greg Fowler said. "He did a great job of putting it where he needed to. I thought Sam (Franklin) was good tonight as well. Overall, we have a lot of weapons and they showed up tonight."

The Hornets were led by junior quarterback David Tinch,

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Florida O-line returns, for better or worse

Six of seven starters back for 2012

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida returns six of its top seven offensive linemen from last season.

That could be good or bad. The 23rd-ranked Gators were mostly mediocre up front in 2011, failing to consistently open holes for the running game and giving up almost as many sacks (23) as the offense scored touchdowns (30).

The result was a 7-6 season — Florida barely avoided its first losing season since 1979 — and then some major offseason changes aimed at rebuilding the trenches.

Coach Will Muschamp hired Tim Davis to replace Frank Verducci, who followed former offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Kansas, and completely revamped the team's weight-lifting program in hopes of getting bulkier and brannier linemen.

"There's been marked improvement up front from this time last year or really any time last year," said Muschamp, who called his team soft late last season, a shot many believe was directed mostly at the O-line. "Now those guys have been playing together for a year, practicing with the same guys.

That's a developmental position. That position takes time, and those guys have continued to take strides. Really, really pleased with what they've done."

By all accounts, the line has looked considerably better in camp. The first real test comes Sept. 1 when Florida hosts Bowling Green in The Swamp. A better gauge might happen the following week at Texas A&M.

The Gators struggled to get much going against the Southeastern Conference heavyweights Alabama and LSU last season.

Holes were scarce for speedy running backs Chris Rainey and Jeff Demps, and time was limited no matter who was standing in the pocket — John Brantley, Jeff

Driskel or Jacoby Brissett. The linemen insist things will be different this fall.

"I just think having a year under our belt (will help), especially playing together and going through the struggles last year and pulling together and being closer with these guys," guard Jon Halapio said. "Definitely just playing with each for a year, we build that trust factor."

Guard Dan Wenger was the only senior, so Halapio, left tackle Xavier Nixon, center Jon Harrison and right tackle Center Green are all back with added size, strength and experience. So is guard James Wilson, who hopes to make the most of

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Rays 5, Athletics 0

Table with columns for Oakland and Tampa Bay, listing player stats (ab, r, h, bi) and totals.

AL leaders

BATTING—Trout, Los Angeles, .343; Mi-Cabrera, Detroit, .326; Jeter, New York, .324; Mauer, Minnesota, .316; Koneko, Chicago, .313; Revere, Minnesota, .312; AJackson, Detroit, .312.

This date in baseball

1905 — The Chicago Cubs beat the Phillies at Philadelphia 2-1 in 20 innings behind the complete game pitching of Ed Reulbach.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

League standings table for American League, including East, Central, and West Divisions.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

League standings table for National League, including East, Central, and West Divisions.

Game of the Day



Tampa Bay Rays' Luke Scott bats against the Oakland Athletics Thursday in St Petersburg, Fla. The Rays won, 5-0.

Rays glide past Oakland, 5-0

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Alex Cobb pitched a four-hitter for his first major league shutout and the surging Tampa Bay Rays beat the Oakland Athletics 5-0 on Thursday night to pull within 2½ games of the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East.

Matt Joyce hit a two-run double in a five-run fifth inning against Tyson Ross, hastily called up from the minors to pitch in place of suspended Oakland starter Bartolo Colon.

Cobb (8-8) struck out eight and walked two in his second career complete game, both this season. He bounced back from a poor outing against the Los Angeles Angels to win for the fourth time in five starts.

It was the 14th win in 17 games for the Rays and their seventh shutout since July 19. They have pitched 13 shutouts in all this season, second-most in the majors behind the Angels (15).

Cobb threw a called third strike past Yoanis Céspedes for the final out. As the Rays poured onto the field for handshakes, a group of starting pitchers jumped together and bumped shoulders in excitement.

Matt Moore banged into Cobb and sent him tumbling onto the mound, minus his cap. Still clutching the ball in his glove, Cobb climbed back to his feet and smiled.

It's the closest the Rays have been to first place since they were 2½ games out before games of June 16.

Oakland dropped into a tie with Baltimore and Detroit for the AL's second wild-card spot, 2½ games behind the Rays. The teams finish their three-game series Saturday and get a rare Sunday off because the Republican National Convention begins Monday in Tampa.

The A's did not have a travel day after beating Minnesota at home on Wednesday afternoon.

Luke Scott also doubled for the Rays in the fifth against Ross (2-9), called up from Triple-A Sacramento when Colon received a 50-game suspension Wednesday for testing positive for testosterone. The Rays batted around in the big inning, which also included RBI singles by Sam Fuld and Evan Longoria.

Ryan Roberts broke the scoreless tie with a sacrifice fly.

Ross, making his first start for the A's since June 28, pitched six-plus innings. He gave up nine hits

while striking out six. Stephen Drew had two hits for Oakland, including a fourth-inning single that snapped an 0-for-22 slide. It was his first hit for the A's since he was acquired from Arizona in a trade.

Cobb allowed 12 hits and eight earned runs in 2 2-3 innings at Los Angeles on Saturday night, the only time this month a Rays pitcher has given up more than four runs. The Rays came back from an 8-0 deficit to win that game and take Cobb off the hook.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals 13, Astros 5

ST. LOUIS — David Freese's three-run homer snapped the Cardinals' seven-game longball drought and St. Louis beat the Houston Astros 13-5 Thursday to complete a three-game sweep.

Freese and Matt Holliday each had four RBIs and Allen Craig had three hits and three RBIs. The Cardinals shrugged aside a 4-0, fourth-inning deficit and sent Houston to its seventh straight loss.

The Astros are 0-4 while getting outscored 32-8 since interim manager Tony De-Francesco replaced Brad Mills as leader of the stripped-down roster. Houston has won just seven of its last 50 overall.

Rockies 1, Mets 0

NEW YORK — Jim Tracy wants his Colorado Rockies pitchers to take it to the limit. And his 75-pitch boundary for starters seems to be working of late.

Tyler Chatwood combined with four relievers in a 1-0 victory over the New York Mets on Thursday, completing a four-game sweep and giving the last-place Rockies a five-game winning streak that tied their season high.

"What we just did today is not easy to do. It's not easy to do — sweep a four-game series on the road," Tracy said. Ever since the Rockies went to a four-man rotation in June, their starters have been on tight limits. The Colorado manager has kept the restraints in place even as the Rockies have gone back to a quintet of starters.

Chatwood was pulled after allowing three hits over three innings. He needed 65 pitches to get nine outs.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tigers 3, Blue Jays 2

DETROIT — Alex Avila's RBI single with two outs in the 11th gave the Detroit Tigers a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday, one inning after center fielder Austin Jackson kept the game tied with a spectacular catch.

The Blue Jays had a runner on second in the 10th when Anthony Gose lifted what looked like a sure hit to the gap in right-center. But Jackson raced over and made a diving catch.

With runners on first and second in the 11th, Avila singled to right off Chad Jenkins (0-1). Gose played the ball on a hop and couldn't throw out pinch-runner Quintin Berry at home.

Joaquin Benoit (3-3) got the win. Justin Verlander struck out 12 in nine innings for the Tigers.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games Detroit 3, Toronto 2, 11 innings Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 0 L.A. Angels at Boston, late Minnesota at Texas, late

Friday's Games L.A. Angels (Greinke 1-2) at Detroit (Porcello 9-8), 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-2), 7:05 p.m. Toronto (Villanueva 6-3) at Baltimore (Britton 2-1), 7:05 p.m. Kansas City (B.Chen 9-10) at Boston (Lester 7-10), 7:10 p.m. Oakland (J.Parker 8-7) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 10-7), 7:10 p.m. Minnesota (Deduno 4-1) at Texas (M.Harrison 14-7), 8:05 p.m. Seattle (Vargas 13-8) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 9-9), 8:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games Oakland at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m. Minnesota at Texas, 4:05 p.m. L.A. Angels at Detroit, 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m. Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m. Kansas City at Boston, 7:10 p.m. Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m. Minnesota at Texas, 3:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's Games Colorado 1, N.Y. Mets 0 St. Louis 13, Houston 5 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, late Atlanta at San Francisco, late

Friday's Games Colorado (D.Pomeranz 1-7) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11), 2:20 p.m. Milwaukee (Fiers 6-6) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 8-12), 7:05 p.m. Washington (E.Jackson 7-8) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 6-9), 7:05 p.m. Houston (Lyles 2-10) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 10-6), 7:10 p.m. St. Louis (Lynn 13-5) at Cincinnati (Latos 10-3), 7:10 p.m. San Diego (Stults 3-2) at Arizona (Corbin 5-4), 9:40 p.m. Miami (Eovaldi 4-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 10-9), 10:10 p.m. Atlanta (Sheets 4-3) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 10-7), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 1:05 p.m. Houston at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m. Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. St. Louis at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m. Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. San Diego at Arizona, 8:10 p.m. Miami at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

NL

Cardinals 13, Astros 5

Table with columns for Houston and St. Louis, listing player stats (ab, r, h, bi) and totals.

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Rockies 1, Mets 0

Table with columns for Colorado and New York, listing player stats (ab, r, h, bi) and totals.

NL leaders

BATTING—AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, .349; McCabrera, San Francisco, .346; Posey, San Francisco, .327; Y Molina, St. Louis, .324; DWright, New York, .318; CGonzalez, Colorado, .316; Braun, Milwaukee, .308.

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GOLF

The Barclays Scores

The Barclays Scores, Thursday, At Bethpage State Park, Black Course, Farmingdale, N.Y., Purse: \$8 million, Yardage: 7,468, Par 71 (36-35), First Round:

Table of golf scores for The Barclays tournament, listing player names and their scores.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

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



CASH 3 (early) 1-8-6
CASH 3 (late) 4-7-5
PLAY 4 (early) 8-5-2-3
PLAY 4 (late) 8-6-3-6
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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

5 p.m. (ESPN2) NASCAR Sprint Cup: IRWIN Tools Night Race, Qualifying
7:30 p.m. (ESPN) NASCAR Nationwide Series: Food City 250
3 a.m. (ESPN2) NASCAR Nationwide Series: Food City 250 (Same-day Tape)

BASEBALL

2:10 p.m. (WGN-A) Colorado Rockies at Chicago Cubs
7 p.m. (SUN) Oakland Athletics at Tampa Bay Rays
10 p.m. (FSNFL) Miami Marlins at Los Angeles Dodgers

BICYCLING

4 p.m. (NBCSPT) Cycling USA Pro Challenge, Stage 5. From Breckenridge to Colorado Springs. (Live)

FOOTBALL

8 p.m. (CBS) (CBS) NFL Preseason Chicago Bears at New York Giants
9 p.m. (ESPN2) High School Football Good Counsel (Md.) at Bishop Gorman (Nev.). (Live)
11:35 p.m. (CBS) NFL Preseason New England Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Same-day Tape)
1:37 a.m. (ABC) NFL Preseason New England Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Same-day Tape)

GOLF

9:30 a.m. (GOLF) Johnnie Walker Championship, Second Round
2 p.m. (GOLF) The Barclays, Second Round
6:30 p.m. (GOLF) Boeie Classic, First Round
1:30 a.m. (GOLF) CN Canadian Women's Open, Second Round (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia Union

TENNIS

1 p.m. (ESPN2) New Haven Open at Yale, First Semifinal
3 p.m. (ESPN2) U.S. Open Series: Winston-Salem Open, Semifinal
7 p.m. (ESPN2) New Haven Open at Yale, Second Semifinal

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

Packers top Bengals, 27-13

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Aaron Rodgers ran everywhere, including the end zone. Twice.

The MVP quarterback led Green Bay to a big first half Thursday night, running for 52 yards and two touchdowns during a 27-13 pre-season victory that got the Packers' offense moving at full speed.

age or a good initial rush, and it wipes out the other good plays you make."

Running back Cedric Benson made his Packers debut against his former team and ran six times for 38 yards. Benson led the Bengals (No. 14) in rushing each of the last four years, but they decided to let him leave as a free agent and signed BenJarvus Green-Ellis.

Ravens 48, Jaguars 17

The Packers (No. 1 in the AP Pro32) wanted to look crisp coming off a drubbing by Cleveland. Rodgers led the way, going 12 of 22 for 154 yards with an interception while leading the Packers to 245 yards and a 17-6 halftime lead. He also scrambled six times, scoring on runs of 12 and 5 yards.

BALTIMORE — Joe Flacco completed 27 of 36 passes for 266 yards and two touchdowns before leaving early in the third quarter, and the Baltimore Ravens cruised to a 48-17 pre-season victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Thursday night.

"Obviously, you can't let the quarterback run like we did," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "When that happens, it nullifies good cover-

Flacco connected with nine receivers, most notably second-year wideout Torrey Smith, who finished with eight catches for 103 yards. Anquan Boldin caught a 5-yard TD pass and

Vonta Leach scored on an 8-yard reception.

Baltimore finished with 571 yards total offense and had five drives of at least 80 yards. The 48 points were the most ever scored by the Ravens in a pre-season game.

With support from a defense that kept Jacksonville quarterback Blaine Gabbert in check, the Ravens (No. 5 in the AP Pro32) built a 20-3 lead before Flacco took a seat.

After opening the pre-season with wins over the New York Giants and New Orleans, Jacksonville (No. 31) took a step back against the Ravens. Gabbert went 11 for 21 for 117 yards over three quarters, and Rashad Jennings, starting in place of holdout Maurice Jones-Drew, gained 57 yards on 13 carries.

Jacksonville cornerback Rashean Mathis played for the first time this summer following knee surgery.



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Crystal River High School quarterback Joseph LaFleur ran out of the backfield to slide by Weeki Wachee's Braden Clifton to score for the Pirates early in the first quarter Thursday at Crystal River High School.

MARK

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who ran for a hard-fought 74 rushing yards and two scores on 14 carries. He was

held to 23 yards on 13 pass attempts.

Despite all the success, Crystal River committed 17 penalties for 140 yards.

"I think we solved a couple of problems, tonight, but we have a long way to go to

get where we want to be," Fowler said. "I'd like to see us to play more disciplined football."

Crystal River officially begins their season next Friday at Nature Coast Technical.

Sports BRIEFS

Panthers eke out win over W. Wachee

The Lecanto volleyball team took a 25-19, 25-23 victory against Weeki Wachee at the Nature Coast preseason tournament on Thursday night.

Marie Buckley led the Panthers with 6 kills while Amber Atkinson registered 4 aces.

Amanda Pitre added 3 kills and teamed with Shannon Fernandez and Savannah Weller to pace Lecanto's passing attack.

The Panthers open the regular season 6 p.m. Wednesday at home against Crystal River.

California advance at Little League WS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Hance Smith hit two homers, including a first-inning grand slam, to lead Petaluma, Calif., to an 11-1, five-inning victory over San Antonio on Thursday night and a berth in the U.S. championship game in the Little League World Series.

California will play Goodlettsville, Tenn., on Saturday.

Starter Danny Marzo, already a California hero for hitting a game-ending homer this week, came up big on the mound with 11 strikeouts in five innings.

LHS sports passes on sale now

Lecanto High School is selling the All-Sports Season Passes. These passes grant admission to all regularly-scheduled home games for any LHS sport. They do not include pre-Season, classics, tournaments, district or above events.

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Senior (60 years of age—drivers' license required) — \$15.

Smith: Davis to face scrimmage contact

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — John L. Smith finally answered the question Arkansas fans and observers across the South-eastern Conference wanted the answer to.

When will running back Knile Davis take part in a full-contact scrimmage?

Smith said after Thursday's practice that Davis will receive carries when the No. 10 Razorbacks take part in a mock game Friday evening. It will mark the first time Davis has been tackled since last August.

— From wire reports

NFL PRESEASON

AFC

Table of NFL Preseason AFC scores, listing teams, wins, losses, ties, points per game, etc.

NFC

Table of NFL Preseason NFC scores, listing teams, wins, losses, ties, points per game, etc.

TALK

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being chosen for the Japanese-based college all-star game. "Jimmy Johnson (former University of Miami and Dallas Cowboys coach and current TV analyst) was sitting across from me, and he said to (the Buccaneers' coach) Ray Perkins, 'He'll never make it in the NFL.'" Johnson was talking about Davis, who needed no more incentive than that.

"That was a huge motivating factor for me," he said. Finding ways to motivate himself was never a problem for Davis. In practice sessions when he played with the Bills, he insisted on lining up opposite Hall of Fame defensive lineman Bruce Smith, even though he knew Smith would beat him on most plays.

However, he never backed down from a challenge. Instead, he sought them out. It's a lesson he learned so well, he tries to show the same way for younger players.

The father of four still coaches his youngest son —

he also has two daughters — who is playing seventh-grade football. His oldest son, Harrison, is a 6-foot-2, 260-pound offensive lineman who got a football scholarship to attend The Citadel (SC). He's just starting his freshman year.

It was Harrison who graduated from Walton High in Marietta, Ga., helping guide the Raiders to the state championship game last year. It was that kind of experience that brought John Davis to Lecanto, at the request of his brother, Jeff, who happens to be the principal at Lecanto.

"Winning is a culture," said John Davis, who during his playing days stood 6-4 and weighed in at 315 pounds. "You've got to cultivate that. It takes a group effort. At Walton High School, that's what they've done and they've had tremendous success.

"You've got to convince the kids to buy into the program. And the community, too. Winning will pull the whole community together."

Davis knows it won't be easy, just like it won't be easy for Walton to build on its tradition. "The bar's

been raised now," he said of last year's success at Walton. "The younger players will look up to these players, see how they handle themselves. They've done something you can be proud of."

It's also what Jeff Davis, in his first year as Lecanto's principal, wanted to help establish. Bringing in his brother to try to inspire the Wildcats was one way.

John Davis knows what motivated him may not serve for all. "I had it here," he said, tapping his chest where his heart beats. "I was never going to give up."

"The fear of failure was powerful. I was never going to fail. There were a lot of people who depended on me."

Getting everyone on the same page, or as Davis described it, "buying into the program," will be of utmost importance. Do that, he said, and everyone will believe that winning is achievable.

"You have to convince them," he said. "Tell them, 'Let's start our own tradition.'"

"We stop the tradition of losing. We start a tradition of winning."

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Al Burquerque to Toledo (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated C Austin Romine from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Placed RHP Ivan Nova on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 22.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Tyson Ross from Sacramento (PCL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned OF A.J. Pollock to Reno (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned 1B Lyle Overbay to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Claimed RHP Miguel Socolovich off waivers from Baltimore. Designated C Blake Lalli for assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated C Devin Mesoraco from the suspended list and optioned him to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP J.J. Hoover from Louisville.
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed OF Emilio Bonifacio on the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Dan Jennings to New Orleans (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of RHP Collin McHugh from Buffalo (IL). Voided the option on C Rob Johnson and placed him on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 17.

GATORS

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his sixth year of eligibility.

Muschamp is relying on the line to make a difference this season.

Florida's offense ranked 105th in the nation last year, and with Brissett or Driskel to start the opener, the coach knows he won't have much experience under center. Brissett started two games in 2011 and played in five. Driskel also played in five, mostly in mop-up duty.

So Muschamp wants to be power running team that features running team that features Mike Gillislee, Mack Brown and freshman Matt

Jones. Those guys are considerably bigger than Demps and Rainey, and if things go as planned along the line, they will be more effective between the tackles and over the course of the season.

"We know that what we put out last year isn't University of Florida, and this season we have to change that," Harrison said. "That's our goal to change. We've been working hard all off-season to change this season around."

It could hinge on the line — and a few guys returning to form.

Nixon battled an undisclosed illness in 2011 and dropped well below 300 pounds. Green missed four

games because of an ankle injury. And Wilson spent part of last season on the scout team before working his way into the starting lineup for the Gator Bowl against Ohio State.

New strength coach Jeff Dillman was tasked with getting them in top shape, and Halapio said they're there now. Whether it helps on the field remains to be seen.

"From the start, after the bowl game, we came in with the mind-set that we're going to have to change everything around," Halapio said. "Our attitude, our bodies, our strength, just everything. ... We're definitely going to be better, and I believe that."

Panama tops Mexico in Little League World Series

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Edison Gonzalez pitched a gem to get Panama one step closer to a Little League title.

The 12-year-old Gonzalez had 11 strikeouts and James Gonzalez provided the offense with a two-run homer in the first to lift the team from Aguadulce past Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 2-1 on Thursday.

Panama will face Japan in a rematch in the international title game Saturday. Tokyo beat Panama 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Mexico starter Ramon Ballina struck out 12, but allowed James Gonzalez's big blast.

Mexico scored in the fifth on Marcelo Perez's RBI single, and had the tying run at second with two outs in the sixth.

But Edison Gonzalez got a strikeout to end the game.

Texas and California played later Thursday for a spot against Tennessee in the U.S. final.

Either team can only hope to get a pitching performance like the one Edison Gonzalez had against Mexico.

Looking as cool and confident as a big-league ace, Gonzalez consistently worked ahead of the count and didn't allow a runner to get past first until Eduardo Abrego doubled to left in the fifth.

Perez followed with his solid RBI single to center, but Gonzalez got two strikeouts to end that inning.

Juan Rodriguez had a leadoff single in the sixth and moved to second with two outs on a passed ball. Gonzalez answered again with his final strikeout to complete his five-hitter.



Aguadulce, Panama's James Gonzalez, right, rounds the bases Thursday after hitting a two-run home run off Nuevo Laredo, Mexico's Ramon Ballina, left, in South Williamsport, Pa. Panama won 2-1.

Associated Press

Federer, Murray face rematch for U.S. Open semis

Rivals last met at Olympics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Though no player would admit to looking so far ahead, Novak Djokovic may have been the biggest winner when the U.S. Open bracket was set Thursday.

The defending champion and No. 2 seed can reach his third straight final at Flushing Meadows without having to face either Roger Federer or Andy Murray. Those two, meanwhile, wound up on the same side of the draw and could meet in the semifinals for a rematch of their recent finals at Wimbledon and the London Olympics.

"It's a question of luck," Djokovic said when asked about the only true drama in the unveiling of Thursday's bracket — whether third-seeded Murray would end up on his or top-seeded Federer's side of the draw. "You try to focus on what's in your hands, what's in your power. Thinking about the semifinal at this moment, I don't think it's the best thing."

In the women's bracket, third-seeded Maria Sharapova drew a possible semifinal matchup against top-seeded Victoria Azarenka and fourth-seeded Serena Williams could play No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska in the semifinals.

Rafael Nadal, ranked third, is out of this year's tournament with a knee injury, marking the first time since 2008 that the quartet of Federer, Nadal, Djokovic and Murray haven't been seeded 1 through 4 in some order at the U.S. Open.

Taking the fourth seed this year is David Ferrer, who has never made a Grand Slam final, and could face Djokovic in the semifinals.

Of the 16 semifinal spots over the last four Grand Slam tournaments, 14 have been occupied by one of the big four: Only Ferrer, at the French Open, and Jo Wilfried Tsonga, at Wimbledon, have managed to break the stranglehold.

Djokovic has an 8-5 record against Ferrer, including a straight-set win in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open this year.

Top-seeded Federer is 8-9 against third-seeded Murray and the two have split their last two matches, both on Centre Court at the All England Club; Federer

won the Wimbledon final and Murray took the gold-medal match at the London Olympics.

The potential men's quarterfinals are Federer vs. No. 6 Tomas Berdych, who upset him in the 2010 Wimbledon quarterfinals; Djokovic vs. 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, seeded seventh; Murray vs. No. 5 Tsonga; Ferrer vs. No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic.

Sharapova completed the career Grand Slam at the French Open earlier this year, while Williams has 14 Grand Slam titles and is coming off wins at Wimbledon and the Olympics. Azarenka has one Grand Slam title — in Australia this year — while Radwanska's best finish in a major was her three-set loss to Williams in this year's Wimbledon final.

Williams' older sister Venus, who is ranked 47th this week and not seeded, plays American wild-card entry Bethanie Mattek-Sands in the first round and could face sixth-seeded Angelique Kerber in the second. Venus Williams, the 2000 and 2001 champion, pulled out of last year's U.S. Open hours before she was scheduled to play in the second round, revealing that she had been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease.

Four-time major champion Kim Clijsters will begin what she says will be the last tournament of her career against American wild-card recipient Victoria Duval. Clijsters, a 29-year-old Belgian who is seeded 23rd, might face the defending champion, seventh-seeded Sam Stosur, in the fourth round.

Clijsters won the U.S. Open the last three times she entered the hard-court tournament, in 2005, 2009 and 2010. She missed it last year because of a stomach muscle injury.

No American man has won the U.S. Open since Andy Roddick in 2003. There are four seeded U.S. men trying to halt that streak: No. 9 John Isner, No. 23 Mardy Fish, No. 27 Sam Querrey and Roddick, who is seeded 20th. Roddick won a hard-court tournament in Atlanta in July, but has since fallen to Djokovic in the second round of the Olympics, then to 38th-ranked Jeremy Chardy in the first round in Cincinnati.

Strasburg shutdown stirs up beltway

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chipper Jones knows that a World Series title is something that comes along, at least in his case, just once in a very long career. He got his with the Atlanta Braves at age 23.

A year younger than Washington's Stephen Strasburg is now.

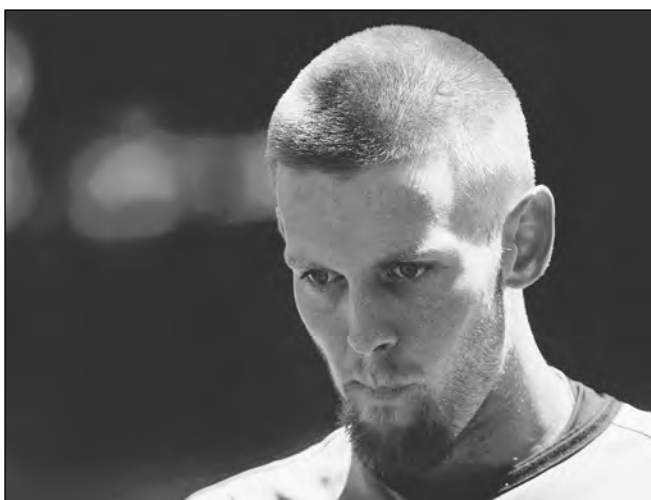
"If I was sitting over in that clubhouse," Jones said this week, "I would hate to squander this opportunity."

Jones was weighing in on the great inside-the-beltway debate — the Nationals' impending shutdown of Strasburg — that has consumed baseball and beyond as summer heads toward fall. Forget Obama vs. Romney. Or RGIII vs. Luck. If nothing else, the Washington's plans to shut down its ace pitcher in the middle of the city's first serious pennant race in more than a half-century has caused the baseball team to do the once-unthinkable: steal attention from politics and the Redskins.

"I think it's very wise," said the city's mayor, Vincent Gray, who recently gave his two cents' worth to reporters following an announcement about flooding in the nation's capital.

It's a dilemma that pits old-timers who fondly remember the days when pitchers pitched complete games and never missed starts vs. the new-agers who talk of pitch counts and consider six decent innings to be a quality start. It eats at Washingtonians who finally have a chance to witness baseball glory — the city's last World Series championship came in 1924 — but don't want to see the franchise risk the health of its prime jewel. It gnaws at the win-now mindset players are taught to embrace, asking them to instead think of a future that may or may not come pass.

"Everybody knows he wants to pitch. He's a competitor," said Jones, now 40 and in his final major league season. "He's not in it in a 162-game regular season for nothing. He wants that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow just like everybody else. I see both sides.



Associated Press

Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg pauses during a July 25 game against the New York Mets at Citi Field in New York.

I get it, but as baseball players we want to hunt it down and kill it — right now. And they have a chance to slay the dragon, and I'm sure 24 other guys over there feel much the same way."

Strasburg is 15-5 with a 2.85 ERA and leads the National League with 183 strikeouts. He has won four straight starts and looked unhittable at times in his last outing, a 10-strikeout, rain-interrupted performance against the Braves on Tuesday.

But this is his first full season since undergoing elbow ligament replacement surgery — the famous Tommy John procedure — and the Nationals have made it clear since the start of spring training that they will limit his load, just as they did last year when TJ-comeback teammate Jordan Zimmermann was shut down after passing 160 innings on Aug. 28.

Zimmermann's innings limit was noncontroversial because the Nationals weren't a playoff team a year ago, unlike this year's team that awoke Thursday with a six-game NL East lead after taking two of three to say Zimmermann, for example, was never fodder for an appearance by the former mayor of New York on "Meet the Press."

"Let him pitch," Rudy Giuliani told the Sunday morning news show this week when asked about Strasburg, in a video posted

online. "I wouldn't give up maybe home-field advantage in the playoffs. The guy's a big strong guy, the operation seems to have worked. A lot of guys for 100 years have been pitching until the end of the season."

Yep. Everybody has an opinion. And manager Davey Johnson has heard them all.

"It's really easy for the bloggers and the tweeters and all those people to say

"Why don't you do this?" or "We can do that. Get him out of the bullpen" and blah, blah, blah, blah," Johnson said. "I've heard it all, and I said, it's a good thing you guys aren't managing, and I'm the one that's managing. You do what's best for the player. Always. No. 1."

There's only one person whose opinion truly matters, and that's general manager Mike Rizzo, and he's managed to be both definitive and ambiguous. Rizzo said the Nationals, using the best medical advice available, will shut down Strasburg at some point, but the GM won't divulge a timetable or a targeted number of innings.

Rizzo has dismissed many popular alternatives that would keep Strasburg pitching into the playoffs, including a six-man rotation, skipped starts, a bullpen stint or an early shutdown followed by a restart in October. Those alternatives, for various reasons, wouldn't significantly cut down on the wear-and-tear on Strasburg's arm because of the extra throwing he'd have to do when he's not pitching.



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Spotlight on PEOPLE

Racing prince 'the coolest thing'

LAS VEGAS — Team USA's swimming golden boy said it was "the coolest thing" that Britain's Prince Harry challenged him to swim race at a Las Vegas

pool party, but he's glad he missed the royal's Sin City controversy.

Ryan Lochte tells NBC's "Today" show Thursday that the

prince's entourage approached him at his 28th birthday party Monday, saying Harry wanted to meet him.

Lochte said both were fully clothed but took off their shirts for the contest at the XS nightclub pool at the Wynn resort. The 11-time Olympic medalist won.

Lochte said he's "kinda happy" the prince didn't invite him up for partying at a hotel suite. Photos leaked online show Harry naked and next to a woman during a game of strip billiards.

Lochte said he "didn't need that."

Britain's scandal-loving tabloids devoted many pages Thursday to the story of Prince Harry's naked romp in a Las Vegas hotel suite, but all heeded a warning from royal officials that printing the images, already seen by millions on the Internet, would infringe on the prince's privacy.

So while Ireland's Evening Herald ran the stark-naked prince on its front page, British newspapers made do with pictures of holiday Harry in bathing trunks and fedora hat.

Hayek: 'I am proud to be Mexican.'

LOS ANGELES — Salma Hayek said she is proud to be Mexican and that comments suggesting otherwise were "lost in translation."

The 45-year-old actress issued a statement Thursday after German Vogue magazine quoted her as saying she "hardly had any memories of what it is to be Mexican."

Hayek said she has never denied her background or culture, and has taught her young daughter to speak Spanish and appreciate Mexican history, music, food and folk art. She went on to say that she has always tried "to represent my Mexican roots with honor and pride" and is saddened by the magazine's misinterpretation of her remarks.

—From wire reports

New couples on TV

Fall lineup brings fresh duos to viewers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One is the loneliest number and three's a crowd. But a dynamic duo is a match made in heaven, especially when it's found on a TV show. From the crop of new fall series, here are a few fun couples you'll enjoy pairing up with:

■ **Ben and Kate, from the Fox comedy "Ben and Kate."**

He's an eager-beaver goofball. She's an adorable worrywart. They're siblings who helped raise each other in a dysfunctional home. Now, in adulthood, they're back together joining forces to raise Kate's young daughter and keep viewers laughing. Nat Faxon (as the hyperactive Ben) and Dakota Johnson (as over-responsible Kate) share such chemistry you'd swear these actors are brother and sister.

■ **Gavin and Olivia, from the spooky ABC drama "666 Park Avenue."** Gavin Doran is the courtly owner of a grand apartment house in Manhattan. Olivia is his elegant wife. You would be thrilled to be a tenant in their building — that is, if you can overlook a certain devilish streak they share. Played with deft creepiness by Terry O'Quinn and Vanessa Williams, Gavin and Olivia are just the sort of landlords to lock you into a lease you'll never ever be able to break.

■ **Joe and Louis, from the CBS comedy "Partners."** Joe (David Krumholtz) and Louis (Michael Urie) are partners in their architecture firm and best friends since high school. Louis is gay and Joe is straight, and each has his own romantic partner. But as they work, pal around and squabble with each other, it seems clear: This is their primary relationship.

■ **Sheriff Ralph Lamb and mobster Vincent Savino, from the circa-1960s CBS drama "Vegas."**

As played by Dennis Quaid and Michael Chiklis, this pair clash with style. Lamb is craggy and creased, Savino is dapper and smooth, and as they go about their business from opposite sides of the law, they're finding Las Vegas isn't big enough for both of them. It'll just have to grow.

■ **Jack and his dad Tony, from the ABC sitcom "Family Tools."** Jack Shea is a habitual bungler who, well into adulthood, still hopes to rise above his failures and make his father proud. Now Tony (played by J.K. Simmons) is retiring from his



Associated Press

This image released by CBS shows Jonny Lee Miller as Sherlock Holmes, left, and Lucy Liu as Watson from the new television series "Elementary," premiering at 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, on CBS.

family business, Mr. Jiffy Fix, with no one but his son (Kyle Bornheimer) to take up the reins. Under Tony's jaundiced eye, can Jack change his ways and keep the company going, or will he put Mr. Jiffy Fix in a hopeless fix?

■ **Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Joan Watson, from the CBS crime drama "Elementary."** In this umpteenth variation on the Holmes canon, Jonny Lee Miller plays the famous detective as an irascible P.I. in modern-day New York. Lucy Liu is his rehab caretaker (Holmes has some personal problems) with her own share of regrets. This twosome would rather be anywhere but in each other's necessary company. But it turns out they're a good team at busting bad guys (as they might have guessed had they read those classic Holmes tales).

■ **Bryan and David, from the NBC comedy "The New Normal."** As a committed couple, they see eye-to-eye on many things. Like, how "abnormal" families have be-

come the new normal. Consider a certain African-American "who was raised by a grandma — and that person seems to be doing just fine," says Bryan. "Barack Obama," David chimes in. "No," Bryan corrects him. "Mariah Carey. But your example works, too." As played by Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha, Bryan and David navigate the show's loopiness (and their impending parenthood) while leaving no doubt they adore each other.

■ **Catherine "Cat" Chandler and Dr. Vincent Keller, from the WB fantasy drama "Beauty and the Beast."** Unbeknownst to her, he saved her life years ago. Now Keller, in hiding and long presumed dead, tries to find an antidote to his distressing condition: When he gets riled, he turns beastly. But Cat (Kristin Kreuk), now a homicide detective, isn't sweating those details. She admires how Keller (Jay Ryan) likes to help people out. Plus he's hot. Nothing tame about her feelings for him!

Movie REVIEW

Dax Shepard gives a good chase in 'Hit & Run'

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

Dax Shepard puts his friends, fiance Kristen Bell, even his own vehicles to good use in "Hit & Run," a fun little car-chase comedy that's quite infectious — the good time clearly had by the filmmakers rubs off on the audience.

Done on a tiny budget, the movie's stunts and chases are nothing much, but the lack of resources steers the story away from action and toward the characters, who are wry, irreverent, even endearing.

Screenwriter Shepard, the "Parenthood" co-star who directed "Hit & Run" with David Palmer, tailors the roles to suit his pals, including Bradley Cooper, Tom Arnold, Kristin Chenoweth and "Parenthood" co-star Joy Bryant.

The result is like a student film made by pros, weirdly idiosyncratic but efficiently paced. It's well-scripted and well-acted, and if "Hit & Run" lingers too long on so-

so gaps and inside jokes Shepard and his friends found particularly funny, it compensates with a free-wheeling spirit that pulls viewers along for the ride.

Shepard stars as a guy in witness protection who took the name Charlie Bronson — just why is one of the subtly amusing bits of "Hit & Run." A former getaway driver for a gang of bank robbers, Charlie betrayed his pals for a sort-of noble reason, but Shepard's doesn't play him as a hoodlum with a halo. Charlie's a man who did wrong, is trying to make amends but offers no excuses for his misdeeds and is willing to pay the price should they come back to haunt him.

Of course, they do. Now living in rural California with academic Annie (Bell), Charlie decides to break cover and drive her back to his old stomping grounds in Los Angeles, where she's got an interview for her dream job running a campus program in conflict resolution.

Through the scheming of her old beau, Gil (Michael Rosenbaum), Charlie and Annie wind up pursued by his old gang, including Alex Demetri (Cooper) and Charlie's ex-girlfriend, Neve (Bryant).

Arnold plays federal agent Randy, Charlie's witness-protection minder. A hapless blusterer, Randy's at the center of many of the movie's physical gags; some are mildly funny, but they're mostly repetitive and disposable, often putting the brakes on the action so Arnold can launch into another fit of bellowing.

Oddly for a road romp, the main charm of "Hit & Run" comes from the verbal exchanges, either when the characters are standing still or sharing strange intimacies during a high-speed chase.

Shepard and Bell make such a natural couple on screen that it's easy to imagine them, right or wrong, living out a blissfully perfect relationship in real life. They share low-key, tender

moments and some tough, intelligent quarrels that feel genuine enough to have filtered up out of their own experiences together.

Cooper's an oddly engaging bad guy, his dreadlocks and gaudy red running pants setting him apart from the usual Hollywood heavy. He blends viciousness with sensitivity, compassion with greed, making Alex all the more volatile, dangerous and entertaining for his unpredictability.

Shepard cast two of his own vehicles — a supercharged 1967 Lincoln Continental and his Tatum racing dune buggy — and he demands as much from them as he does of the actors. The fact that Shepard laid his wheels on the line puts an even more personal spin on the movie.

"Hit & Run," an Open Road Films release, is rated R for pervasive language including sexual references, graphic nudity, some violence and drug content. Running time: 99 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Powerball: 22 - 29 - 31 - 47 - 55
Powerball: 19

5-of-5 PB No winners
5-of-5 2 winners \$1 million
1 Florida winner

Lotto: 14 - 29 - 30 - 41 - 43 - 49

6-of-6 No winners
5-of-6 20 \$6,899.50
4-of-6 1,151 \$91

3-of-6 23,412 \$6

Fantasy 5: 8 - 11 - 16 - 20 - 34

5-of-5 1 winner \$230,545.14

4-of-5 346 \$107

3-of-5 10,010 \$10

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

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

■ To verify the accuracy of winning lottery numbers, players should double-check the numbers printed above with numbers officially posted by the Florida Lottery. Go to www.flalottery.com, or call 850-487-7777.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Friday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2012. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

Ten years ago: The FBI uncovered human remains in an outbuilding behind the Oregon City, Ore., house of Ward Weaver III, a suspect in the case of 2 missing girls who lived across the street. (Authorities recovered the remains of 12-year-old Ashley Pond and 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis; Weaver later pleaded guilty to aggravated murder and was sentenced to 2 consecutive life terms in prison.)

Five years ago: A judge in Inverness, Fla., sentenced John Evander Couey to death for kidnapping 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, raping her and burying her alive. (Couey died in 2009.)

One year ago: A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed in a broadcast to fight on "until victory or martyrdom" and called on residents of the Libyan capital and loyal tribesmen across his North African nation to free Tripoli from the "devils and traitors" who had overrun it. Steve Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple Inc.; he was succeeded by Tim Cook.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 78. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 57. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 55. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 54. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 52. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 50. Actress Marlee Matlin is 47. Retired NBA All-Star Reggie Miller is 47. Broadcast journalist David Gregory is 42. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 42. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 39. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 39. Actor Chad Michael Murray is 31. Christian rock musician Jeffrey Gilbert (Kutless) is 29. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 24.

Thought for Today:

"Show me a man who cannot bother to do little things and I'll show you a man who cannot be trusted to do big things." — Lawrence D. Bell, American aircraft manufacturer (1894-1956).

Birthday — Certain happenings in the year ahead could help you fulfill your hopes and advance your long-range plans. This good luck will not be financial in nature — it'll be far more valuable.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It behooves you to reassess your objectives in case you might be striving for something that's not worth the effort. Make sure that your priorities are in the right place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't waste your time arguing with someone about an issue that he or she isn't willing to budge on. All it's likely to do is cause you a great deal of discomfort.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Untangle yourself from any mundane involvement with another that distracts you from your own interests. To succeed, be dedicated to your own goals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Instead of relying on an-

other for support, try to be self-sufficient. Even if this person's help is forthcoming, you might find that you're better off without it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In order to be successful, it's imperative that you have staying power. Guard against slackening your effort just when your objective is within reach.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Just because associates might not be totally in accord with your interests, it doesn't mean they dislike you. In order to see things clearly, don't let your emotions dictate your reasoning.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Certain advantages that you presently possess might be lost or undermined if you exert too much pressure on cohorts. Know when to stop pushing and when to start pleasing.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Keep an open mind and give associates credit for being at least as smart as you. It's a mistake to discount their ideas and views just because

they're different from yours.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Chances are you'll get better terms if you allow the other party to make the first proposal in a business deal. Associates are apt to treat you more generously than you anticipate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — As long as companions are cooperative and making concessions, you'll be extremely congenial. Should they want what you want, however, it'll be another story.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Provided you don't take on something that you're ill prepared to handle, the probability for fulfilling your ambitious objectives are good. Try to operate within known boundaries.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unless you can rise above your emotions, think twice before attending a social gathering that will include some people you dislike. Trouble could result if you can't keep your cool.

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FILMS FOR THE FALL

Bond, Bella and Bilbo to reign box office

DAVID GERMAIN
 AP Movie Writer

— LOS ANGELES

The B-list rules Hollywood's fall and holiday movie season: Bond, Bella and Bilbo. Daniel Craig is back as James Bond in "Skyfall," the super-spy's first adventure in four years, one of the longest 007 hiatuses in the franchise's 50-year history.

Kristen Stewart returns for her swan song as Bella Swan, alongside vampire hubby Robert Pattinson and jealous werewolf pal Taylor Lautner in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2," the franchise finale.

And Bilbo Baggins goes jewelry shopping for an evil ring in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," the first installment in Peter Jackson's three-part prelude to his Academy Award-winning adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings."

Ian McKellen, Cate Blanchett, Elijah Wood and others reprise their "Lord of the Rings" roles, but "The Hobbit" hinges on newcomer Martin Freeman as Bilbo. The filmmakers were so set on him that production halted for three months while Freeman returned to "Sherlock," the British TV hit in which he plays Dr. Watson.

"It was sort of unheard of for a big-budget movie, but because we wanted him so badly, the studio supported us, and we made that provision in our schedule," Jackson said. "He carries the movie. You get that casting wrong and you're in huge trouble."

Here's a look at other upcoming highlights:

SEPTEMBER

Adam Sandler's in voice-only mode as Dracula in the animated monster mash "Hotel Transylvania." Joaquin Phoenix stars as a World War II vet mesmerized by a cult leader (Philip Seymour Hoffman) in "The Master." For baseball fans, there's "Trouble with the Curve," starring Clint Eastwood as an old-timer on a scouting trip with his daughter (Amy Adams).

Time-travel geeks can watch Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a hit man trying to snuff his older self (Bruce Willis) in "Looper," also featuring Emily Blunt.

Gordon-Levitt underwent three hours of makeup each day to look more like Willis. He repeatedly watched his co-star's movies and studied Willis' dialogue on his iPod.

"But the most productive thing was just spending time with him. Having dinner, talking about music or whatever and getting to know each other," Gordon-Levitt said. "That's when I felt I was learning the most about what I could incorporate into how I was going to play this character."

OCTOBER

Liam Neeson returns as a violently over-protective family man in "Taken 2." Brad Pitt's a mob enforcer tracking rogue hoods in "Killing Them Softly." Kevin James goes from lethargic science teacher to mixed martial-arts sensation in the comedy "Here Comes the Boom."

Ben Affleck directs and stars in "Argo," a rescue thriller about the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and a big ensemble take on multiple roles in "Cloud Atlas," an epic spanning centuries and genres.

And Tim Burton resurrects an old friend with "Frankenweenie," his animated update of a live-action short film he made in the 1980s, centered on a kid who pulls a Frankenstein to revive his cherished, perished dog.

"It's like the first pure relationship you have as a child, if you have a good pet," Burton said. "Also growing up loving, like, 'Frankenstein' movies, there's something about a boy and his dog and a 'Frankenstein' story that doesn't seem that dissimilar. It seemed like a weird wish-fulfillment connection that just made sense to me."

NOVEMBER

Judi Dench's M steps up in a more pivotal role as spy master to Craig's 007 in "Skyfall," in which Bond's loyalty to his boss is tested by revelations from her past.

Steven Spielberg directs Daniel-Day Lewis as Abraham Lincoln in "Lincoln." Keira Knightley and Jude Law star in a new take on Leo Tolstoy's epic romance "Anna Karenina." Denzel Washington's a pilot who miraculously lands his damaged jetliner in "Flight."

A couple of animated tales debut for the holidays: "Wreck-It-Ralph," with John C. Reilly providing the voice of a second-banana video game character striking out on his own; and "Rise of the Guardians," an adventure with Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and other mythical beings battling an evil spirit.

"Twilight" has been a rarity for male-oriented Hollywood, a blockbuster franchise aimed almost exclusively at women. Bill Condon, director of the final two "Twilight" movies, recalls studio hand-wringing over "Dreamgirls," his musical that became a hit largely because of female crowds.

"People were so concerned about who was going to go see it," Condon said. "It was like, well, what if you can make a movie that 15-year-old boys don't care about and you still have an audience? That turned out to be true. I think it's exciting when not every movie's got to be aimed at just that one demographic."

DECEMBER

"The Hobbit" has some action competition for the holidays in Tom Cruise's "Jack Reacher," with Katie Holmes' ex playing a former military cop investigating a sniper case. Quentin Tarantino's "Django Unchained" stars Jamie Foxx and Leonardo DiCaprio in a pre-Civil War bounty hunter saga. Among holiday comedies, Billy Crystal and Bette Midler play grandparents at odds with their daughter (Marisa Tomei)

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ART CLASSES

■ **The Florida Artists Gallery**, historic Knight House, 8219 Orange Ave., Floral City, offers art classes. 352-344-9300. www.Floridaartistsgallery.com.

August classes include:

● Drawing with Ann, 10 to 11:45 a.m. Saturdays, Aug. 25. Instructor Ann Covington. Class size limited. \$20 per class or \$60 for all four classes if paid in advance. 352-726-2979 or 344-9300.

● GrandMa's Button Holes — Bead weaving Bracelet, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. \$25 prepaid; \$30 day of class. Kits available from \$15 up. Reservation required. Instructor Marcia Balonis. Weave bracelet using a mix of materials. Beginners welcome. Kits available. 352-344-9300. 352-201-0959, baublesbybalonis.net.

● September classes include:

● Fearless Painting with Acrylics, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. Lunch break noon to 1 p.m. Instructor Susi LaForsch. In one-day workshop, participants will create an 18-inch-by-24-inch abstract painting. Four-student limit. \$75 per workshop, materials included. \$20 deposit required. Contact LaForsch at laforsch@tampabay.rr.com or 352-726-8710.

● Drawing with Ann, 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Sept. 1, 8, 15, and 29. Instructor Ann Covington. Charcoal, pencils and color pencils available to try. Class size limited. \$20 per class or \$60 for four classes if paid in advance.

Call Covington at 352-726-2979 or 352-344-9300.

● Introduction to Papermaking, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 1. Instructor Keith Gum. \$50. Learn basic methods of handmade paper production, using cotton rag and abaca fibers as well as various inclusions for texture and decorative effect. Materials and equipment provided. Dress for wet, messy activity. Call Gum at 352-344-9300 or e-mail ifugaopapercraft@gmail.com.

● Japanese Bookbinding, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Instructor Keith Gum. \$35 plus \$5 material fee. Workshop designed to create a stab-bound book with sheets made in Introduction to Papermaking class. Need a minimum of 20 sheets and two decorative papers. All other materials and equipment provided. Call Gum at 352-344-9300 or email ifugaopapercraft@gmail.com.

Continuing classes:

● Oil painting class, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays. Instructor Connie Townsend. For beginners to advanced. \$15 per class. ConnieTown@aol.com or 352-400-9757.

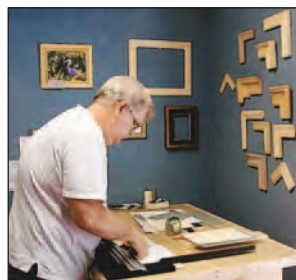
● Acrylic painting class, 1 to 3 p.m. Fridays. Instructor Connie Townsend. For beginners to advanced. \$15 per class. ConnieTown@aol.com or 352-400-9757.

● Watercolor classes with instructor Pat Sistrand, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Citrus Springs Community Center. \$10. www.citruscountyfl.org, click on Parks & Recreation to register. 352-465-7007.

■ **Floral City Needle**

The Buzz

Artists reception



Special to the Chronicle

A showing and reception for Walt Haste, right, and Ed Kuchling will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, the Historic Knight House, 8219 Orange Ave., in Floral City. Refreshments will be served at the free event. Custom-frame maker Ed Kuchling and photographer Walt Haste are the Florida Artist Gallery featured artists for August.

Artists instructs in quilting, embroidery, knitting and crochet for beginners to advanced levels, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Floral City Community House between the library and the museum on Orange Avenue. Free. 352-344-5896.

■ **Acrylics and/or Oils on Canvas**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Homosassa Civic Center, 5530 S. Mason Creek Drive, behind the fire station. \$15 per class. Bring supplies. Instructor Keith Mitchell. 352-503-3498.

■ **Calligraphy classes**, 1 p.m. Thursdays, at Hobby Haven & Gifts, 1239 Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River. 352-794-6032.

■ **Lorna Jean Gallery** classes:

● Learn to draw class, 1-hour lesson at noon, 1 p.m.,

3 p.m. and 4 p.m. for groups or private lessons, Tuesday through Saturday. Materials included. Summer special \$15 per class. Pay for four classes, get one free.

● Sterling silver jewelry class, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays. Four-week course starts Friday, Sept. 14. Materials and use of tools included. \$140. Limit of four students.

● Watercolor beginner's class, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Lorna Jean Gallery. Limit of six students. \$15 per class. Materials list at gallery.

● Arts & crafts class, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 22 for children ages 8 to 13, Lorna Jean Gallery. Materials provided.

Lorna Jean Gallery is at

6136 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Call 352-564-2781.

■ **The Garden Shed** classes:

● Origami Jewelry and Origami Ornament-making classes. 352-503-7063.

● Scrapbooking, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 25. Students need to bring at least 20 photos with them. Books, supplies and instruction provided. \$20.

The Garden Shed is at 2423 S. Rock Crusher Road, Homosassa. 352-503-7063.

ARTS & CRAFTS

■ **DownStairs Art Gallery and Studio**, at 611 N. Citrus Ave., is open. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Pottery lessons available. 352-249-6170 or adelisster@gmail.com.

■ **"Trading Places,"** a ceramic collaboration exhibition of 20 ceramic artists affiliated with the University of Florida who exchanged undecorated greenware pieces among each other, runs through Sept. 1, Webber Center Gallery, CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Gallery closed Sundays, Mondays and college-observed holidays. 352-873-5809. visit www.CF.edu.

■ **Nature Coast Decorative Artists** Chapter of the Society of Decorative Artists meeting, 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Weeki Wachee Senior Center off U.S. 19 and

Toucan Trail, Spring Hill. Short meeting, show-and-tell and birthday raffle. Pat Otto will show the group how to assemble a scarecrow in acrylics on a surface of your choice. On Sept. 20 and 30, Oregon teacher Karen Hubbard will teach Tiger and Cub on Saturday and chickadees on Sunday. 352-688-0839 or 352-666-9091. www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com.

■ **Needlework Fun Groups**, 2 to 4 p.m. first and third Saturdays monthly, Wildwood Public Library, 310 S. Palmer Drive, Wildwood. 352-748-1158. els34785@yahoo.com.

■ **Gulfport's First Friday Art Walk**, 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 1, over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. **Third Saturday Art Walk** is 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 15. Gulfport Art Walk is the First Friday and Third Saturday of every month, year-round. Parking free. Free trolley rides from off-site parking areas. Pet and family friendly. www.GulfportMA.com. 866-ART-WALK.

■ **Sandhill Crane Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., first Wednesday monthly at Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 200 Mt. Fair Ave., Brooksville. Bring lunch. 352-621-6680 (Citrus), 352-666-8350 (Hernando).

FESTIVALS

■ **31st annual Downtown Festival & Art Show**, Saturday, Oct. 13, and Sunday, Oct. 14, in historic downtown Gainesville. 352-393-8536. www.gviculturalaffairs.org.

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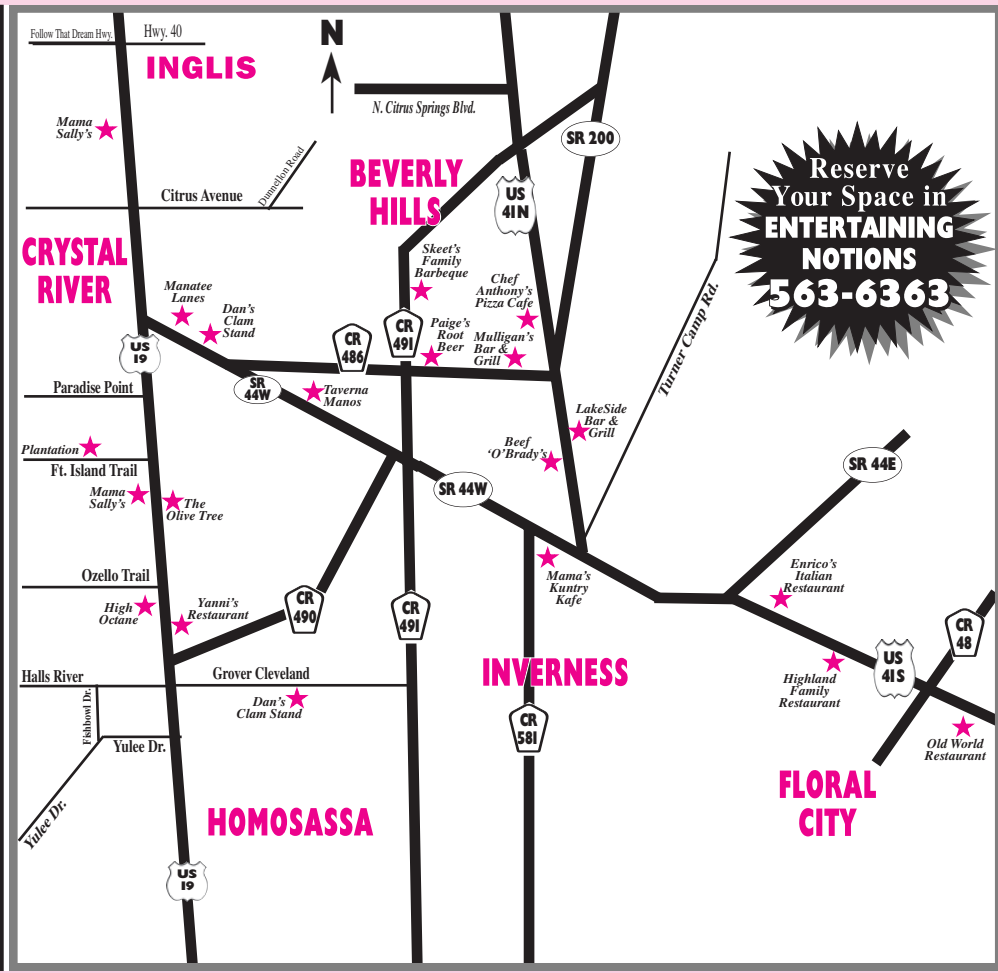
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Highland Family Restaurant is open until 8 p.m., so stop by for lunch and dinner, too. The lunch and dinner menus offer a wide variety of dishes with a ranging from American comfort food, to Greek and Italian favorites. Sandwiches, gyros, spinach pie, wraps salads, and burgers. Dinner specials such as roasted pork with dressing, home-cooked roast, and Chicken Parmesan provide something for every appetite. There are daily specials, too.

Service is warm and friendly. The atmosphere clean and relaxed. Highland Family Restaurant is great for families with children's menus for breakfast as well as lunch and dinner. Prices range from less than \$2 for the 1 Egg, and choice of hash brown, home fries or grits and toast for breakfast, to Dinner Specials at 2 for only \$12.99!

Highland Family Restaurant is located at 3066 S. Florida Avenue in Inverness. Hours are Monday-Saturday 7 a.m. - to 8 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-2 p.m.. For more information, please call 341-3030.



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■ **Coastal Heritage Museum tours**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Coastal Heritage Museum, 532 Citrus Ave., Crystal River. Extended hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the second Saturday monthly. Free. 352-795-1755.

■ **"Cruisin' the Fossil Freeway,"** features 30 fossils, including a complete skeleton cast of Triceratops horridus, the famous three-horned dinosaur, in addition to Albertosaurus, a ferocious carnivore that lived about 70 million years ago, Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. Fossils complement 19 color prints and five large-scale murals of creative artwork. Exhibit ends Sept. 3. Admission \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for Florida residents, seniors and college students and \$4 for ages 3 to 17. 352-273-2062.

■ **"An Early Maya City by the Sea: Daily Life and Ritual at Cerros, Belize,"** through Oct. 7, at Florida Museum of Natural History.

Free. Exhibit illustrates how the city originally looked through 3-D maps and an aerial video. Visitors will also discover how the Maya of Cerros integrated religious rituals with daily life and view 45 artifacts on display for the first time, most dating from 350 B.C. to A.D. 300. The museum is at 3215 Hull Road, east of Southwest 34th Street in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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■ **The Capitol Theatre film series:**

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■ **Crystal River of Life Coffee House**, Christian Fellowship, conversation and music from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, Village Café, 789 N.E. Fifth St., State Road 44. 352-817-6879.

■ **Crystal River Preserve State Park boat tour**, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Crystal River Preserve State Park Visitor Center. \$10 adults; \$8 children ages 7 to 12; free, children 6 and younger. Tickets on sale in Preserve Visitor Center one hour prior to departure; arrive no less than 15 minutes prior to departure. 352-563-0450. www.crystalriverstateparks.org.

The Buzz

Buried treasure



Special to the Chronicle

"New World Treasures: Artifacts from Hernando De Soto's Florida Expedition," featuring the largest cache of medieval coins found to date on the American mainland will open Saturday, Sept. 22, at Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, Ocala. Daily admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors 55 or older and students 19 and older; \$3 for youths ages 10 to 18. Museum hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. Sundays and closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

■ **Chapter 156 of The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meeting**, 8 a.m. fourth Sunday monthly, Hernando Civic Center, 3848 E. Parsons Point Road, Hernando. 352-527-2669.

■ **The Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society meeting**, 1 p.m. first Saturday monthly, Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills. Author Clarissa Thomasson will be featured

speaker. Thomasson has written six historical novels, two from the Civil War and Reconstruction Era and a three-generation family tragedy based on a 1910 trial. Her last three novels are set in southwest Florida from 1918 to 1927 and the collapse of the land boom. 352-726-0162. 352-726-0162. http://FCHNS.org. 352-726-0162 or www.fchns.org.

■ **"MythBusters: Behind**

the Myths," an evening of on-stage experiments, audience participation rocking video and behind-the-scenes stories with Jamie and Adam, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, USF Sun Dome. \$200, \$60, \$45 and \$38. ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000.

■ **Eighth annual Haunted Tram Rides** on Pepper Creek Trail, 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, Ellie Schiller Homosassa

Springs Wildlife State Park. Event includes clowns, face painting, Halloween costume contest, refreshments and trinkets for children. Suggested donation \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. Special Haunted House for children will be in Florida Room for a \$2.

■ **Comedian Jeff Garlin**, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, Ruth Eckerd Hall. \$40 and \$30. 727-791-7400.

— From staff reports

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Day at the Swamp Celebration

Citrus County Gator Club will host the 2012 Day at the Swamp Celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Citrus County Fairgrounds in Inverness.

Former Gator Football player Travis McGriff will be the special guest speaker. Activities will include games, raffles, a silent auction and giveaways. Food and beverages also will be available.

Tickets are \$10 for alumni club members; \$15 or two for \$25 for non-alumni club members, or \$15 at the door, if available. Children younger than 5 years old may attend for free. Tickets may be purchased from any club officer or at Fancy's Pets in Crystal River or Brannen Banks in Inverness.

For information, call 352-634-0867 or visit http://citruscounty.gatorclub.com.

Crystal River

Kiwanis Club sponsors "Bowl for Kids"

"Bowl for Kids" will be a fun activity for children Saturday, Aug. 26, and raise money for Citrus County Kids.

The event will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Manatee Lanes. The \$20 fee includes bowling for three hours plus shoe rental.

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DANCE

■ **Sunday Line Dance party**, 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, Citrus Hills Country Club Hampton room, 505 E. Hartford St., Hernando. \$6 plus tax. DJ and Instructor Pam Hall. 352-746-7633.

■ **Sunday Dance Social**, 7 to 10 p.m. is every other week, at Recreation Plantation RV Park, 609 County Road 466 and Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake. Next dances are Aug. 26 and Sept. 9. Singles and Couples welcomed. Refreshments provided. BYOB. \$10. 352-304-8672.

■ **Afternoon tea dances** and classical ballroom music, twice monthly at community centers, hosted by deejay Sapphire. On the second Wednesday monthly, the tea dance is 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. 352-527-5993. On the last Friday monthly, tea dance is from 2 to 4 p.m. at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa. \$5, with a portion of the proceeds going to in-home senior services. 352-527-5993 or 352-795-3831.

■ **Sumter Singles and Couples dinner dance**, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays monthly at Lake Panasoffkee Recreation Park in blue building at 1582 County Road 459 off County Road 470. Dances open to married, couples, singles, and groups from churches and RV parks. All ages welcome. No alcohol. Finger foods or soda welcome. 352-424-1688.

■ **Spirit of Citrus Dancers'** "Hot August Nights" with Ice Cream Social Dance Party, Saturday, Aug. 18. Bill Dimmitt will deejay.

● Saturday, Sept. 1 — Birthday time for all those born this month. Cakes and great music will be featured. Music by Butch Phillips.

Dances are at the Kellner Auditorium Jewish Center in Beverly Hills. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. A complimentary

dance lesson at 7 p.m.; general dancing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Admission \$6 for members; \$9 for nonmembers. Ice and coffee provided; sodas and bottled water are available for purchase. 352-344-1383 or 352-726-1495. www.socdancer.org.

■ **Sunday Night Dances** every week at Knights of Columbus, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto. Doors open at 6 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m. Drinks available.

■ **Line dancing classes with Kathy Reynolds**, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness. \$3 per class. 352-434-9666.

■ **Inverness Square Dance Club's** beginner square dance lessons, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, east of Inverness on State Road 44. 352-860-2090 or 352-465-700. Next enrollment for square dance classes is in April.

■ **Country Line dancing classes**, 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, Beverly Hills Recreation Center. \$3 nonmembers. 352-746-4882 or 352-527-3738.

■ **Citrus Squares**, 7 p.m. Thursdays, fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon, 21501 W. State Road 40, Dunnellon. 352-489-1785 or 352-465-2142.

■ **African dance classes** at Central Ridge Library. Free. For a schedule and to donate African instruments (djembes, dun-duns, foot and ankle bells), new or used, call 352-249-7283.

Music

■ **Free Fridays concert series**, 8 to 10 p.m. Friday nights, through Oct. 12, at Bo Diddley Community Plaza on corner of Southeast First Street and East University Avenue. gvculturalaffairs.org. 352-393-8746.

■ **Pete Peterkin's Tribute to Legends of Rock n' Roll**, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25,

The Buzz

Other Voices in concert



Special to the Chronicle

Other Voices, a power, acoustic, pop-rock quartet, will perform Friday, Aug. 24, at the Free Fridays concert series in Gainesville. The four musicians are Michelle Ott (percussion/vocals), Dan Tampus (guitar/vocals), Fagan Arouh (guitar/vocals) and Alan Hill (bass/vocals).

Circle Square Cultural Center, at 8395 S.W. 80th Street, Ocala. CSCulturalCenter.com or 352-854-3670.

■ **The Country Sunshine Band**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays, East Citrus Community Center, 9907 East Gulf-to-Lake Hwy. (State Road 44 East), Inverness. Call Annie at 352-465-4860.

■ **John Thomas Traditional Country Music Show and Jam**, 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays weekly, Oxford Community Center, 4027 Main St., Oxford. \$5. 352-560-7496.

■ **Crystal River Music in The Park** is looking for any talented individuals or groups who would be willing to perform for two hours on the third Saturday of any month. All are invited to audition. 352-601-3506.

■ **Rock the Universe 2012**, Florida's biggest Christian music festival, Sept. 7 and 8, Universal Orlando Resort. Friday, Sept. 7, lineup includes Skillet, Newsboys, Jeremy Camp, for King & Country, Family Force 5, Robert Pierre, Group 1 Crew, We As Human and Everfound.

Saturday, Sept. 8, lineup includes tobyMac, Switchfoot, Reient K, Britt Nicole, tenth avenue north, Rhett Walker Band, Group 1 Crew, We As Human and Everfound. www.RocktheUniverse.com. 866-788-4636.

THEATER

■ **Auditions for Woody Allen comedy "Play It Again Sam"** will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, and 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, in the A&E building on the Art Center campus at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Citrus Hills. The cast requires three men and three or more women. 352-746-0924.

■ **Encore Ensemble's "The Curse of The Hopeless Diamond,"** Friday, Sept. 7, Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9, Central Ridge Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Doors open at 3 p.m. with dinner at 4 p.m. Sunday. Performance follows meal. \$25. Portion of proceeds benefit Wounded Warrior Project. 352-212-5417.

Weak characters in 'ParaNorman'

Beautiful as it looked, Laika Studio's "ParaNorman" really needed the guiding hand of Henry Selick (director of "Coraline").



Heather Foster
FOSTER ON FILM

I'll admit, some maternal quality in me couldn't help but fawn over "ParaNorman's" tiny, lovingly crafted figurines, with their freckles and semi-translucent ears. But the dolls' infantile magnetism is what makes the flat, pulpy story an especially heavy heart-sinker for me.

Worse than disappointment, "ParaNorman" gave me that awful, gulping feeling of leaving a baby at a sub-par daycare. Eons of careful artistic rearing in the stop-motion animation falls flat. It is depressing.

Our young protagonist, Norman (voiced by Kodi Smit-McPhee), is a horror enthusiast who can see ghosts. The truthful little boy can't hide his gift. Consequently, his family, schoolmates and township alienate him. Excluding talkative dead people, Norman's only friend is chubby outcast Neil (voiced by Tucker Albrizzi).

Matters are bad enough for poor Norman, but then his creepy, pill-popping uncle (voiced by John Goodman) barges in. The stinky, garrulous clod informs Norman he also sees ghosts and burdens the kid with fending off a malevolent witch spirit and her zombie troop.

"ParaNorman's" problem is, for the most part, the characters are soulless stereotypes. Alvin, the bully character, is inhumanly despicable. The pasty, flabby thug chucks idiotic insults, fondles girls, grooves to pathetic raps and even picks his nose. Norman's sister, Cheerleader Courtney, brainlessly flits after Mitch, a bonehead jock.

I know "ParaNorman" is a parody, but it could not go deeper than corny typecasts.

Worse, Norman proves a vanilla protagonist and his nemesis — the witch — turns out to be an anticlimactic drama slew.

As much as "ParaNorman" preaches understanding, hardly any compassion or zest is in its personalities.

Still, there are highlights. Norman's mom, grandmother and the zombies inject "ParaNorman" with much-needed soul.

Sweet, but not gutsy enough to stand up for her abnormal son, Norman's mom is a rounder character. Perhaps the mom's egg-ish paunch and melted chin fuels the fascination, but her spacey, "nice enough" stance is interesting.

Norman's infinitely warmer grandmother picks up where his mom left off. She not only possesses this magnificent, scratchy voice but parks herself in front of the TV. Steeped in "ParaNorman's" one-dimensional characterizations, I was relieved she wasn't an apron-donning cookie baker!

Surprisingly, the zombies are "ParaNorman's" most sympathetic characters.

By and large "ParaNorman's" stop-motion animation dazzles, but the screenplay is heart-wrenchingly weak.

Also, the movie really pushes its PG rating. The humor is really cynical with talk of "TV sex and violence," "limp-wristed liberals," drug abuse and booty shots. Plus, some images are truly nightmarish such as roach-like moths swarming out of a grimy stuffed animal.

Still, "ParaNorman's" technical artistry is well worth a peek for tweens, teens and up. I give it a B-

With a running time of 93 minutes, "ParaNorman" is rated PG for scary action and images, thematic elements some rude humor and language.

FILM

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in "Parental Guidance"; Seth Rogen goes on a road trip with his domineering mom (Barbra Streisand) in "The Guilt Trip"; and Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann revisit their marital woes as they reprise their "Knocked

Up" characters in Judd Apatow's "This Is 40." Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway team for a big-screen adaptation of the stage musical "Les Miserables," based on Victor Hugo's classic. A scheduling conflict forced Hathaway out of an earlier movie musical, "The Phantom of the Opera." She now counts it a blessing, saying "Les Miserables"

more than compensates. "I don't know if I would have gotten 'Les Mis' if I had done 'Phantom,'" Hathaway

said. "So maybe it was just the universe's way of protecting me and getting to play a superior part."

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Herry's Market Day is Saturday

Herry's Market Day is the last Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hospice of Citrus County Homosassa Too Thrift & Gift Shoppe, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa (behind Wendy's, east of U.S. 19). This month's Market Day is Saturday, Aug. 25.

The outdoor flea market features a variety of merchandise. Vendor space is available and is being offered free for a limited time. Call Caroline at 352-527-2020.

Celebrate regional tastes, music

Organic Americana — celebrating regional tastes and music — will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Crystal River Preserve State Park's Eco-Walk Trailhead, 5990 N. Tallahassee Road.

The main portion of the event will consist of musical entertainment featuring regional Americana music by The New 76ers, Sabal and Hardee Myer. Regional fresh foods will be a highlight of the event.

Some vendors participating will bring awareness of eating good food and promoting sustainable lifestyles. A portion of the proceeds will go to Friends of the Crystal River State Parks Inc.

Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$12 the day of the show. Ages 6 and younger get in for free. Tickets are available at the Inverness Farmers' Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 1, and online.

For more information, visit www.swamprgoove.com.

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Samson is a 7-year-old neutered, long-haired mini Dachshund. He comes with toys, is leash and crate trained and housebroken. No children. Cats are OK. His 12-year-old doxie friend, Baron, who is very social, is also looking for a home. Their mom is ill and must let them go to someone who is able to care for them. A Humane Society of Central Florida Pet Rescue Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions in the Citrus County area. Meet Samson and other adoptable pets at the weekly Saturday adoption event at Pet Supermarket, Inverness, from 10 a.m. to noon. If you must give up your little dog, call 352-527-9050. Visit us at www.AHumaneSocietyPetRescue.com.

After school with Spot

40 student scholarships available for center's 2012-13 program

Special to the Chronicle

The Spot Family Center, a local non-profit organization based in Crystal River, has received funding from Kids Central Inc. and from the Department of Children and Families to offer 40 local students scholarships for its 2012-13 After School Enrichment Program, which serves students in kindergarten through seventh grade during the after-school hours of 2:45 to 6 p.m.

The scholarships are available to

local families that qualify. Applications can be picked up at Spot headquarters at 405 S.E. Seventh Ave., Crystal River. Scholarships will be given to students on a first-come, first-served basis.

The scholarships will offer the students free academic tutoring, nutritional education and homework assistance, as well as outdoor recreational activities, arts and crafts, computer tech labs, reading teams, mentorship and leadership skills enhancement.

Space is limited. The program starts Tuesday, Sept. 4, and will continue through Thursday, May 23, from 2:45 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. On scheduled early dismissal days, the hours will be 12:30 to 6 p.m. Bus transportation from Crystal River Primary and Middle schools is available to The Spot.

Applications must be completed and returned by Sept. 4, with proof of income. Registration is required. Call 352-794-3870 to apply.

New Horizons Village summer fun



Special to the Chronicle

Recently, New Horizons Village, a facility that provides care to adults with developmental disabilities, hosted a cook-out/pool party. A total of 32 adults, including participants and staff of The Arc Nature Coast in Spring Hill, joined the 48 residents of New Horizons Village for a day of swimming and a barbecue lunch for all. A cotton candy machine was set up, as well as a water slide. Another get-together is planned for September. New Horizons Village is in Lecanto. Residents attend classes at their active treatment facility. A recreation program, field trips, volunteering in the community and other activities are all part of New Horizons Village's care efforts for the developmentally disabled. For more information about New Horizons Village, call 352-746-3262 or visit the website at www.newhorizonsvillage.us.

Free tutoring available for students

Special to the Chronicle

Free tutoring is available from Si2 Tutoring at all Citrus County elementary schools this fall. Students will be learning with curriculum on tablets (Si2 provides the Internet connection).

Students will have their own personalized and individualized program provided via their own login. The online curriculum provides tutorials, skills practice and learning games for the student.

Each child will also receive direct,

face-to-face instruction from professional tutors every session. Students will rotate between working with the tutor and working on a tablet.

Tutoring will take place at school immediately after school two days a week. And, each child will continue to have access to their curriculum login from home after tutoring ends for the balance of the year.

Eligible children are students who scored at a Level 1 or Level 2 on the Reading or Math FCAT exams last spring at any Citrus County elementary

school. Si2 can also serve sixth-through eighth-grade qualifying students at the Renaissance Center in Lecanto. Enrollment forms are being sent from the Citrus County School District by mail to qualifying families.

Spaces fill quickly, so quick signup is advised. If parental requests for free tutoring exceed the amount of funding available, the school district will prioritize services.

For more information, Jessica Barkley, Citrus County coordinator for Si2, 352-302-4559.

Boys & Girls Clubs get ready for vehicle giveaway

Special to the Chronicle

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County will give away a new vehicle on Dec. 29. Not only would the car make a terrific Christmas/New Year's present,

but to add to the excitement, the person who owns the winning ticket will have his or her choice of vehicles — either a 2013 Chevy Malibu or a 2013 Equinox SUV.

Tickets sell for \$25 and may be purchased from any

Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County board member, at the BGCCC website (www.citrusbgc.com) and several sites around the county. The ticket drawing will be at the Love Chevrolet dealership in Inverness

at 1 p.m. Dec. 29.

Funds earned from the car drawing will benefit the children at the three Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County sites.

To learn more, call 352-621-9225.

Religion NOTES

Homosassa SDA

Elder Norman Deakin will speak at the 11 a.m. divine worship Saturday.

The 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school will be a meet and greet time. Wally Zollins will talk about "The Dead in Christ" at the 10 a.m. Sabbath school. The 10 a.m. adult Bible class will be led by Sue Halstead.

Bible study will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The men's study group meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Bob Halstead at 352-382-7753. The church is at 5863 Cardinal St.

Glad Tidings

Sabbath school begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with song, then study at Glad Tidings Church. Divine hour follows at 11 a.m. Pastor Wilson brings the bread of life this Sabbath and the congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper. A vegan lunch follows.

Bible study is at 6 p.m. Thursday. All are invited. CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Program) alumni meet at 5 p.m. the first Monday monthly.

For information, call Bob at 352-628-1743.

The church is at 520 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River, next to the BP station.

Inverness SDA

Saturday Sabbath school starts at 9:10 a.m.; Saturday children's classes begin at 9:30; toddler class is at 9:45; adult Bible study is at 9:50 a.m.

Pastor John Sabo preaches at the 11 a.m. worship hour Saturday.

Prayer meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Thrift store is open 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. The Health Food Store is open 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, after prayer meeting on Wednesday night and after vespers on Saturday.

The church is at 638 S. Eden Gardens, 4.5 miles east of Inverness off State Road 44.

The church phone number is 352-726-9311. See www.sda-inverness.org.

Advent Hope

Bible study is at 10 a.m. Saturday for all ages. The worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. After the service, there is a weekly potluck.

Vegetarian store is open from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday.

The church is at 428 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River. Call 352-794-0071 or visit online at www.adventhopechurch.com.

Congregation Beth Sholom

The Genesis Project, beginning Sept. 24, is an intensive, in-depth analysis and discussion of the entire text of the Book of Genesis conducted in English.

We will employ the classical ancient, medieval and modern commentators of the biblical text; we will utilize archaeology, anthropology, history, linguistics, comparative literature; we will consult traditional texts of Jewish mysticism and the stories and legends of other near-eastern civilizations; and we will use drama and literary analysis to study both the prose and poetry of the biblical narrative.

It is expected that this course will continue over several semesters. Fee for 14 sessions is \$5, plus textbook. To order the textbook at a special discount price, call Hazzan Mordecai

Kamlot, 352-643-0995.

Come home for the holidays. High Holiday Services are open to the entire community. Call for the schedule of services.

Congregation Beth Sholom with Hazzan Mordecai Kamlot as cantor/spiritual leader, is at 102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, and offers spirited and participatory-style Friday (7:30 p.m.) and Saturday (9:30 a.m.) Shabbat services, as well as social and cultural activities.

For more information, call 352-643-0995 or 352-746-5303.

Hernando SDA

Hernando Seventh-day Adventist services start at 11 a.m. Saturday. A fellowship luncheon will follow the worship service; all are welcome.

The adult Sabbath school program begins at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, followed at 10 a.m. by a Bible study. Classes for children are available at 9:30 a.m. There is a mid-week meeting at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

The church is at 1880 N. Trucks Ave., Hernando; phone 352-344-2008.

News NOTES

Novelist to speak at Sept. 1 meeting

Clarissa Thomasson will be the featured speaker at the Saturday, Sept. 1, meeting of the Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society.

She has written six historical novels, two from the Civil War and Reconstruction Era and a three-generation family tragedy based on a 1910 trial.

Her past three novels are set in southwest Florida from 1918 to 1927 and the collapse of the land boom. These stories follow a young woman who comes to Acadia for a new start in life, takes a job in Boca Grande and finally comes to live in the town of Venice. The stories include Seminole lore, the coming of the railroad to Florida, the growth of tourism and ranching, and the building of Venice.

The Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday each month in the Community Room of the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. Everyone interested in reading and writing is welcome.

For more information, call Marian Fox at 352-726-0162 or visit www.fchns.org.

Post to have yard, bake sale

Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225 will have its inaugural yard sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, Aug. 24, and Saturday, Aug. 25, at the post home, 6535 S. Withlapokka 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 Galyean at 352-344-5159 or Tom Gallagher at 352-860-1629.

First Relay fundraiser on tap

Inverness Relay For Life's Team, Bank of America will have its first fundraiser for 2013 Inverness Relay For Life as a car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the bank parking lot, 910 W. Main St. in Inverness, between Pizza Hut and next door to Heidi's.

The official Inverness Relay For Life 2013 Kick-off will be at Cornerstone Baptist Church on Highlands Boulevard at 6 p.m. Sept. 25. Any group or organization wanting to form a team to fight cancer, may email Patty Stevenson at psteven6@tampabay.rr.com.

FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 24, 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 (WESH, WEDU, WFTS, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WCLF, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WYKE, WOGX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, ESPN2, EWTV, 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 game section. Includes a hand diagram with cards (North: 9 4, A K Q, 7 6 3, K J 10 8 5; West: K Q J 10, 8 6 4 3, J, 7 6 3 2; East: A 8 6 5 2, 10 7 5, K 9 2, 9 4; South: 7 3, J 9 2, A Q 10 8 5 4, A Q). Dealer: South, Vulnerable: North-South. Opening lead: ♠ K.

PHILLIP ALDER
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Denis Waitley, a motivational speaker, said, "Don't be a time manager, be a priority manager. Cut your major goals into bite-sized pieces. Each small priority or requirement on the way to an ultimate goal becomes a minigoal in itself."

This week we have been looking at some challenging bidding deals. The first priority is to try to get to game, preferably four spades, four hearts or three no-trump. You think about five of a minor when you are confident that none of those contracts can make. Let's study the auction in today's deal.

South opens one diamond, North responds two clubs, and South rebids two diamonds. So far, so easy. But what should North do next? He is thinking about three no-trump, but he does not have a spade stopper. He tries to make this clear to his partner by rebidding two hearts. Yes, South will expect North to have four hearts, but it is the best North can do. (Four hearts on a 4-3 fit might even be the best contract.) This is a responder's reverse, which initiates a game-force.

South has no spade stopper, so cannot bid no-trump. Since ace-queen-doubleton of clubs is as good as three low cards, he shows secondary club support. North now indicates his diamond support. South sets diamonds as trumps, and North raises to game.

Against five diamonds, the defenders cash two spade tricks, then exit with a heart. South must play the trump suit without loss. The correct play is low to the queen, winning when West has a singleton jack or East holds king-doubleton.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kurek. Includes a grid of letters and a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman sitting at a table.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle. Includes clues for 1 Sarcastic retort, 4 Borodin prince, 8 Pressure meas., 11 Melting-watch artist, 12 Prefix for second, 13 Treaty grp., 14 OPEC member, 15 Small fleet, 17 Web makers, 19 Bowling lane, 20 Ms. Thurman, 21 Delhi honorific, 22 Deep gorge, 25 Palace dwellers, 28 - Wiedersehen, 29 Long way off, 31 Cozy rooms, 33 - Garr of "Mr. Mom", 35 Beatles' meter maid, 37 Conditioned, 38 Dripping, 40 Poker pot, 42 Up till now, 43 Huge racket, 44 Cooks pasta, 47 Using one's intuition, 51 Serve the soup (2 wds.), 53 - as we speak, 54 Luau strummer, 55 Chariot race locale, 56 Speak hoarsely, 57 NASA counterpart, 58 Horse god, 59 "The Closer" aier, 1 Down: 1 Dwell on, 2 Jai -, 3 Krishna devotees, 4 Prefix with structure, 5 Guys' partners, 6 Plastic - Band, 7 Traffic circle, 8 Vote, 9 Auction, 10 Brit's exclamation (2 wds.), 11 insult, slangily, 16 Homer opus, 18 Ms. Watson, 21 Prepare the laundry, 22 Family pet, 23 Colors, 24 Bushy hairdo, 25 Drought ender, 26 Not right, 27 Foul mood, 30 Brood, 32 Shoat's home, 34 Tennyson work, 36 Quite similar, 39 Gobi, e.g., 41 Put in, 43 Advise against, 44 Sad, 45 Acorn droppers, 46 Hunch, 47 Japanese wrestling, 48 "Tribble" tsar, 49 Bird abode, 50 Econ. indicator, 52 Aah's companion.

Dear Annie: Our 21-year-old daughter has had weight issues for years. "Barbara" weighs 80 pounds more than she should. I cannot remember a time when Barbara's weight was not a big deal to my husband. His mother also puts in her two cents with regular comments to Barbara concerning her diet. So do other family members. I find their obsession with her weight nauseating. I know they are concerned about Barbara's health, but I believe they are expressing it the wrong way. My daughter is beautiful and creative and has a huge heart. I offer healthy food choices in the house and make balanced meals when she is home. She has seen a doctor and has information on proper nutrition. We have offered to pay for gym memberships and diet programs, which she has declined. We bought her a bicycle, which she rides, and I have invited her to go on walks with me. She always starts with a real effort and then stops. I believe her family should accept her as she is. I have become the buffer, trying to be encouraging and positive while filtering out the harshness of others. I have told my husband Barbara must make lifestyle changes herself, and his comments and pressure tactics have a negative effect. But he can't help himself. He is frustrated he cannot control his daughter's size and I

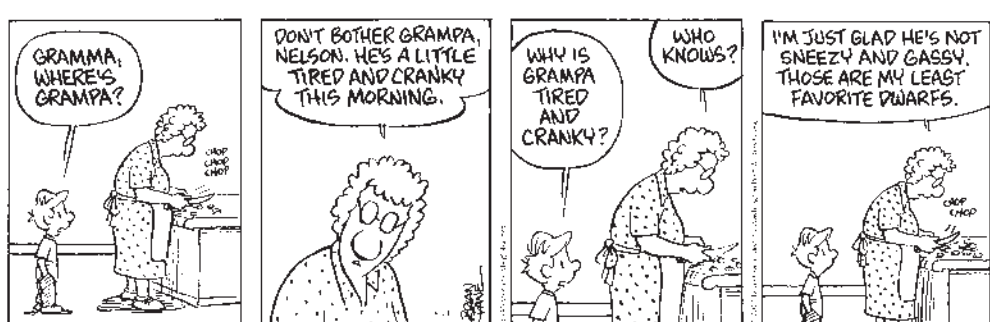
won't go along with his approach. It is causing stress in our marriage. Please help. - In the Middle
Dear Middle: You should remove yourself from the equation altogether. Barbara is an adult, and not only are her choices her own, but so are the consequences. Instead of protecting her, advise her on how to handle her relatives' negative comments, and then let her do it. Tell your husband you will no longer be involved in his issues with Barbara, and when he brings up her weight, simply reply, "Yes, dear," and then ignore him.
Dear Annie: I received permanent custody of my cousin's 14-month-old son because of his mother's neglect. The boy is now 4. He has called me "Mommy" from the beginning. I refer to his bio mom by her first name. However, when we are at family gatherings, she insists on calling herself "Mommy." She gets in his face and says, "Who am I? What's my name?" And then he looks at me, totally confused.
My cousin and her family are struggling with the fact that I am the only mommy he knows. I will tell him the truth when I feel he is mature enough. But shouldn't they have more respect for me and not confuse him? - Mommy that Matters
Dear Mommy: Whether or not they respect you, they should respect the child and not do things

that will confuse and disturb him. Still, you cannot control what these relatives do, so we recommend you inform your son about his origins in an appropriate manner as soon as possible. He needs to understand this woman is his biological mother, but she was unable to take care of him and you wanted him very much, and you both love him deeply. Talk to your pediatrician about the best way to handle this, and perhaps get a referral to a family therapist.
Dear Annie: This is in response to "Crying in Ohio," whose husband of 46 years told her she is terribly obese. My father suffered from dementia in his later years. We were all hurt and confused by the mean-spirited comments he made, but after his diagnosis, we realized those remarks were the first sign of the disease.
If this behavior is out of the norm, she should take her husband to a doctor and find out whether there is a medical cause. There may be medication to help, and she won't waste precious years being angry with him for something he can't control. - Omaha
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 visit www.creators.com.

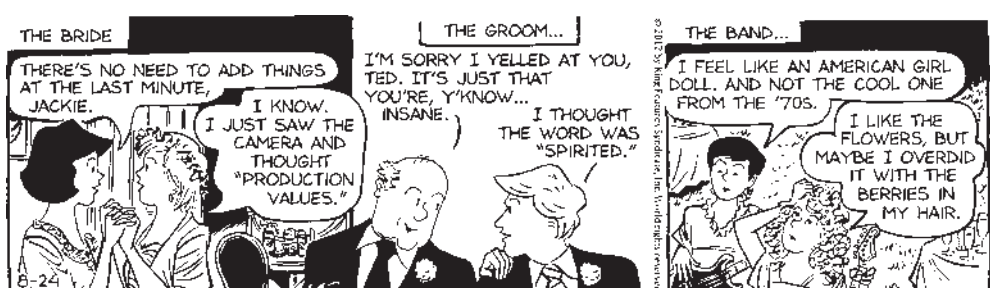
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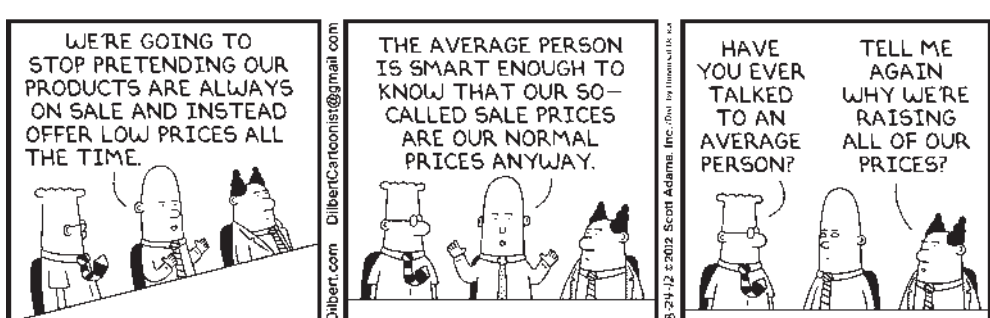
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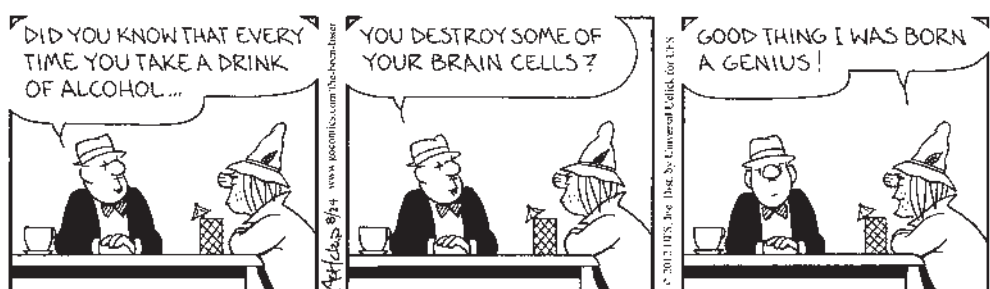
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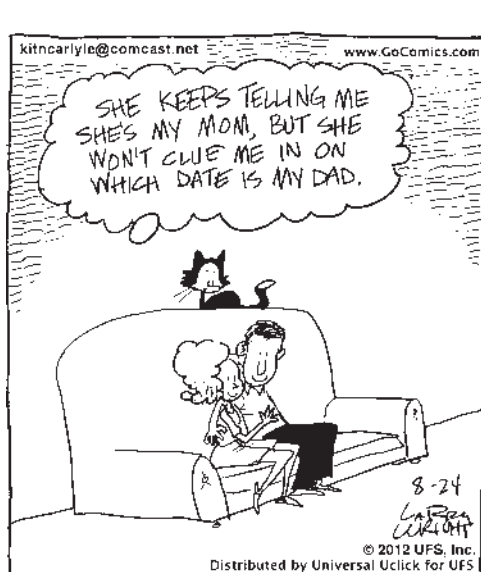
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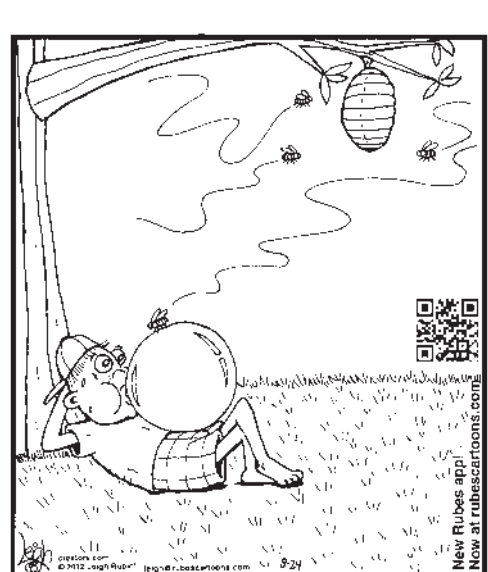
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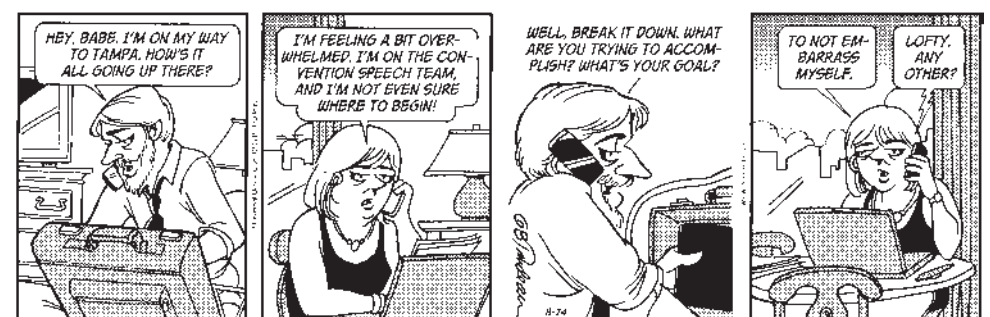
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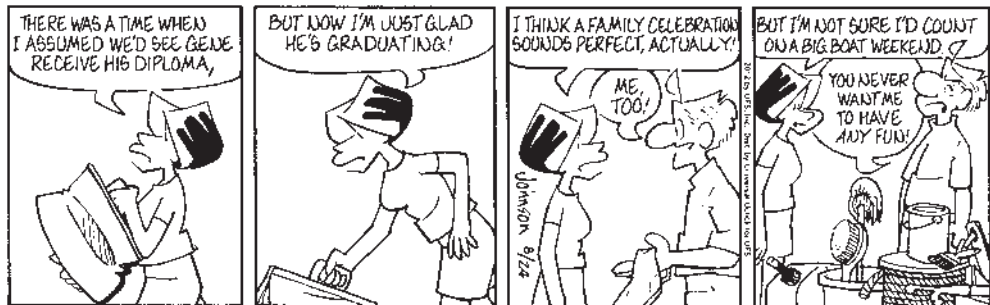
Doonesbury



Big Nate



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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"Hit and Run" (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
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"The Odd Life of Timothy Green" (PG) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10 p.m.
"The Campaign" (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
"The Bourne Legacy" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:05 p.m.
"Hope Springs" (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10 p.m.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
"Premium Rush" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
"Hit and Run" (R) ID required. 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
"Sparkle" (PG-13) 4:45 p.m., 10:05 p.m.,
"The Expendables 2" (R) ID required. 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:20 p.m.
"Paranorman" (PG) 1:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
"Paranorman" (PG) In real 3D. 4:20 p.m., 9:50 p.m. No passes.
"The Odd Life of Timothy Green" (PG) 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
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"The Campaign" (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.,
"Hope Springs" (PG-13) 1:05 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
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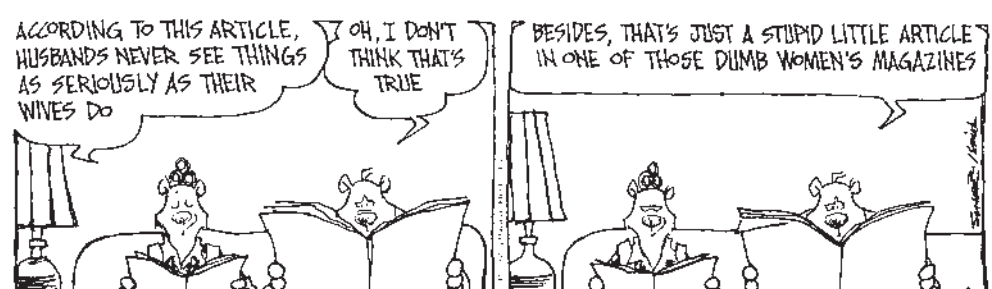
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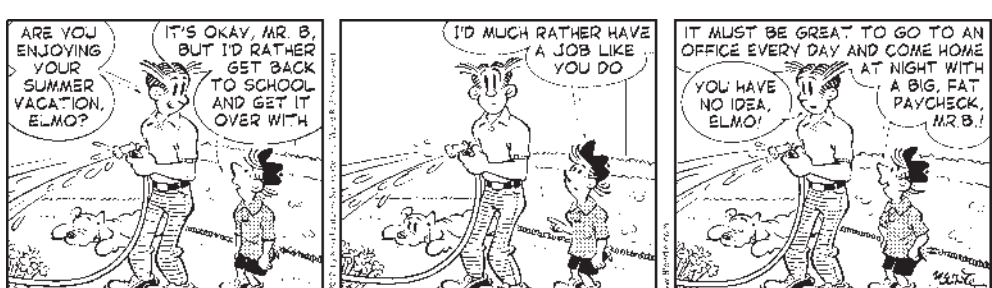
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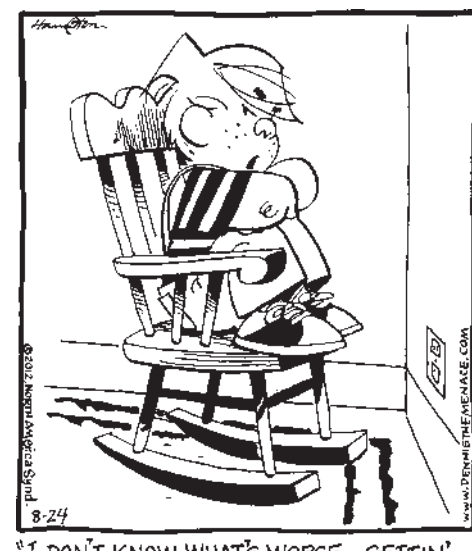
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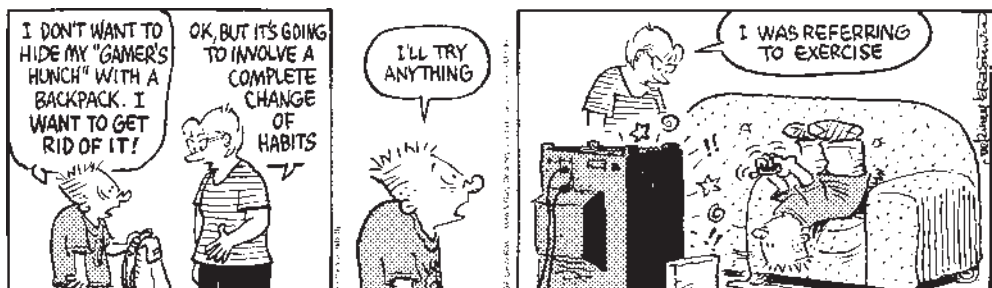
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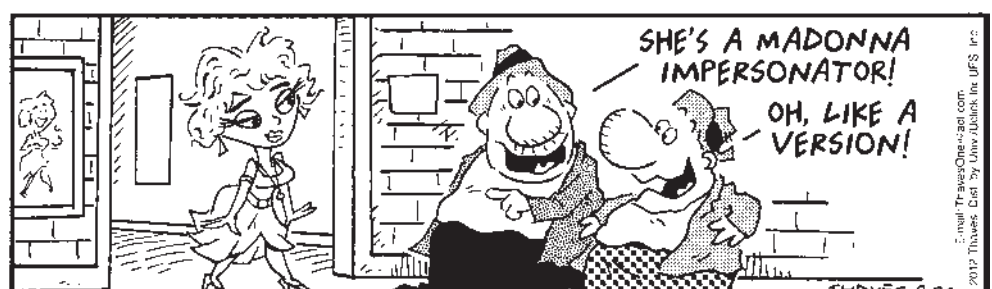
The Family Circus



Betty



Frank & Ernest



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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

TODAY'S CLUE: K equals V

"F'PU DUTC T KYL YE LVFGSZ TRYXL
BNZUKE TGC LVFGA, 'JYJ! LVTL SFDK
ZYXGCZ DUTKKN ZTXON.'" — ZOTDKULL
MYVTGZZYG

Previous Solution: "Love is the only flower that grows and blossoms without the aid of the seasons." — Kahlil Gibran

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Found Tan Male
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(Never known to fail) O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand your power.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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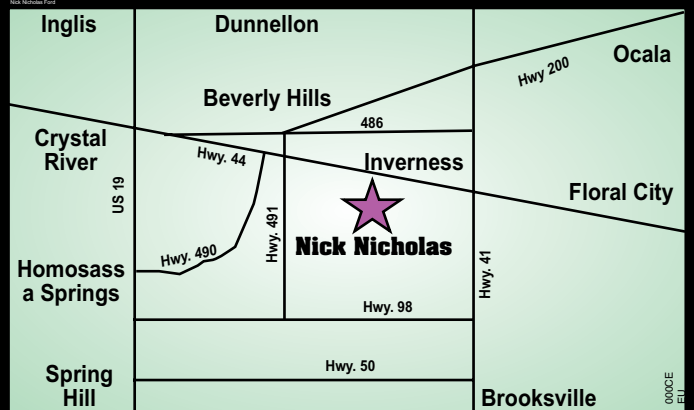
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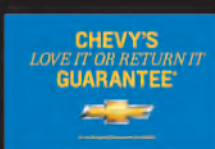
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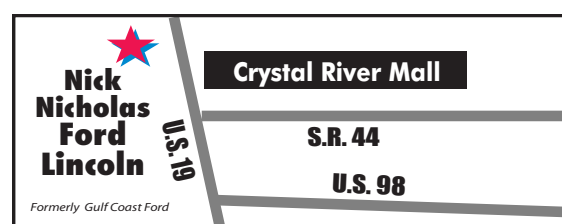


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