



Murder trial begins

Woman accused of running over victim

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Staff writer

INVERNESS — The trial of the woman accused of carjacking a woman and killing her by running her over with her own vehicle got under way Tuesday in Circuit Judge Ric Howard's court.

Jennifer Marino, 36, of Longwood, is accused of the April 7, 2010, carjacking of a vehicle belonging to 64-year-old Mary Haynie of Lecanto. After a scuffle, Marino allegedly ran Haynie over with the vehicle. Marino is charged with first-degree murder and faces a life sentence if convicted.

The defense team of public defenders Devon Sharkey and Ed Spaight blame Marino's actions on that day on mental illness.

Therefore, their defense is insanity.

"She was suffering a severe manic episode," Sharkey said.

He added Marino had been confined to three mental facilities a few months prior to the incident and escaped from two hospitals.

However, prosecutor Pete Magrino contends Marino knew exactly what she was doing and brought out a slew of witnesses.

Among the witnesses were Citrus County Sheriff's Office forensic experts Sgt. Tim Martin, Dave Cannaday and Detective Matt Taylor, who conducted an initial videotaped interview with Marino following her arrest at a truck stop in Wildwood.

On the trial's first day, Magrino tried to use the state's witnesses to establish and illustrate that Marino calculated moves after leaving a probation office in Inverness.

Through witness testimony, jurors heard how a homeless Marino went around a shopping plaza begging for a ride to Wildwood.

Through testimony from employees at the pet grooming business where Haynie was having her dog groomed, jurors heard how Marino came into that business and asked for a ride to Wildwood. Marino was, however, repeatedly turned down.

The prosecution added that



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Jennifer Marino stares in the direction of a photographer Tuesday afternoon during the first day of her trial. She is charged with murder and carjacking in an October 2010 incident that took place in Inverness.

as soon she left the pet grooming business, she reportedly attempted to steal an SUV that belonged to Haynie.

Officials said Haynie ran out and tried to stop Marino, screaming "she got my car," according to witness and pet groomer Darlene Jefferson. But Marino pushed Haynie to the ground and ran her over with the SUV.

Marino proceeded to leave the parking lot, authorities said. Haynie later died from her injuries at Citrus Memorial Health System.

According to the prosecution, Marino then went to the Crystal

Chrysler dealership on State Road 44 and abandoned the vehicle in front of the business.

She allegedly then went and knocked on David Clark's residence, asking to use the phone and for a ride to Wildwood.

Clark testified, he and his wife reluctantly drove her to Wildwood and dropped her off. "Something just was not correct," Clark recalled of the couple's encounter with Marino, who initially introduced herself as Jennifer; then, later in the vehicle, said her name was Lisa.

Sumter County Deputy Matt Reeves said he and his

partner eventually found Marino later that evening in the cab of a semitrailer truck with a man. Both were naked from the waist down.

During Detective Taylor's taped interrogation, Marino could be heard and seen denying any knowledge of the crimes and saying a man named Michael Brewer gave her a ride to Wildwood. But, the only man with such a name in Inverness was a retiree who testified he never met or saw Marino.

The trial continues today in Howard's courtroom at 8:30 a.m.

Man killed in house fire

PAT FAHERTY
Staff writer

A house fire is blamed for the death of Hernando man. The fire at 3879 N. Roscoe Road was reported at 11 p.m. Sunday.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Fire Rescue responded along with deputies, units from the Inverness and Kensington fire stations and Nature Coast EMS.

They found flames engulfed about half of the 1,000-square-foot, double-wide manufactured home. There was an occupant in the home at the time of the fire.

Deputies located the man at the front door, pulled the victim out and attempted to resuscitate him. The man was transported by Nature Coast EMS to Citrus Memorial hospital, but did not survive his injuries, according to a Fire Rescue report.

Crews from several other stations arrived minutes later and were rotated in to fight the blaze.

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US fingers Chinese military hackers

Gov't warns it may retaliate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As public evidence mounts that the Chinese military is responsible for stealing massive amounts of U.S. government data and corporate trade secrets, the Obama administration is eyeing fines and other trade actions it may take against Beijing or any other country guilty of cyberespionage.

According to officials familiar with the plans, the White House will lay out a new report Wednesday that suggests initial, more-aggressive steps the U.S. would take in response to what top authorities say has been an unrelenting campaign of cyber-stealing linked to the Chinese government. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the threatened action.

The White House plans come after a Virginia-based cybersecurity firm released a torrent of

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Transportation agency merger moves closer

Citrus, Hernando get gears turning on plans for future cooperation

MICHAEL BATES
Hernando Today

BROOKSVILLE — Florida transportation official Lee Royal trekked to Hernando County on Tuesday morning to

urge the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization to consider merging with Citrus County to get more bang for the buck when it comes to state dollars.

"Organizations can't go it

alone in this financial climate," said Royal, community liaison administrator for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7.

By combining the two counties' transportation planning or-

ganizations and expanding the boundaries of the geographical transportation network, there is a great opportunity, she said, to get funded for bigger

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Library Friends gear up for spring book sale

Special to the Chronicle

March ushers in softer days, the budding and greening of spring, and, for the Friends of the Citrus County Library System (FOCCLS), it heralds the spring book sale.

FOCCLS will have its mega Spring Book Sale from March 8-12 at the Citrus County Auditorium, U.S. 41 South, next to the fairgrounds south of Inverness.

Sale hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 8 — \$5 donation (Friday night only); 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10 (“amber light” specials); 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 (half-price day); and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 (\$3 a bag).

Twice weekly, Friends of the Library volunteers from Central Ridge, Coastal and Lakes Regional libraries gather at the Historic Hernando Community School to sort, price and pack quality donated books from paperbacks to best sellers to vintage editions. FOCCLS volunteers have filled hundreds of banana boxes with a bounty of reading bargains for the spring sale.

Books are grouped into broad categories of fiction and non-fiction with more than 45 sub-categories divided into subjects including mystery-thrillers, Westerns, large print, crafts, cookbooks, children’s literature, religion, self-help, travel, reference and foreign language. Most books are \$1 to \$3. In addition to quality print materials, the sale offers a good selection of audio books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles, which often sell out quickly.

Reading treasures available at this sale cover a broad spectrum of interests. Affordable selections include a signed edition of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf’s autobiography “It

Doesn’t Take a Hero”; a Smithsonian Institution Air and Space Museum illustrated collection, “Milestones of Aviation”; an autographed first edition of “Cuba: Island of Paradox” by R. Hart Phillips, accompanied by newspaper articles and photos of the period; Bob Woodward’s “The Price of Politics” (2012); and “Playboy: Fifty Years of Cartoons.”

Also featured are best sellers from popular authors including Maeve Binchy, Patricia Cornwell, Michael Connelly, Janet Evanovich, Ken Follett and Stuart Woods, at one quarter of the market value.

Rare book collectors will find “The Brass Ring,” an illustrated memoir by GI reporter and illustrator Bill Mauldin; “The Iliad and the Odyssey” translated by Alexander Pope (1883 ed.) and a rare pocket-sized New Testament National Edition issued to World War II soldiers in its original mailing box.

Families, teachers and home-schoolers will find an abundance of education materials in excellent condition including sets of illustrated science and nature booklets for group work and a series of Scholastic readers.

A bonus for this sale will be a drawing for a 16 GB Kindle Fire HD 7-inch color HD display, with Dolby Audio, dual-band, dual antenna Wi-Fi donated by Quest Wealth Management, for \$5 a ticket. Drawing will be on Tuesday afternoon, last day of the sale. Ticket-holders need not be present to win.

Other bargains include “blue light specials” and “buy-one, get-one” each hour on Sunday, as well as extended hours on half-price day, Monday, and \$3-a-bag day on Tuesday. In addition, on Fun-day Sunday, Friends will be sport-

ing their spring hat creations. Put on your caps and bonnets and join in!

The sale offers an ideal opportunity to become a member of FOCCLS partner groups. For a \$5 annual fee, patrons can join their local library, showing support with their donations. As the brochure announces, “If you love the library, be a Friend!”

Why are these semi-annual sale events important? Because public libraries provide free lifelong access to learning through all kinds of materials, written, oral and electronic. Literacy is fundamental to growing minds in our community. The FOCCLS volunteers work feverishly to stage these mega-sales because the proceeds go to the libraries to fund audio books, large print books, best sellers, e-books, DVDs and other favorites that patrons request for the library collection. Since 2001, FOCCLS has raised \$708,557 for libraries.

The Citrus County Library System places blue dot stickers on materials purchased with money donated by the Friends. Next time you visit your local library, check out the blue dots to realize the contribution of the Friends to the library collection and your contribution as a sale patron.

Statewide, Friends groups are advocates for the library system, which in the past 10 years has reported a steady increase in usage but a decline in state funding. The sales are the only immediate source of revenue for library media. Without this subsidizing, libraries would not be able to provide the programs and services that sustain the community. Support of the efforts to sustain our libraries is vital.

For sale information call 352-746-1334 or 352-527-8405 or visit online at www.foccls.org.



Friends of the Citrus County Library System volunteers Gayle Lane, Linda Shaffer and Renee Reich, in their trademark yellow shirts, sort stacks of mystery fiction books in preparation for the Friends Spring Book Sale, which begins March 8. The five-day event will feature thousands of quality books as well as CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles. FOCCLS is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. The semi-annual book sales sponsored by the Friends provide funding for Citrus County libraries.

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Around the
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Blue law exception gets red light

At Tuesday's Inverness city council meeting, the topic of St. Patrick's Day came up for discussion, specifically whether the council would approve a waiver to allow the sale and serving of alcohol prior to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 17.

"We are being asked to waive the existing 'blue law' so people can drink earlier, and that puts us on a slippery slope for other events," said council president Cabot McBride. "When we originally voted on this ordinance, some people had concerns that we would be aiding and abetting people who were drinking and who had alcohol problems, although I never thought that was the case. But here, we have a clear case where people imbibe to an extraordinary amount and we're saying, 'OK, we're giving the green light for that.'"

Councilwoman Marti Consuegra echoed McBride, calling it "situational equity," voicing the concern that agreeing to this one time would set a precedent for other groups to also ask for a waiver.

"When do we stop?" she asked.

City attorney Larry Haag put the issue to rest by pointing out that the city's current alcohol ordinance didn't have a provision for a waiver, so any further discussion would be moot.

No motion was made and the blue law stands.

Collision, outage unrelated in CR

A power outage early Tuesday afternoon affected 1,931 Withlacoochee River Electric Co-op customers in the Meadowcrest area near Crystal River.

According to David Lambert, power company spokesman, crews were already working on the lines at Meadowcrest Boulevard and State Road 44 when a rotten tree fell and hit the line, causing the power to go out around 1 p.m. Power was completely restored after 30 minutes.

As crews worked to restore power, a car accident in the area of the intersection caused traffic delays.

Drum, dance event set Friday, Saturday

Hosted by Hernando Church of the Living God, internationally known professional drummer Eric Bli Bi Gore from Djsanufia, Ivory Coast, West Africa, will join professional African dancers at 3441 E. Oleander Lane, Hernando, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

The public may join in for donations of \$10 for drum classes and \$12 for dancing classes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own instruments for the drum circle.

To preregister, call 352-270-6148 or 352-897-4173.

—From staff reports

Correction

■ Due to incorrect information supplied to the *Chronicle*, Charles Hidalgo's name was misspelled in the caption for "Citizens' Academy helps" on Page C8 of Tuesday's edition.

■ Due to writer error, a caption on Page A3 of Monday's edition stands correction. Rock Crusher Elementary School's Jamie Lewis is the 2013 Citrus County School District School Related Employee of the Year.

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

Meeting of the minds in CR

Workshop finds common ground

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CRYSTAL RIVER — At least a couple dozen people showed up Monday night for a workshop about the competing visions for the redevelopment and rejuvenation of the city.

A plan proffered by County Commissioner Dennis Damato and County Administrator Brad Thorpe last December, which was hoped to be received in a spirit of partnership between the county and city, was widely panned. City officials questioned why they were not consulted and thought Damato's plan looked a lot like the vision plan drafted by the city

in 2008.

Monday, City Manager Andy Houston compared the two plans and both sides struck a conciliatory tone.

Houston staked out three main areas where Damato's plan differs from that of the city:

■ The best way to develop the parcel on the corner of U.S. 19 and Citrus Avenue.

■ Changing maximum building heights from the current 50 feet to 70 feet.

■ Which conceptual plan best fits the development of Three Sisters Springs.

Houston saw room for compromise, at least in the matter of the lot on Citrus Avenue and U.S. 19.

He suggested splitting the property and using county impact fee money to create a trailhead, as suggested in Damato's plan, for the wetland area of the parcel, but keeping the other half of the property in commercial hands.

City Council members all supported his recommendations including conceptual Plan B for Three Sisters Springs, which called for a remote visitor center and parking along U.S. 19.

Damato, who was unable to attend the workshop due to a death in the family, sent a statement read by *Chronicle* Publisher Gerry Mulligan, who serves on the Crystal River Area Council of the Chamber of Commerce.



Andy Houston
 Crystal River city manager.

In the statement, Damato expressed his desire to see Crystal River do well and implored officials to work cooperatively to make it happen.

He urged officials to tap into Renew Act dollars earmarked from the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

He also apologized to officials for any unintended harm from his actions.

Citrus County Commission Chairman Joe Meek and Thorpe also urged a new spirit of cooperation and offered to help to foster a better partnership.

Houston said he and Thorpe will meet to discuss differences in the plans in the near future.

Misty morning swim



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Cool morning temperatures mixed with warm air produced from spring water in Homosassa provide a picturesque setting as this lone swan quietly swims Monday morning. For the foreseeable future cool morning temperatures will be a thing of the past as warm air will settle across Florida for most of the next week. Forecasters at Bay News 9 are expecting morning temperatures to increase steadily and stay in the low to mid 60s into the coming week. Highs are forecast to be in the mid 70s today and then climb to the low to mid 80s through Monday.

Radio station planned for club house

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

What happens to a club house when no one wants to join the club?

That question may soon be answered for the Crystal Club, the former club house for the Crystal Glen subdivision on State Road 44 and County Road 490 in Lecanto.

"We want you to know we both are very much in favor of the change since the Crystal Club was dissolved several years ago and the building that now sits there is a disgrace to the community," wrote residents Clyde and Joyce Warren to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the body that last week unanimously approved land use amendments to allow a radio station to take over the facility.

The Crystal Club lost the support of a membership adequate to maintain the facility several years ago. According to Timothy Pitts, repre-

senting Crystal Glen Properties LLC, the Crystal Club ceased to function by 2007 and was dissolved, leaving the property owner with no one to operate and maintain the nearly 4,000-square-foot recreational facility, which included a swimming pool and tennis courts.

When the facility was for sale, it was marketed as "well-suited for a professional office, day-care center, adult day-care, restaurant or civic club." In 2009, an application to turn the property into a day-care was later withdrawn. Currently, Stephen Shurdell with WGUL-FM is a potential buyer for the property for a radio station and tower.

Shurdell assured the Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) at a December meeting that the tower would not be large. It would send signals to an outlying broadcast tower. Attorney Larry Haag told the BOCC the tower, of up to 90 feet, would be no taller

than the spire of a nearby church or a flag pole.

The PDC recommended and the BOCC approved only the zoning change, not site plans for the radio station, which will demolish and fill in the swimming pool. Site plans will be submitted later.

Not all residents expressed contentment with the zoning change. David Boyer, who said he represented the Crystal Glen Property Owners' Association when he spoke before the PDC two months ago, said the loss of recreational use would be permanent and many residents chose Crystal Glen for the availability of the recreational area.

Pitts said the agreement with the Crystal Club contained no mechanism to maintain the recreational facility after the Crystal Club was dissolved; therefore, any previous contract was irrelevant.

Contact *Chronicle* reporter Chris Van Ormer at 352-564-2916.

Around the
STATE

Tallahassee

Justices deny appeal for trooper's killer

The Florida Supreme Court is refusing to block the Feb. 26 execution of a drug trafficker who was convicted of killing a state trooper with a pipe bomb.

The justices on Tuesday unanimously denied a post-conviction appeal and request for a stay of execution from Paul Augustus Howell.

He was convicted of killing Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Jimmy Fulford in February 1992.

Fulford had stopped a car carrying the bomb, hidden inside a gift-wrapped microwave oven, on Interstate 10 east of Tallahassee.

Authorities said the bomb was being delivered to two women in Marianna with the intent of killing them because they knew too much about a South Florida drug ring.

The bomb exploded when Fulford opened the package.

Howell is expected to appeal in the federal courts.

Ethics bill goes to full Florida Senate

A wide-ranging ethics bill is heading to the Senate floor where it is expected to be one of the first bills passed when the legislative session begins March 5.

The Senate Rules Committee approved the bill (SB 2) on Tuesday.

In part, the bill seeks to stop lawmakers from using political committees to pay for dining and travel unrelated to their positions. It also gives the Ethics Commission more power to collect fines from elected officials and allows the governor, state attorneys and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to refer cases to the commission.

—From wire reports

Privacy in place for Pine Ridge property holders

ERYN WORTHINGTON
Staff writer

PINE RIDGE — Pine Ridge residents will continue to have preservation of their privacy.

For the sake of solitude, a 6-foot-high PVC fence is being installed along County Road 486, westward of County Road 491.

D.A.B. Constructors Inc., contracted for the 3-mile widening project, began installation of the 3,679-lineal-foot fence after the county purchased the property from the Pine Ridge Property Owners Association.

"We acquired property from the Pine Ridge Property Owners Association for right of way purposes and the fence is part of the purchase and sale agreement," said Citrus County public information officer Lindsay Ubinas.

The bid price for the fence was \$80,938.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Roadwork along County Road 486 near Crystal River is continuing as scheduled. A new fence, partially complete, running along the north side of the roadway will help shield the Pine Ridge subdivision from construction noise.

When the widening project began, most of the wooded buffer between the existing road and subdivision was cleared.

"The POA representative stated that they wanted the fence to main-

tain some privacy for the abutting property owners," said Walt Eastmond, engineering project manager.

The privacy fence is being installed within the limits of the Pine Ridge POA property boundaries.

Installers have until the expiration of the contract time of the road before the fence has to be completed.

However, Eastmond said the fence should be completed before the actual road is finished. The C.R.

486 widening project is on schedule to be completed by mid-July.

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State BRIEFS

Man charged with harassing manatee

FORT PIERCE — A central Florida man has been charged after authorities said he posted pictures of himself playing with a manatee calf.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission claimed that 21-year-old Ryan William Waterman violated the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act. The law makes it illegal to injure, harm, harass, capture or attempt to capture a Florida manatee.

FWC investigators received a tip regarding pictures that Waterman had posted on Facebook. The pictures show Waterman and two young children petting a manatee calf last

month in St. Lucie County. They also show Waterman lifting the calf partially out of the water.

Man pleads guilty in hit-and-run cyclist death

MIAMI — A South Florida man faces up to 35 years in prison for hit-and-run crash that killed a cyclist.

The Miami Herald reported 32-year-old Carlos Bertonatti pleaded guilty directly to the court on Tuesday morning.

Bertonatti also apologized to the family of Christophe LeCanne, saying getting behind the wheel that day was "the biggest mistake" of his life.

— From wire reports

FIRE

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The fire was knocked down and under control by midnight. Nearly 70 percent of the home and all of its contents were destroyed with an estimated value of \$68,750.

Authorities reported the

fire was difficult to extinguish because of limited access for firefighters around the structure due to a power line that had fallen as a result of the blaze. Progress Energy secured the power line.

And with the nearest fire hydrant approximately two miles away, a tanker shuttle had to be

setup to provide firefighters with a water supply.

The Florida Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

As of Tuesday evening, the victim's identity had not been released.

Contact Chronicle reporter Pat Faherty at 352-564-2924 or pfaherty@chronicleonline.com.

MERGER

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regional projects.

Case in point: The extension of the Suncoast Parkway from its present terminus at U.S. 98 near the Citrus-Hernando border through Citrus, a project that has been stalled for lack of funds, but could move forward if both counties work together.

Hernando MPO members agreed Tuesday that the benefits probably outweigh the negatives and asked staff to proceed with talks with Citrus County as to the logistics of merging services.

Hernando County Transportation Planning Coordinator Dennis Dix said every 10 years, when the latest U.S. Census figures are known, the state considers creating more metropolitan planning organizations because of population increases. This year, Citrus County added enough people to create its own urbanized area and create an MPO. The state,

however, believes it would make more sense for Citrus to team up with Hernando.

Bob Clifford, executive director of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority, said he will spend the next few weeks meeting with Citrus County officials, discussing how many members would sit on the expanded MPO and go over operations and costs. Clifford said the most difficult part of the process will be getting over the administrative work so that both entities can come to the table with a proposed merger draft.

The re-designations of MPOs, as necessitated by the Census, only occur every 10 years and the process is not specifically defined, Clifford said. "It sort of gives you the impression that you're building the airplane as you're flying it," he said.

Brooksville Mayor Lara Braburn said she is encouraged that initial talks between Hernando and Citrus counties appear amicable and because of

the "commonalities" with that area, it would make sense to join forces.

Braburn said it is important to keep the numbers of sitting members on the proposed MPO small and limited to those with an interest in transportation so as not to make it too unwieldy. To make it fair and equitable, she wants to make sure each county would be able to propose any transportation needs unique to each county.

Both counties have until the end of March to form a draft proposal to bring back to their respective boards.

An MPO serves as a liaison between the community and FDOT and directs how and where available state and federal dollars for transportation improvements will be spent. The Hernando County MPO consists of six voting members representing Hernando County, the City of Brooksville and one non-voting FDOT member. Citrus County's present Transportation Planning Organization has seven members.

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The next class will be on Wednesday, March 6. It will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and run approx-

imately seven hours, then participants will have a maximum of two hours to take the national certification exam. There is no "test-only" option.

Participants should bring valid picture identification with them, and a sack lunch. Training is at the Citrus County Extension office at 3650 W Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto.

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For more information, call Monica Payne at the University of Florida/IFAS Citrus County Extension office in Lecanto at 352-527-5713.

Cracker Days coming

Annual Dunnellon event celebrates life of Florida pioneers

Special to the Chronicle

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, the life of the Florida pioneer will be on display at Rainbow Springs State Park north of Dunnellon on State Road 41 at Cracker Days.

The Florida of the late 1800s will come alive through demonstrators in period dress, whose skills include quilting, old printing, weaving and spinning, shawl-making, pine needle basketry and jewelry-making, pottery, wood turning and wood crafting fly-tying, corn-grinding, quilt-making, embroidery, bobbin weaving, tatting and more.

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The park's concession stand will be open and other vendors will offer such treats as barbecue, ice cream, funnel cakes, kettle corn, fry bread and beverages.

Photos in period dress will be available for visitors to purchase a fitting memento.

Park admission is \$2 per person; children 5 and younger are free.

For more information, call 352-465-8555.

Talk to focus on Social Security

Free seminar to be offered by Key Center Family Connection

Special to the Chronicle

The Key Center Family Connection will host Cindy Drew, of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center at the Key Training Center, 5521 Buster Whitton Way, Lecanto.

Drew will speak about "Social Security Basics."

Most parents or guardians of persons with developmental disabilities have to navigate through the Social Security jungle at some point. Drew will cover such topics as how age affects payments, what happens when they leave school and what will

change if a disabled dependent gets a job.

Persons with developmental disabilities most often want to work and can be wonderful employees, but there is a fear employment might affect benefits. Medicaid may be the only insurance he or she receives and may be tied to other services. Parents

and guardians want to be sure the help and support developmentally disabled loved ones need to live as independently as possible will not be interrupted.

All interested persons are welcome at the free session.

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

News NOTE

Chamber promotes young leaders

All interested young professionals are invited to meet with experienced business leaders at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's Business Leaders of Tomorrow February membership drive event from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Suncoast Plumbing & Electric.

Business Leaders of

Tomorrow will provide opportunities to young professionals ages 21 to 40 advancing in Citrus County to make connections to help business throughout 2013. Refreshments and drinks will be served at the meet-and-greet event.

Suncoast Plumbing & Electric is at 6970 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa. Reservations are requested by calling Keith Pullias at 352-795-3149.

Annual Underwater Egg Hunt on tap

Parks & Rec invites kids to event at pool

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Parks & Recreation invites children up to age 12 to join in the annual Underwater Egg Hunt festivities on Saturday, March 23, at Bicentennial Park Pool.

There will be two egg hunts for different age groups: children up to age 6 will hunt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and children ages 7 to 12 will hunt from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Admission is free and children will need to bring a basket and swimming attire. An application of sunscreen is encouraged.

Eggs will be dispersed throughout the Bicentennial Park Pool area. The pool itself will be set up with different levels of difficulty based on swimming ability. There will also be a land-based egg hunt designed for younger children and non-swimmers. Eggs are turned in after the

hunt in exchange for a gift bag filled with little toys and candy.

Only 50 people at a time will be permitted onto the pool deck. While participants wait their turn, they can purchase food from the Nature Coast Volunteers and participate in festivities to include potato sack races, egg races, face painting, arts and crafts stations and more.

For more information, call Bicentennial Park Pool at 352-795-1478 or Citrus County Parks & Recreation at 352-527-7540, or visit www.citruscountyparks.com.

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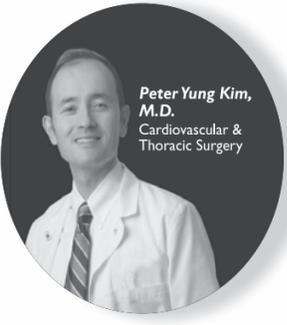
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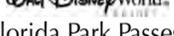
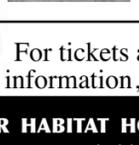
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Sniffs 'up to snuff'

Court says police don't have to prove dog training

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police don't have to extensively document the work of drug-sniffing dogs in the field to be able to use the results of their work in court, the Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday.

Instead, Justice Elena Kagan wrote for a unanimous court, courts should apply the same tests to dog sniffs they do when they look at other issues of whether police have probable cause to take an action.

"The question — similar to every inquiry into probable cause — is whether all the facts surrounding a dog's alert, viewed through the lens of common sense, would make a reasonably prudent person think that a search would reveal contraband or evidence of a crime," Kagan said. "A sniff is up to snuff when it meets that test."

The court's ruling overturns a decision by the Florida Supreme

Court in the case of Aldo, a drug-sniffing police dog used by the Liberty County sheriff.

Aldo was trained to detect methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, heroin and ecstasy, and alerted his officer to the scent of drugs on a truck during a 2006 traffic stop.

Instead of those drugs, a search of Clayton Harris' truck resulted in 200 loose pseudoephedrine pills, 8,000 matches, a bottle of hydrochloric acid, two containers of antifreeze and a coffee filter full of iodine crystals — all ingredients for making methamphetamine. Harris was arrested and charged with possessing pseudoephedrine for use in manufacturing methamphetamine. Two months later, Harris was stopped again. Aldo again alerted his officer to the presence of drugs, but none were found.

Harris asked the courts to throw out evidence showing drugs were found in his truck, saying Aldo's alert did not give police probable cause for a search.

The Florida justices agreed, saying the police officer lacked probable cause to search, arguing the officials' contention that a drug dog has been trained and certified to

detect narcotics was not enough to establish the dog's reliability in court. Instead, the Florida court said, police needed to present training and certification records, field performance records, explanation of those records, and evidence concerning the dog handler's experience and training.

Kagan said that went too far. "A finding of a drug-detection dog's reliability cannot depend on the state's satisfaction of multiple, independent evidentiary requirements," she said. "No more for dogs than for human informants is such an inflexible checklist the way to prove reliability, and thus establish probable cause."

Instead of depending on police performance logs — "Errors may abound in such records," Kagan noted — standard training and certification records from the dog's training are much more reliable, she said.

"The better measure of a dog's reliability thus comes away from the field, in controlled testing environments," she said. "For that reason, evidence of a dog's satisfactory performance in a certification or training program can itself provide sufficient reason to trust his alert."

DEATHS

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Robert Delesky, 75
PINE RIDGE

Robert Adam Delesky, 75, of Pine Ridge, died Feb. 18, 2013.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, at Fero Funeral Home. Funeral Service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at Fero Funeral Home.

Marcella Miller, 90
INVERNESS

Marcella M. Miller, 90, Inverness, died Feb. 18, 2013, in Hospice of Citrus County. Mrs. Miller was born Sept. 18, 1922, in Anna, Ill., to the late William and Ethel Bush and came to this area three years ago from Kansas City, Mo. She retired from the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, enjoyed playing the piano, working crossword puzzles, and traveling. Mrs. Miller was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Marcella is survived by her husband of 29 years, Charles Miller; two stepdaughters, Christine Giness and her husband, Robert of Roswell, Ga., Terest Haff of Lawrence, Kansas; and one stepson, Kenneth Miller of Mesa, Ariz. She lost a son, David Alan Archuleta, in 2008.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, from Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with the Rev. Greg Kell officiating. Interment will be at a later date. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday morning from 9 a.m. until the hour of service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

DEADLINE

■ Deadline is 3 p.m. for obituaries to appear in the next day's edition.

Robert Murphy, 68
OCALA

Robert J. Murphy, 68, of Ocala, died Feb. 8, 2013. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Thomas Johns, 50
HERNANDO

Thomas R. Johns, 50, of Hernando, died Feb. 12, 2013. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.



Frank McCray Jr., 69
OCALA

Frank McCray Jr., 69 of Ocala, died Feb. 16, 2013, while under the care of his loving family.

Celebration of life services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, at North Oak Baptist Church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. Citrus Springs, with Pastor Stan Stewart officiating. The family will receive friends at the church starting at 9 a.m. Fero Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

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■ Small photos of the deceased's face can be included for an additional charge.

Safe at training

Houston Astros outfielder J.D. Martinez (14) laughs Tuesday as he finishes his landing during a sliding drill with first-base coach Dave Clark (35) during spring training workouts at the Osceola County Stadium, Kissimmee.

KAREN WARREN/Houston Chronicle



Fla. hospitals push for Medicaid expansion

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida hospital executives warned they will be hit hard if the state does not expand Medicaid coverage under the federal health overhaul because hospitals will lose federal funding they've been relying on to care for uninsured patients. Florida hospitals spent more than \$2.8 billion caring for uninsured patients in 2011, hospital officials said Monday.

The Affordable Care Act will end some major federal funding streams to hospitals that cover large numbers of uninsured patients because the law assumes those patients will have insurance through Medicaid expansion or through state online health exchanges. But the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Medicaid expansion is optional for states, leaving Florida hospitals concerned they will be on the hook for huge bills with less money to pay for them than in the past.

"If Florida doesn't expand Medicaid, we're going to have the money taken out of one pocket, we just won't get it put back in the other," Tommy Inzina, chief administrative officer at BayCare Health System, said at a House meeting in Tallahassee on Monday.

The majority of the new enrollees would be childless adults. The federal government would pick up 100 percent of the cost of adding previously ineligible individuals for the first three years and 90 percent afterward. That's much more generous than the roughly 50 percent matching rate that federal health officials currently pay for Medicaid. State economists estimate about 80 percent of those eligible for coverage would apply, not the 100 percent that some lawmakers have warned.

Florida's state health agency estimated it will cost the state \$3 billion over the next decade to fund Medicaid expansion. Florida would receive about \$26 billion from the feds to pay for Medicaid expansion in the next decade, hospital officials said.

"That's just too much money on the table ... for Floridians to pass up," said Mark Robitaille, incoming president of the Florida Hospital Association.

Even if Florida expanded Medicaid, hospital executives said the amount of money hospitals will spend to finance the expansion and state health exchanges will be more than they expect to get back from both programs.

Gaetz wants explanations from insurers on PIP

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Key Florida lawmakers are running out of patience with the state's fraud-plagued no-fault motor vehicle insurance system that has cost policyholders hundreds of millions of dollars.

Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, told The Associated Press he isn't persuaded that reforms to the personal injury protection coverage passed last year have yielded lower premiums for ratepayers. The system is known by its acronym PIP.

"Frankly I'm disappointed in the PIP insurance companies," Gaetz said. "They promised savings. I want to know where the rate savings are."

Industry analysts say it's too early to tell what effect the new provisions, signed into law last May by Gov. Rick Scott, will have on cost savings.

"There is a heavy burden on them right now," said Gaetz, who doesn't believe a final decision on PIP will come in the

upcoming session. "I don't think the insurance companies have come through like they said they would come through."

However, it is unlikely Scott or lawmakers will want to face disgruntled voters in 2014 without doing something on an issue that has eluded resolution for years.

Florida motorists have been required to buy no-fault PIP coverage since 1972 to make sure anyone injured in a crash gets money to treat their injuries without delay. A driver's insurance company is required to pay up to \$10,000 for medical bills and lost wages no matter who is at fault.

The new measure was largely designed to crack down on the rampant fraud that has haunted PIP in recent years, most notably in the Tampa and Miami areas.

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HARNESS STRENGTHS

Citrus County has untapped resources

The reality of the closing of the nuclear plant at the Crystal River energy site is beginning to set in.

The loss of jobs and local tax dollars is very real, but the community has no choice but to suck it up and go on.

County Commission Chairman Joe Meek said it well last week in a guest column in the *Chronicle's* Sunday Commentary section. Citrus County has a lot of strengths and we are going to have to depend on them to move forward.

Progress Energy President Alex Glenn visited with the *Chronicle* editorial board last week and said it would take a number of years to wind down the activities at the troubled nuclear facility. He noted that Progress still has four coal plants operating at the Crystal River energy site and that the two proposed nuclear plants for south Levy County are still on the company drawing board.

Progress is still an important player in our community. As Meek noted, Citrus County has strengths. This is a beautiful place that is just beginning to develop its tourism personality. We have great public and private schools, a college in Lecanto and lots of hard working people.

The community is safe; traffic is not a problem and our health care system offers consumers many options. The quality of life in Citrus County is high, but we have not done a great job of letting others know that.

While energy has been the backbone of our local economy and the power company paid 26 percent of local taxes, things are going to slowly change. As Meek noted, we shouldn't get depressed about it, we should accept it as the next step in defining

who we are.

There are some important things we should be accomplishing that would make us a more attractive community from an economic development standpoint.

We need to again push the state to complete the next extension of the Sun-coast Parkway project. Good interstate transportation is critical to growing jobs.

Developing a tourism strategic plan that focuses on our eco-tourism strengths will make us more attractive to this growing segment of visitors.

Offering stronger support to our economic development council. While our EDC is much improved, its budget is still one of the smallest in Florida.

Make sure our education system is in alignment with the needs of business and that it is flexible enough to change when new job opportunities become available.

Make sure we are listening to existing businesses and industries that want to expand in our area. What are their needs and how can we become partners as opposed to adversaries?

Dig deep on the proposed medical corridor in Lecanto. This cooperative project could greatly improve health care options in the region, and grow the right kind of job opportunities at the same time.

Move forward on the improvement plans in both Inverness and Crystal River. As we should know, when business and industry come to a town they want to see an active center of commerce and night life.

There is a lot of work to be done going forward. As Chairman Meek noted, our county has the ingredients for success. We just need the leadership and passion to move us ahead.

THE ISSUE:

Transcend our economic troubles.

OUR OPINION:

A time for leadership.

Enterprise Florida needs review

Until 1996 Florida had a Department of Commerce managing economic development. Starting in '92 it began to be privatized, under former Gov. Lawton Chiles, into a public-private partnership called Enterprise Florida. According to a 1992 profile of Enterprise Florida in Florida Trend, the organization would enable select corporations to be part of "a new power elite in Florida business" that would enjoy "warm relations with the Chiles administration."

The Florida Trend article describes how the Chiles administration solicited confidential donations of as much as \$150,000 from 10 select corporate donors for Enterprise Florida and how the entity was designed to "dilute the influence of Tallahassee's traditional business lobbyists — especially those who are hostile to the governor." From the start of Enterprise Florida there have been concerns about its built-in conflicts of interest, exemptions from Florida's sunshine laws and the public benefit of outsourcing the state's economic development policy.

Under Gov. Rick Scott, the state's economic development operations have been moving back into government with the



Dan Krassner
FLORIDA VOICES

reestablishment of a Secretary of Commerce, who also serves as head of Enterprise Florida, and a new Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Enterprise Florida remains in existence through a monopoly, no-bid contract with DEO.

This year, Enterprise Florida is seeking an increase from \$111 million to \$278 million for economic development subsidies to give to a handful of companies who promise to keep or add Florida jobs. But shouldn't every Florida business matter? Should Florida lawmakers allow Enterprise Florida to continue to give away our money as subsidies to a handful of corporations that may not hire any of the 749,000 jobless Floridians?

In a stunning admission from Enterprise Florida's chief operating officer in front of a legislative committee in Tallahassee, the organization is unable to assure that the money it receives from Florida taxpayers is being used to hire Floridians.

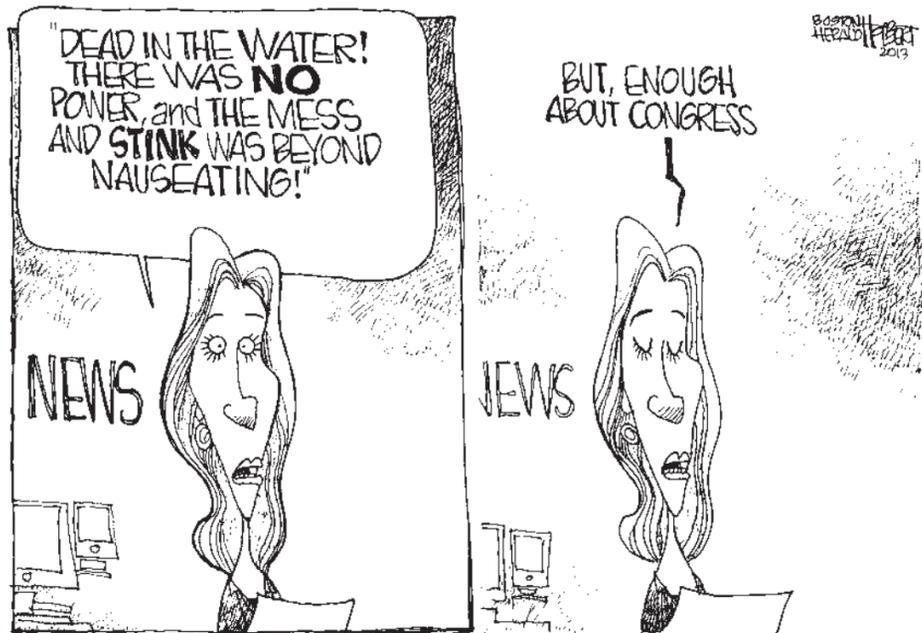
Integrity Florida partnered with Americans for Prosperity on a research report titled "Enterprise Florida: Economic Development or Corporate Welfare?" We documented Enterprise Florida's apparent conflicts of interest, the ap-

pearance of a pay-to-play scheme for winning favorable treatment and its repeated practice of picking winners and losers in the marketplace through target industries, potential favoritism, and selective incentive deals.

Floridians have entrusted Enterprise Florida with significant public resources to deliver high-quality job creation results, yet the organization has failed to accomplish its goals. Our report found that Enterprise Florida has failed to deliver half of its original job creation goal and is not meeting its legislative requirement of fifty percent funding from the private sector. Presently, more than 85 percent of Enterprise Florida funding comes from taxpayers.

Despite writing defensive rebuttals, Enterprise Florida has yet to point to any inaccuracies in our research, including a second report we published in April 2012. We would like to see Enterprise Florida answer the questions raised in our reports. The taxpayers of Florida deserve better than the secrecy and lack of accountability exhibited by Enterprise Florida.

Dan Krassner is executive director of Integrity Florida, a nonpartisan research institute and government watchdog whose mission is to promote integrity in government and expose public corruption.



LETTER to the Editor

Adams right to question spending

After reading about (the Feb. 12) BOCC meeting in the *Citrus County Chronicle*, I felt compelled to write. I am not an eloquent person, nor politically charged. I am an average Citrus County citizen who doesn't understand why this BOCC allowed our budget to get into this predicament.

I am certainly glad Scott Adams is on the board. He has every right to ask about those two Tauruses, and not allowing Brad Thorpe to cover up that an order was in the works to begin with. I don't agree with Joe Meek that it doesn't matter now that the order was cancelled — I want to know why Brad Thorpe thought this purchase was necessary enough to start the ball rolling in the first place.

I don't understand that someone in his position didn't come up with an alternative plan at much less expense. For example, all support staff can use their own vehicles and be reimbursed for mileage and gas. I, like Scott Adams, have lost confidence in our county administrator, and I am quickly losing confidence in our incumbent commissioners.

Our county government has known for months that there were big issues brewing with Duke/Progress Energy. Why did someone think it was a good idea to purchase more vehicles? Anyone who does not have their finger on the pulse of the budget issues in our county — including the unde-

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niable fact we could all see the possibility of our Duke/Progress Energy issue coming from a long time ago — does not belong in a top county government position.

Scott Adams' actions may be unorthodox to our current commissioners. But if unorthodox is what is going to get attention drawn to where attention needs to be drawn, then I'm all for it.

I also know that looking for frivolous spending is just part

of the solution. We do need more business attracted to our area. But we cannot choose to do one without the other.

That's the only way we are going to get out of this mess — we have to do both, and it seems our incumbent commissioners only want to focus on gaining more business. More business is not a bad thing — but we also have to cut the out-of-control spending so we can survive until the new business is realized. Those two Tauruses amount to a drop in the bucket of our problems. But too many drops turn into a puddle, and it keeps growing until you are up a creek, like us.

Ganging up on Scott Adams because he is asking questions and doesn't have all the answers on budget cutting isn't getting us anywhere. Why is it that he seems to be the only commissioner who is actually trying to cut the budget? This budget issue has been known for months — maybe years. I feel the rest of the board should also be looking for budget cuts, asking questions, and calling out those in the county government who are not practicing sound business judgment, especially during a crisis.

We don't need those kinds of people making our county's business decisions.

We can no longer afford those kinds of people making our county's business decisions.

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 Crystal River

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I would like to give a suggestion to the person looking for books that are 25 cents or less, who is an avid reader who reads two books per week, that they might get a library card. In my opinion, the library system in Citrus County is wonderful and there is no limit to how many books you may check out per week. And if you want to order any book, they will call you when they have it in. If they are not able to obtain a library card, which may be the case at this time, the library also has a paperback book exchange, which is done on the honor system. It is not regulated. And I might also suggest that when they are through with their books, that they return them to the library or Friends of the Library or to the gracious person who called in and offered them to shop in their garage for free for books, or at the Hospice or any other charity.



chair signs are made bigger. They make bigger spots so wheelchairs can load and unload safely without damaging nearby cars. With so many handicapped spaces, it's sad people with back and heart problems have to use these spaces made for wheelchair patients. I watch people park in and out of these spaces and walk all around Walmart and other stores. It seems to be no problem walking then. Be thankful you have two legs to walk on, and let people that can't use these spots.

Thanks for return

I was shopping at Bealls Outlet in Homosassa on Friday afternoon, Feb. 8, in the late afternoon and I lost my watch and I would just like to thank the person who turned it in. Her name is Marlene and I just wanted to tell the person I am very grateful and thank you very much.

It's all bad for you

Thank goodness Progress Energy shut down their dangerous nuclear power plant. But now what's to be done with the nuclear waste? Do you know some companies are trying to recycle it into manufactured goods? Can you imagine buying household goods that have nuclear waste? I mean you can't get rid of that radioactivity. And now they're talking about getting a plant here in Citrus County to use natural gas. You know how they're getting that now? By fracking. By drilling in the earth through all kinds of poisons, starting earthquakes, poisoning people's water. Just ask people in Pennsylvania what they think of fracking and all this great natural gas. That's not a good answer, either. That hurts the environment a lot, too.

Bad attitudes

I live on Turner Camp Road. A vehicle pulling a small boat on one of these little trailers with the small tires, blew the tire, and the tire all tore apart, laying out here in about four pieces. Very obviously the trailer couldn't go very far. But do you think anybody would pick up that debris behind them? No. What an attitude people have got.

Handicapped spots

I'd like to respond to the "Handicapped explanation" Sound Off on Sunday (Feb. 10). First, why is the wheelchair sign on just a few handicapped signs? If it were for all handicapped people to use, then why (is) there not a wheelchair on every sign? These wheel-

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LETTER to the Editor

Be part of the solution

Commentary on the article printed Jan. 26, 2013, "What water shortage?" I read, with hopeful interest, the indignation felt by Mr. John Chambers over the handling of our water affairs by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). I do agree that many of the policies/programs instituted by SWFWMD seem to fly in the face of logic. Mr. Chambers made many valid points; however, he finished his comments by stating until SWFWMD can justify its policies, he will "continue to use water as I see necessary." It appears that a change

of attitudes needs to take place on both sides of the fence. Regardless of the wasteful policies of SWFWMD, we, as individuals/households, must change our attitudes and practices concerning our own personal water usage. The majority of private water usage continues to be wasted on our lawns and landscaping. Much of our neighbors' lawns, foliage and landscaping in Florida consists of non-native/water-guzzling plants. Unfortunately, we have wasted thousands of dollars on these nonviable so-called lawn paradises. The worst reason to continue an established practice is to believe, "Well, we've always done

it this way." Changing our personal/household habits is a better first step forward to preserve our dwindling water resources. Sooner rather than later, there will be no fresh water left at the current rates of consumption. And then, our lawns may be green and our cars may be clean, but access to clean and potable water will only come from a plastic bottle. Our water will become so precious, it will cost us more than we can afford. We're all in this together and we can change together for the better. Don't be a part of the problem. Our household has discontinued all lawn and plant irrigation for almost

two years now. Most of the plants seem to be adapting just fine with only Mother Nature's help, even in these times of diminished natural rainfall. Those that have not survived will be replaced with hearty native Florida foliage. It's a start! We have also, eliminated the harmful lawn fertilization services that contribute to the nitrate pollution leaking into our surface rivers and groundwater sources. I, personally, sleep better at night. So, wake up citizens. It does start with us. Please, be part of the solution.

Jeffrey Selvaggio
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Nation BRIEFS

Block fire



Associated Press
In this image taken from video Tuesday from KCTV, firefighters battle a massive fire at Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo.

Crash into gas main sparks fire

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A car crashed into a gas main Tuesday evening in an upscale Kansas City shopping district, sparking a massive blaze that engulfed an entire block and caused multiple injuries, police said.

Police spokeswoman Rhonda Flores said it appeared that a car crashed into a gas main near a restaurant at 6:03 p.m. Flores said the car crash appeared to have been accidental.

The shopping area was established in 1922 by J.C. Nichols. Based on the architecture of Seville, Spain, it includes retail, restaurants, apartments and offices.

Shooting spree leaves 4 dead

TUSTIN, Calif. — A violent rampage that left four dead in suburban Orange County began in the pre-dawn hours Tuesday when a 20-year-old killed a woman in his home and sped away in his parents' car, authorities said.

An hour later, it was over — but not before Ali Syed had killed two more people during carjackings, shot up vehicles on a busy freeway interchange and left three others injured in a trail of carnage that stretched across 25 miles.

One driver was forced from his BMW at a stop sign, marched to a curb and shot in the back of the head as other commuters watched in horror.

Syed later killed himself. He lived with his parents at the Ladera Ranch residence where the first victim, an unidentified woman in her 20s, was slain, Tustin police Chief Scott Jordan said. He was unemployed, taking one class at a local community college, Jordan said.

Family seeks answers in death

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — A lawyer for the family of a man with Down syndrome who died while being escorted from a movie theater says the grieving family is seeking answers after the death, which was ruled a homicide.

Twenty-six-year-old Robert Ethan Saylor died Jan. 12 after security guards tried to remove him from a Maryland theater where he had finished watching a movie and was refusing to leave. Joseph Espo, an attorney representing the family, said Tuesday the family is still in shock.

The sheriff's office previously said Saylor resisted arrest and was handcuffed as he was led out. Saylor then began having what officials described as a medical emergency. He was taken to a hospital, where he died.

Officials said Friday the state medical examiner's office had ruled the death a homicide.

—From wire reports

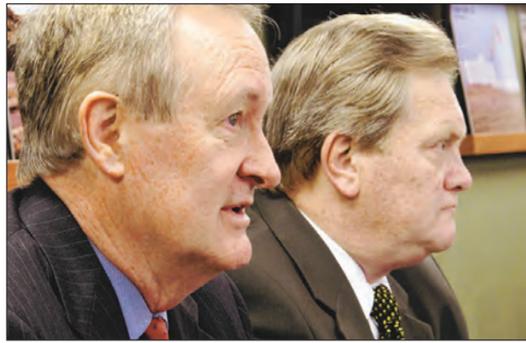
Fiscal countdown

Automatic spending cuts loom soon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ten days before a new deadline for broad, automatic government spending cuts, the sense of urgency that surrounded other recent fiscal crises is absent. Government agencies are preparing to absorb an \$85 billion hit to their budgets, and politicians, at least for now, seem willing to accept the consequences.

President Barack Obama, back from a Florida golfing weekend,



Associated Press
U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, right, and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, discuss the federal deficit and looming budget cuts Tuesday in Boise, Idaho.

warned Tuesday that “people will lose their jobs” if Congress doesn’t act. But lawmakers weren’t in session to hear his appeal, and they aren’t coming back to

work until next week. Still dividing the two sides are sharp differences over whether tax increases, which Obama wants and Republicans

oppose, should be part of a budget deal.

Obama cautioned that if the immediate spending cuts — known as sequestration — occur, the full range of government will feel the effects. Among those he listed: furloughed FBI agents, reductions in spending for communities to pay police, firefighters and teachers, and decreased ability to respond to threats around the world.

“So far at least, the ideas that the Republicans have proposed ask nothing of the wealthiest Americans or the biggest corporations,” Obama said at a White House event against a backdrop of firefighters and other emergency personnel.

No snooze for youths



Associated Press
Black bears are seen inside an 8-acre forested enclosure, Oct. 28, 2012, in Lyme, N.H. Ben Kilham is the state's only licensed bear rehabilitator. Typically he cares for three to five black bear cubs each winter. But when a bad year for feeding followed a good one for breeding, he ended up with 27 orphaned bears to take care of for the winter.

Lively orphaned bears keep NH rehabilitator hopping

Associated Press

LYME, N.H. — When a bad year for feeding followed a good one for breeding, New Hampshire's only licensed bear rehabilitator ended up with 27 orphaned cubs instead of the usual three or four.

Ben Kilham isn't losing any sleep over it, but the bears sure are.

“They’ve managed to keep themselves awake,” he said. “There’s always somebody who stirs up somebody else, and pretty soon, everybody’s up.”

Kilham keeps the cubs in an 8-acre enclosed forest behind his house until spring, when he works with the state Fish and Game Department to release them in remote locations. Normally, the bears sleep all winter, but not this bunch. For a while, Kilham tried withholding food in hopes that the bears would sleep,



Associated Press
Ben Kilham is seen with a bear cub May 12, 2012, inside his enclosure.

but that didn't work. “They just roto-tilled the pen,” he said. “It was obvious that they were seeking food, so we just gave up and started going back once a day feeding them.”

Staying awake all winter won't hurt the bears any, he said, and if anything, they are better off having spent the winter in a large group. With just a few cubs, it was

common for one to pace back and forth near the fence, Kilham said. But none of the current cubs are showing that kind of anxiety.

“They’re just one big happy family, they roam around, play with each other,” he said. “They are very, very happy as a big social unit.”

The increase in orphaned cubs can be traced to a two-year swing in the bears' food supply. Younger female bears often don't give birth during leaner years, but with an abundance of beechnuts, berries and other food in 2011, there was a baby boom. In 2012, however, dry conditions meant food was scarce, and bears were forced to venture into backyards for food. Sows that foraged for food in chicken coops and beehives ended up getting shot by property owners, leaving the cubs behind. That's how 16 of the 27 cubs ended up with Kilham.

UN: Drones killed more Afghan civilians in 2012

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The number of U.S. drone strikes in Afghanistan rose sharply last year compared with 2011, the United Nations said Tuesday. The increase was a sign that unmanned aircraft are taking a greater role as Americans try to streamline the fight against insurgents while preparing to withdraw combat forces in less than two years.

Drones have become a major source of contention between the U.S. and countries like Pakistan, where covert strikes on militant leaders have drawn condemnation and allegations of sovereignty infringements as family



Associated Press
A U.S. Predator drone flies over the moon Jan. 31, 2010, above Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan. The number of U.S. drone strikes in Afghanistan jumped 72 percent in 2012, killing at least 16 civilians in a sharp increase from the previous year, the U.N. said Tuesday.

members and other bystanders are killed.

They have not been a prominent issue in Afghanistan, however. While drone attacks have

occurred, they have largely been in support of ground troops during operations and have not been singled out by President Hamid Karzai's ad-

ministration in its campaign against international airstrikes.

The steep rise in the number of weapons fired from unmanned aerial aircraft — the formal term for drones — raises the possibility that may change as U.S. forces become more dependent on such attacks to fight al-Qaida and other insurgents as combat missions are due to end by the end of 2014.

The U.N. mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said 506 weapons were released by drones in 2012, compared with 294 the previous year. Five incidents resulted in casualties with 16 civilians killed and three wounded, up from just one incident in 2011.

World BRIEFS



SOURCE: ESRI AP

\$50M diamonds stolen in Belgium

BRUSSELS — When the armored car set off for the Brussels airport carrying \$50 million worth of precious stones from Antwerp's diamond district, eight gunmen knew all about it.

About 20 minutes before the flight's scheduled 8:05 p.m. departure, the robbers hid in a construction site outside the airport fence. Then they apparently cut through the fence and, in two black cars with blue police lights flashing, drove onto the tarmac, speeding straight to where the armored car had just finished transferring the diamonds to the plane.

Dressed in dark police clothing and hoods, the thieves whipped out machine guns and stopped the pilots and the transport security crew in their tracks.

Embarrassed airport officials were left to explain how thieves could so smoothly get in, stage a robbery and make a clean getaway. Diamond industry officials who pride themselves on the security of their trade were equally mortified.

Ireland sorry for nun-run laundries

DUBLIN — Ireland's premier has issued a state apology to the thousands of Irish women who spent years working without pay in prison-style laundries run by Catholic nuns.

Former residents of the now-defunct Magdalene Laundries have campaigned for the past decade to get the government to apologize and pay compensation to an estimated 1,000 survivors of the work-houses.

Two weeks ago, the Irish government published an investigation into the state's role in overseeing the laundries. It found more than 10,000 women worked in 10 laundries from 1922 to 1996, when the last Dublin facility closed down.

8 arrested in slaying in Russia

MOSCOW — Zooming around in a Rolls Royce and boasting of ties to Chechnya's strongman ruler, Mikhail Pakhomov didn't live the life of the average provincial Russian lawmaker. He didn't die the death of one, either.

Pakhomov, 37, a councilman from the industrial city of Lipetsk, 215 miles south of Moscow, was found beaten to a pulp at the bottom of a barrel of cement Monday after what investigators say was a business deal gone wrong — and a kidnapping that went even worse.

Evgeny Kharitonov, a former senior official in the Moscow regional government, was arrested at a Moscow airport Monday and charged with organizing Pakhomov's kidnapping over an \$80 million debt.

Four other men are charged with the murder-kidnapping, and another three with a related theft.

—From wire reports



Mikhail Pakhomov
 Russian lawmaker.

■ FSU, UF, Miami men's basketball all in action Tuesday night./B5



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Legends track meet a sprinting success

Inaugural event gets off to a stunning start as young and old participate

JAMES BLEVINS
Correspondent

Among the snapping cold wind that pulled at finish-line tents and warm up suits alike, several groups of people — men and women young and old, from as many as seven different high

schools; graduates as recent as last year and as far back as 1977 — met on the Lecanto track to relive the glory days of their youth or, for some fresh-eyed newcomers, to see what the future might hold for them if they were to participate in a special little sport called track and field.

Nostalgia was very much on hand Saturday for the inaugural Nature Coast Legends of the Spring track and field meet, but the air was also alive with the pure joy of athletic competition and the desire to test one's limits and push oneself past private finish lines.

High school track Thursday

■ Lecanto High School's Tuesday night track and field meet ran late. See Thursday's *Chronicle* for the story.

The event was broken into three different "mini-meets." The Future Legends meet started in the early morning for grades 7-12, followed by the Legends All-Comers meet consisting of pre-K to sixth-grade students. The Masters and Open meet started at 1 p.m.

and was broken into three divisions: Elite (Class of 2012 graduates to age 33), Primetime (ages 34-48) and Classic (ages 49 and up).

Athletes from across the Nature Coast were encouraged to participate in the meet, and the event even drew a few from outside the region. A total of eight high schools were represented on the day: Lecanto, Crystal

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Grinding one out

Lecanto boys blank Citrus

Panthers shut out 'Canes in rematch

JAMES BLEVINS
Correspondent

LECANTO — The first time these two county rival boys tennis teams met each other this season, it was close, with plenty of room for either team to have walked away with the victory. In their first meeting, the Citrus Hurricanes (2-2 record) claimed victory over the Lecanto Panthers 4-3 in both teams' season opener.

Lecanto (2-2 record) removed all doubt Tuesday afternoon as they hosted and decisively shut out Citrus 7-0.

Lecanto's No. 1 singles player Rishi Gurnani continued his dominance in the county by shutting out Citrus' Kyle Everett in their second meeting 6-0, 6-0.

Gurnani, last year's *Chronicle* Boys Tennis Player of the Year, has yet to lose a match to a county competitor.

Sam Alford won his match for Lecanto with equal dominance in the No. 2 match by blanking Citrus' Grey Pospiech 6-0, 6-0.

In No. 3 singles play, Lecanto's Lloyd Justo downed Citrus' Michael Hetland 6-0, 6-4.

Lecanto's Dale Eastmond and Dhruv Patel cleaned up in the No. 4 and 5 singles matches, defeating both Citrus' Brady Hayes (6-2, 6-4) and Joe Kelly (6-4, 6-2) in straight sets.

The No. 1 doubles match between Lecanto's Gurnani and Alford against Citrus' Hetland and Everett saw the Panthers winning the pro set 8-2.

Panther duo Eastmond and Justo claimed the No. 2 doubles match as well, winning the pro set 8-4 over Citrus' Hayes and Kelly.

Despite the win, Eastmond and Justo struggled to earn the final point in the meet after Hayes and Kelly drew even at 4-4 and battled it out for a while before Lecanto put the match out of reach.

"It was really just unforced errors (on our part)," Eastmond said. "The wind didn't help."

Lecanto head coach Jack Hall was impressed with the poise his team demonstrated against a county rival.

"They split with them this year," Hall said. "We're going to have to wait 'til districts before we know which way it leans towards the county championship. It's still up in the air for whoever practices the hardest and wants it the most."

Citrus hosts Lake Weir at 4 p.m. Thursday while Lecanto travels to Ocala to face Columbia at 3:45 p.m. Friday.



Photos by STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Citrus junior Melanie Dodd, left, defeated Lecanto's Amber Gamble, right, 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match between the Hurricanes and Panthers on Tuesday afternoon at Citrus High School. Lecanto got the final word, though, snagging a 4-3 team win.

No. 2 singles match proves decisive in Lecanto's 4-3 victory at Citrus

JAMES BLEVINS
Correspondent

INVERNESS — The girls tennis match between the Citrus Hurricanes and the Lecanto Panthers was close Tuesday evening as the two county rivals met for the first time this season. It was as tightly contested as both teams hoped and expected it to be.

With every match finished except for No. 2 singles, the meet was tied up at 3-3 before Lecanto's Madison Gamble nabbed the final point over Citrus' Paige Jordan to push the Panthers (4-1 record) past the Lady 'Canes 4-3 for the meet win.

"I'm proud of my girls," Lecanto head coach Sammie Hall said. "They came out here and played hard."

Citrus head coach Scott Waters was equally enthusiastic with how his young team performed against a county rival.

"I kind of figured it was going to be 4-3 coming in here," Waters said. "I just wasn't sure who was going to walk away with the four."

Citrus (4-1 record) is in a rebuilding period this season as the team saw many of its top players graduate last year.

"I've got a young team," Waters said. "We don't have any seniors. It's a young squad and the only one to come back (of

my top five) was my No. 1."

Citrus' No. 1 Melanie Dodd defeated Lecanto's Amber Gamble decisively in singles play 6-0, 6-2. Dodd is currently undefeated this season with a 5-0 record.

Madison Gamble claimed the win in No. 2 singles over Citrus' Paige Jordan 6-1, 6-0 for Lecanto's match-winning point.

In No. 3 singles play, Lecanto's Simi Shah won 6-1, 6-4 over Citrus' Hunter Pospiech.

Lecanto's Megan Jervis defeated Citrus' Juliann Johnson 6-4, 6-2 in No. 4 singles while Citrus' Leah Stanley edged out Lecanto's Andrea Dela

Cruz 6-1, 7-6 (3) in the second set to decide the No. 5 seeded match.

In doubles play, the No. 1 Lecanto pair of Gamble and Jordan won the first set 6-2 but the 'Canes split the match (7-5) and pushed a third set, which they won 6-3.

Lecanto's Shah and Jervis dominated Citrus' Pospiech and Johnson in No. 2 doubles action, winning 6-1, 6-2 in straight sets.

The Panthers play 4:45 p.m. Thursday against Gainesville while Citrus travels to Lake Weir for a 2:30 p.m. match Thursday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Atkinson's dream night spurs Panthers

Lecanto senior catcher Amber Atkinson went 4 for 5 with two grand slams and 11 RBIs in the

Panthers' wild 17-15 victory at Wildwood on Tuesday night.

Atkinson, the 2012 *Chronicle* Softball Player of the Year, also tripled and the two bases-loaded home runs are a Panthers' single-

game record. Kelsey Lilley added three hits for Lecanto.

The Panthers' Lily Parrish, Amber Russo, Amber Hopkins, Sidney Holstein and Paige Richards each had two hits.

Danielle Yant pitched a complete game for Lecanto to pick up the win.

The Panthers (1-0 overall) play Thursday at Ocala Vanguard.

Rays' Rodney looking to build on resume from 2012



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays closer Fernando Rodney saved 48 games and posted an ERA of 0.60 in his first season with the St. Petersburg-based team.

Tampa Bay closer has record year for team

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE — Fernando Rodney chuckles and shrugs his shoulders at the suggestion that regardless of the way he pitches the rest of his career, he may never replicate the success he enjoyed last season.

The Tampa Bay closer set a major league record for ERA by a relief pitcher in 2012, when he rebounded from a disappointing pair of seasons with the Los Angeles Angels to convert 48 of

50 save opportunities and finish with a 0.60 ERA in his first year with the Rays.

Besides ranking second in the majors in saves behind Jim Johnson's 51 for Baltimore, the 35-year-old was a first-time All-Star, topped the big leagues in save percentage and set career highs for appearances and strikeouts.

Rodney knows even if he continues to pitch well in 2013, he may not come close to matching those numbers again.

"It's going to be like Pujols hit .285 and 30 homers. They say it's a bad year for him," Rodney said Tuesday.

"You're going to see that same Fernando Rodney physically and mentally. I'm going to try," he added. "If something similar happens to what happened last year, that's great. I'm going to work hard and do my best, and we'll see what happens. ... But I'm not going to

“You’re going to see that same (me) physically and mentally.”

Fernando Rodney
 Rays relief pitcher on the expectations surrounding his 2012 breakout season.

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Keep your head down



Special to the Chronicle

A simple drill will help a golfer aspiring to improve to not top the ball when striking.

Keep head of golf club, not head on your shoulders, down

MARY SLINKARD
Special to the Chronicle

Imagine this scenario ... you wake up early on a Wednesday morning looking forward to a fun day at the golf course. After preparing your cup of coffee, you head to the computer to check the weather forecast.

The local forecast for Citrus County calls for a high of 78 degrees, sunny, and hardly any wind. What a perfect day for golf; life is good! You just can't wait to get to the golf course. In fact, for a change, you arrive at the course earlier than usual to warm up on the range.

The first few shots are pretty good and then it gets ugly. You have topped 10 shots in a row when the guy next to you on the range offers some unsolicited advice.

"You are raising your head. Keep your head down and you will get the ball in the air!"

Out of desperation, you take his advice. You continue topping the ball, hitting wormburner after wormburner. You continue trying to "keep your head down." Not one shot is getting in the air. What started out as a great day is slowly turning into a "golf nightmare."

So much for keeping your head down. So, how is that working for you?

There seems to have been some miscommunication here. Perhaps you misunderstood your buddy when he suggested for you to keep your head down longer. You assumed he meant the head on the top of your shoulders. However, he meant the head of the golf club. We all know what happens when we assume!

I am also going to give you some free advice: Trying to hold your head down will not help you get the ball in the air. The truth is the head of the club should be moving down-

wards when it gets to the ball, not upwards.

"Topping the ball" is caused from the clubhead moving upwards as it reaches the ball. Your goal should be to strike the ball and then take a divot. Where your club contacts the ground is very important. If you are topping the ball frequently, try this drill on the driving range to get the ball in the air:

Place a tee in the ground an inch or two in front of the golf ball. Your goal will be to clip that tee out of the ground after contacting the ball. You will notice that if you top the ball, the tee will still be there. Practice until you can keep the clubhead lower through impact and knock the tee out of the ground.

Remember, keep the clubhead low after contacting the ball. You will have a lot more fun! The next time you hear someone say, "keep your head down," it will have a whole new meaning.

Irishmen friends, now foes

Compatriots grew up together

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Shane Lowry had not thought much about the Irish Open until he saw the picture posted this week on Twitter:

The celebration was an Irish version of when Francis Ouimet won the 1913 U.S. Open as an amateur at Brookline. Lowry was a 22-year-old amateur at County Louth in 2009

when he holed a 2-foot putt in a playoff to beat Robert Rock. He dropped the putter and raised his arms in one motion, bounced on his feet and thrust his arms forward. He rushed into the arms of his caddie as hundreds of fans — parents, cousins, everyone — swarmed him on the green.

The picture brought to mind a glorious day in his past — and a daunting challenge in his immediate future.

In the middle of that wild scene was Rory McIlroy, brown curls spilling out from under his golf cap, shaking a bottle of champagne to douse

Lowry.

"It was unbelievable," McIlroy recalled Tuesday. "Amateur comes in, virtually unheard of, and plays great in the conditions, and the celebration at the end when he beat Robert Rock in the playoff was pretty special."

Their past includes more than dreary afternoon in the rain at Baltray. They practically grew up together in Irish amateur golf, both the best in their respective age groups, and they were foursomes partners on the Irish team that won the European Team Championships in 2007.

The future is Wednesday at Dove Mountain.

McIlroy, already a two-time major champion at 23, is the No. 1 player in the world and the top seed in the Match Play Championship. Thanks to a peculiar series of events over the last two weeks, his opponent in the first round will be Lowry.

"Who would have thought a few years ago, playing in the European Team Championships at Western Gables, that we'd be playing in the first round of the Match Play here in a few years' time," McIlroy said. "It's pretty cool to think where we've come from."

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Associated Press

Rory McIlroy prepares to tee off the 10th hole Tuesday during a practice round for the Match Play Golf Championship in Marana, Ariz.

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Mike Mitchell
Closest to the pin:
No. 2 Lou De Gennaro
No. 4 Robert Haden
50/50 winner Angelo Deyeso
On Feb. 9, Saturday Morning Scramble results.
First
Bob Myers, L.T. Schull,
Irv Rayburn, Nel Lamoreaux
Second
Rick Urban, Pete Krol
Larry Lietzke, Mike O'Donoghue
Third
Frank Hughes, Jerry Knowles,
Chuck Boho, Dennis Ronk
Closest to the pin:
No. 2 Jim Pearson
No. 4 Bob Staker
On Feb. 10, Sunday Morning Scramble results.
First
Don Oslance, Ann Mc Laughlin
Dave McLaughlin, Jim Pearson
Second
Vaughn Thornton,
Jennie Diaz and Bob Smith
Third
Chuck Curtis, Herm Gardner,

George Batson and John Fish
Closest to the pin:
No. 2 Dennis Ronk
No. 4 Bob Staker
On Feb. 11, Monday Morning Men's Group results.
First Bob Flegel +4
Second Charlie Kuntz
(MOC) Par No. 6
Most over quota +3
Tony Longo
Closest to the pin:
No. 2 Charlie Kuntz
No. 4 Tony Longo
On Feb. 12, the Beverly Hills Men's Nine Hole Golf League results from Brentwood Farms G.C.
Vern Bishop 32
Bill Collier 34
Gene Gorczyca 35
Closest to the pin:
Gene Gorczyca
Golfers of any age or ability, snowbirds, and those new to the Citrus County area are welcome to join in for a friendly round of nine holes of handicap golf: we play at 7:45 a.m. Tuesdays at Brentwood Farms Golf Course. For information, call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800 or email new216@tampabay.rr.com.

CITRUS HILLS

MEN
On Feb. 13, the Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association On The Oaks Golf Course played "Low Gross Front / Low Net Back."
First -5
Paul Perregaux, Luis Battistini,
Waldo Ortega and Jim Kopka
Second -4

Don Morrison, Vic Jarnick,
Dave Hetherington and Dave O'Brien
Third -1 (MOC)
WA Pace, Rod Pavilionis,
John Daley and Dick Olsen

CITRUS SPRINGS

MEN
On Feb. 9, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played 3 best balls.
First 198
Jerry Feher, Doug Simons, Dave Balas and Glen Robertson
Second 200
Pete Clutter, Russ Woodworth, Rocky Marziana and Spitz
Closest to the pin:
No. 4 Russ Woodworth
No. 8 Don Gonczl
No. 11 Bob Hunt
No. 14 Glen Robertson
No. 16 Bob Malloy
On Feb. 12, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played 2 Best Balls on the front and 3 Best Balls on the back.
First 150
Bill Curry, John Vanzo,
Bob Hunt and Jerry Feher
Second 157
Don Gonczl, Dave Balas and Bob Malloy
Third 158
Walt Norton, Harvey Jenkins,
Woody Miner and Bob Geci (blind)
Closest to the pin:
No. 4 Dave Balas
No. 8 Dave Balas
No. 11 John Vanzo
No. 14 Bill Curry
No. 16 Bob Hunt

On Feb. 14, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played 3 Best Balls on Par 4's, 2 Best Balls on Par 5's and 1 Best Ball on Par 3's.
First 150
Bill Curry, Dave Balas, Woody Miner and Glen Robertson
Second 151
Bob Geci, Bill Ernest, John Lycke and Leon Smith
Third 152
Jerry Feher, Russ Woodworth, John Vanzo and Walt Norton
Closest to the pin:
No. 4 Bob Geci
No. 8 Ed Starling
No. 11 Jerry Feher
No. 14 Pete Clutter
No. 16 Russ Woodworth

WOMEN

On Feb. 15, Points Quota League, "Chicks with Sticks" results.
Ginny Hearn +5
Mary McConnell +5
Sue Strobl +5
May Forsythe +4
Leanne Feher +4
Pat Doing +3
Noreen Elliott +3
Amy Thomas +3
Marcie Marcus +1
Linda Miller +1
Closest to the pin:
No. 8 Sue Strobl
No. 11 Marj Sibley
No. 16 Ginny Hearn
"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets Friday mornings at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Carole at 352-746-2082 or

Jan at 352-344-9550.

LAKESIDE

WOMEN
On Feb. 14, the LakeSide Ladies Points Quota League results:
Carole Seifert +14
Pam Atkinson +3
Jean O'Brien +3
Closest to the pin:
No. 2 Mary McConnell
No. 8 Carole Seifert
No. 15 Jean O'Brien
LakeSide Ladies Points Quota League meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays and is now open to all area ladies. No membership dues are required. Occasional play welcomed. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Jan at 352-344-9550.

7 RIVERS

MEN
On Feb. 14, the 7Rivers Men's Golf Association played the final 18 holes of a 36-hole "Men's Low Net Championship."
First Flight
First 133
Fred Plushanski
Second 135
Gene Kelly
Third 137
Paul Collins
Second Flight
First 126
Ted Grabowski
Second 127
Third 128
Dick VanPoucker
Closest to the pin:

No. 7 Gene Kelly, Kevin Travis
No. 11 Dick VanPoucker, Don Tuers

SUGARMILL WOODS

MEN
On Feb. 12, the Sand Blasters Men's Group played team point quota.
First +13
Dick Cobb, Dale Vaughn, Jim Turner, and Gus Calleri
Second +8
Alex Law, Bill Moreau, Jeff Stier, and John Morgan
Third +5
Roger Kessinger, Joe Gannon, Felix Taronick and Rich Perry
Notable Rounds:
Jeff Stier 3 birdies
On Feb. 14, the Sugarmill Woods Country Club Men's Golf Association played Scramble.
First 54.34
Tom Venable, Bob Capuano, Glenn Harwood and Rich Spay
Second 55.96
Bruce Whewell, Larry Mantle, Ron Rosenwald and Chet Figg
Third 56.53
Mike Howard, Bob Chadderton, and Dick Henry
Fourth 58.47
Frank Siemietkowski, Bob Gunderman, Mike Theodore, and Bob Elgart
Closest to the pin:
Pine No. 4: Jay Yarger
Pine No. 7: Mike Howard
Oak No. 3: Dick Tuxbury
Oak No. 6: Glenn Harwood

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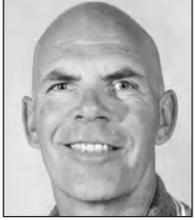
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CHRONICLE

Time for a Spring Classic

The Spring Classic is the only tournament in Citrus County where you will have the opportunity to play singles, which makes it a perfect warm-up for the upcoming USTA season. It is also the only opportunity within the USTA leagues for singles competition.

If you like to sign up for two events — and a lot of you do — please be aware that singles takes a lot more out of you than doubles does. Knowing this, it is time to pick up the phone or reply to the email you received and sign up



Eric van den Hoogen
ON COURT

for the second annual Spring Classic at Crystal River High School on March 2 and 3.

The divisions offered are: singles in A, B and C divisions for men and women as well as men's, women's, and mixed doubles divisions in A, B and C.

Entry fee will be \$20 per person for a single event, and just an extra \$10 for a second event. Proceeds from this tournament will go toward youth missions for Inverness First United Methodist Youth and Children's Ministry.

Each participant will be guaranteed two matches, a thank-you

gift and prizes will be awarded to division champions. The organizers would like to stress the point that, as usual, they will adjust the schedule any way possible to allow you to participate if you have other commitments, tennis or otherwise.

Tournament directors are: Cindy Reynolds, AJ Glenn at 697-3089 or ajglenn03@gmail.com; Sally deMontfort at 795-9693 or deMont@embarqmail.com; Eric van den Hoogen at 352-382-3138 or hoera@juno.com.

Citrus County Tuesday Women's Tennis Leagues

The results for Jan. 29: Bicentennial Breakers def. Crystal River Chip and Charge, 4-0; Sugarmill Woods Matchmakers def. Crystal River Yoyo's, 4-0.

The women-only league is geared towards players rated 3.0 to 3.5. If interested in playing or want to captain a team, contact chairwoman Candace Charles at 352-563-5859 or Candacecharles@tampabay.rr.com.

Citrus Area Senior Ladies 3.0/3.5 Tuesday League

The results for Feb. 12: Pine Ridge Mustangs vs Sugarmill Woods, 3-3; Crystal River def. Meadowcrest Racquettes, 4-1; Citrus Hills def. Riverhaven Ospreys, 4-1.

One of the teams needs a player at the 3.0/3.5 level to join their team. Please call 527-4239 for further info.

To play in this league, a player

must be at least 50 years of age or older, with a 3.0/3.5 rating. The league is always looking for players to sub for teams.

For information, email chairwoman Lucy Murphy at wjlrmurphy@embarqmail.com or 527-4239.

Thursday Morning Citrus Area Doubles League

The results for Feb. 14: Bicentennial Babes vs Pine Ridge Mavericks, 4-4; Sugarmill Woods def. Skyview, 6-4; Skyview Advantage vs Skyview Aces, rained out; Pine Ridge Fillies vs The Bratz, 4-4.

For information, contact chairwoman Diane Halloran at 352-527-7763 or tdhfla@tampabay.rr.com.

Ladies on the Court

The results for Feb. 14: Marta and Joan.

Ladies on The Court play at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays at Le Grone Park courts in Crystal River. Bring a new can of balls and 50 cents. Two out of three tiebreak sets are played.

For information, contact Barbara Shook at dshook@tampabay.rr.com or 352-795-0872.

The Friday Senior Ladies Doubles 3.0-3.5 League

The results for Feb. 15: Riverhaven Eagles def. Sugarmill Woods, 4-0; Pine Ridge Mustangs def. Meadowcrest Aces, 3-2; Bicentennial Flyers def. Citrus Hills Hot Shots, 4-1.

All players must be at least 50

years of age or older with a 3.0-3.5 rating. Players cannot be both a member of a team and a sub.

For information, email chairwoman Sue Doherty at suedoherty@prodigy.net.

USTA Leagues

3.5 Adult 55+ Women: Skyview def. Fort King, 2-1. Record 5-0.

Nelva Polich/Marti Little won, 6-4, 6-3; April Manley/Jacqueline Bennett won, 7-5, 6-1; Margie McLellan/Ruth Branson lost, 6-4, 6-2.

7.0 Adult 65+ Women: Skyview lost to The Villages, 3-0. Record 0-3.

Bicentennial Park lost to Fort King, 3-0. Record 0-3.

For information in our District 4 (south) call or e-mail Leigh Chak at 352-572-7157 or vacocala@gmail.com or ustafloida.com.

Tournaments

March 2 and 3: Second Annual Spring Classic at Crystal River High School.

Rescheduled to April: JCT Tournament of Champions at SMW.

Juniors can still sign up to participate and it is open to all juniors.

Deadline to register is TBA.

To sign up for the next tournament, email jjeanette3saj@aol.com. You can become a "friend" of Junior Circuit Courts on Facebook and become part of the growing JCT family.

For information, call 352-232-0322.

Pistorius shooting details emerge

Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius portrayed himself as a lover caught in tragedy, wielding a pistol and frightened as he stood only on his stumps, then killed his girlfriend after mistaking her for an intruder on Valentine's Day.

Prosecutors, however, said the double-amputee Olympian committed premeditated murder, planning the slaying, then firing at Reevea Steenkamp as she covered behind his locked bathroom door with no hope of escape.

Weeping uncontrollably, Pistorius listened as his words were read out in court by his attorney during the opening of a two-day bail hearing, his first public account of the events surrounding the shooting death of Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model and reality TV star who had spoken out against violence against women.

Golf BRIEFS

Stricker can see tour ignoring putter ban

MARANA, Ariz. — Steve Stricker would not be surprised if the PGA Tour decides to ignore a proposed new rule banning the stroke used for long putters.

Stricker was among the players who spoke out in favor of the USGA's proposal to ban anchored strokes. But he says information over the last few months has caused most players to change their views.

Stricker is on the PGA Tour policy board, which had a conference call Monday night. While he did not reveal details of the call, he said the tour would be drafting a letter to the USGA to state its position.

The debate really doesn't get started

until a 90-day comment period is over at the end of the month and the USGA decides whether to adopt the rule.

Chance of snow at Match Play Championship

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods had a one-liner ready when asked about the weather forecast that includes the possibility of snow at the Match Play Championship, saying: "We won't be able to work on our suntans."

Play was set to open Wednesday at Dove Mountain with temperatures in the low 40s and a high of 47. Strong wind was expected in the afternoon with showers that could change from rain to snow on the cactus-lined High Sonoran

Desert course.

Two years ago, morning snow covered the course before Luke Donald beat Martin Kaymer in the championship match. There also was a 10-minute delay when sleet coated the fourth fairway.

Mclroy hopes for better start in Match Play

MARANA, Ariz. — Rory Mclroy has a new putter and made a small change to his new driver. He has no way of knowing whether that will mean his second start to the season will last longer than his first tournament.

Mclroy made a big splash in Abu Dhabi last month with a laser show to official announce a new equipment deal with Nike.

GOLF

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What makes this even more compelling is they are nothing alike.

McIlroy was groomed to be a star as a toddler. Lowry didn't even start playing golf until he was 12, and didn't realize he was any good until his late teens.

One of them is comfortable in the spotlight. The other feels at home with the boys in the pub.

McIlroy looks like an athlete. Lowry has a body built by Guinness.

Lowry was asked if there were any similarities between them, beyond their Irish roots. He thought long and hard before saying, "He plays golf."

"I've always thought that Rory was going to be one of the best golfers — if not the best golfer — in the world at some stage," said Lowry, two years older than McIlroy. "Growing up, he was always the best in his age group. I was always the best in age groups, as well. Did I think I'd be here playing against the world No. 1? I don't know if I knew I was good enough to turn pro and compete. I didn't know how good I was going to be. I still don't know how good I'm going to be."

"I'm just taking one day at a time and one shot at a time and trying to become the best golfer I can be."

He was good enough to win the Irish Open as an amateur, the greatest achievement in his family since his father, Gaelic soccer star Brendan Lowry, led County Offaly to the All-Ireland Team Championship in 1992. He followed that with a win last year at the Portugal Masters.

Is he good enough to beat Mclroy?

"I'll definitely be going out there fighting for this match tomorrow, and I'll be gunning to try and beat him," Lowry said. "I think if I beat Rory tomorrow, it would be one of the great stories of my career so far. I've got nothing to lose."

The match was in doubt until Sunday.

Phil Mickelson isn't playing, so the top 65 in the

world ranking were eligible. Lowry was right on the bubble, getting tweets from an Irish journalist about his fate, and it looked as if he would fall to No. 66 when Fredrik Jacobson was alone in seventh place at Pebble Beach. His last hope was Patrick Reed making birdie on the 18th at Pebble, and the rookie escaped from the rocks and made a 12-foot birdie putt that dropped on the last turn.

"I suppose it was meant to be," Lowry said.

Not long after he booked his flight to Arizona, Brandt Snedeker withdrew because of sore ribs. That meant Lowry would move up one seed to No. 63 and play Tiger Woods. But in the final week before the brackets were announced, Jacobson tied for third and moved past Lowry.

Rarely has anyone felt so relieved to be playing the world No. 1.

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Magic can't get much right in loss

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Kemba Walker and Gerald Henderson each had 24 points, Byron Mullens added 20 points and 12 rebounds, and the Charlotte Bobcats survived a second-half comeback to hold off the Orlando Magic 105-92.

Mullens has had at least 20 points and 10 rebounds in three of the Bobcats' last five games.

The Bobcats have won two of their last three and also snapped a string of seven consecutive road losses. Charlotte begins a three-game home stand on Wednesday against Detroit.

Nikola Vucevic had 18 points and 11 rebounds and Arron Afflalo 18 points to lead the Magic, who have lost 25 of their last 28,

including 13 of 15 at home.

Bulls 96, Hornets 87

NEW ORLEANS — Luol Deng scored 20 points and the Chicago Bulls snapped a two-game skid with a 96-87 victory over the New Orleans Hornets.

Carlos Boozer added 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Joakim Noah had 15 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago, which outrebounded New Orleans 47-39 and had 15 second-chance points.

Gordon finished with 20 and Anthony Davis had 15 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans, which saw its two-game winning streak snapped after committing nine of its 15 turnovers in the final quarter. Greivis Vasquez had 11 points and 10 assists for



Orlando Magic center Nikola Vucevic hangs from the rim and looks down on Charlotte Bobcats guards Kemba Walker, left, and Ben Gordon after dunking the ball during Tuesday in Orlando.

the Hornets.

Grizzlies 105, Pistons 91

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —

Mike Conley scored 19 points, Zach Randolph had his 31st double-double and Memphis won its fourth straight game, 105-91 at Detroit.

Randolph had 15 points and 10 rebounds and the Grizzlies rode a strong second half to win in both teams' first game since the All Star break.

Brandon Knight and Jonas Jerebko each scored 13 points and Jose Calderon added 10 points and seven assists for the Pistons, who have lost two of their last three at home.

Raptors 96, Wizards 88

WASHINGTON — DeMar DeRozan and Rudy Gay scored 24 points apiece, and the Toronto Raptors won a matchup between slow-starting, coming-on-lately teams with a 96-88 victory over the Washington Wizards.

Rookie Bradley Beal, back in the starting lineup for the first time since taking time off

to heal a sprained right wrist, scored 25 points for the Wizards, who had won eight of nine at home.

Nets 113, Bucks 111, OT

NEW YORK — Joe Johnson hit a tying 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter and then his buzzer-beating jumper at the end of overtime lifted the Brooklyn Nets to a 113-111 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Johnson finished with 24 points, and Brook Lopez and Deron Williams added 19 each as the Nets snapped a 13-game losing streak against the Bucks dating back to March 30, 2009.

Brandon Jennings scored 34 points to lead the Bucks. Ersan Ilyasova had 21 points and Monta Ellis added 18.

UF knocked off



Florida's Casey Prather, right, tries to pull down a rebound past Missouri's Laurence Bowers, left, and Keion Bell during the first half Tuesday in Columbia, Mo.

No. 5 Gators can't hold on to lead in loss at SEC foe Mizzou

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Laurence Bowers had 17 points plus 10 rebounds and Missouri erased a 13-point deficit in the second half to rally past No. 5 Florida 63-60 on Tuesday night.

Phil Pressey added 10 assists, seven points, six rebounds and three steals for Missouri (19-7, 8-5 SEC). The Tigers didn't have Bowers a month ago in a 31-point blowout loss at Florida.

Mike Rosario had 14 points for Florida (21-4, 11-2) but missed a 3-point try at the buzzer. The Gators had won 13 of 14 and led 49-36 with 10:51 left, then hurt themselves at the foul line.

Florida missed five straight free throws in the second half, three times on the front end of one-and-ones. The Gators made six of 12 foul shots overall, while Missouri was 12 of 15.

The Tigers improved to 15-0 at home this season. They are 30-1 the last two seasons under coach Frank Haith.

No. 1 Indiana 72, No. 4 Michigan St. 68

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Victor Oladipo's go-ahead putback, dunk and free throws in the final minute lifted top-ranked Indiana to a 72-68 win over No. 4 Michigan State.

Indiana (24-3, 12-2 Big Ten) broke a first-place tie in the conference. The Hoosiers had lost 17 straight — since 1991 — on the road against the Spartans.

Michigan State (22-5, 11-3) had won five straight and 11 of 12 with its only loss during the stretch at Indiana.

No. 2 Miami 54, Virginia 50

CORAL GABLES — Reggie Johnson made a tie-breaking layup with 5.7 seconds left, and the No. 2-ranked Miami Hurricanes overcame a ragged offensive performance for the second game in a row to beat Virginia 54-50 and remain unbeaten in the ACC.

Durand Scott added two clinching free throws with 4.1 seconds to go for the Hurricanes, who earned their 14th

consecutive victory and took a big step toward their first league title. The win came two nights after they rallied late to beat Clemson 45-43.

The Hurricanes (22-3, 13-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) improved to 12-0 at home. They hold a 3 1/2-game edge over second-place Duke in the ACC as they chase their first league basketball championship.

Virginia (18-8, 8-5) fell to 0-6 in Miami.

N.C. State 84, Florida State 66

RALEIGH, N.C. — Freshman T.J. Warren had season-highs of 31 points and 13 rebounds to help North Carolina State beat Florida State 84-66.

C.J. Leslie added 19 points for the Wolfpack (19-7, 8-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), who led the entire night to snap a three-game losing streak against the Seminoles. The win also snapped a four-game losing skid against Florida State (14-12, 6-7) on N.C. State's homecourt in Raleigh.

Bolts double up Maple Leafs 4-2

Associated Press

TAMPA — Steven Stamkos scored his 10th goal, Benoit Pouliot had three assists and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Vincent Lecavalier, Alexander Killorn and Matthew Carle also scored for the Lightning, who have won two in a row after an 0-5-1 skid.

Toronto goalie Ben Scrivens had his bid for a third consecutive shutout thwarted midway through the first period on Lecavalier's goal. The Maple Leafs, 7-3-0 on the road this year, got goals from Mikhail Grabovski and Phil Kessel.

Stamkos put the Lightning up 2-1 from just outside the crease off a pass from Cory Conacher at 4:56 of the second.

Killorn made it 3-1 when his bouncing shot trickled past Scrivens 2:49 into the third. Carle ended Scrivens' night on a power-play goal with 13:02 to play.

Predators 4, Red Wings 3, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Shea Weber scored 44 seconds into overtime to give the Nashville Predators a 4-3 victory against the slumping Detroit Red Wings.

Craig Smith, Gabriel Bourque and Roman Josi also scored for Nashville, which had lost its last two games. The Red Wings have dropped four straight.

Daniel Cleary, Jordan Tootoo and Pavel Datsyuk had the Detroit goals.

Coming down the right side, Weber collected the rebound of Colin Wilson's shot and beat a diving Jonas Gustavsson, who replaced injured goalie Jimmy Howard midway through the first period.

Senators 3, Islanders 1

OTTAWA — Andre Benoit and Dave Dziurzynski scored their first NHL goals and Craig Anderson made 37 saves and

the Ottawa Senators defeated the New York Islanders 3-1.

Colin Greening also scored for Ottawa.

Travis Hamonic scored for the Islanders, who got 23 saves from Rick DiPietro in his third start of the season.

Benoit's goal at 8:37 of the second period made it 2-0 for Ottawa and came a little more than two weeks after he thought he originally had his first back on Feb. 3 in Montreal. But a goaltender interference penalty that day on Jakob Silfverberg negated the goal.

On Tuesday, Silfverberg made a nice pass to Benoit for a one-time goal past DiPietro.

Canadiens 3, Rangers 1

NEW YORK — Alex Galchenyuk snapped a tie early in the third period, and the Montreal Canadiens held on for their fifth consecutive win, 3-1 over the New York Rangers.

Montreal had 18 shots and made the most of very little offense against Henrik Lundqvist.

The Canadiens tied it late in the second period on Max Pacioretty's goal and went ahead for good when Galchenyuk matched Pacioretty with his second of the season 1:48 into the third.

Carey Price was only slightly busier than Lundqvist, and made 24 saves for his third win in the Canadiens' surge. Peter Budaj won the previous two, including a 3-0 home victory over Carolina on Monday.

Jets 2, Sabres 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ondrej Pavelec made 29 saves to help the Winnipeg Jets snap a three-game skid with a 2-1 win over the Buffalo Sabres.

Andrew Ladd's goal that made it 2-0 early in the second period stood up as the winner, and Bryan Little also scored for Winnipeg. The Jets won for the third time in 10 games while opening a season-high five-game road swing.

No. 21 Orange down Rutgers

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Kayla Alexander and Elashier Hall converted three-point plays to key a decisive second-half spurt, and No. 21 Syracuse beat Rutgers 58-45 on Tuesday night, denying Scarlet Knights coach C. Vivian Stringer her 900th victory.

Stringer, a Hall of Famer in her 42nd season as a head coach, is seeking to become just the fourth women's coach to reach 900 wins along with Pat Summitt, Jody Conradt and Sylvia Hatchell, who reached the mark on Feb. 7.

The Scarlet Knights have lost three straight since Stringer earned her 899th career victory against Cincinnati. Stringer's next

chance will come Saturday afternoon at St. John's.

Syracuse (22-3, 10-2 Big East), which has its best record in program history through 25 games, broke a three-game losing streak against Rutgers (14-11, 5-7) and upped its home record to 12-0.

No. 18 D'ware 69, G. Mason 55

FAIRFAX, Va. — Elena Delle Donne scored 18 of her 31 points in the first half and also grabbed nine rebounds in leading Delaware past George Mason for its 18th straight win.

Delle Donne scored 10 points during a decisive 21-8 Delaware (23-3, 14-0) run to close the half, giving the Blue Hens a 41-24 lead.



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Spotlight on PEOPLE

Alec Baldwin, photog file harassment claims

NEW YORK — New York City police are investigating harassment complaints made by actor **Alec Baldwin** and a *New York Post* photographer after an altercation. Photographer **G.N. Miller** said the former "30 Rock" star yelled racial epithets and other insults when he was trying to take pictures of the actor outside his Manhattan apartment. Baldwin maintains he hollered at the photographer, but never said anything racist. He called the allegations "outrageous."

Baldwin called police and filed a harassment complaint Monday after the incident. The photographer later filed a cross-complaint. The police department's Hate Crimes Task force was looking into the allegations.

Clive Davis reveals in memoir he's bisexual

NEW YORK — Record executive **Clive Davis** said he's bisexual. In his new memoir, out Tuesday, the twice-divorced 80-year-old reveals he had sex with a man in the 1970s. Davis writes in "The Soundtrack of My Life" that he hadn't been repressed or confused during his marriages and that sex with a man "provided welcome relief."

He also writes he started dating a man from 1990 to 2004, which he said was a "tough adjustment" for his son **Mitchell**. He said after "one trying year," he and his son worked things out. Davis is the father of three children. Davis is the chief creative officer of Sony Music Entertainment. He writes he's been in a "strong monogamous relationship" with a man for the last seven years.

'Melrose' actress' sentence appealed

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — A New Jersey prosecutor is appealing a reduced sentence of three years in prison given to a former "Melrose Place" actress for a drunken driving death.

Somerset County Prosecutor **Geoffrey Soriano** said Tuesday the judge in the case of **Amy Locane-Bovenizer** sent a "bewildering message" about driving while intoxicated.

He said Superior Court Judge **Robert Reed** had improperly focused on the defendant's personal circumstances. Locane-Bovenizer was convicted of vehicular homicide and assault by auto in the 2010 death of 60-year-old **Helene Seeman** of Montgomery Township. She had faced up to 10 years in prison on the most serious count. But Judge Reed last week cited the woman's need to care for a disabled child in deciding to lower the maximum sentence.

—From wire reports



Associated Press

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Quincy Jones launches music education app

Designed to teach users to play piano

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Quincy Jones says he has co-created the music version of Rosetta Stone. The 79-year-old composer-producer launched a new music education application Tuesday called Playground Sessions, which teaches users how to play the piano. He said the app will help children and adults learn how to read music and understand the mechanics of piano playing.

There's "such a need for this," Jones said in an interview last week. "The concept is brand-new. I have been praying for this for a long

time. It has a learning concept similar to Rosetta Stone. I'm blown away by this."

Playground Sessions is a musical app with real-time feedback and video tutorials from pianist David Sides. It features about 70 popular songs by Beyonce and Justin Bieber, and well-known tunes like Katy Perry's "Firework" and Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York."

Jones, who produced Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and other successful albums, hopes Playground Sessions will have an impact on music education programs in schools around the world. One of first schools that will use the app is Jones' alma mater, Garfield High School in Seattle.

"Our kids in this country know less than any other country," Jones said of music education in the United States. "We need something

like Playground Sessions to push us forward."

Chris Vance, who co-created the app and founded Playground Sessions, got together with Jones more than a year ago after working alone on the application for three years. He said Jones immediately saw a vision for the product and wanted to make learning music a fun experience.

Vance also said Sides was an easy pick when he was selecting a pianist for the project. Jones calls Sides a very talented piano player who has an engaging personality.

"I wish I had someone like him teaching me how to play the piano," Jones said of Sides, known for his popular piano covers on YouTube, including his rendition of OneRepublic's "Apologize," which has garnered more than 10 million views.

McCartney, Mumford top Bonnaroo lineup

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — There will be a British invasion of the main stage at Bonnaroo this year.

Paul McCartney and Mumford & Sons are among the headliners for the 2013 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn.

The four-day festival, held on a rural 700-acre farm, always features an eclectic roster, but the June 13-16 event is even more varied than usual.

Returnees Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers also hold down a headliner spot. Then things get a little crazy with R&B star R. Kelly, alternative queen Bjork and Wu-Tang Clan celebrating its 20th anniversary. Wilco, Pretty Lights, The Lumineers, The National, The xx, Kendrick Lamar, A\$AP Rocky, Nas and ZZ Top also top the list announced Tuesday by "Weird Al" Yankovic via Bonnaroo's YouTube channel.

Tickets go on sale at noon EST on Saturday.

McCartney, the former Beatle and recent frontman of Sirvana, will be making his first appearance at the event.

Mumford & Sons, fresh off its album of the year win at the Grammy Awards, return to Bon-



Associated Press

Former Beatle Paul McCartney will make his first appearance at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in June.

naroo after a memorable 2011 second-stage performance that stretched more than an hour, drew friends Old Crow Medicine Show and had fans hanging off fences to get a better view.

Other top-of-the-list performers include Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Animal Collective, Daniel Tosh, David Byrne & St. Vincent, Passion Pit and Grizzly Bear.

The festival hosts more than 120 acts. More will be announced later.

There are a few curiosities on the list. Glam-punk Billy Idol and Odd Future member and

mystery man Earl Sweatshirt are scheduled to perform. Jim James will host a Soul SuperJam with John Oates, Zigaboo Modeliste of the Meters and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

Fans of roots rock, Americana and folk-leaning acoustic music will have more than Mumford and The Lumineers to focus on. Also scheduled to perform are Dwight Yoakam, Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit, John Fullbright, Of Monsters and Men, Caexico, JD McPherson, Father John Misty and The Tallest Man on Earth.

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

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2013. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
 On Feb. 20, 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

On this date:
 In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1933, Congress proposed the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to repeal Prohibition.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

Ten years ago: Former Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan was convicted in Alexandria, Va., of offering to sell U.S. intelligence to Iraq and China but acquitted of attempted spying for Libya. (Regan was later sentenced to life without parole.)

Five years ago: A U.S. Navy cruiser blasted a disabled spy satellite with a pinpoint missile strike that achieved the main mission of exploding a tank of toxic fuel 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean.

One year ago: Russian President Dmitry Medvedev held an unprecedented meeting with opposition leaders, who said they were encouraged by his promises to make it easier for anti-Kremlin parties to take part in elections.

Today's Birthdays: Gloria Vanderbilt is 89. Author-screenwriter Richard Matheson is 87. Actor Sidney Poitier is 86. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 79. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 76. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 72. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 71. Actress Sandy Duncan is 67. Rock musician J. Geils is 67. Actor Peter Strauss is 66. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 63. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 59. Actor Anthony Stewart Head is 59. Country singer Leland Martin is 56. Actor James Wilby is 55. Rock musician Sebastian Steinberg is 54. Comedian Joel Hodgson is 53. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Charles Barkley is 50. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 50. Actor Willie Garson is 49. Actor French Stewart is 49. Actor Ron Eldard is 48. Model Cindy Crawford is 47. Actor Andrew Shue is 46. Actress Lili Taylor is 46. Singer Brian Littrell is 38. Actress Lauren Ambrose is 35. Actor Jay Hernandez is 35. Singer Rihanna is 25.

Thought for Today: "There is no hope of joy except in human relations." — Antoine de Saint-Exupery, French author-aviator (1900-1944).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday — The course you're presently steering looks to be good, with indications of a number of rewards waiting when you reach port. Be careful not to make any unwarranted changes, because then it would be another story.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Guard against a strong inclination to reward the undeserving while overlooking the virtuous.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — This could be a disconcerting day, because you can quickly go from being inspired to being disenchanted. Unless you get a handle on your moods, they'll hamper you greatly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You could do yourself a great disservice by reacting impulsively and blindly allowing one of your hunches to direct your actions. Check things out first.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — If you've been borrowing

things lately, such as tools, materials or even cash, it's best to clear matters up by returning everything as soon as possible. You'll feel better about yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Taken alone, your judgment isn't too bad, but you must be careful not to be swayed by another who doesn't have your best interest in mind. Don't believe everything that you're told.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't be impatient if your fellow man doesn't grasp the essence of an idea as quickly as you'd like. It won't hurt you to repeat what isn't understood at first.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Normally, you are an extremely prudent and pragmatic person, but today you could become intrigued with a financial affair that could be extremely risky. Tread slowly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When making a major household purchase, you should take things slowly. If

you're unsure about your choice, temporarily walk away and dismiss it from your mind until you're positive.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This could be one of those days when you could benefit from putting off what you don't feel like doing, especially if it's something extremely distasteful to you. Time will take care of it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be extremely careful when handling the resources of another as well as your own. Indifference on your part could prove to be more costly than you thought.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you are usually a good salesperson, this might not be true at present due to carelessness. You could do or say something that would cause your prospect to back off.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is a strong likelihood that you could reveal something that you promised to keep secret. Keep a tight hold on your lips.



Global learning



Students in Ashlynn Ramirez's Hernando Elementary School classroom cross their fingers Friday afternoon hoping to give some positive energy while their teacher tries to connect via Skype with U.S. Marine Cpl. Darnell Ross, originally from Inverness. While the students didn't get to link up for very long with the Marine, they did get a few moments to video chat.

Skype allows Hernando Elementary first-graders to circle the world

MIKE WRIGHT
 Staff writer

HERNANDO — Ashlynn Ramirez took her first-grade class on a world-wind tour of the United States and foreign countries without ever leaving their Hernando Elementary School classroom.

Ramirez is a big fan of Skype, which allows visual communication via the Internet. Many teachers use Skype as part of their lesson plans, allowing students to interact with and ask questions of authors, government leaders and other students virtually anywhere.

Her two-day adventure last week included visits to Sri Lanka, South Africa and Brooklyn, N.Y.

Alas, it didn't all go as planned. An attempted hookup with Marine Cpl. Darnell Ross, who is stationed in Afghanistan, never really worked despite several attempts.

Ramirez tried to keep a positive attitude for her class and another class visiting for the hookup.

"Sometimes with technology you have to be patient," she said. "It will work if you're patient. We're calling halfway around the world."

Contact with Cpl. Ross, who is from Inverness and went to Citrus High School

with Ramirez and her husband, was made, though too brief to allow even one question.

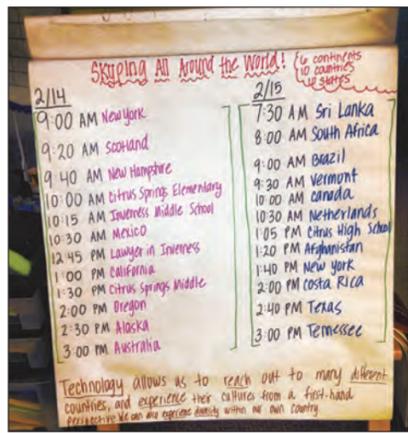
The *Chronicle* asked Ramirez to explain her Skype program, and this is some of what she sent via email:

"I have been planning this event since last year — since I did this event last year — and aimed to make it span over two days, reaching six continents, 10 countries, and 10 states, all in two days of school. I went online and found teachers and professionals on Twitter, and Education/Skype.com and found people also.

"Some of the connections were personal connections for myself and my co-teacher Ms. Bladon. Overall, in the past two days, we conducted 24 Skypes, and out of the 24 Skypes, there was only one glitch with technology, and that was the one that you witnessed.

"The Marine wrote us an email immediately after the attempt and explained it was a little after midnight there, and he ran two blocks to the USO to use their computers, and he felt awful for missing his scheduled time. He said he will schedule a Skype with us again, soon — so we greatly look forward to that.

"However, the article might be better if you had the opportunity to talk about all of



Special to the *Chronicle*
 The two-day Skype itinerary for Ashlynn Ramirez's first-grade class included visits to several U.S. states and foreign countries.

the places we did actually get to Skype, being that was our only technological difficulty. I had all but two students get dropped off (Friday) morning at 7:30 a.m. to watch a cultural dance from Rambukah, Sri Lanka, and they also heard a little girl in school sing a song in her native language,

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Darrick Buettner
 GUEST COLUMN

Education continues after high school

"We're at a point where going to college shouldn't be an automatic decision for all students coming out of high school" — Rob Port, newspaper columnist.

Currently, the push is underway for all high school students to be college ready upon graduation. I staunchly defend the right for all students to have the opportunity to go to college. With the cost of college rising, is going to college immediately after high school always the best option for all students?

A report, American Dream 2.0 — funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation — found 46 percent of those who enter a U.S. college fail to graduate within six years. That's 46 percent! Many start college, take out loans and then fail to get the degree, but still are saddled with loan payments.

Mario Lozoya, director of government relations for Toyota of Texas, in San Antonio, notes not everyone in high school wants to go to college, but each graduate still needs a high-quality education, according to an article on the KUTX Texas website. He said Toyota needs more of them.

"Over 80 percent of our employees require a high school diploma or less, but still need the cognitive skills of science, engineering, technology and math to be successful," said Lozoya.

Good jobs are currently available that do not require a four-year college education. Unfortunately, with the push to make every student college-ready, emphasis on career and technical education gets pushed aside. By focusing only on getting students ready for college, we are hurting both students who prefer a non-traditional track and businesses that need qualified employees, but cannot find them.

Recognizing this growing disconnect, state Rep. Jimmie T. Smith started a task force on career and technical education in 2010, and then expanded the task force with school board member Thomas Kennedy in late 2012, with a specific mission: for all students to graduate high school and have post-secondary career options that include job-ready skills or continued studies that develop job-ready skills and lead to workforce opportunities.

For this reason, Rep. Smith has introduced House Bill (HB) 133. The intent of this bill is to gain knowledge of what skills specific businesses need and then provide regional flexibility to school districts to allow them to prepare students for the workforce, while simultaneously giving them the rigorous education necessary so these students can further their education in the future if they desire.

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Student Deloris Rainey, left, works with teacher Erin Pustulka in a GED preparation class recently in Buffalo, N.Y.

GED changes coming next year

New test effective Jan. 1, 2014

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Adults who've begun working toward their GED are being urged to finish up this year, before the test for a high school equivalency diploma changes and they have to start all over.

GED Testing Service will introduce a new version of the test, given nationwide, on Jan. 1, 2014. Developers said the first major changes since 2002 will align the

test with the new Common Core curricula adopted by most states to increase college and career readiness. It also will shift test-taking from pencil and paper to computer.

Joyce Monroe, 24, is feeling the pressure as she puts in dozens of hours in class every week at the Buffalo Educational Opportunity Center. Two practice tests showed she's ready for writing and science but needs slightly more work in math, along with social studies and language arts.

"I'm really trying to get in before it changes. I'm so close," said Monroe, who said she left high

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Isabella Griesser, left, Abbey Burk, Courtney Kohlstedt and Abbie Wise, all 13, are photographed with a poster they made at Oakview Middle School in Oakland Township, Mich. The four girls, who made posters to help girls feel better about themselves, went to school early last week and hung them up anonymously throughout the school.

Middle school girls take action against hate

MONICA DRAKE
 The Oakland Press (Pontiac)

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP, Mich. — After a "hate list" was written in the girl's bathroom at Oakview Middle School, four students decided they wanted to do something to make the girls feel good about themselves instead.

The eighth-graders went to school almost an hour early and hung posters in every girls' bathroom and locker room in the Oakland Township school. At a sleepover, the girls made 16 neon

colored posters with the words "Take what you need" on top. The poster was set up like a "For sale" sign with tabs across the bottom that girls could rip off. On the tabs were written words such as love, hope, strength, courage, understanding, loyalty and patience.

Afterward, the entire school was talking about these posters. By the end of the day, all 160 of the tabs were gone. The middle school girls would meet in the hallways, talking about the word

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Sinhalese. This was the first time these students in a rainforest school have used their English to speak to students in America.

"After that we spoke to a man in Cape Town, South Africa who gave us much information about the students he taught, and it was incredible for the students.

"The kids absolutely become enthralled with the cultural differences. After listening to the little girl sing from Sri Lanka, they spoke about how brave she had to have been to sing to us. When we Skyped the children in Mexico they were so impressed that the students were bilingual, and thought their English was amazing. They learned a lesson in courage and cultural appreciation, and I believe it



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Ashlynn Ramirez claps Friday after successfully linking up with U.S. Marine Cpl. Darnell Ross, who was on Skype from a remote military base in Afghanistan.

is a life lesson that they will carry with them forever.

"Technology is the language of this generation.

When using technology, I believe it can bridge many gaps, and bring people together. Please message me back for any additional

information."

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

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they took and wondering who put these posters up in the bathrooms.

And these four girls, while trying to keep a straight face, kept the secret — wanting to remain anonymous.

That was until one of their parents called *The Oakland Press*, wanting to recognize the four girls for what they did. And, on Thursday afternoon, the four friends — Abbie Wise, Isabella Griesser, Courtney Kohlstedt and Abbey Burk — were surprised at their school.

Griesser said, "We weren't looking for extra attention for what we did."

Wise said this project has brought the four of them closer together. She said, in between her classes, she would go to the bathroom to see what girls were saying. Girls would say, "This made my day. I wonder who did this. I hope they do it again."

And Wise just pretended she had no idea. "It was amazing seeing people walking around with it in their hands," she said.

The girls said they want to do something like this every month.

"We were going to put sticky notes on the mirrors, like 'You're beautiful' and 'You're smart,'" said Kohlstedt. "Not every girl, every day, has a guy tell her she's beautiful or someone to tell her she's beautiful. Sometimes, all you have to do is

read it or know you are, even if nobody tells you."

Kohlstedt said several of her friends have had notes shoved into the top of their lockers with the words, "You're ugly" or "You're fat" written inside.

Burk said a lot of girls in their class think that beauty is the only thing that matters.

"Everyone is unique in their own way. Everyone is beautiful in their own way. You don't have to fit in with everybody else. And sometimes you just need to have someone tell you," Burk said.

Oakview Vice Principal Sarah Perry said there have been mean messages written on the bathroom walls this year directly targeting individual girls. She said she

“Not every girl, every day, has a guy or someone to tell her she’s beautiful.”

Courtney Kohlstedt one of four girls who made posters.

knows how badly this hurts.

"When kids told me, 'Did you hear about what's going on in the bathroom?' My first reaction was, 'Uh-oh.' I feel an obligation to take care of the kids, and I know the

whole staff feels that way," said Perry. "But to hear something good, it was not just a sigh of relief, but goose bumps. And to hear the reactions of students, it brought tears to my eyes how excited the kids were to take those positive messages."

Perry said she is so proud of the girls, and she hopes this will inspire others to do something similar.

"They just came in early and watched the reactions. They just wanted to make other people happy and put other people first," she said.

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school before graduating for family reasons and is trying to set an example for her 5-year-old daughter. "I don't want to start all over. That would make me want to drop GED like I did high school."

Those who administer the test have begun to alert the million or so adults who have passed some but not all of the five parts of the current test to complete the missing sections by Dec. 31. If not, their scores will expire and they'll have to begin again under the new program Jan. 1.

"If they are in the pipeline, they need to get it done," said Dr. Danis Gehl, education director at the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center.

There is also financial incentive to complete the GED this year. At \$120, the computer-based version is double the cost of the current test. Several states subsidize some or all of the expense but the student share is widely expected to rise.

About 700,000 people take the GED exam yearly in the United States, said Armando Diaz, spokesman for Washington-based GED Testing Service, the trademarked test's creator. About 72 percent passing to earn their states' high school equivalency credential. More than 1 million people are expected to try in 2013 in advance of the change, a number that could strain preparation programs and testing sites.

Although the General Education Development exam has undergone regular updates since being introduced in 1942, the upcoming changes are the most dramatic yet.

"We see that higher ed

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has new standards, the workforce, the economy's changing," said Diaz. "We decided it's time to completely give the testing program a facelift."

Instead of five sections, the test will be re-aligned into four: reasoning through language arts, mathematical reasoning, science and social studies. The current stand-alone essay section will be incorporated into writing assignments within the language arts and social studies sections, Diaz said.

"I don't think it's going to be a harder test, I just think we're testing different skills," he said.

Tashia Malone of Buffalo is taking no chances, spending her mornings at the Seneca Babcock Community Center's preparation class in hopes of sitting for the two-day test in May.

"I should have done it already. Procrastination is my middle name," said Malone, 34, who dropped out of high school when she became pregnant. "I heard it's going to be a lot

harder and cost more next year so I want to get it in now."

EOC Executive Director Julius Gregg Adams suggested that adults unfamiliar with the Common Core standards, a uniform school curriculum heavier on writing and content analysis, may be more comfortable getting the test out of the way this year, though he's reluctant to say the new test will be harder.

"The current test more than likely reflects learning standards that individuals have been exposed to when they were in secondary education," he said. "The Common Core standards more than likely probably reflect standards that individuals have not been exposed to."

In New York City, the Fund for Public Advocacy Campaign to Finish has set up a hotline to refer students for tutoring, targeting those who've taken the test before but haven't passed all sections.

"It's going to be more difficult. It's going to cost more money next year, so I

think that motivates people," said Juan Santos, 34, who is preparing for the GED in Methuen, Mass., with the goal of becoming a police officer in Florida. "I couldn't believe I waited so long."

While the GED, initially developed for U.S. military personnel who had not completed high school, is the pathway recognized by every state toward a high school equivalency diploma, New York and other states are exploring development of an alternative. Without the computer infrastructure statewide to test large numbers of people and one of the lowest pass rates in the nation, at 59.4 percent, New York has solicited bids for development of a test that would maintain the paper and pencil option for the time being and more slowly phase in the Common Core standards.

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So far, this task force has heard from Dr. James Stone, the director of National Research Center for Career and Technical Education at the University of Louisville; has visited the Health Academy at Crystal River High School to see successful career education in practice; and has solicited input from all sectors of Hernando and Citrus County.

Citrus County has jobs available. We need to make sure our school system has necessary flexibility from the Florida Department of Education to make sure we can give high school students the opportunity to get these jobs and still further their education in the future.

If you would like to add to this task force discussion, please do not hesitate to contact either Thomas Kennedy at the school board or Rep. Jimmie T. Smith.

Darrick Buettner is the coordinator of the International Baccalaureate program at Lecanto High School.

HONORS

■ Alllyson Vrabel, of Crystal River, was named to the **dean's list** at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., during the fall 2012 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate and must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

FUNDRAISERS

■ Citrus Springs Middle School is holding its annual **Falcon Family Festival** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the school. All proceeds benefit local families in need.

The ticket price of \$2 includes access to concessions, carnival games and music by the CSMS band. An additional \$8 wristband includes unlimited inflatable rides.

Monetary contributions to help defray expenses are appreciated. Donated items for a silent auction can be dropped off at the front office during school hours.

For more information, call Muriel Dufresne at 352-344-2244 ext. 4411.

■ The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods and the Rotary Interact Club of Lecanto High School have joined together to support the **Box Tops for Education** fundraiser for Lecanto Primary School. Box Tops for Education labels can be found on more than 300 products that families purchase and use on a daily basis.

There are two drop boxes — one in the lobby of the Sugarmill Woods Country Club and the other in the Military Outlet Store on West Citrus Avenue in Crystal River.

For a complete listing of the products, go to www.RotarySMW.com.

The labels can also be mailed to the Sugarmill Woods Rotary Club. P.O. Box 8, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

■ The Festival of the Arts Committee is offering **\$1,500 scholarships** to graduating seniors from any Citrus County high school or home-schooled graduating seniors who are interested in continuing their education in the visual arts.

Applications may be obtained from their high school guidance counselors or call Jaret at 352-726-0366. Applications must be returned to the Festival of the Arts Committee by April 8.

■ Citrus 20/20 Inc., in support of its "Youth Needs" aspiration, is offering a **\$500 scholarship** for academic year 2013-14 for college-bound students who have fulfilled the requirements for graduation from an accredited Citrus County secondary school.

Scholarship applicants will be evaluated on their SAT/ACT score, GPA, anticipated major, community involvement, extracurricular activities and written essay. Applicants selected as finalists will be interviewed and evaluated by the Citrus 20/20 scholarship committee. Award of the scholarship is contingent upon verification of the recipient's enrollment at an institution of higher learning ac-

credited to confer a baccalaureate degree by its office of admissions.

Applicants may obtain the scholarship application by visiting the Citrus 20/20's website at www.citrus2020.org or from their high school guidance counselor. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m., March 15. Applications may be submitted by email to info.citrus2020@gmail.com or mailed to Citrus 20/20 Inc., P.O. Box 1141 Lecanto, FL 34460-1141.

For more information, call Lace Blue-McLean at 352-201-0149.

■ The Citrus County Shooting Club is offering **scholarship money** to students graduating from Citrus County high schools who are planning on a career in some form of law enforcement.

Interested students may inquire at their school's guidance office. Applications are available at the club's website at www.ccsc.us, or by calling Jim Echlin at 352-746-0806, or Luis Michaels at 352-746-2414.

■ Yankeetown-Ingليس Woman's Club awards **scholarships** each year to deserving students who attended Yankeetown School for at least two years and graduated, or will graduate, from Dunnellon High School or Crystal River High School. Also eligible are home-schooled seniors, those attending college and maintain a 3.0 GPA, and those who have worked after graduation but now have concrete plans for resuming their education.

To be considered for a scholarship, students are asked to write a personal essay and complete a questionnaire, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and submit teacher and counselor recommendation letters. Those who wish to apply may obtain an application from guidance counselors at Dunnellon or Crystal River high schools, at A.F. Knotts Library on 56th Street in Yankeetown, or download it from the Woman's Club website, www.yiwomansclub.com.

Selection will be made by members of the Yankeetown-Ingليس Woman's Club Education Committee. Completed applications should be mailed to: Yankeetown-Ingليس Woman's Club Education Committee, P.O. Box 298, Yankeetown, FL 34498, and must be postmarked no later than April 5 to be considered.

For more information, call 352-447-2057, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, or email yiwomanclub@gmail.com.

■ Disabled American Veterans, Gerald A. Shonk Chapter 70 of Inverness, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2013 school year. The scholarship is offered to a disabled veteran, veteran, survivor of a veteran or dependent of a veteran.

The recipient shall be enrolled in a full-time course of instruction leading to a degree program or to a vocational skill. Selection shall be conducted by the scholarship committee and will be based on the applications submitted. The procedure requires that applicants write a statement detailing course of study, goals and why they are deserving of this award. Applications may be picked up at guidance department offices in area high schools, the Withlacoochee Technical In-

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stitute, Central Florida Community College guidance offices, or by calling John Seaman at 352-860-0123.

All applications must be returned to the DAV Chapter at 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, FL 34453 by March 31.

■ The Hernando-Citrus County Farm Bureau will award one or more **scholarships** up to \$1,000. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a senior, carry at least a 2.5 grade point average and plan to major in an agricultural-related field in college.

Application forms are available in the guidance offices of all Hernando and Citrus County high schools and in private schools.

All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Farm Bureau office in Citrus County or in Hernando County by April 1. For information, call 352-796-2526 or 800-282-8317.

■ The BFF Society is offering a minimum of two **\$1,000 scholarships**.

The scholarships are available to all U.S. citizens attending Citrus County schools or Citrus County residents seeking a professional career.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Applicants may be subject to an interview. The scholarship must be used to attend an accredited college, junior college or professional school. Applicants may be graduating high school seniors or adult students seeking to further their education.

Candidates will be judged on academic achievement and financial need. Scholarships will be awarded for the 2012-13 school year and are to be used for tuition and books only. The check will be made payable to the educational institution for the benefit of the scholarship recipient. Scholarship winners will be notified by April. It will be necessary for the scholarship winner(s) to attend the BFF Society Awards Banquet on May 13 or forfeit the scholarship. If the monies for the scholarships are not used as indicated, all monies will be rescinded to the founding chapter.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31. The application must be in its entirety or it will not be considered for review.

For more information or an application, contact Dianne Micklon at 352-527-7442 or trechuck@tampabay.rr.com.

■ The Daughters of the American Revolution are offering **scholarships** at three different levels — local, state and national.

The local Fort Cooper chapter offers a \$500 award for a graduating senior girl who has at least a 3.0 grade point average and is accepted at an accredited college or university.

The Florida state society DAR provides \$500 scholarships for male or female high school graduates and post-graduates with a minimum 3.0 GPA who has been accepted at an accredited college or university. Guidelines and applications are available at Citrus County public and private

high schools.

The national DAR has many scholarships available for high school and college graduates. For information about them, visit the website www.dar.org. Click on Scholarships and follow the prompts.

For more information, contact Shirley Hartley, DAR scholarship chairman, at 352-270-8590 or visit the website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ffccdar/.

■ The SECO Board of Trustees has voted to continue SECO's scholarship program for 2013. The board has authorized an increase in the scholarship amount from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per student in recognition of the ever increasing cost of higher education. Up to 12 high school seniors from the cooperative's service territory will receive assistance to go on to a college or technical school after graduation.

To qualify, graduates must reside in a home being served by SECO and be enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school by the end of 2013. Applications are now available at area high school guidance offices and at any of SECO's customer service centers in Marion, Lake, Citrus and Sumter counties. They must be returned to SECO no later than March 29.

■ The Homosassa Civic Club is offering the **Beri Hagerty-Pheils Scholarships** to graduating high school students and adults who live within the boundaries of the Homosassa Elementary School District and/or the Homosassa Special Water District.

Information and applications are available through guidance counselors at Crystal River High School, Lecanto High School, Withlacoochee Technical School, or College of Central Florida. They are also available at www.homosassaseafoodfestival.org

Applications must be received by March 31. For more information, call 352-628-9333

■ The Spot Family Center has received funding from Kids Central Inc. and the Department of Children and Families to offer **scholarships** to local students for the 2012-13 After School Enrichment Program. The program is from 2:45 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and serves students in kindergarten through seventh grade. The Spot has 20 scholarships remaining.

The scholarships are available to local families who qualify. Applications can be picked up at 405 S.E. Seventh Ave., Crystal River. Scholarships will be given to students on a first-come, first-served basis. Any family receiving free or reduced-price lunches automatically qualifies.

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

The program runs the entire school year. 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.

■ The Citrus Community Concert Choir is now accepting applications for its 2013 **scholarship award** of \$1,500. Application is open to graduating high school seniors or enrolled college students and residents of Citrus County or children of Citrus County residents. Past and present choir members and relatives of choir members are also eligible. Applicants may obtain scholarship qualifications and application forms from their school guidance counselors or online at www.citruschoir.com. Completed applications must be received no later than April 30.

■ The College of Central Florida is awarding **dozens of scholarships** to qualifying students interested in taking honors classes at the Citrus campus this fall semester. A major component of CF's Honors Institute, the Community of Scholars Honors Program offers incoming high school graduates two-year tuition scholarships, currently valued at \$3,000 per academic year, while offering partial scholarships to those who are currently attending CF.

Students in the honors program are free to pursue the degree option of their choosing at CF, with the scholarship requirement being successful participation in a limited number of honors-level classes that also serve to fulfill degree requirements. Students may also take classes at any of the CF locations each term, and are not bound to enrolling only in classes offered at the Citrus campus. Besides financial benefits, the Community of Scholars offers members priority registration each term.

Typically, a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 is needed to qualify for the Community of Scholars, although applications for those with a slightly lower GPA may be considered in some cases. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships should call Dr. June Hall at 352-746-6721.

CLASSES AND COURSES

For information about outdoors and recreational classes in Citrus County, see the *Sunday Sports section of the Chronicle*.

■ Sherrie Geick is offering **scrapbooking classes** at Whispering Pines Park recreation building. The all-day class fee is \$25; the 1/2-day class fee is \$12.50. Bring your own supplies.

The classes are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays. Class dates are: April 20, May 18, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

For information, call the park office at 352-726-3913 or go to www.inverness-fl.gov.

■ **Beginning Genealogy**, a four-week class to get participants started on collecting family histories, is slated for 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

The fee is \$20. The class meets at Whispering Pines Park Recreation Building. One week will be spent at the library using its resources. Jackie Reiss is the instructor.

For more information, call 352-726-3913 between 8 a.m.

and 5 p.m.

■ Withlacoochee Technical Institute is offering **GED prep classes**. Classes are \$30 per term and are offered during the day and evening in many locations in Citrus County.

In addition to GED preparation classes, adult education students are also offered free career counseling, and financial aid and post-secondary application assistance, as well as free child care for eligible adult education parents.

ESOL classes are available for those wanting to learn to speak, read and write English.

Tuition scholarships are available to qualified candidates. For information, contact Student Services at 352-726-2430 ext. 4326 or ext. 4363, or online at www.wtionline.cc/programs.htm#adult.

■ **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** would like input from community members regarding what classes they would like to see offered at the school. To offer suggestions, log on to www.wti.online.cc, then click on "Community Education" and fill out a suggestion form.

■ Join the excitement as the Homosassa Public Library begins a new **Celebrate Reading** program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Celebrate Reading is a session consisting of two programs geared toward helping preschool and elementary school-age children develop literacy skills, improve their reading and gain a love of books.

The first program, PAWS to Read, gives children the opportunity to build confidence in their reading ability by reading aloud to a certified therapist.

The second program, Reading Pals, pairs teens and younger children together.

Teens read storybooks aloud to one or two younger children at a time. Children may wish to draw or write about a story they like.

Listening to stories, talking about stories and reading aloud are great ways to improve literacy skills while having a good time. For information, call the youth librarian at 352-628-5626.

■ Citrus County Parks & Recreation is offering **baton classes** at the Citrus Springs Community Center.

Classes are open to all girls and boys ages 4 to college age. No experience is necessary. For information, call Diane Sorvillo at 352-527-6540. All classes are taught by Sorvillo, a former Majorette Queen of America and two-time national champion.

Classes and times are:

● 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. — New Beginners (ages 4 to 7).

● 5:30 to 6:15 — Competitive team class.

● 6:15 to 7 p.m. — Solo competitive class.

● 7 to 7:45 p.m. — New Beginners (ages 8 and older).

Class fees are \$32 per month, or two different classes for \$45.

■ **Free tutoring** is available from state-approved providers to students who scored a Level 1 or Level 2 on the Reading or Math FCAT last spring at all Citrus County Elementary Schools and the Renaissance Center (Title I schools).

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mailed to all qualifying families. Tutoring is available after school, at day care sites or community centers, in home or online. Spaces are limited, so if requests for free tutoring exceed the amount of funding available, the school district will prioritize services.

Neither the Florida Department of Education nor the school district promotes or endorses any particular Supplemental Educational Services provider. For information, call Maribeth Smith at 352-726-1931, ext. 2321.

■ Citrus Macintosh Users Group's **classes** in February will be iPad iPhoto on Tuesday, Feb. 26, taught by Jack Colson, and Pages on Thursday, Feb. 28, taught by Curtis Herrin. Classes are \$10, single; \$15, family; and \$20, nonmember.

Workshops: iDevices on Thursday, Feb. 21; with the lab/tune-up on Thursday, Feb. 28. Lab and workshops are for members only and are free.

Time, location and other information for classes, workshops and lab are posted at cmugonline.com in the News and Events section.

CMUG is an all-volunteer, tax-exempt, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping all people in our area become familiar with their Macs and iDevices (iPad, iPhone and iPod touch). The membership year is January to December, and annual dues for CMUG are: \$20, single; \$30, family; and \$10, student.

For more information about CMUG, visit cmugonline.com and go to the About Us and News and Events sections, or contact President Alan Wentzell at 352-302-5864 or cmugpres@gmail.com.

■ Crystal River Users Group invites the public to sign up for its **upcoming classes**.

● Greeting Cards using Word 2010 with Lynn Page, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 4. The focus of the class is on creating personalized cards ready to print and mail. Also learn to create cards to email to even those who do not use Word. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers.

● Corel PaintShop Pro X5 — Single Click Fixes and Effects with Lynn Page, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 11. Corel PaintShop Pro X5's powerful photo-editing tools, new instant effects and enhanced HDR technology make creating stunning photo projects easier than ever. New tools include face recognition technology and the ability to map photos to actual locations. Go to corel.com for a trial version. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers.

● Office Web Apps with Lynn Page from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 18. This class offers a brief overview and look at using Microsoft Office Web Apps. With a Windows Live ID you have access to Microsoft's Office Web Apps and so can create, open, edit and share Word, Excel and PowerPoint documents online using SkyDrive. Work with documents from any computer, whether it has the Office applications in-

stalled or not. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers.

● Photoshop Elements with Laura Boetto from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 7, 14 and 21. Learn to create greeting cards for any occasion in any color and with any design. It's easy and fun. Participants need a version of Photoshop Elements on a laptop computer. Printed tutorials are available with the class. Cost is \$25 for members; \$35 for nonmembers.

● Fun PowerPoint from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 25. PowerPoint is a Microsoft program and many computer users already have the program installed. Interesting slideshows can easily be created and shared. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers.

● Windows 7 Basic from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, April 1 and 8. This is a basic class for students who wish to review Windows 7. The classes will cover tasks commonly used in Windows 7. Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for nonmembers.

Go to www.crug.com to sign up for classes and for more information. CRUG meets at Crystal Oaks Club House, 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Blvd., Lecanto.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ A group of students, parents and teachers from Citrus County are going on an **educational tour** hosted by Education First: Educational Tours based out of Boston, Mass. The group will travel to Dublin, London and Paris from June 17 to 26, 2014.

EF Educational Tours helps teachers in North America break down barriers of language, culture and geography by incorporating international travel into their lessons and opening the doors to the "Global Classroom." Students will visit historic sites, natural wonders and "learn it by living it." EF is the only fully accredited international tour company and a board member of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills.

A parent meeting will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 12, at Crystal River Middle School auditorium.

For more information or to RSVP for the parent meeting, contact Dan Epstein at EpsteinD@citrus.k12.fl.us or 352-613-4478; or Deborah Beck at beckd@citrus.k12.fl.us or 352-422-6921.

The tour website is www.eftours.com/1366896 to register for Epstein's group or www.eftours.com/1367131 to register for Beck's group. The website link includes pricing information and the tour's itinerary.

■ Take Stock in Children of Citrus County is seeking male and female **role models** to help support new student scholars who will enter the program in the Spring.

The program, sponsored by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, offers deserving youths in Citrus County a college scholarship and a caring mentor.

Take Stock scholars join the program in the sixth, seventh grade or eighth grade and are assigned a mentor who meets with them once a week, during regular school hours, and helps the student achieve the goal of a graduating from high school and going to college.

The next mentor training is in March. For information, call Pat Lancaster, program coordinator, at 352-422-2348 or 352-344-0855.

■ The Citrus County YMCA is currently seeking to connect community volunteers through their **Y Community Champions** program. The Y Community Champions program embraces volunteers to help in a variety of areas with the YMCA organization.

The benefits of volunteering include personal development, health and wellness, building relationships and having a community connection. Volunteers are currently needed in the areas of coaching, program assistants, special events and office administration. All volunteers must undergo a background screening.

To volunteer at the YMCA, call 352-637-0132, or stop by the office at 3909 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

■ The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County are now registering children for the **before- and afterschool programs** at each club.

Clubs open as early as 6 a.m. for before-school programming, with children remaining until the school bus transports them to their respective schools. Buses also transport children in the afternoon when school is out to the clubs for the afterschool program, with parents picking up children by 6 p.m.

To register a child or to learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County programs, call the Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club at 352-270-8841, the Robert Halleen Boys & Girls Club at 352-795-8624, or the Evelyn Waters Boys & Girls Clubs at 352-341-2507, or the administrative office at 352-621-9225.

■ Hernando Elementary School is looking for **donations of working Kindles, Nooks, iPod Touches, iPads, Internet tablets, digital cameras and digital recording devices** to be used by students in the classroom. If you have any used but working electronic devices from the list above or would like to donate a new electronic device, contact Heather Bone or Laura Manos at 352-726-1833 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. To contact someone outside of these hours, call Heather Bone at 352-462-4768.

■ **Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County** Central Ridge and Robert Halleen clubs seek mentors to work with their members. The two clubs have received federal grants through Boys & Girls Clubs of America, allowing mentors to come into the clubs to serve as tutors and special friends of members. All mentors will undergo complete background security checks with fingerprinting. Cost of background checks will be covered in most cases through grant funding by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County.

Mentors may be assigned more than one child. A training session will be done prior to mentoring. All mentoring will take place at the club sites. Those who are interested, may call Amy Stonestreet at 352-270-8841 or Lane Vick at 352-621-9225.



Associated Press

Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal, left, and Viola Davis attend the premiere of their film "Won't Back Down," in New York. The movie was a box-office dud, but its creators have more than ticket sales in mind. They hope the classroom drama about two single moms in Pittsburgh trying to save their kids' failing inner-city school also sparks a wave of activism while igniting widespread legal changes giving parents more control over how their children learn.

Movie flops, but creators hope it spurs activism

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The movie "Won't Back Down" starring Maggie Gyllenhaal and Viola Davis was a box-office dud, barely earning \$5 million and disappearing from theaters soon after its September 2012 release.

But the film's creators, and a cadre of influential admirers, have more than ticket sales in mind. They hope the classroom drama about two single moms in Pittsburgh trying to save their kids' failing inner-city school also sparks a wave of activism while igniting widespread legal changes to give parents more control over how their children learn.

"Won't Back Down" is the centerpiece of a national six-month, U.S. Chamber of Commerce tour of major cities and state capitals, including Albany, N.Y., Indianapolis, Phoenix and San Diego. Business leaders and education reform groups want to leverage the film's message into broader policy changes modeled on California's 2010 "parent trigger" law, which allows a simple majority of petition-signing parents to fire principals, boot out poor teachers, take over failing schools and convert them to public charter schools often operated as private businesses.

The private screenings allow the business group's Institute for a Competitive Workforce and lobbyists from organizations such as StudentsFirst, the education reform group created by former Washington, D.C. superintendent Michelle Rhee, to woo state lawmakers over beer and finger sandwiches, as was the case recently in Jefferson City.

Only a handful of Missouri lawmakers watched the movie, and not many more showed up at an education panel discussion the next morning at a Jefferson City art gallery.

But on Thursday, one

week later, Speaker of the House Tim Jones filed a parent trigger bill that would allow parents at schools ranking in the bottom 20 percent on state standardized tests to petition for charter status, or gain authority to fire teachers and principals. Jones filed a similar bill last year that didn't advance out of committee.

"Children should not be the victims of the ZIP code they live in when their education is at stake," the Eureka Republican said. "I don't think parents would go such a route unless they have exhausted all other remedies because it is a drastic remedy. But it's only going to be utilized in drastic situations. So I think parents should be the ones who are ultimately in charge of their children's education, and not bureaucrats."

The film was produced by Walden Media, a growing studio that also made the 2010 documentary "Waiting for Superman," another movie education reformers hoped would spark change.

"Waiting for Superman" really talked to the policy wonks," Chip Flaherty, the studio's executive vice president and publisher, told an audience at The Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington, D.C., think tank. "What we're trying to do here is to get the folks on the couch, the folks who haven't really thought about education, even though it's the most important issue of our time."

The film's promotional materials include a "grassroots toolkit" that encourages inspired viewers to "Stand Up. Speak Out. Fight for Something Better." Whether that message is taking root remains to be seen.

Critics largely pilloried "Won't Back Down" for its two-dimensional portrayal of bungling bureaucrats, contract-bound teachers unwilling to stay

late to help struggling students and villainous teachers' unions led by conniving, blackmailing bosses.

At the Missouri viewing, where former teachers outnumbered current lawmakers, several audience members said the film does a disservice to professional educators.

"I don't know of any teacher who could get their work done without putting in extra time," said state Rep. Judy Morgan, a Kansas City Democrat who spent nearly four decades as a teacher and union organizer. "I saw very hard-working people in the 39 years I worked in teaching. That's not what I saw in the movie."

Seven states have enacted a version of parent trigger: California, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio and Texas. More than 20 states have considered such measures, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Georgia and Tennessee are among the states where lawmakers are currently considering parent control legislation.

In California, parents at a Los Angeles elementary school recently submitted the state's third challenge under the influential law. The two previous cases, in the southern California cities of Compton and Adelanto, have been mired by legal fights and staunch opposition from teachers and administrators.

Teacher unions have been the most vocal critics of "Won't Back Down," staging protests at a New York premiere and organizing competing parent workshops.

Flaherty, whose studio is named after Walden Pond and is best known for "The Chronicle of Narnia" series as well as children's films such as "Charlotte's Web," said the company's latest effort is driven by a desire for change, not ideology.

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Honoring Our Leaders

Happy Day, Presidents!

We celebrate Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 18. This holiday began as a tribute to President George Washington and was scheduled near his birthday, Feb. 22. In fact, the official name of the federal holiday is still Washington's Birthday.

This week, The Mini Page celebrates Presidents Day by getting to know some of our former presidents a little bit better. (The number next to each president's name shows the order in which he served.)

James Madison (4)

• Madison spoke in such a soft voice that people often had to ask him to speak up.



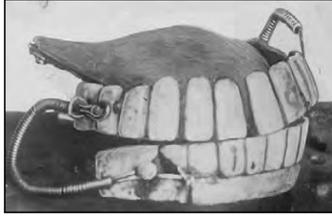
Madison was the shortest president. He was only 5 feet 4 inches tall. He weighed 100 pounds.



photo courtesy Library of Congress

George Washington (1)

• Washington was the only president to have a state named after him.
• He gave the shortest inauguration speech ever, 133 words, at his second inauguration in 1793.
• Washington did not have wooden teeth. His teeth were made of the best materials available at the time.



Records show that George Washington spent a lot of money taking care of his teeth. But like many people in Washington's day, he had many dental problems. His set of teeth (above) was made of ivory.

Thomas Jefferson (3)

• Jefferson sold about 6,000 of his books to help start the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.
• In 1819, he founded the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.



Theodore Roosevelt (26)

• Roosevelt was our youngest president, taking office at age 42.
• He had six children. The family had pets including a bear, a lizard, guinea pigs, a pig, a one-legged rooster, a barn owl and a rabbit.



William Henry Taft (27)

• Taft was the biggest president. He weighed more than 300 pounds.
• He later became chief justice of the Supreme Court.



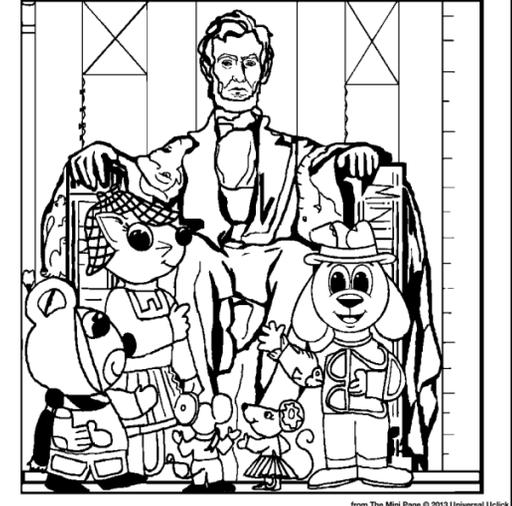
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Roosevelt loved to hunt. One day he refused to shoot a bear cub. A newspaper cartoonist drew a picture showing this incident. A toymaker started making bears, calling them "Teddy."

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and the gang are visiting the Lincoln Memorial. See if you can find:

- exclamation mark
- pencil
- doughnut
- sock
- heart
- eyeglasses
- elephant
- letter B
- funny face
- ruler
- rabbit
- key
- number 7
- two kites
- teacup
- letter E
- letter D
- fish
- letter J
- umbrella
- word MINI



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Black Bean Vegetable Soup

You'll need:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 (14-ounce) cans vegetable stock
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes

What to do:

1. Heat olive oil and cook onion, carrots and garlic until onion is translucent.
2. Add cumin and chili powder, stirring for 1 minute until mixed.
3. Add stock, pepper and 1 can black beans; heat until boiling.
4. Meanwhile, puree remaining can of beans and tomatoes in a blender until smooth. Add to soup mixture.
5. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Zach Callison

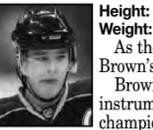


Zach Callison is the voice of James in the new Disney Junior TV series "Sofia the First." He began acting when he was 7 years old as Winthrop in the musical play "The Music Man." He has appeared in several movies, including "Land of the Lost." He has acted in several TV shows, such as the Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" and the Disney XD show "I'm in the Band."

Zach has been the voice for characters in several shows, including "Captain Marvel," "Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated," "Sym-Bionic Titan" and Nickelodeon's "Legend of Korra." Now 15, Zach grew up in St. Louis, Mo., and is a big Cardinals baseball fan. He enjoys singing, songwriting and playing the piano. He lives in Los Angeles with his family.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Dustin Brown



Height: 6-0 **Born: 11-4-84**
Weight: 204 **Hometown: Ithaca, N.Y.**
As the NHL hockey season finally begins, Dustin Brown's goal is clear-cut: win another Stanley Cup. Brown, whose nickname is "Brownie," was instrumental in the Los Angeles Kings' 2012 championship run. He recorded 8 goals, 12 assists, 20 points and 3 game-winning shots during the playoffs. The Kings' aggressive and fearless captain regularly ranks among the NHL's "hits" leaders. Popular and productive, he also has scored between 53 and 60 points per season during the last five years. Away from hockey, Brown is involved in charity work, having received the team's Community Service Award three straight years and the NHL Foundation's 2011 charity award.

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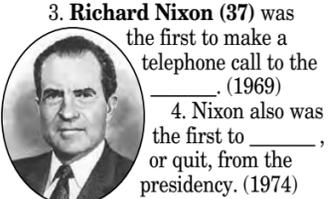
Presidential Quiz-a-Roonie

Many presidents were the first to do something. Can you figure out what that was? Find the picture answer in the box below. Write the answer in the blank space.

1. Grover Cleveland (22, 24) was the first president to be _____ in the White House. (1886)



2. Cleveland also was the first to have a _____ born while in office. (1893)



3. Richard Nixon (37) was the first to make a telephone call to the _____. (1969)

4. Nixon also was the first to _____, or quit, from the presidency. (1974)

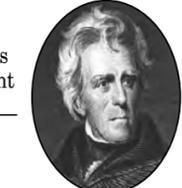


5. Woodrow Wilson (28) was the first president to speak over the _____. (1919)

6. Abraham Lincoln (16) was the first to be pictured on a U.S. _____. (1909)

7. Benjamin Harrison (23) was the first president to turn on _____ in the White House. (1891)

8. Andrew Jackson (7) was the first president to be born in a _____. (1767)

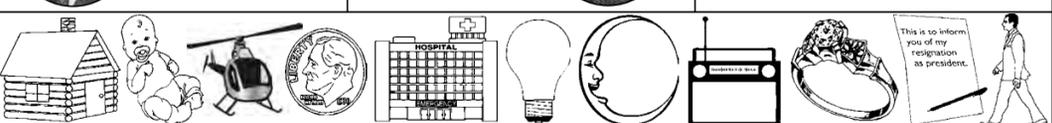


9. Jimmy Carter (39) was the first president to be born in a _____. (1924)



10. He was also the first president to _____ from the Capitol to the White House after his inauguration.

11. Dwight Eisenhower (34) was the first president to fly in a _____. (1957)



More Fun Facts

John Adams (2)

• Adams was the first president to live in the White House. He moved in before it was completely finished in 1800.



Abraham Lincoln (16)

• Lincoln was the first president to wear a beard. He did not wear it for long, only for the last four years of his life. An 11-year-old girl, Grace Bedell, wrote him a letter suggesting that he grow one!



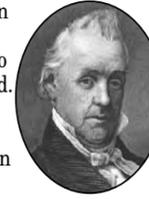
John Tyler (10)

• Tyler had more children than any other president. He was the father of 15! He was married twice. He had eight children by his first wife, Letitia, and seven by his second wife, Julia.



James Buchanan (15)

• Buchanan was the only president who never married.
• He was also the last president born in the 1700s.



• Lincoln was the tallest president. He was 6 feet 4 inches tall. He weighed 180 pounds.

Benjamin Harrison (23)

• Harrison was the only grandson of a president to also serve in that office. His grandfather was William Henry Harrison (9).



Ronald Reagan (40)

• Reagan was the only Hollywood star and the oldest man ever elected to the office of president. He was 69 when he was elected to his first term.
• Reagan was also the first president to wear a bullet-proof vest, a hearing aid and contact lenses.



Rutherford B. Hayes (19)

• Hayes and his wife, Lucy, began the tradition of the Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn on Easter Monday in 1878.



Franklin D. Roosevelt (32)

• Roosevelt was the only president elected for four terms. He was a distant cousin of Theodore Roosevelt (26). He was the first president to fly in an airplane while in office. He also loved the hobby of stamp collecting.



What are some fun facts about you and your friends? Collect a fact about each of your classmates, then mix them up and play a game, seeing if you can match the fact with the student. Keep score to see who gets the most right.

Next week, The Mini Page is all about big river species.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Paula:** Why was George Washington always standing in official White House portraits?
Pierre: Because he could never lie!
Polly: What was Abraham Lincoln's nickname when he was an infant?
Pierce: Babe Lincoln!
Pepper: If George Washington and Abe Lincoln were alive today, what would be the most amazing fact about them?
Pamela: Their age!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Presidents Day TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of presidents are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: BEARD, BIRTHDAY, BOOKS, COIN, HELICOPTER, HOLIDAY, MARRIED, MOON, OLDEST, PETS, PRESIDENT, RADIO, RESIGN, SHORTEST, TALLEST, TEDDY, TEETH, WASHINGTON, WHITE HOUSE, YOUNGEST.

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- classroomhelp.com/lessons/Presidents/index.html
- benguide.gpo.gov/3-5/government/national/executive.html

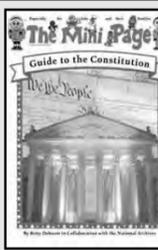
At the library:

- "The Everything Kids' Presidents Book" by Brian Thornton
- "The New Big Book of U.S. Presidents" by Todd Davis and Marc Frey

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News NOTES

Grumman retiree to meet Feb. 21

The Grumman Retiree Club's Midwest Florida Chapter will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50), Brooksville.

The business meeting begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch. The cost is \$13. There will be a speaker from the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) after lunch, who will talk about services the program provides to seniors.

Call Hank Mehl at 352-686-2735, or email hmehl@tampabay.rr.com to make reservations.

Rainbow Springs bird walk Feb. 22

Citrus County Audubon member Fred Hileman will lead a birding walk beginning at the Rainbow Springs tube entrance at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, continuing to the Springs Campground.

The walk will begin at the tube entrance, 10830 S.W. 180th Avenue Road, Dunnellon (coordinates: N 29° 03.978' W 082° 25.163').

The group will trek the tube walkway and continue down to the river. Early migratory, winter and resident birds may be found along the trail. The next stop will be the campground.

Those unfamiliar with the area may plug the Tube address into Bing Maps or GPS for directions.

Woman's Club plays bunco

The GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness will have a bunco party at the clubhouse, 1715 Forest Drive, today, Feb. 20.

Snacks, beverages, door prizes and opportunity drawings will be part of the fun. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Call Pat at 344-1275. No tickets to be sold at the door.

Zen meditation sessions at Unity

The public is welcome to Zen meditation sessions at 2:45 p.m. Sundays at Unity Church, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto (off County Road 491). Call 352-464-4955.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Spike



Special to the Chronicle
Spike is a cute black and white rat terrier. Because his whole world has changed he is a little shy at first, but quickly becomes a loving and affectionate dog. He already loves to sleep with his foster family. He likes to play with the other dogs, is quiet and does not bark a lot. Adopt A Rescued Pet Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions, so can only adopt to the Citrus County area. Call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number, and pet's name for a return call. Check www.adoptarescuedpet.com for other pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

Celebration of history

Civil War re-enactment to be staged in Webster Feb. 22-24

Special to the Chronicle

The 16th annual Nature Coast Civil War Reenactment will be staged Friday through Sunday, Feb. 22 to 24, at State Road 471 across from Webster Elementary School in Webster.

Friday, Feb. 22, has been set aside for the students of Sumter and area counties to visit with their teachers and learn how life was lived in the 1860s. They will have a chance to speak with re-enactors and see them dressed in authentic uniforms. The

children will be able to view the military guns, and see the mortar and cannon demonstrations.

Battles at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday will feature pyrotechnic special effects.

The gate opens at 9 a.m. both days, and closes at 4 p.m. Donation is \$5 per adult; \$2 for ages 8 to 17. Children younger than 8 are admitted free.

Visitors can visit the authentic campsites of the Union and Confederate troops to see how they lived and worked. Stroll into the sutlers'

tents and see their wares and supplies for the soldiers. See the Cavalry troops and the armies engage in battle, feel the earth shake as the Artillery troops fire their cannons.

See the ladies in their beautiful dresses and parasols as they stroll along the battlefield as their loved ones prepare for war. Food vendors will be set up.

For more information, visit www.naturecoastcivilwarreenactment.com, or call Ray Smutko at 352-220-3013, or email him at ray1861@earthlink.net.



Retired educators attend workshop

Citrus County Retired Educators attended the Florida Retired Educators (FREA) District Four workshop in Gainesville recently. Seated, from left, are: Ernestine Reeder, informative and protective services chair; and Harold Reeder, treasurer. Standing, from left, are: Shirley Jones, secretary; Ruth Levins, FREA Foundation Citrus representative; and Carolyn Stephens, FREA District Four director.

Special to the Chronicle

Audubon Society meets today

Endangered jay to be topic of program

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Audubon Society will meet at 7 p.m. today, Feb. 20, at Unity Church of Citrus County, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

Guest speaker will be Marianne Korosy, who is the Jay Watch and Important Bird Area (IBA) coordinator for Audubon Florida.

Her presentation, "Scrub Jay Watch and Grassland Sparrow Ecology," will focus on her work

with Florida's endangered scrub jays and the ongoing project of Sparrow Drives held yearly at Weeki Wachee Preserve in Hernando County.

Her presence will afford those wishing to be involved an opportunity to volunteer and to become active in preserving and caring for our creatures in the wild.

All CCAS events are open to the public. For more information, visit CitrusCountyAudubon.com.



Special to the Chronicle
The endangered Florida scrub jay.

Gospel Fest will benefit Relay

Special to the Chronicle

North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs will be host church for a Gospel Fest at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, to raise money for the Relay For Life Citrus Springs Elementary School Team.

Various area church choirs and gospel groups will perform.

Everyone is invited to come and

help support the Relay team's efforts to raise money for cancer research and the American Cancer Society.

More gospel groups and choirs are invited to participate, said the Rev. David Houston, a member of the team and pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Dunnellon and New Salem Baptist Church in Holder. Houston is retired from Citrus

Springs Elementary after 26 years.

"We would also like to have some testimonies of cancer survivors who were helped because of research, or because of prayer," Houston said.

North Oak Baptist Church is at the corner of Elcam and Citrus Springs boulevards.

To participate, or for more information, call Houston at 352-637-0385, or the school at 352-344-4079.

Spanish American Club reaches out

MARIA ELENA COIMBRE

Special to the Chronicle

On Christmas Eve, Pete Velazquez, Ernestine Simonson and I had the pleasure of meeting the Fernandez Family.

The children, Priscilla, Lilly, Emily and Martin were surprised with the beautiful gifts Santa ad brought. Lilly and Emily received beautiful bikes.

The two younger kids received Barbies and Barbie's car, plus other gifts.

Martin, the 3-year-old, had asked Santa for the "Cars" Disney character. He received it and other multiple gifts, including a sleeping bag.

All four kids were extremely grateful. They said this was the "Best Christ-

Guest COLUMN



PETE VELAZQUEZ/Special to the Chronicle
The Spanish American Club of Citrus County worked to make sure the Fernandez family had a happy holiday.

mas ever!" Their parents asked that we thank the Spanish American Club members for making their children's Christmas a very special one.

I want to personally thank Pete Velazquez for stepping up at the last minute to take pictures. He is always willing to help on short notice. Ernestine referred the children to SAC and welcomed us at her home to meet them.

This was another successful event for SAC, making a difference in other people's lives. Muchas gracias to all our members who donated to this worthy cause back at the November general meeting; may the year bring you all much health, happiness and success.

Maria Elena Coimbre is vice president of the Spanish American Club of Citrus County.

News NOTES

Herry's Market Day to be Feb. 23

Herry's Market Day is on the last Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hospice of Citrus County's Homosassa Too Thrift & Gift Shoppe, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa (behind Wendy's, east of U.S. 19). The next Market Day will be Saturday, Feb. 23.

The outdoor flea market features a variety of merchandise from old to ordinary to useful, sublime, cool and collectible. Vendor space is available and is being offered free for a limited time.

Call Caroline at 352-621-1550 for more information. Visit Hospice Thrift & Gift Shoppe on Facebook or visit Hospice of Citrus County on the Web at www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

Speak Brit? Clarify at club

It has been said Britain and America speak a common language, but knowing the meaning of such expressions as broolly, lift or loo can puzzle some Americans.

The British American Club has a speaker who will clarify this and other terms at its Monday, Feb. 25, meeting at 7 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Express, 903 Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness. Claudine Dervaes has been in the travel industry for 37 years and published 16 books for travel education. She will enlighten the group on our different vocabulary.

The club meets the fourth Monday monthly for those with an association in or interest in the United Kingdom and its culture. Refreshments available.

Visit the website at www.britamclub.com, or call Judi Matthews at 352-527-2581.

Fla. author to speak at library

The Friends of the Citrus County Library System invite everyone to join them at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Coastal Region Library to hear James Macomber from Bradenton talk about his life as an author and his action/adventure/suspense John Cann series.

His thrillers explore reality-based situations in the context of international plot lines and how they affect human and interpersonal relationships.

For more information, call 352-489-4075.

Coin Club to meet Feb. 25

The Beverly Hills Coin Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills.

There are no dues. The club's purpose is to bring local coin collectors together and for numismatic education. For details, call Joe at 352-527-2868.

Meek to speak to civic group

County Commissioner Joe Meek will be guest speaker at the Thursday, Feb. 21, meeting of the Citrus Springs Civic Association at 7 p.m. at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

CSCA general meetings are on the third Thursday monthly at the center.

The association helps promote and coordinate community services and activities.

To be a part of the organization, come to a meeting and volunteer your time. For more information, call 352-465-9007.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 20, 2013. Table listing TV programs, channels, and times from 6:00 to 11:30 PM.

Bridge game hand. North: K Q J, 7 4, 10 6 5 3 2, A K Q. West: 10 9 8 6 5, A 9 3, 9, 10 8 5 3. East: A 4 3, 2, A K Q J 8 4, 7 6 4. Dealer: East. Vulnerable: Both. Opening lead: 9.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Napoleon Hill, who was one of the pioneers of personal-success literature, said, "Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success."

How is patience a virtue in this deal? South is in four hearts. West leads his singleton diamond. East overtakes with his ace and continues with the king, which South ruffs with the heart king.

South made a textbook triple-jump overall. North was not sure if game would make, but since it could have been laydown, he sensibly raised to four hearts.

South has three aces to lose. To make his contract, he must not concede a second trump trick. Note that East's winning the first trick with his ace and then leading the king were suit-preference signals for spades.

What will happen depends on West's patience. Since he knows East has the spade ace, there will be a temptation to overruff with the heart ace and shift to a spade. East will win with his ace and lead another diamond, but South will ruff high, draw trumps in two more rounds, and claim.

West must be patient, discarding at trick two. South will continue with a high trump, but West wins and puts his partner on lead in spades. When East plays a diamond, it promotes a second trump trick for West. South has only two high trumps left, and West still holds the nine and the three.

JUMBLE word game. Includes a cartoon of a man at a crematorium and a grid for arranging letters to form words. Answers: CLASH COURT BROKER DIGEST.

- ACROSS: 1 "Fernando" pop group, 5 Shipyard relics, 10 Seizes the throne, 12 Pondering, 13 Dark red, 14 Egg dish, 15 Governess in Siam, 16 Lb. or tsp., 18 Coloring, 19 Sheriff's sidekick, 22 Formula One car, 25 Gave an unwelcome poke, 29 Wrestling venue, 30 Gawked, 32 Linoleum squares, 33 City near Syracuse.

Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with words: BEAD, PAL, SAWS, ACRE, AGE, ELIA, DONATION, ACES, ROD, OPPOSE, SOUSA, GOAT, TSUK, DOLLAR, AHM, KOI, TWIG, BASE, RPM, SEMI, GRASPS, RAG, THAI, AMENS, BOOBOO, TVA, AWRY, FORECAST, RENT, FRA, HOSE, KLEE, SKY, ULNA.

Dear Annie: I am a 19-year-old heroin addict striving toward recovery. I go to five Narcotics Anonymous meetings a week, but I have occasional setbacks. After the most recent incident, I left drug paraphernalia in the bathroom. I took full responsibility and was ashamed and disgusted with myself. But the first thing my mother said was, "Did you leave that out on purpose so your sister could find it and start experimenting? She's only 13!"

scary, and instead of helping, they attack. I don't know what else I can do. — Begging for Mummy and Daddy. Dear Begging: Your parents are frightened — for you and for your sister — and they also don't trust you. Getting off hard drugs is a difficult process, and we commend your efforts. Your parents' support is important. But if your setbacks include using drugs in their home and leaving paraphernalia in plain sight, it contributes to their anger.

People who do not live in the area with the affected relative (considered a long-distance caregiver) can also benefit greatly from attending a support group where they live. The association's focus is on all dementias, not just Alzheimer's. Thank you for spreading the word. — Caring for Dad. Dear Dad: We often mention the Alzheimer's Association in this space. It is an invaluable resource, and we are grateful to you for delineating what they do. Readers can contact them at alz.org. Dear Annie: We, too, went through the same turmoil as "Indiana Mom" because of a vindictive daughter-in-law who convinced our idiot son (he's a Ph.D.) to prevent us from seeing our grandchildren.

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com. Includes a crossword puzzle grid.

21 Healthy snack, 22 Wharf denizen, 23 Opera song, 24 Honeycomb unit, 26 Content, 27 Homer's opus, 28 Pack of cards, 31 "Boot", 35 Tears asunder, 36 — Paulo, 39 Ten-four buddy, 40 Port near Kilauea, 41 Bookie's figures, 42 Adams or Brickell, 45 Leer, 46 Iowa college town, 47 Youngster, 48 Keystone, 49 Always, to Whitman, 51 Opposite of "paleo".

ANNIE'S MAILBOX. Would your parents help with the cost of a reputable rehab facility? The Salvation Army also offers a program. You are making progress, but it is often beneficial to be separated from the culture that contributes to your drug use. Please show your parents this letter, and tell them you wrote it. We hope it helps. Dear Annie: My father has Alzheimer's, and I have attended a support group for five years. I have learned a lot. Please let your readers know that the Alzheimer's Association offers support groups, as well as information on local services, how to find good medical help and social workers who can assist with problems including wandering, driving and medication. You can learn how others have dealt with similar problems. There is informational literature on how to prepare for what may happen next with your loved one.

Finally, no longer willing to tolerate this form of "grandparent abuse," we disinherited my son and grandchildren and will never see them again. It was a painful decision, but we had to do it in order to maintain our stability. In retrospect, it was the right decision. We have regained our emotional equilibrium. — California. 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 the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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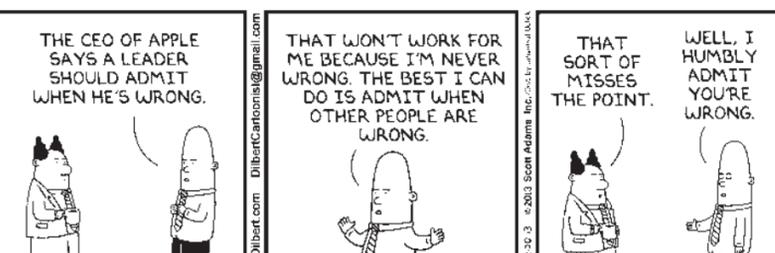
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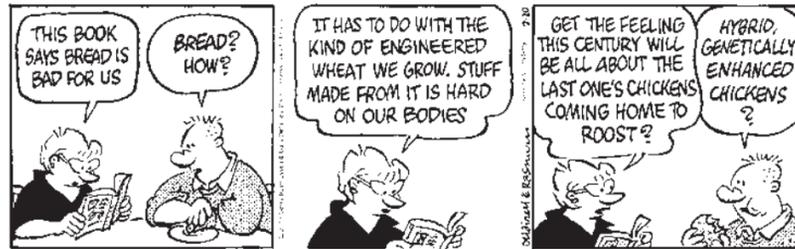
The Family Circus



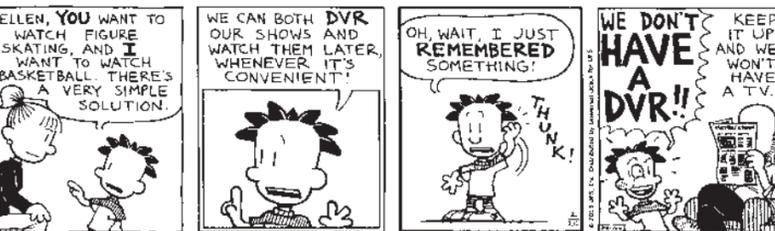
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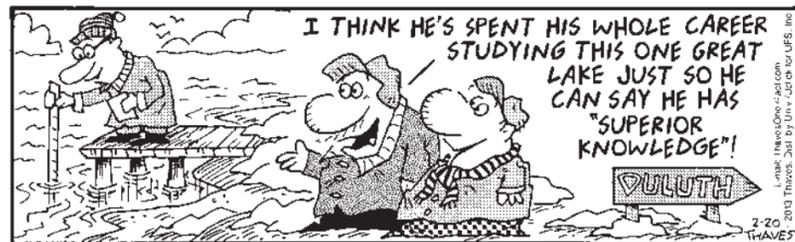
Betty



Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Local RADIO

WJUF-FM 90.1 National Public	WSKY 97.3 FM News Talk	WYKE-FM 104.3 Sports Talk
WHGN-FM 91.9 Religious	WXJB 99.9 FM News Talk	WDUV 105.5 FM Hudson
WCXV-FM 95.3 Adult Mix	WRGO-FM 102.7 Oldies	WJQB-FM 106.3 Oldies
WXOF-FM 96.3 Adult Mix		WFJV-FM 103.3 '50s to '70s
WEKJ FM 96.7, 103.9 Religious		WRZN-AM 720 Adult Mix

Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.

Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) In 3D. 1:45 p.m., 7:40 p.m. No passes.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) 4:45 p.m. No passes.
"Safe Haven" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"A Good Day to Die Hard" (R) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m. No passes.
"Beautiful Creatures" (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
"Identity Thief" (R) ID required. 1:15 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
"Warm Bodies" (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

"A Good Day to Die Hard" (R) 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m. No passes.
"Beautiful Creatures" (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) In 3D. 1:05 p.m., 7:35 p.m. No passes.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) 4:30 p.m. No passes.
"Side Effects" (R) 1:40 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
"Identity Thief" (R) 1:25 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:25 p.m.
"Warm Bodies" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
"Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters" (R) In 3D. 1:50 p.m., 4:05 p.m. No passes.
"Lincoln" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

TODAY'S CLUE: r sjenbe N

"EBX WJKKXWWMJZ UXPUZZ PM EBHW
 VPGZA ELFX ZHMX LW HE KPYXW.
 EBXT NJWE SP PJE LIA AXLZ VHEB EBX
 VPGZA LW HE HW." — RXI WEXHI

Previous Solution: "I can tell it all in song ... gladness, love, joy, unhappiness. Each song, you're telling a story and acting." — Patti Page

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