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Killer gets stay

Execution halted temporarily

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A federal appellate court on Monday temporarily stopped the execution of a drug trafficker convicted of killing a Florida state trooper with a pipe bomb.

What began as a routine traffic stop on Interstate 10 in rural north Florida quickly escalated into the killing of the trooper and launched a multistate investigation that unraveled a major crack cocaine ring 21 years ago.

That chain of events was set to end with the execution Tuesday of South Florida drug trafficker Paul Augustus Howell, 47, for murdering Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Jimmy Fulford on Feb. 1, 1992.

The Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, though, stayed the execution that was scheduled for 6 p.m. at

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Con artists target Social Security

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff writer

Imagine Allen and Carol Tallman's shock when they received a letter from Social Security Administration stating: "As per Allen's request, his Social Security check, which has been directly deposited in his bank for 22 years, is now changing to another bank."

"We said, 'Wait a minute. We didn't request that,'" Mrs. Tallman said.

The couple scurried to the Social Security office in Ocala to address the apparent identity theft visited on Tallman, 84.

"Thankfully, Social Security was able to stop it, but all we kept thinking is 'What would

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Adams: Fire Wesch

Commissioner concerned about legal outsourcing

Scott Adams
county commissioner.

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Two weeks after calling for County Administrator Brad Thorpe's head, Commissioner Scott Adams has his sights set on another high-ranking government official.

Adams said Monday he will make a motion during today's county commission meeting to fire County Attorney Richard Wesch, citing what Adams believes is an over-reliance on outside counsel and consultants.

"We need to get rid of the county attorney," Adams said. "I feel we've got so much outside attorneys doing simple things. If we're going to delegate it out, we need to eliminate the county attorney's position."

Adams said he is particularly

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Richard Wesch
county attorney.

Sisters on the fly

NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Swanee Owen, from Unadilla, Ga., sits in front of a sheep wagon she has converted into a camper. She's part of a group called Sisters on the Fly, women from around the nation who meet up at various campsites in their restored and tricked-out campers. This past weekend a group of "sisters" camped at Crystal Isles RV Resort in Crystal River.

Women share camaraderie during camping trips in vintage trailers

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Call them the "sisterhood of the traveling tricked-out, vintage, retro trailers," a ladies-only group who meet at campsites across the nation to share adventures, stories, ideas and/or a pot of coffee or bottle of wine.

Sisters on the Fly was started by two real-life sisters who took a fly-fishing trip to Montana together in 1999. They had so much fun they invited some friends along on their next trip — and thought, "Wouldn't it be fun to camp in restored vintage trailers?"

Friends invited friends on each trip and now — 14 years later — the group has grown to 3,500 women from all over the U.S., Canada, England and even Australia.

"We get to do things we never do by ourselves, like swimming with manatees, kayaking, ziplining," said Paula Grimstead, sister from Lake Butler who served as hostess for a Sisters on the Fly camping event at Crystal Isles RV Resort in Crystal River this past weekend.

"There's an event somewhere around the country just about every weekend," she said.

About 23 women came from as far away as Ohio and Pennsylvania this past weekend and graciously gave tours of their kitschy homes on wheels to curious passersby.

Upon arriving, each woman set up her own space according to her theme — "bookmobile,"

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One of the customs at a Sisters on the Fly event is to create a still-life tableau. Carol Youourski has a collection of trailer pottery made by her real sister and fellow "sister" Sally Weber.

Morgan, a 9-year-old Jack Russell terrier, shares a 1942 Tourette Tear Drop trailer with Gale Domanico of Largo on Sisters on the Fly events.

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upset about payments to Tampa attorney Fred Busack for the County Road 491 widening project. The project includes obtaining donations of right of way, developing a medical corridor and redesigning drainage along the stretch of roadway between C.R. 486 and State Road 44.

"We've given Busack over $300,000 on 491 and we don't have the first signed contract as of two weeks ago," Adams said. "That's the people's money. I feel like we've got an open pocketbook to Fred Busack. I feel it's a real cozy relationship. We're not getting what we're paying for."

Wesch, a former county administrator, became county attorney in 2010 and is paid about $121,000.

Wesch said Monday Adams doesn't understand his duties and has made no attempt at learning the attorney's role. He said Adams doesn't want him included in the commissioner's weekly briefings and they rarely speak to each other outside commission meetings.

"It's unfortunate the commissioner continues on this campaign of distraction," Wesch said. "I think a full-time county attorney in a county this size is imperative. I stand by my body of work."

Adams, elected in the August primary, is a constant and public critic of Thorpe, Wesch, top county staff and even fellow commissioners.

During a debate Feb. 12 about county vehicles, Adams abruptly made a motion to fire Thorpe after the administrator challenged him to do so. The motion died for lack of a second.

Board Chairman Joe Meek, who chastised Adams for his attempts to oust Thorpe, was aghast when told Monday Adams planned to seek Wesch's removal.

"That's extremely unfortunate to hear," Meek said.

- **WHAT:** Citrus County Commission meeting.
- **WHEN:** 1 p.m. today; public comment at 1:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.
- **ON THE WEB:** www.bocc.citrus.fl.us.

> **"I feel we've got too much outside attorneys doing simple things."**
>
> **Scott Adams**
> county commissioner.

"It's another example of him attempting to cause chaos and disruption. As chairman of the board, I'm dedicated to working to solve the issues we have in front of us as a county. I'm not going to let this turn into a circus sideshow."

Adams, who has more than 300 followers of his Facebook page, sent a letter to the editor (See Page A11) in response to a column by *Chronicle* Publisher Gerry Mulligan in Sunday's newspaper.

In it, Adams complained of "cronyism" between commissioners and top staff, and suggested a grand jury be convened to "see what's really going on."

Adams, in an interview Monday, said commissioners and top staff have become too friendly with each other to make hard decisions about cutting staff. Adams said he thinks the administration should be reduced by six to nine positions, though he said he suggested Thorpe decide where those cuts should come.

"Bosses aren't supposed to patronize with the employees," he said. "When we're so cozy, we start not being able to direct and make the proper judgment calls because the relationship blurs your vision."

Adams said he criticizes commissioners because he blames them for the county now being faced with millions of dollars in budget cuts.

"It's misconduct on their part not to have already done this," he said. "We've got this thing on auto-drive and what it's done, it's become so comfortable on auto-drive, it's out of control. As a new commissioner, I see it."

Meek was incredulous that Adams would suggest a grand jury investigation.

"That is simply outrageous!" he said. "A grand jury investigation? He's coming up with nothing of substance, just throwing rhetoric out there to cause chaos and confusion."

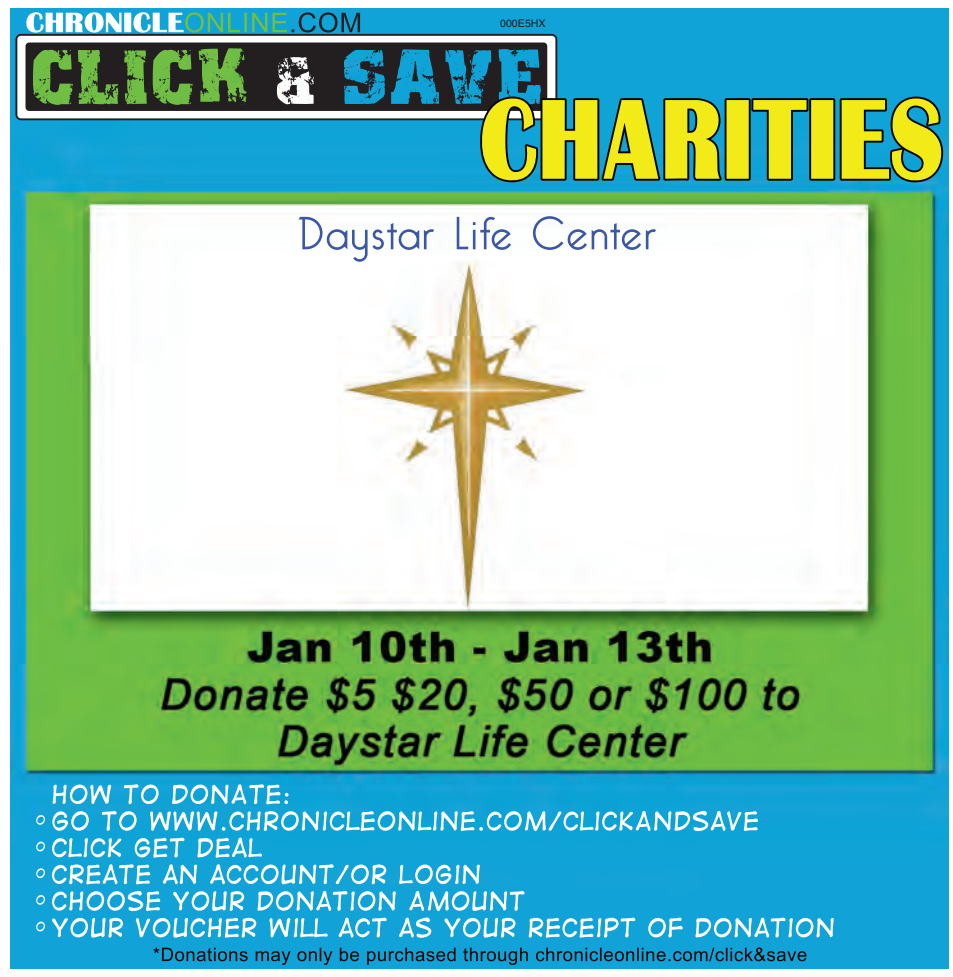
Adams said he will continue to bring up issues he believes need scrutiny.

"People are upset, they want accountability," he said. "They're not getting it because we're at the last minute having a fire drill when we should have been having fire drills the whole time."

Drug awareness program

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County pharmacist James Mauler was the special guest speaker at the drug awareness and education program of the Citrus County Composite Squadron FL-315 Civil Air Patrol. Mauler shared information about abuse of otherwise simple over-the-counter drugs. He also told cadets about the names of the problem drugs that are "accessible and cheap." According to Drug, Demand and Reduction Officer/2nd Lt. Marlene Korycki, the presentation goes along with the Civil Air Patrols' active and aggressive stance in the community against drugs.



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Around the STATE

Citrus County

Three Sisters to be discussed

At 1 p.m. Friday, March 8, the Friends of the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve Inc. will host a program by Ivan Vicente, visitor services specialist with Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, called "Future Plans for Three Sisters Springs including Manatee Protection at the Springs."

Vicente will give an update on the popular springs located off King's Bay in Crystal River.

The meeting will be at 1001 Old Rock Road, Yankeetown. For more information, go to www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com

Downtown Democrats to meet

The Downtown Democrats Club will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at B&W Rexall Drug restaurant, 214 U.S. 41 South, Inverness. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

Contact Roger Sewell, president, at rsewell@tampabay.rr.com or 352-726-4676

Boil-water notice rescinded

The precautionary boil-water notice issued on Feb. 21 in the area of Citrus Springs, servicing homes located at 9621, 9749, 9791 N. Elkcam Blvd., has been rescinded following emergency repairs and bacteriological analysis showing that the water is safe for human consumption. Normal usage may be resumed.

Call 352-527-7650.

Water/wastewater board meeting

The Citrus County Water and Wastewater Authority will meet at 1 p.m. Monday in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto. Members of the board will discuss and review customer complaint surveys, rate case updates, along with other items on the agenda.

Call 352-419-6520 for more information.

Workshop to mull transportation merger

At a specially called workshop, the Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization will review and discuss the draft for a merger with the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

It will review the planning area boundary and apportionment plan and discuss the merits of a larger or smaller board; the economic importance of transportation to both Citrus and Hernando counties, the importance of a partnership and the desire for fairness and equity.

It is set to meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at in the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main St., Inverness. Questions may be directed to Sheila Martin, TBARTA, at 800-998-7433 or sheila.martin@tbarta.com.

Lakeland

Two dead in crash with train

Two people were struck and killed by a train after the vehicle they were traveling in went through the lighted gates at a railroad crossing near Lakeland.

The Florida Highway Patrol said the crash occurred about 11:40 p.m. Sunday.

The names of the deceased were not available Monday morning.

Troopers said the vehicle continued across the tracks even though the lighted crossing gates were activated to indicate that a train was approaching.

— From staff and wire reports

Cutler Spur work begins

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — The Cutler Spur Boulevard road improvement project has begun. Work started Monday on one of the more ambitious projects.

With the start of work comes some road closures. Phase 1, which is expected to last 90 days, will close Paradise Point Road and King's Bay Drive, according to Dave Burnell, the city's public works director.

Burnell said the improvements to Cutler Spur Boulevard include the complete reconstruction of the road. The aim is to improve the vertical alignment, add drainage retention areas, improve the drainage collection system, replace utilities, widen the roadway and add a 10-foot-wide walking and biking path.

Construction on the $2.6 million project was initially slated to begin March 25, but because the contractor wanted to get work done on the culvert area of the project before the seasonal rains come, it was moved forward, Burnell said.

The project also is partially funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation.

The city awarded the contract to Commercial Industrial Corp. from Reddick.

Burnell is urging motorists to follow the detour signs and stay aware of the construction activities. The road closures should happen Tuesday or Wednesday, Burnell said.

A copy of the construction drawings is available on the city website at www.crystalriverfl.org.

For questions or concerns, call Rod Darley, project coordinator, at Stantec at 813-223-9500.

If you have other questions, contact Crystal River Public Works at 352-795-4216.

Contact Chronicle reporter A.B. Sidibe at 352-564-2925 or asidibe@chronicleonline.com.

Fishing clinic

ABOVE: Last Saturday was the ninth annual Kids Fishing Clinic hosted by Citrus County Parks and Recreation, at which 300 children were educated on fishing. Many organizations were on hand to help with teaching the young anglers at Fort Island Trail Park near Crystal River. Besides taking home a new fishing rod and reel, the children participated in activities and took home ditty bags. **LEFT:** Riley Castle, 5, was having fun reeling in her new fishing rod.

CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON/Crystal River Current

Campaign aims to fight senior hunger

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

One in seven senior citizens is threatened with hunger, according to a recent study.

For more than 40 years, a county program has served older people a daily meal. Today, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will make a proclamation declaring March as "March for Meals" month.

"It's a national campaign from the Meals on Wheels Association of America," said Janice Hale, who works in senior programs with the county's Support Services Department. "The campaign is to bring awareness of senior hunger issues and to raise more funds to provide services."

With a slogan of "So no senior goes hungry," the campaign has a serious mission. Not only do one in seven senior citizens face hunger, according to a 2012 report from the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger (www.nfesh.org/#/what-we-know/4570514007), the threat of hunger for seniors increased in 44 states since 2007. Florida was included in the list of 10 states with the highest risk of senior hunger.

"We call our program Citrus County's Home Delivered Meals," Hale said. "It is one-third of the daily nutritional requirement for adults delivered Monday through Friday."

The program is funded in part by a federal grant under the Older Americans Act of 1965. Fundraising will include several events.

A dance is set from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 22, under the stars at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. Tickets cost $10.

The second annual "Golf For Meals" tournament will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at Seven Rivers Golf and Country Club, with a $55 entry per golfer.

For information about both events, call 352-527-5975.

Applebee's restaurants will donate 10 percent of a meal bill on Tuesdays to Citrus County's Home Delivered Meals Program. The Inverness restaurant will take part on March 5 and 19, while the Crystal River restaurant will take its turns on March 12 and 26. Printable flyers are available at www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/commserv/suppserv/senprog/hdm/hdm.htm.

The people who receive the meals can look forward to March 15.

"The county commissioners are going to deliver the meals to the seniors," Hale said. "Richard Wesch, the county attorney, is also participating, and the assistant administrators, Cathy Pearson and Ken Frink. They are all going to help deliver meals throughout the county on that date to bring awareness to the program."

Hats thrown in ring for open school board slot

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Gov. Rick Scott will have plenty of applications when the time comes for choosing a new Citrus County School Board member.

Seventeen people, including two former board members, have applied to replace Susan Hale on the school board. Hale resigned in January, just two months after taking office.

Scott's office hasn't said when the governor is expected to make his choice, and there is no deadline for applications. While an appointee need not live in same district as Hale — District 4, covering Lecanto, Homosassa and Sugarmill Woods — the governor's office said he will appoint someone from that district.

The list includes Bill Murray, the former two-term incumbent who lost in the August primary to Hale. Also applying is Sheila Whitelaw, who served on the school board 1994-98.

Lynn Dostal, who ran for state House of Representatives District 34 but dropped out after winning the Democratic primary, is an applicant.

Other applicants are: Gary Croneau, Jeffrey Smith, Suzan Franks, Tammy Zybell, Sandy Balfour, Judith Zumwalt, Kathy Thrumston, Michael "Joey" White, Jeff Kopp, Donald Kidd, Lindsey Hodgkins, Stephen Barbieri, Sandra Counts and Bruce Bellamy.

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

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

DUI arrests

■ **Linda Collinsworth**, 57, of South Gemini Point, Homosassa, at 12:23 a.m. Feb. 21 on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. According to her arrest affidavit, she was stopped at South Link Terrace and West Grover Cleveland Boulevard. She would not perform field sobriety tasks and tests of her breath showed her blood alcohol concentration was 0.176 and 0.170. The legal limit is 0.08 percent. Bond $500.

■ **Phillip Denoma**, 28, of East Hayden Lane, Inverness, at 1:10 a.m. Feb. 21 on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. According to his arrest affidavit, he was stopped after a law enforcement officer saw the truck Denoma was driving stopped, facing the wrong way in a turn lane on West Norvell Bryant Highway. He told the deputy he had consumed three beers in less than an hour that night. He had difficulty performing sobriety tasks and tests of his breath showed his blood alcohol concentration was 0.147 and 0.141 percent. Bond $500.

Other arrests

■ **Sherry Sullivan-Conley**, 41, of South Finale Point, Homosassa, at 2:55 p.m. Tuesday on a felony charge of grand theft. According to her arrest affidavit, she is accused of stealing multiple pieces of jewelry from a woman she was assisting as a certified nursing assistant. Bond $15,000.

■ **Christopher Sullivan**, 40, of South Finale Point, Homosassa, at 3:34 p.m. Feb. 19 on a felony charge of trafficking in stolen property and, at 5:02 p.m. Feb. 19, for violation of probation on an original felony charge of credit card fraud. According to his arrest affidavit, he is accused of pawning stolen jewelry. No bond.

■ **Barry Lane**, 39, of North Commanche Terrace, Hernando, at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 on a Citrus County warrant for grand theft. Bond $2,000.

■ **Timothy Wheeler**, 20, of Skipper Road, Tampa, at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 on a Citrus County warrant for violation of probation on original felony charges of burglary to a structure, burglary to a conveyance and grand theft. No bond.

■ **Melissa Emerson**, 24, of Northwest 69th Lane, Gainesville, at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 on a Citrus County warrant for violation of probation on an original felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

■ **Justin Sanders**, 25, of East Partridge Lane, Floral City, at 7:20 p.m. Feb. 19 on a misdemeanor charge of retail petit theft. Bond $250.

■ **Bobby Metz II**, 44, at 11:44 p.m. Feb. 19 on a misdemeanor charge of trespassing. Bond $500.

■ **Harold Monk**, 42, at 12:10 p.m. Feb. 20 on a Citrus County warrant for violation of probation on an original felony charge of molesting a victim under 12 years of age and, at 2:57 p.m. Feb. 20, on felony charges of failure of a sexual predator to register at a driver's license office within 48 hours after registration at a sheriff's office and failure of a sexual predator out of custody to register within 48 hours. No bond.

■ **William Garris**, 27, of West Ranchetta Street, Dunnellon, at 4:49 p.m. Feb. 20 on a Dixie County warrant for burglary and grand theft. No bond.

■ **Ronald Harris**, 36, of Homosassa, at 5 p.m. Feb. 20 on a felony charge of violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Stephen Johnston**, 57, of West Parkville Street, Lecanto, at 7:31 p.m. Feb. 20 on two misdemeanor charges of retail petit theft and a Citrus County warrant for violation of probation on an original misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended. Bond $2,155.

Burglaries

■ A residential burglary was reported at 3:58 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the 8200 block of W. River Glade Court, Crystal River.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 4:59 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 6500 block of N. Clayton Ave., Dunnellon.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the 200 block of E. Leon Loop, Hernando.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 3:45 p.m. Feb. 23 in the 10400 block of W. Larchwood St., Homosassa.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 7:39 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in the 1400 block of Carl St., Inverness.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 10:01 p.m. Feb. 24 in the 6200 block of W. Cardinal St., Homosassa.

Thefts

■ A petit theft was reported at 6:34 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the 6600 block of S. Frankfurter Way, Homosassa.

■ An auto theft was reported at 11:32 a.m. Feb. 22 in the 1900 block of W. McNeal Drive, Dunnellon.

■ A grand theft was reported at 4:42 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 600 block of N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

■ A grand theft was reported at 5:16 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 6700 block of W. Penny Court, Homosassa.

■ A grand theft was reported at 7:46 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ A grand theft was reported at 9:01 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ A petit theft was reported at 12:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the 6300 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

■ A grand theft was reported at 4:14 p.m. Feb. 23 in the 10800 block of E. Bushnell Road, Floral City.

■ A grand theft was reported at 5:17 p.m. Feb. 23 in the 7800 block of W. Rosedale Drive, Homosassa.

■ A grand theft was reported at 7:20 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in the 100 block of S.E. Paradise Point Road, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft was reported at 12:20 p.m. Feb. 24 in the 6800 block of N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando.

■ A petit theft was reported at 4:23 p.m. Feb. 24 in the area of E. Norvell Bryant Highway and N. Skeeter Terrace, Hernando.

Vandalisms

■ A vandalism was reported at 5:54 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the 12000 block of N. Margaret Terrace, Dunnellon.

■ A vandalism was reported at 10 a.m. Feb. 23 in the 11400 block of W. Clayton Drive, Homosassa.

■ A vandalism was reported at 1:21 p.m. Feb. 23 in the 1800 block of Juneberry Lane, Inverness.

ON THE NET

■ For information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.

■ For the Record reports are also archived online at www.chroniclonline.com.

State BRIEF

Schools net $135M for performance

TALLAHASSEE — Nearly half of Florida's public schools are sharing $135 million in recognition funds for high performance.

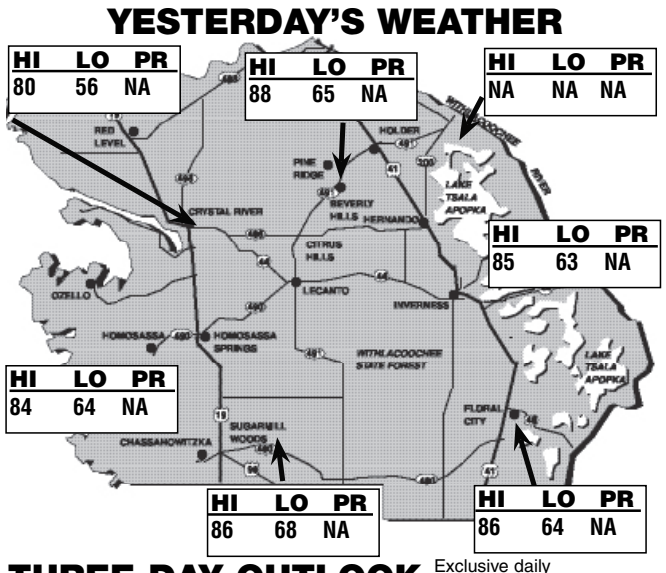
The annual rewards for about 1,700 schools were announced Monday. They are based on school grades for the last academic year. The grades in turn hinge largely on how well students did on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, or FCAT.

Schools that received grades of A, improved by at least one grade or sustained an improvement of more than one grade the previous year will receive $93 per student. The money can be used for such purposes as buying educational equipment and materials, giving bonuses to faculty and staff or hiring temporary help to maintain or improve performance.

Gov. Rick Scott has proposed increasing the funding to $125 per student in the next budget.

—From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 75 Low: 54
Mostly cloudy with showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 70 Low: 50
Mostly sunny.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 70 Low: 43
Mostly sunny.

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TEMPERATURE*

Monday	85/63
Record	87/26
Normal	75/46
Mean temp.	74
Departure from mean	+13

PRECIPITATION*

Monday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.90 in.
Total for the year	1.00 in.
Normal for the year	5.62 in.

*As of 7 p.m. at Inverness

UV INDEX: 7
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
Monday at 3 p.m. 29.82 in.

DEW POINT
Monday at 3 p.m. 60

HUMIDITY
Monday at 3 p.m. 44%

POLLEN COUNT**
Today's active pollen:
Juniper, Oak, Nettle
Today's count: 5.2/12
Wednesday's count: 9.7
Thursday's count: 9.7

AIR QUALITY
Monday was good with pollutants mainly particulates.

SOLUNAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
2/26	TUESDAY	5:32	11:44	5:56	——
2/27	WEDNESDAY	6:22	12:10	6:47	12:35

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 6:28 P.M.
SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 6:57 A.M.
MOONRISE TODAY ..... 7:33 P.M.
MOONSET TODAY ..... 7:08 A.M.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: HIGH. There is no burn ban.

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi

WATERING RULES

Lawn watering limited to two days per week, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., as follows:

EVEN addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday.

ODD addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

Hand watering with a shut-off nozzle or micro irrigation of non-grass areas, such as vegetable gardens, flowers and shrubs, can be done on any day and at any time.

Citrus County Utilities' customers should CALL BEFORE YOU INSTALL new plant material 352-527-7669. Some new plantings may qualify for additional watering allowances.

To report violations, please call: City of Inverness @ 352-726-2321, City of Crystal River @ 352-795-4216 ext. 313, unincorporated Citrus County @ 352-527-7669.

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek

City	Tuesday High/Low	Tuesday High/Low	Wednesday High/Low	Wednesday High/Low
Chassahowitzka*	5:47 a/1:39 a	6:18 p/2:01 p	6:26 a/2:16 a	6:45 p/2:33 p
Crystal River**	4:08 a/11:23 a	4:39 p/11:38 p	4:47 a/11:55 a	5:06 p/——
Withlacoochee*	1:55 a/9:11 a	2:26 p/9:26 p	2:34 a/9:43 a	2:53 p/10:04 p
Homosassa***	4:57 a/12:38 a	5:28 p/1:00 p	5:36 a/1:15 a	5:55 p/1:32 p

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	80	56	ts	Miami	86	72	pc
Ft. Lauderdale	86	71	pc	Ocala	77	51	ts
Fort Myers	84	66	ts	Orlando	82	59	ts
Gainesville	75	50	ts	Pensacola	66	45	pc
Homestead	86	69	pc	Sarasota	78	60	ts
Jacksonville	77	48	ts	Tallahassee	75	44	ts
Key West	83	72	sh	Tampa	77	61	ts
Lakeland	81	58	ts	Vero Beach	86	64	ts
Melbourne	85	62	ts	W. Palm Bch.	87	70	ts

MARINE OUTLOOK

Southwest winds from 15 to 20 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters will be choppy. Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms today.

Gulf water temperature
70°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	Sun.	Mon.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	n/a	28.21	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	n/a	37.74	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	n/a	38.64	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	n/a	39.93	42.40

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

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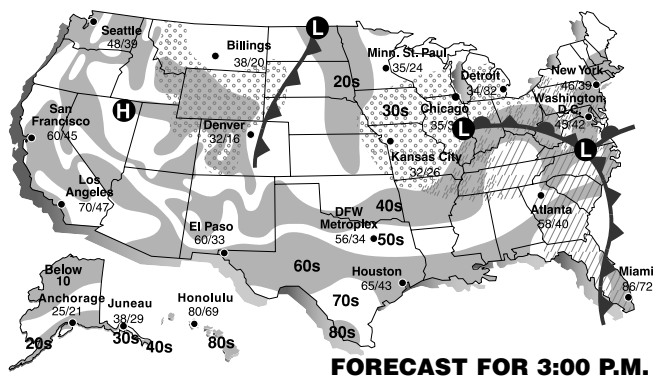

FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY

City	Monday H	L	Pcp.	Tuesday Fcst	H	L
Albany	41	21		pc	42	32
Albuquerque	49	24		pc	51	22
Asheville	46	30		ts	48	32
Atlanta	50	45		ts	58	40
Atlantic City	48	24		r	45	45
Austin	66	49		s	67	38
Baltimore	48	27		r	45	40
Billings	46	26		c	38	20
Birmingham	58	45	.07	pc	54	36
Boise	38	29	.09	pc	41	24
Boston	41	28		pc	40	31
Buffalo	34	29		c	39	32
Burlington, VT	36	30		pc	39	28
Charleston, SC	50	43	.14	ts	70	47
Charleston, WV	49	21		r	52	38
Charlotte	44	39		ts	51	38
Chicago	43	20		sn	35	31
Cincinnati	47	20		r	47	37
Cleveland	41	21		rs	35	34
Columbia, SC	52	40		ts	64	42
Columbus, OH	46	23		r	42	38
Concord, N.H.	37	21	.01	pc	42	27
Dallas	62	42	.02	s	56	34
Denver	29	7		sn	32	16
Des Moines	40	29		sn	32	26
Detroit	41	21		sn	34	32
El Paso	53	32		s	60	33
Evansville, IN	52	27		r	47	35
Harrisburg	47	25		r	44	38
Hartford	43	30		pc	42	31
Houston	76	57	.01	s	65	43
Indianapolis	44	26		r	41	32
Jackson	64	52	.32	pc	53	37
Las Vegas	58	35		s	61	40
Little Rock	50	41	1.31	pc	46	32
Los Angeles	67	45		s	70	47
Louisville	53	30		ts	51	37
Memphis	60	42		sh	49	35
Milwaukee	38	19		sn	36	31
Minneapolis	37	27		pc	35	24
Mobile	64	57	2.47	s	65	41
Montgomery	59	50	.60	pc	63	40
Nashville	66	34		ts	52	37
New Orleans	67	60	1.90	s	61	47
New York City	45	32		c	46	39
Norfolk	42	36		r	59	51
Oklahoma City	51	34	.80	pc	36	22
Omaha	34	26		sn	32	25
Palm Springs	69	42		s	73	48
Philadelphia	47	31		r	48	40
Phoenix	64	40		s	70	46
Pittsburgh	47	22		r	39	34
Portland, ME	41	25		pc	42	28
Portland, Ore	50	41	.12	pc	50	39
Providence, R.I.	42	29	.01	pc	43	32
Raleigh	42	32		ts	51	43
Rapid City	50	9		rs	38	21
Reno	57	23		s	51	24
Rochester, NY	36	30		c	39	32
Sacramento	63	34		s	68	39
St. Louis	43	30		rs	38	30
St. Ste. Marie	31	22		pc	34	26
Salt Lake City	36	17		c	32	16
San Antonio	65	52		s	70	40
San Diego	69	45		s	67	48
San Francisco	58	43		s	60	43
Savannah	56	50	.86	ts	71	47
Seattle	51	42	.09	c	48	39
Spokane	42	32	.13	pc	41	28
Syracuse	38	30		pc	40	32
Topeka	38	31	.04	sn	31	25
Washington	52	30		r	45	42

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Amsterdam	40/33/c	London	41/36/sh
Athens	64/47/s	Madrid	48/32/c
Beijing	50/25/pc	Mexico City	77/47/s
Berlin	36/33/sh	Montreal	37/30/pc
Bermuda	62/60/pc	Moscow	32/27/pc
Cairo	85/56/pc	Paris	42/33/pc
Calgary	32/21/sn	Rio	90/75/ts
Havana	84/71/pc	Rome	51/40/pc
Hong Kong	75/68/pc	Sydney	81/67/sh
Jerusalem	78/59/s	Tokyo	43/35/sh
		Toronto	37/32/sn
		Warsaw	36/32/c

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"tacky trailer park," "strawberries, retro style," "Florida beach" or "queen of hearts."

They set out rugs and guest chairs, set a table with candelabras or collections of pottery. The insides of the tiny campers are more of the same — much, much more.

"I have all boys at home, and this gives me a chance to express my girly side," said Carole Steinberg, an artist from Jacksonville.

She has transformed her 1960s Zipper trailer into a Florida beach paradise, painting the outside a seafoam green with sunset orange shutters. Inside it's all whitewashed pastels, sea shells and bleached baskets.

Swanee Owen, retired from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, brought her western-themed sheep wagon from Unadilla, Ga., modeled after the wagons used years ago by Basque shepherds who came to this country to herd sheep.

"A man in Colorado made it for me," she said. "The original ones had a canvas top and they're usually 12 feet long. This one's 8 feet and the roof is tin so I don't get rained on."

While some of the women's trailers and campers have stoves inside, Owen's did not. Hers is only big enough to sleep in.

Rebecca Amerson, of Woodstock, Ga., calls her rig the "bookmobile." The outside is painted with a mural of her favorite books lined up on shelves. The back bumper is a giant yellow pencil. There's also a painting of a woman fly fishing in a river, as an homage to the founding fly fishing sisters, Becky Clarke and Maurrie Sussman.

NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

TOP: Each "sister" personalizes her camper or trailer, adding signs and artwork such as this greeting from Carole Steinberg, an artist from Jacksonville, Fla. Her motif is "Welcome to the Beach." BOTTOM: This Aliner A-frame pop-up camper, dubbed "Thyme to Go," is just one of more than 3,500 trailers and campers belonging to members of the group Sisters on the Fly. No two are alike and many embrace a retro, kitsch style.

"As a child, a bookmobile was the only library I had," Amerson said. "Also, I grew up camping in a tent with my family. Now I'm single, and to be able to camp again is so exciting to me. When I heard about the sisters, I couldn't wait to join."

The group is open to any woman who wants to join them — vintage campers are not required. Some camp in tents, some sleep in the back of pickup trucks or inside a van.

Men ("mister sisters") are invited only once or twice a year. Otherwise it's girls only.

"You come not knowing anyone," Paula Grimstead said, "and you leave with lifelong friends."

For more information about Sisters on the Fly, visit www.sistersonthefly.com.

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Florida State Prison near Starke until it could hear the merits of Howell's case. The Florida Supreme Court and Chief U.S. District Judge M. Casey Rogers both denied last-ditch pleas to stop the execution, but Rogers earlier Monday certified Howell's appeal to the 11th U.S. Circuit.

Howell's attorneys contend his trial lawyer, now a state circuit judge, had a conflict of interest and failed to find and present mitigating evidence that could have persuaded his jury to recommend a life sentence rather than the death penalty. His initial appellate lawyer then failed to present those arguments in federal court because she missed a filing deadline more than 10 years ago.

A former prosecutor said Fulford's death likely prevented many more because the bomb inside a gift-wrapped microwave oven was intended to go off in a crowded Marianna housing complex.

On the day he died, Fulford had stopped Lester Watson for speeding in Jefferson County just east of Tallahassee in a car Howell had rented. The trooper then arrested Watson for driving without a valid license.

After sheriff's deputies picked up Watson and a passenger, Fulford opened the package he'd found in the car's trunk as he waited on the roadside for a tow truck.

A dispatcher, meanwhile, had called Howell to ask if he knew someone else was driving his rental car more than 400 miles away.

Paul Howell
scheduled for execution for killing a state trooper.

"By the time Jimmy Fulford knelt to open that microwave with his knife, Paul Howell knew that the car had been stopped," prosecutor Thomas Kirwin told jurors in his closing argument. "But Paul Howell was in a killing mood."

Fulford, a father of two, was killed instantly when the bomb exploded. His wife, Keith Ann, asked Circuit Judge F.E. Steinmeyer to condemn Howell to death at his sentencing hearing.

"He could have chosen to tell the dispatcher to tell Trooper Fulford not to open the package," she told the judge. "What Paul Howell did was murder my husband in cold blood."

Keith Ann Fulford said she would not be attending the execution and declined further comment. After Howell's sentencing in 1995, Fulford's wife said his execution would bring "some closure and justice," but added: "It'll never be over for me, even after he's executed."

Kirwin, now the state's deputy chief financial officer for law enforcement, initially prosecuted Howell and other members of the drug ring known as the "Jamaican Posse" on federal charges as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Howell was convicted of drug trafficking in a Tallahassee federal court, where he received a life sentence. He was among 28 people who eventually were convicted or pleaded guilty to federal drug crimes as a result of the investigation triggered by Fulford's death.

Kirwin then was in effect loaned to the state to help Assistant State Attorney Michael Schneider with Howell's murder trial, which was moved to Pensacola because of extensive news media coverage about the case in Jefferson County. Howell was convicted of first-degree murder and making, possessing, placing, or discharging a destructive device or bomb. The jury voted 10-2 to recommend a death sentence.

"The thing that amazed me in the federal case is how broad this conspiracy was," Kirwin recalled. "Death and guns really meant nothing to the folks we had charged."

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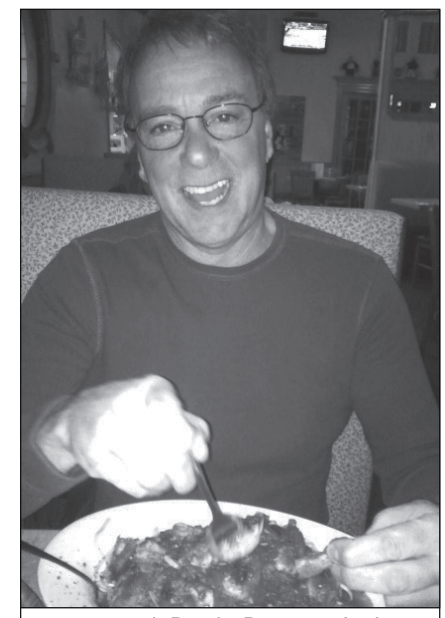

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"I was beside myself. What was I gonna do? Keep taking the pills, or suffer with problems that could ultimately be my demise".

Doctors put me on all sorts of antacid remedies. But nothing worked. Or if they did, it would only be for a brief period. And then boom! My nightmare would return.

Sometimes, I felt like I was dying. The pain was unbearable and nothing could make it stop.

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But that FDA warning was scary. I knew I had to stop or else risk developing spinal stenosis. My mother had that.

"Every time I ate something that didn't agree with me… I'd get what I called 'Rot Gut' — like my stomach was rotting out!"

And I watched her die a horrible death. Her spine just fractured. It was the worst death. She didn't deserve that. And neither do I.

I had to quit. So I stopped taking PPI's for a day or so. But my indigestion was worse than ever. I would rather take the chance of a spinal fracture than to live like that again. I tried everything. Even started using home remedies like Apple cider vinegar. But it just felt like I was pouring even more acid down my throat.

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Obituaries

Ralph Allard, 94
FLORAL CITY

Ralph Lavern Allard of Floral City, Fla., passed away Feb. 11, 2013, at Citrus Memorial hospital in Inverness. Ralph was born to Robert and Myrtle Allard in Waterport, N.Y., July 17, 1918. He helped his father operate a farm near Medina, N.Y., until he was drafted into the U.S. Army on Jan. 10, 1941. Ralph was the first person drafted from Orleans County as our country prepared for World War II.

Ralph's leadership qualities were recognized by the Army, and he soon became a sergeant, training recruits and tank drivers. While he was still stationed in the United States, he married Norma Blanche Arnold in Medina, N.Y., Aug. 20, 1943. Ralph left for Europe as a tank commander with the 5th Armored Division Feb. 11, 1944. He saw action in France, Central Europe and finally Germany. By the time the war ended in Europe, Ralph had become a first sergeant.

After the war, Ralph and Norma lived in Medina, N.Y. For 10 years, Ralph worked as a mechanic for the H.J. Heinz Company. Then he worked for Medina Parts Co. and later managed Brockport Automotive Supply for more than 20 years. Ralph and his wife raised a son and two daughters. He loved children and was a devoted father. Ralph had a playful sense of humor and told entertaining stories. He was a skilled harmonica player and a good singer. He particularly loved playing trumpet and singing with his family at holiday gatherings. He also enjoyed gardening, and he grew everything from corn to watermelons.

Ralph especially enjoyed camping in the Adirondack Mountains and Canada with his family. After he retired, he and his wife traveled throughout the United States and Canada in their motor home. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Medina, N.Y. After he moved to Floral City in 1989, he became a very active member of the First Baptist Church of Floral City, singing with the church choir and serving on various committees.

Ralph is predeceased by his brother Francis and his sisters Marion and Betty. Ralph is survived by his three children, five grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, numerous nieces and nephews and his younger brother Robert.

Arrangements for Ralph were made by Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home of Inverness. A memorial service celebrating Ralph's life will be conducted at the First Baptist Church of Floral City at 11 a.m. Friday, April 5. Memorial donations may be made to that church.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Donald Davidman, 82
BEVERLY HILLS

Donald R. Davidman, 82, of Beverly Hills, Fla., died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

Allen R. Lankes, 76
OCALA

Allen R. Lankes, 76, of Ocala, Fla., died Feb. 20, 2013. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Helen Houck, 93
HOMOSASSA

Helen Houck

Helen Hopkins Houck, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Feb. 20, 2013, at the age of 93. She had been a resident of Florida for more than 25 years, including the past 20 years in Homosassa. Mrs. Houck was born in Yorkville, Ill., and graduated from Northwestern University School of Dental Hygiene in Chicago, Ill., in 1941, where she also met her husband of 71 years, Dr. Roland V. Houck, D.D.S., of Homosassa, who survives her. She lived most of her adult life in Easton, Md., before retiring to Florida in 1986.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Houck is survived by her two children, Dr. William R. Houck (and wife Millie), Maryland and Homosassa and Suzanne Houck Collins, Homosassa; three grandchildren, Dr. Kristine Houck Morris and Jeanette Radvansky, both of Maryland and Christopher T. Collins of Fort Collins, Colo.; and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. Houck was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother and is survived by one brother, James R. Hopkins of Monticello, Wisc.

Mrs. Houck had been a longtime member of the Talbot Country Club in Easton, Md., and Sugarmill Woods Country Club in Homosassa. She was a member of the Memorial Hospital Junior Auxiliary, Easton, Md., and the Talbot Women's Club, Easton, Md., in which she served and volunteered in numerous charitable and civic services for more than 40 years. Helen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Crystal River.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be at Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Facility, 8733 Yulee Dr., Homosassa, FL 34446 at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Helen's name can be made to Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, P.O. Box 783, Easton, MD 21601 or Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, www.wilderfuneral.com.

Clarence 'Billy' Homolka, 65
LECANTO

Clarence Homolka

Clarence W. "Billy" Homolka, 65, of Lecanto, Fla., passed away Feb. 23, 2013. He was born Feb. 10, 1948, in Chicago, Ill. He was a warehouse manager for most of his life and moved to the area in 1991 from Chicago. Billy served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his devoted companion Frederick Supergan; sister Joanne Gonzalez; nephew Little Big Billy; and niece Karen.

A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Arrangements under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

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Julie Forgione, 92
INVERNESS

Julie Forgione

Julie Forgione, 92, Inverness, died Feb. 24, 2013, in Citrus Memorial hospital. Mrs. Forgione was born in College Point, N.Y., on July 21, 1920, to the late George and Elizabeth (Hamm) Wild and came to this area in 1977 from there with her late husband Nicholas, who preceded her in death on March 20, 2000. She was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Highlands Civic Association, Highlands Surveillance Unit and the Honey Bees.

Left to mourn her loss are three daughters, Joyce Forgione and Therese (Ed) Kendrick, both of Inverness and Elizabeth (Ron) Kohn, Woodbury, N.Y.; her brother Charles Wild of Queens, N.Y.; her sisters Madeline Costa of Inverness and Catherine Cestaro of Mineola, N.Y.; two grandsons, Michael LaRosa and Justin (Erica) Kohn; one great-granddaughter, Madeline LaRosa; and several nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church with Fr. James Johnson, celebrant. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Reposing hours from Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with wake vigil service at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials requested to the American Lung Association, 8950 Dr. Martin Luther King St. No., Suite 205, St Petersburg, FL 33702.

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Rose Woster, 77
INVERNESS

Rose A. Woster, 77, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2013. Visitation at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2832 Rosebud Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. Dalbert, Woodruff & Isenogle Funeral Home serving the family, www.dwifuneralhome.com.

Barbara Varvel, 77
BEVERLY HILLS

Barbara J. Varvel, 77, of Beverly Hills, Fla., died Feb. 22, 2013, under the care of HPH Hospice in Lecanto. A celebration of life will be at the HCE Extension Center in Lecanto from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2013.

Geralda Fernandez, 84
CLERMONT

Geralda Fernandez, 84, of Clermont, Fla., died Feb. 24, 2013. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Frank Bonanno, 81
BROOKSVILLE

Frank Bonanno, 81, of Brooksville, Fla., died Feb. 23, 2013. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Merrick, N.Y.

Ralph Parks, 92
INVERNESS

Ralph Parks, 92, of Inverness, Fla., died Feb. 24, 2013. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Deborah 'Debby' Zoffoli, 63
BEVERLY HILLS

Deborah "Debby" Zoffoli, 63, of Beverly Hills, Fla., died Feb. 23, 2013. A celebration of her life will be 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at Fero Funeral Home and a memorial Mass on Thursday morning 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 1401 W. Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs. Fero Funeral Home.

Laura Ellis, 61
DUNNELLON

Laura Paulette Ellis, 61, Dunnellon, died Feb. 24, 2013, under Hospice of Citrus County care. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

Mary Adrejko, 96
LECANTO

Mary Andrejko, 96, of Lecanto, Fla., died Feb. 23, 2013. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Thomas Donahue Jr., 82
INVERNESS

Thomas C. Donahue Jr., 82, Inverness, died Feb. 23, 2013, at Munroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala. Mr. Donahue was born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 22, 1930, to the late Thomas and Marion (Blake) Donahue Sr. and moved to this area in 1994 from Abington, Mass. He was a 24-year veteran of the United States Air Force, having served our country in World War II, Korea and Vietnam as a weapons officer. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

Survivors include two sisters, Patricia Duggan of Wollaston, Mass., and Barbara Hart of Braintree, Mass.; his sister-in-law Dianne Donahue of Salem, Mass.; 15 nieces and nephews, all of Massachusetts; and 37 grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, from Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with military burial following in Florida National Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Ernestine Forward, 93
MAITLAND

Ernestine L. Forward, 93, of Maitland, Fla., passed away Feb. 20, 2013.

Dearest wife of the late Col. William Allen Forward of the USMC; loving mother of Patricia (Bill) Hancock Schneider, Mae Allene (Al) Richlie, and the late Barbara Ann Forward; proud grandmother of Christy L. Hancock; great-grandmother of Hunter Allen Colangelo.

Family will be present to receive friends Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, 601 N. Park Ave., Apopka, where funeral services will be held immediately following. Mrs. Forward will be laid to rest in Greenwood Apopka Cemetery. Please sign register book at www.baldwinfairchild.com.

Associated Press

Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop testifies Feb. 12, 2002, in Concord, N.H. Koop died Monday at age 96.

Memorable Surgeon General Koop dies

Associated Press

With his striking beard and starched uniform, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop became one of the most recognizable figures of the Reagan era — and one of the most unexpectedly enduring.

His nomination in 1981 met a wall of opposition from women's groups and liberal politicians, who complained President Ronald Reagan selected Koop, a pediatric surgeon and evangelical Christian from Philadelphia, only because of his conservative views, especially his staunch opposition to abortion.

Soon, though, he was a hero to AIDS activists, who chanted "Koop, Koop" at his appearances but booed other officials. And when he left his post in 1989, he left behind a landscape where AIDS was a top research and educational priority, smoking was considered a public health hazard, and access to abortion remained largely intact.

Koop, who turned his once-obscure post into a bully pulpit for seven years during the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations and who surprised both ends of the political spectrum by setting aside his conservative personal views on issues such as homosexuality and abortion to keep his focus sharply medical, died Monday at his home in Hanover, N.H. He was 96.

An assistant at Koop's Dartmouth College institute, Susan Wills, confirmed his death.

Dr. Richard Carmona, who served as surgeon general under President George W. Bush, said Koop was a mentor to him and preached the importance of staying true to science.

"He set the bar high for all who followed in his footsteps," Carmona said.

A former pipe smoker, Koop carried out a crusade to end smoking in the United States; his goal had been to do so by 2000. And he shocked conservative supporters when he endorsed condoms and sex education to stop the spread of AIDS.

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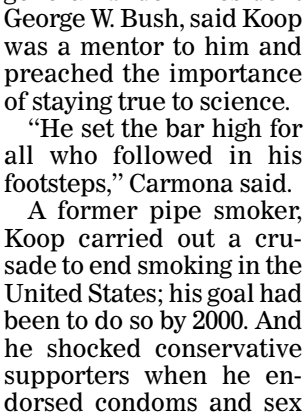

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Oil spill trial begins

Justice Department launches opening salvo in high-stakes case

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP bears most of the blame for the disastrous 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico because it cut corners and put profits ahead of safety, a U.S. Justice Department attorney charged Monday at the opening of a high-stakes trial that could result in the oil company and its partners being forced to pay billions more in damages.

The London-based oil giant acknowledged it made "errors in judgment" before the deadly blowout, but it also cast blame on the owner of the drilling rig and the contractor involved in cementing the well. It denied it was grossly negligent, as the government contended.

The civil case went to trial after attempts to reach an 11th-hour settlement failed.

Eleven workers were killed when the Deepwater Horizon rig leased by the BP exploded on April 20, 2010. An estimated 172 millions of gallons of crude spilled into the Gulf over the three months that followed.

Justice Department attorney Mike Underhill said the catastrophe resulted from BP's "culture of corporate recklessness."

"The evidence will show that BP put profits before people, profits before safety and profits before the environment," Underhill said in opening statements. He added: "Despite BP's attempts to shift the blame to other parties, by far the primary fault for this disaster belongs to BP."

BP attorney Mike Brock acknowledged that the oil company made mistakes. But he accused rig owner Transocean Ltd. of failing to properly maintain the rig's blowout preventer, which had a dead battery, and he claimed cement contractor Halliburton used a "bad slurry" that failed to prevent oil and gas from traveling up the well.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier is hearing the case without a jury and — barring a settlement — will decide months from now how much more BP and the other companies must pay.

During opening statements, attorney Jim Roy, who represents individuals and businesses hurt by the spill, said BP executives applied "huge financial pressure" to "cut costs and rush the job." The project was more than $50 million over budget and behind schedule at the time of the blowout, Roy said.

"BP repeatedly chose speed over safety," Roy said, quoting from a report by an expert who may testify.

BP's partners pointed the finger at the oil company and at each other.

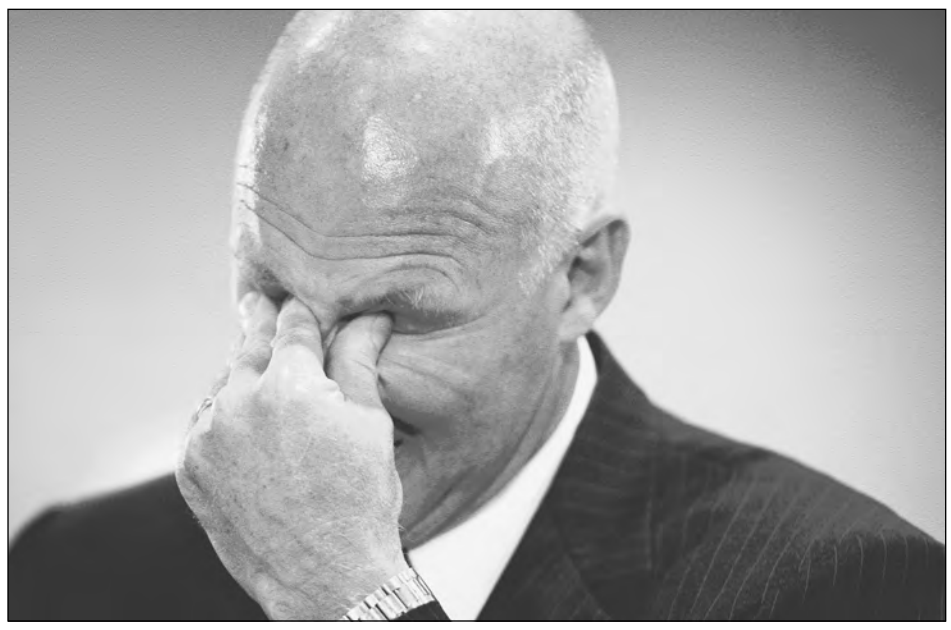
Brad Brian, a lawyer for Transocean, said the company had an experienced crew on the rig. He said the Transocean workers' worst mistake may have been placing too much trust in the BP supervisors on the rig.

"And they paid for that trust with their lives," Brian said.

A lawyer for Halliburton tried to pin the blame on BP and Transocean.

"If BP had shut in the well, we would not be here today," Halliburton's Donald Godwin said.

Hundreds of attorneys have worked on the case, generating roughly 90 million pages of documents, logging nearly 9,000 docket entries and taking more than 300 depositions.



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ABOVE: BP senior vice president Kent Wells rubs his eyes Aug. 26, 2010, while testifying during the Deepwater Horizon joint investigation hearings by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Management, Regulation and Enforcement in Houston. BELOW: A Capitol Hill police officer arrests Diane Wilson on June 17, 2010, in Washington as BP CEO Tony Hayward testifies before the Energy and Environment subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on the role of BP in the Deepwater Horizon Explosion and oil spill. Eleven workers died when the rig exploded.

State BRIEFS

Man's body found amid boat wreckage

JACKSONVILLE — A man's body was found floating in the Atlantic Ocean off the Jacksonville coast, near wreckage from a boat.

Officials from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spotted the wreckage Sunday night about 22 miles east of the mouth of the St. Johns River.

Three named to Women's Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott has named three women to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

Clara C. Frye transformed her Tampa home into a temporary hospital in 1908 and established the Clara Frye Negro Hospital there in 1923.

Lillie Pierce Voss in 1876 was the first non-native child born between Jupiter and Miami. She joined with her brother to compile a manuscript titled Pioneer Life in Southeast Florida.

Ninety-two-year-old Aleene Kidd Mackenzie of Ocala founded the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

State economists talk Medicaid costs

FORT LAUDERDALE — Legislative economists are meeting to discuss Medicaid costs. The meeting comes after Gov. Rick Scott said he wants to extend coverage to roughly 900,000 additional residents under the Affordable Care Act.

The Office of Economic and Demographic Research will release regular Medicaid figures at a meeting in Tallahassee on Monday. Medicaid expansion estimates will be released next week.

Those projections have varied widely, but the latest figures estimate it could cost the state $3 billion over the next decade.

State economists estimate about 80 percent of those eligible would apply.

Scott recommended the state expand the program for three years or as long as the federal government pays 100 percent of the bill. But the Legislature must still sign off.

A House committee meets Thursday to discuss the issue.

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Six-year-old gets her wish

Florida girl with cancer gets to make snowman

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Maine — Most Maine residents are already tired of winter, but for one little Florida girl, the state's latest snow storm was a blessing.

Six-year-old Sophia Galvan is in remission from a form of cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma.

When she had the opportunity to have a wish granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, she asked to build a snowman.

Her father, Victor Galvan, told WABI-TV she had only seen snow on television.

The Orlando-area family flew to Maine last weekend and was welcomed by a storm. Her dad says Sophia was so eager she wanted to play in the snow as soon as they arrived at their hotel.

Sophia got to build her snowman, and also went on a sleigh ride, sledding and got a hot chocolate party.

Fla. imam's fate to be decided

Associated Press

Jurors are likely to begin deliberations Tuesday.

MIAMI — Evidence is overwhelming from hundreds of recorded conversations and financial records that an elderly Muslim cleric enthusiastically supported the violent Pakistani Taliban terror organization, a prosecutor said in a closing argument Monday.

Quoting several passages from FBI intercepts of Hafiz Khan's conversations, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sivashree Sundaram said Khan repeatedly praised Taliban suicide bombers and grenade attacks that killed both Americans and Pakistanis. She pointed to other recordings in which Khan said he wished a 2010 attempt by a Taliban-linked operative to detonate a bomb in New York's Times Square had succeeded.

Khan, the 77-year-old imam at a Miami mosque, is charged with conspiracy and terrorism material support for allegedly sending about $50,000 between 2008 and 2010 to the help the Taliban cause in his native Pakistan. If convicted, Khan faces up to 15 years in prison on each of the four charges. He has been jailed since his May 2011 arrest.

Khan, a naturalized U.S. citizen who came from Pakistan in 1994, testified over four days in his own defense, insisting he opposed Islamic extremists and lied about supporting them in hopes of getting $1 million from a man he believed was another Taliban backer.

Khan's attorney will deliver a closing argument later, with jurors likely to begin deliberations Tuesday.

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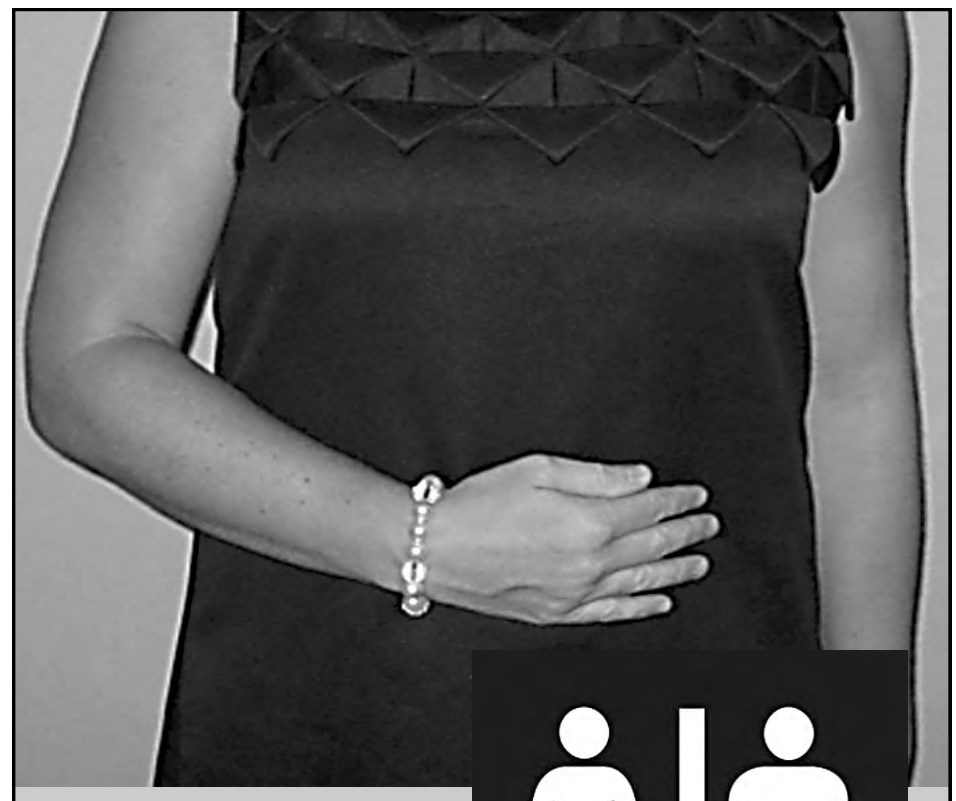

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Retired nuke plant still affects power bills

Pat Faherty
Staff writer

The Florida Public Service Commission is having an information meeting today on the fuel and power replacement costs associated with the extended shutdown of the Crystal River area nuclear plant.

The PSC docket was created in 2010 at the behest of Florida Progress Energy. It was to review the utility's actions resulting in the shutdown of CR3 and the need to purchase replacement power. It moved through the PSC process under the assumption CR3 would be repaired.

In August 2011, the complex case was split into three phases. Phase one addressed events leading up to the 2009 discovery of cracks in the CR3 containment building, phase two relates to the decision to repair the plant and phase three reviews issues leading up to the problems found at CR3 in March 2011.

Phase one was settled. With Duke Energy's announcement to retire CR3, the process has started to review and resolve phases two and three. Today's meeting is expected to discuss the hearing schedule and the scope of the case.

It became controversial in late 2010, when the Florida Industrial Power Users Group asserted PSC had voted to allow Progress Energy to collect its total power replacement costs related to CR3 from ratepayers in 2011.

According to PSC documents, the Users Group claimed consumers were charged more than $160 million for power replacement costs before the PSC determined the costs were reasonable.

Power replacement costs remain on Progress Energy bills for 2013. Like the nuclear cost recovery charge, it falls in the category of "energy charge." The charge — up slightly over last year — is about $12.65 a month, based on a 1,000-kilowatt-hour, monthly residential bill,

For January 2013, the utility spent approximately $25 million to purchase power, though not all was CR3 replacement power, according to Progress Energy spokesperson Sterling Ivy. Overall, the company spent about $120 million to generate its own power.

Horse meat scandal widens

Swedish retailer Ikea withdraws meatballs in more than 20 countries

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Swedish furniture giant Ikea became entangled in Europe's widening meat scandal Monday, forced to withdraw meatballs from stores across Europe amid suspicions that they contained horse meat.

Stores in the U.S. and Canada were not affected, Ikea said.

The company reacted after authorities in the Czech Republic said they had detected horse DNA in tests of 1-kilogram (2.2-pound) packs of frozen meatballs that were labeled as beef and pork. The Czech State Veterinary Administration said it tested two batches of Ikea meatballs and only one of them contained horse meat. It did not say how much.

Meatballs from the same batch had been sent from a Swedish supplier to 12 other European countries — Slovakia, Hungary, France, Britain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Ireland — and would be pulled off the shelves in all of them, Ikea said.

The company later expanded the withdrawals to stores in 21 European countries.

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Meatballs are advertised Monday in the parking at an Ikea store in Malmo, Sweden.

SCAM

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happen if someone didn't read the letter carefully or did not get the letter?' They will go to pay their bills or buy medicine and nothing will be there," Mrs. Tallman added.

Beginning March 1, Social Security is shifting to direct deposits for all with bank accounts.

With this increasing shift to electronic transfer of funds, con artists have also shifted their tactics.

According to recovery.gov, a government agency charged with — among other things — reporting waste and fraud in government, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has opened "multiple investigations across the country" into theft of beneficiary payments involving direct deposit bank accounts.

The Recovery Board, it noted, recently provided data analysis to SSA Inspector General (IG) investigators, who as of Dec. 17, 2012, have received more than 28,000 reports of questionable changes to beneficiaries' direct deposit accounts.

"These reports have involved either an unauthorized change to direct deposit information, or a suspected attempt to make such a change," SSA Inspector General Patrick P. O'Carroll Jr. said to Congress in December. According to O'Carroll, in November 2012, his office was receiving about 59 reports a day.

According to Recovery.gov, the scam works like this: Criminals obtain personal identity information of mostly older SSA beneficiaries, usually through some type of deception, such as government-employee impersonation, telemarketing ruses or bogus announcements of sweepstakes winnings. The scammers then use the beneficiary's personal information to change their direct deposit record, either by contacting SSA directly or more frequently through financial institutions, including pre-paid debit card entities.

O'Carroll during his testimony shared the story of an 86-year-old man who received a letter saying he had won $3.5 million and that he should call the included phone number to provide necessary information for receiving the money. Soon after calling, "the man did not receive his scheduled Social Security payment, so he contacted SSA, only to learn that his benefits were diverted to a different account."

Dave Bruns, a spokesman at the Florida office of the American Association of Retired Persons, said this state is a "hot spot" for financial fraud of all kinds.

"What makes older people more vulnerable is whatever scam they are presented with, especially they being threatened, it becomes plausible," Bruns said.

He said the imminent switch to direct deposits for Social Security payments is of particular concern to his organization and he would urge seniors to be vigilant with their information.

"It really pays for you to pay attention, but for some that is not possible," Mrs. Tallman said.

Contact Chronicle reporter A.B. Sidibe at 352-564-2925 or asidibe@chronicleonline.com.

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■ Memorize your Social Security number and passwords. Don't use your date of birth as your password and don't record passwords on papers you carry with you.

■ Never leave transaction receipts at ATM machines, on counters at financial institutions, or at gasoline pumps.

■ Don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate — leave them in a secure location.

■ Don't disclose credit card or other financial account numbers on a website unless the site offers a secure transaction. Before you input personal or financial information on a web page, first make sure the site offers a secure — that is, encrypted — data transaction. There are two ways you can check whether a Web page provides a secure data transaction:

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■ Closely monitor the expiration dates on your credit cards and contact the issuer if you don't receive a replacement prior to the expiration date.

■ Beware of mail or telephone solicitations that offer prizes or awards — especially if the party making the offer asks you for personal information or financial account numbers.

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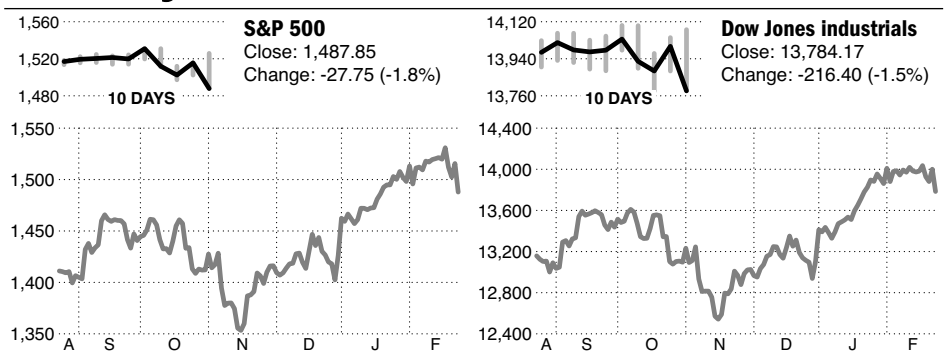

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NYSE Comp.	8947.75	8719.06	8719.40	-175.23	-1.97%	+3.27%
NASDAQ	3186.25	3116.25	3116.25	-45.57	-1.44%	+3.20%
S&P 500	1525.84	1487.85	1487.85	-27.75	-1.83%	+4.32%
S&P 400	1108.41	1081.68	1081.68	-22.02	-2.00%	+6.00%
Wilshire 5000	16096.27	15709.72	15709.72	-287.61	-1.80%	+4.77%
Russell 2000	919.36	895.84	895.84	-20.32	-2.22%	+5.47%

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Bank of America	BAC	6.72	12.42	**11.03**	**-.41**	-3.6	▼	▼	▼	-5.0	+44.4	42	0.04
Capital City Bank	CCBG	6.35	12.23	**11.19**	**-.17**	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	-1.6	+33.5	cc	...
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	32.05	43.43	**34.09**	**-.55**	-1.6	▼	▼	▼	-12.9	-4.5	27	2.16m
Citigroup	C	24.61	44.71	**41.15**	**-1.64**	-3.8	▼	▼	▲	+4.0	+32.4	13	0.04
Commnwlth REIT	CWH	13.46	19.48	**15.85**	**-2.18**	-12.1	▼	▼	▲	+0.1	-5.4	28	1.00
Disney	DIS	40.88	55.95	**53.59**	**-.66**	-1.2	▼	▼	▲	+7.6	+33.3	17	0.75f
Duke Energy	DUK	59.63	71.13	**69.11**	**-.35**	-0.5	▼	▲	▲	+8.3	+15.5	19	3.06
EPR Properties	EPR	40.04	48.92	**47.02**	**-.37**	-0.8	▼	▼	▲	+2.0	+21.6	21	3.00
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	77.13	93.67	**87.70**	**-1.50**	-1.7	▼	▼	▲	+1.3	+5.2	11	2.28
Ford Motor	F	8.82	14.30	**12.13**	**-.35**	-2.8	▼	▼	▼	-6.3	+3.7	9	0.40f
Gen Electric	GE	18.02	23.75	**22.81**	**-.58**	-2.5	▼	▲	▲	+8.7	+25.2	16	0.76
Home Depot	HD	46.12	68.15	**63.92**	**-1.66**	-2.5	▼	▼	▲	+3.3	+43.3	23	1.16
Intel Corp	INTC	19.23	29.27	**20.23**	**-.19**	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	-1.9	-20.3	9	0.90
IBM	IBM	181.85	211.79	**197.51**	**-3.58**	-1.8	▼	▼	▲	+3.1	+5.5	13	3.40
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	14.63	23.99	**22.37**	**-.11**	-0.5	▼	▼	▲	+6.0	+39.5	26	...
Lowes Cos	LOW	24.76	39.98	**35.86**	**-1.81**	-4.8	▼	▼	▲	+1.0	+42.1	21	0.64
McDonalds Corp	MCD	83.31	100.75	**96.14**	**+.89**	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	+9.0	-2.5	18	3.08
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	26.26	32.95	**27.37**	**-.39**	-1.4	▼	▼	▲	+2.5	-8.5	15	0.92
Motorola Solutions	MSI	44.49	62.05	**60.28**	**-1.62**	-2.6	▼	▲	▲	+8.3	+26.2	20	1.04
NextEra Energy	NEE	59.10	73.41	**72.19**	**-.56**	-0.8	▼	▼	▲	+4.3	+24.9	16	2.64f
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	15.69	41.73	**21.51**	**-.96**	-4.3	▼	▲	▲	+9.1	-45.5	dd	...
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	14.62	20.00	**19.66**	**-.30**	-1.5	▼	▲	▲	+8.9	+16.8	36	0.80
Regions Fncl	RF	5.46	8.00	**7.48**	**-.29**	-3.7	▼	▼	▲	+4.9	+34.7	10	0.04
Sears Holdings Corp	SHLD	38.40	85.90	**46.03**	**-1.16**	-2.5	▼	▼	▲	+11.3	-2.5	dd	...
Smucker, JM	SJM	73.20	94.99	**91.51**	**-1.48**	-1.6	▼	▲	▲	+6.1	+30.8	19	2.08
Sprint Nextel Corp	S	2.30	6.04	**5.73**	**-.09**	-1.5	▼	▲	▲	+1.1	+161.0	dd	...
Texas Instru	TXN	26.06	34.29	**33.73**	**-.45**	-1.3	▼	▲	▲	+9.2	+6.0	22	1.12f
Time Warner	TWX	33.62	53.90	**51.64**	**-1.35**	-2.5	▼	▲	▲	+8.0	+45.7	17	1.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	55.86	88.35	**82.82**	**-1.66**	-2.0	▼	▲	▲	+13.0	+38.6	17	0.15
Verizon Comm	VZ	36.80	48.77	**45.72**	**+.32**	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+5.7	+24.1	cc	2.06
Vodafone Group	VOD	24.42	30.07	**24.60**	**-.41**	-1.6	▼	▼	▼	-2.3	-3.3		1.53e
WalMart Strs	WMT	57.18	77.60	**70.44**	**+.04**	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+3.2	+22.8	14	1.88f
Walgreen Co	WAG	28.53	42.00	**40.64**	**-1.17**	-2.8	▼	▲	▲	+9.8	+25.0	18	1.10

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.
PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.86 percent Monday. Yields affect interest rates on consumer loans.

TREASURIES	YEST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.11	0.12	-0.01	.09
6-month T-bill	.13	0.13	...	.13
52-wk T-bill	.15	0.15	...	.15
2-year T-note	.24	0.25	-0.01	.31
5-year T-note	.76	0.83	-0.07	.89
10-year T-note	1.86	1.96	-0.10	1.98
30-year T-bond	3.06	3.15	-0.09	3.10

BONDS	YEST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
Barclays LongT-BdIdx	2.81	2.87	-0.06	2.63
Bond Buyer Muni Idx	4.05	4.06	-0.01	4.58
Barclays USAggregate	1.90	1.91	-0.01	2.11
Barclays US High Yield	5.92	5.91	+0.01	7.16
Moodys AAA Corp Idx	3.90	3.91	-0.01	3.84
Barclays CompT-BdIdx	1.08	1.11	-0.03	1.08
Barclays US Corp	2.79	2.80	-0.01	3.36

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
YEST	3.25	.13
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Commodities

The price of natural gas rose on expectations that cold temperatures will mean higher demand for heating. Crude oil was little changed, while gold and silver climbed.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	93.11	93.13	-0.02	+1.4
Ethanol (gal)	2.37	2.36	-0.17	+8.1
Heating Oil (gal)	3.10	3.10	-0.17	+1.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.41	3.29	+3.74	+1.9
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.06	3.08	-0.60	+8.9
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CHG**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1586.20	1572.40	+0.88	-5.3
Silver (oz)	28.98	28.46	+1.85	-3.9
Platinum (oz)	1620.70	1607.40	+0.83	+5.3
Copper (lb)	3.54	3.53	+0.31	-2.8
Palladium (oz)	748.65	734.90	+1.87	+6.6
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CHG**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.27	1.26	+0.47	-2.3
Coffee (lb)	1.43	1.43	-0.35	-0.8
Corn (bu)	6.94	6.90	+0.47	-0.7
Cotton (lb)	0.80	0.81	-1.44	+6.8
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	369.00	376.40	-1.97	-1.3
Orange Juice (lb)	1.29	1.29	+0.51	+11.5
Soybeans (bu)	14.51	14.61	-0.68	+2.3
Wheat (bu)	6.99	7.15	-2.20	-10.1

MutualFunds

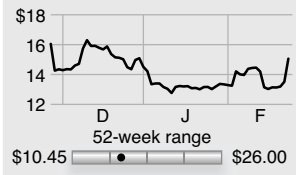
FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	TOTAL RETURN YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	BalA m	**20.99**	**-.26**	+2.9	+10.3	+11.1	+5.2
	BondA m	**12.90**	**+.05**	-0.1	+4.2	+5.9	+4.3
	CapIncBuA m	**53.85**	**-.51**	+2.0	+9.5	+9.6	+2.7
	CpWldGrIA m	**38.20**	**-.48**	+2.7	+10.9	+9.1	+1.1
	EurPacGrA m	**41.78**	**-.49**	+1.4	+7.2	+7.0	+0.1
	FnInvA m	**42.25**	**-.76**	+3.6	+10.8	+11.5	+2.8
	GrthAmA m	**35.49**	**-.57**	+3.3	+11.2	+10.7	+2.8
	IncAmerA m	**18.54**	**-.18**	+2.7	+10.3	+11.2	+4.9
	InvCoAmA m	**31.26**	**-.48**	+3.6	+10.2	+10.0	+2.8
	NewPerspA m	**32.14**	**-.47**	+2.8	+11.2	+10.5	+3.2
	WAMutInvA m	**32.34**	**-.55**	+3.6	+10.2	+12.7	+3.5
Dodge & Cox	Income	**13.91**	**+.03**	+0.4	+5.6	+6.4	+7.1
	IntlStk	**35.37**	**-.40**	+2.1	+8.8	+7.6	0.0
	Stock	**128.45**	**-2.70**	+5.4	+16.1	+12.0	+1.9
Fidelity	Contra	**79.45**	**-1.28**	+3.4	+8.8	+12.8	+4.4
	GrowCo	**95.23**	**-1.71**	+2.1	+4.3	+14.4	+6.2
	LowPriStk d	**41.03**	**-.63**	+3.9	+9.6	+13.5	+6.5
Fidelity Spartan	500IdxAdvtg	**52.85**	**-.98**	+4.7	+11.4	+12.8	+3.9
FrankTemp-Franklin	Income A m	**2.27**	**-.01**	+2.3	+11.4	+10.8	+5.6
FrankTemp-Templeton	GlBond A m	**13.41**	**-.05**	+0.8	+8.5	+8.0	+9.3
	GlBondAdv	**13.37**	**-.04**	+0.9	+8.8	+8.3	+9.6
Harbor	IntlInstl d	**62.48**	**-1.28**	+0.6	+5.1	+9.0	+0.6
PIMCO	TotRetA m	**11.24**	**+.04**	+0.3	+7.5	+6.7	+7.6
T Rowe Price	GrowStk	**38.75**	**-.67**	+2.6	+7.6	+13.5	+5.0
Vanguard	500Adml	**137.51**	**-2.56**	+4.7	+11.4	+12.8	+4.0
	500Inv	**137.49**	**-2.56**	+4.7	+11.3	+12.7	+3.8
	GNMAAdml	**10.84**	**+.01**	-0.3	+1.8	+5.1	+5.9
	MuIntAdml	**14.38**	**...**	+0.5	+4.1	+5.5	+5.6
	STGradeAd	**10.84**	**+.01**	+0.4	+3.6	+3.6	+3.9
	TotBdAdml	**11.04**	**+.05**	-0.1	+3.3	+5.5	+5.9
	TotIntl	**15.10**	**-.24**	+0.8	+5.2	+6.2	-1.4
	TotStIAdm	**37.40**	**-.70**	+4.9	+11.2	+13.2	+4.6
	TotStIdx	**37.38**	**-.70**	+4.9	+11.1	+13.1	+4.5
	WellIn	**34.96**	**-.36**	+3.3	+9.9	+10.4	+5.5
	WellInAdm	**60.39**	**-.62**	+3.3	+10.0	+10.5	+5.6

*– Annualized; d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. x - fund paid a distribution during the week.

StoryStocks

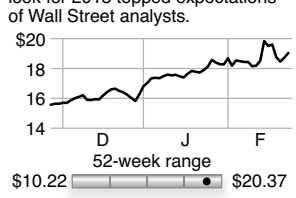
The S&P 500 fell Monday to its steepest drop since November on worries that progress could stall on Europe's debt problems. Elections in Italy could result in political gridlock, and investors worry that could hinder economic reforms.

Barnes & Noble BKS
Close: **$15.06 ▲1.55 or 11.5%**
Leonard Riggio, the bookseller's founder and chairman, told the company that he is going to try to buy its retail business.



52-week range $10.45 — $26.00
Vol.: **6.5m (4.1x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$902.12 m** Yield: **...**

Hertz HTZ
Close: **$19.04 ▲0.31 or 1.7%**
The rental car company posted a loss in the fourth quarter, but its outlook for 2013 topped expectations of Wall Street analysts.

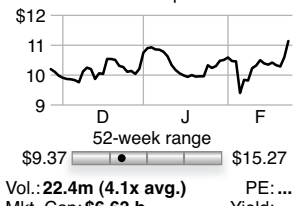


52-week range $10.22 — $20.37
Vol.: **18.1m (2.6x avg.)** PE: **25.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$8.02 b** Yield: **...**

Dillard's DDS
Close: **$76.92 ▼-8.00 or -9.4%**
The department store operator said that its fourth-quarter earnings rose 14 percent, slightly below Wall Street's expectations.

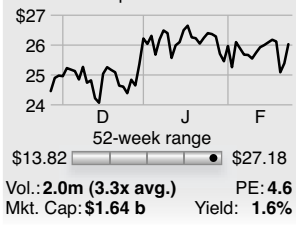
52-week range $56.69 — $89.98
Vol.: **2.7m (5.2x avg.)** PE: **12.3**
Mkt. Cap: **$3.33 b** Yield: **0.3%**

Elan ELN
Close: **$11.14 ▲0.54 or 5.1%**
Private company Royalty Pharma said it wants to buy the Irish drug maker for about $6.5 billion, but hasn't received a response.



52-week range $9.37 — $15.27
Vol.: **22.4m (4.1x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$6.63 b** Yield: **...**

Cooper Tire CTB
Close: **$26.03 ▲0.64 or 2.5%**
The tire company said that its fourth-quarter net income fell by more than half, but its results met Wall Street expectations.



52-week range $13.82 — $27.18
Vol.: **2.0m (3.3x avg.)** PE: **4.6**
Mkt. Cap: **$1.64 b** Yield: **1.6%**

Italian political turmoil socks blow to markets

Associated Press

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Trader Edward Tarangelo, right, works Monday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK — Stocks are having a bad flashback to last spring, when fears about the European debt crisis sent the market spiraling lower.

On Monday, election results in Italy showed a race too close to call, leaving investors fearful that the country will struggle to form a government that can move forward with reforms to revive the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average posted its worst drop in more than three months. The Standard & Poor's 500, which had its first weekly decline of the year last week, piled on more losses Monday.

The Dow fell 216.40 points, or 1.6 percent, to 13,784.17, its biggest drop since Nov. 7. The S&P 500 fell 27.75 points, or 1.8 percent, to 1,487.85, falling below 1,500 for the first time in three weeks. The Nasdaq composite dropped 45.57 points, or 1.4 percent, to 3,116.25.

Investors worry about the outcome of Italy's election because it could set off another crisis of confidence in the region's shared currency, the euro.

The Dow started the day gaining as much as 81 points on early optimism that Italian elections would produce a government willing to stay the course with reforms. The index drifted lower and then slumped, giving up about 150 points in the last hour of trading.

"This is what markets feared," says Jim Russell, a senior equity strategist at US Bank Wealth Management. "Stability in Europe is paramount to the markets."

Italy has the eighth largest economy in the world and the market for Italian government bonds ranks as the third largest, behind Japan and the U.S.

Last spring, investors fretted over the outcome of Greek elections that had the potential to pull the euro currency bloc apart. By the start of June, U.S. stocks had given up the year's gains after a strong start.

Monday's drop in stocks may unnerve individual investors at a crucial moment.

For several years now, individual investors have been selling more stocks that they've been buying. In the first six weeks of this year, they reversed course. They put $21 billion more into U.S. stock mutual funds than they took out, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade group.

Business BRIEFS

B&N chair wants to buy retail business

NEW YORK — The last remaining national bookstore chain is being taken off the shelf and dusted off for sale.

Barnes & Noble founder Leonard Riggio disclosed in a regulatory filing Monday that he wants to buy the company's stores and website, but not the business that makes the Nook e-reader or the company's college bookstores. No price was disclosed.

It's the latest attempt by a company founder to take back control of all or part of a company he started. Best Buy's co-founder Richard Schulze is mulling a bid for the electronics retailer, and Michael Dell earlier this month announced a $24.4 billion deal to take the namesake computer company he founded private.

Royalty Pharma offers to buy Elan

NEW YORK — Royalty Pharma said Monday that it wants to buy Elan Corp. PLC for about $6.5 billion, but has yet to receive a formal response from the Irish drugmaker.

The $11-per-share offer, which was made earlier this month and applies to both Elan's regular and American depositary shares, represents a 4 percent premium over its closing ADS price on Friday.

Royalty Pharma, a private company based in New York, acquires royalty interests in marketed and late-stage biopharmaceutical products. It does not discover, develop or market drugs.

Macy's CEO testifies in trial

NEW YORK — Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren testified on Monday that he hung up on home diva Martha Stewart after she called to inform him on Dec. 6, 2011 that her company had inked a deal with J.C. Penney to open Martha Stewart shops in most of the chain's stores.

He hasn't spoken to her since, even though the two used to be good friends.

The testimony comes as Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. duke it out over the partnership with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. The trial, which began Wednesday, focuses on whether Macy's has the exclusive right to sell Martha Stewart-branded cookware, bedding and other products. Other key witnesses expected to take the stand this week include Penney's CEO Ron Johnson and Martha Stewart.

KFC launches China campaign

BEIJING — KFC launched a campaign Monday to rebuild its battered brand in China, promising tighter quality control after a scandal over misuse of drugs by its poultry suppliers.

The company, a unit of Yum Brands Inc., promised to test meat for banned drugs, strengthen oversight of farmers and encourage them to improve their technology. It said more than 1,000 small producers used by its 25 poultry suppliers have been eliminated from its network.

KFC, which is China's biggest fast-food chain with more than 4,000 outlets, was hit hard when state television reported in December that some suppliers violated rules on the use of drugs to fatten chickens. The company estimates January sales plunged 37 percent.

Feds to probe Ford cars and SUVs

DETROIT — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it will investigate problems with stalling or surging engines in nearly 725,000 Ford cars and SUVs.

The probe affects Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner SUVs and Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan sedans from the 2009 through 2011 model years.

The vehicles can unexpectedly go into "limp home mode" at reduced power, the agency said in documents posted Monday on its website. NHTSA and Ford have received almost 1,500 complaints about the problem. There were three crashes and one injury.

HP finally parts with webOS

SAN FRANCISCO — Hewlett-Packard is selling its webOS software to South Korean electronics company LG Electronics, securing a new home for a technological orphan.

The deal announced Monday rids HP of the centerpiece of its ill-fated, $1.8 billion purchase of Palm Inc. three years ago.

HP used webOS as its springboard into the smartphone and tablet computer market in 2011, but quickly scrapped the mobile devices running on the software amid disappointing sales.

With that retreat, Hewlett-Packard Co. stopped developing webOS for its own products and gave away the underlying technology as open-source software for programmers and developers elsewhere to modify for their own needs.

Lowe's 4Q income tops expectations

NEW YORK — Home improvement retailer Lowe's Cos. credited cleanup efforts after superstorm Sandy and its new pricing strategy for fourth-quarter earnings that surpassed Wall Street expectations.

The results are a sign that people are beginning to feel better about spending money on their homes as the housing market slowly recovers. Analysts will be watching Lowe's larger rival Home Depot's earnings report on Tuesday to see if its results show a similar story.

Lowe's CEO Robert Niblock said the company is seeing a pickup in spending even in areas of the country hit hardest by the housing slump — like Florida, Arizona and California.

— From wire reports

OPINION

"We are used to the actions of human beings, not to their stillness."
V.S. Pritchett, 1964

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SIGNIFICANT LOSS

Serving veterans must be a priority

The recently announced resignation of Citrus County Veterans Service Officer Charles "Chuck" Fettes represents a significant loss to Citrus County's 22,000 plus veterans, as well as the county at-large.

Following his unanticipated announcement, Fettes declined to publicly comment on his abrupt departure. However, there are telltale signs that county officials neither fully appreciate the important role of the veterans service office (VSO) nor have made serving our veterans a priority.

THE ISSUE:
County's veterans service officer resigns.

OUR OPINION:
Position needs to be filled post-haste.

The VSO daily workload is arduous. During the past fiscal year, 5,766 interviews were conducted and more than 21,500 phone calls returned to veterans and family members seeking assistance. Additionally, the VSO coordinated the transportation of 1,174 veterans to VA medical facilities in Gainesville and The Villages.

With the VA requiring compensation claims to be evidenced-based, the VSO's shepherding of each claim is extremely time intensive. Further, navigating the Veterans Administration's (VA) broken claims system for each claimant necessitates repeated follow up.

Despite the VSO's heavy and time consuming workload, county officials have left a vacated case manager position unfilled for years. With the loss of Fettes, an already understaffed VSO will only have one case manager, a secretary and a part-time outreach person who is neither a veteran nor experienced with the VA.

The county's funding of the VSO does not fully consider the economic value returned. Last year, the VSO helped veterans recover $13,296,188 in new compensation with $63,000,000 being the total compensation awarded to local veterans. At the VSO's funding level, this is a return of $93 to $1 for the past fiscal year and an astounding $443 to $1 for total awards received. This represents a significant annual infusion of capital into our local economy.

As attested to by Fettes' salary, county officials give short shrift to the VSO. Although Fettes retired among the top one percent of the Navy's enlisted force at the highest enlisted rank and had extensive experience as a veterans advocate at a VA regional office, he was only offered an entry-level salary that was $16,000 less than his predecessor. Moreover, he has not received a pay increase since taking the helm.

Notwithstanding the county's significant budget challenges, funding boils down to what county officials decide are their budget priorities. Given the heavy workload, specialized expertise and compensation awards that benefit both our veterans and economy, county officials are urged to make serving our veterans a priority by adequately resourcing the VSO and offering competitive salaries that will attract and retain persons as highly qualified and dedicated as Fettes.

By doing otherwise, our substantial veterans community will be further under served with the impact especially felt by those veterans whose financial and physical well-being are greatly dependent upon the disability compensation they merit for serving our country.

CCHB strives for transparency

Debbie Ressler
GUEST COLUMN

Received note/email this afternoon from Mr. Ryan Beaty, CEO of CMHS, addressed to "All." Not knowing to whom this communication was sent, I feel compelled to respond to such as though his message was sent to the Citizens of Citrus County by way of the *Citrus County Chronicle* and to the CMHS employees. It is for this reason the *Citrus County Chronicle* is receiving this response to Mr. Beaty's email dated Feb. 22.

I cannot emphasize enough that the CCHB has, in the past and continues today and "tomorrow," the desire to end this "tug of war." (Mr. Beaty's description of the status.)

However, the "tug of war," ending does not lie with the Citrus County Hospital Board (CCHB) but with the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation (CMHF). Since Fall 2009, the CCHB has offered, verbally and in written documents, to resolve the governance issues and settle the lawsuits more than a dozen times. There has been more than one joint workshop type discussion and public noticed meeting, including but not limited to, mediation with a professional legal mediator in early 2010 where statements of agreement were stated and proposed. All have sounded in the affirmative, until a day or two after each gathering, when the CCHB in most cases was notified that the CMHF could not and would not accept the decisions made during the collective discussions.

The most recent of these meetings, occurred in January 2013, when it was agreed upon that both boards, after hearing each board member (from both boards) express their sentiments on the issues, would return to their respective boards for acceptance of the agreed-upon spoken terms. The CCHB met and by unanimous decision voted to submit the global agreement in respect to governance and transparency as agreed upon at the joint meeting. Such agreement would then produce a "dropping of pending lawsuits," except for the one in the DCA, and the CCHB would "return to the table." The CCHB was delighted, so it seemed, resolution of the "conflict" had finally taken place and all looked forward to working together for unity in quality health care for Citrus County. It seemed that from the time of the unified meeting and the CMHF meeting opinions on "global settlement" changed. They took no public vote, they issued no written memorandum to the CCHB explaining their position.

The CCHB is of the opinion that monies from CCHB levied taxation on the citizens of Citrus County should be used for the delivery of direct patient care to those less fortunate who are identified as "indigent" by meeting pre-established guidelines for such financial classification. There is no dispute there should be some degree of capital expenditure reimbursement since all patients, including indigent, receive the benefit of such expenditures. It is for this reason, every year since FY 2009-10, there have been monies budgeted for capital expenditures. This has generated angst with the Foundation primarily due to the CCHB asking for the receipt of purchase prior to decision on reimbursement and listings of said classified persons for audit purposes ensuring classification meets the criteria for such status. This request is to ensure transparency and accountability of the taxpayers' funds.

Governance has been and is the other major concerning issue; note a section of the State Law 2011-256 ensures that the CCHB shall be in the majority as for board membership. This concern is currently in the Florida judicial system. This governance guideline is included in Section 16 of Law of Florida 2011-256 which is being contested, and as of today, will continue to be sent to the Florida Supreme Court. This decision was made in Fall 2009 to ensure that transparency and governance of activities at CHMS would be a reality and not just on paper, including the discussion and decisions handled by the courts up to and including the Florida Supreme Court.

So to be clear the CCHB has been, and continues to be, willing to sit and talk with the members of the CMHF, but the time is now for real action and not merely conversation at a meeting with no substantive action following the meeting(s). Such is so badly needed and highly hoped for by the CCHB but to say that the CCHB is "shameful and wrong-headed" is not the way to restore the unity.

Debbie Ressler is the chair for the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees.

LETTERS to the Editor

Thanks for help with fundraiser

Our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155, Crystal River, held its annual fundraiser, "Chili Cook-off, Cornbread Bakeoff, Chinese Auction" on Saturday, Jan. 26. We are a nonprofit organization and the funds acquired from the competition and auction benefit our Citrus County veterans and their families. We wish to acknowledge the businesses and individuals who helped us with contributions for our auction.

It is our hope that because they donated to our cause, our members and the community will be encouraged to frequent these businesses and pay it forward. Thank you to All About Nails and Hair, Brooklyn Dockside Deli, Charlie's Fish House Restaurant, Cedar Key Fish & Crab, Copp Winery and Brewery, Denny's Restaurant, The Loft Bar and Grill, Manatee Lanes Bowling, Pizza Hut, Taste of Philly Sub Shop, past Post 155 Commander Jay Conti, Sr., and member Richard Pawelko. I must give a group acknowledgement to the members of Post 155, for donating "gently used" and/or new items for the auction as well.

Without the fine and generous donations from them, our endeavor would not have succeeded.

Barbara Logan
vice president/chairman

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Sorority support welcomed

Please accept my thanks for supporting our sorority's annual fundraiser by buying tickets for the Pamper Me basket. This year's winner was Sandra Armstrong.

Because of this fundraiser, our sorority will be able to continue to support many charities within our community. We continue to make a presentation to every new Habitat homeowner in Citrus County, to support Blessings in a Backpack, to "adopt" a disadvantage child and a senior citizen for Christmas, and to contribute to a scholarship that will benefit a local graduating senior.

Because of the support of people who bought tickets and local businesses that made contributions, we will continue to give back to our community as needs arise and assistance is needed.

Special thanks are given to the following businesses for their very generous contributions which helped to make the basket raffle so appealing: Jennifer Gambino, owner, Jenuine Design; Danielle Kelly, Jenuine Design; Mellodie Farfaglia, Mellodie's Body Image Gym; Katie Spires, Citrus Massage Therapy; Aspire Salon and Day Spa, Citrus Springs; Cubby's Art Studio; Alice Green, Zumba lessons at Mellodie's.

Sandy Sullivan, president
Xi Nu Upsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International

Running red lights

I see the people who want to remove the lights off the telephone poles for the red light runners are probably the same good-ol'-boys that want to remove the fines for throwing garbage out on the highways in the state of Florida.

Coalition forming

In answer to the "Repeat offenders" in the Sound Off column for Saturday's newspaper (Feb. 16): The reason we're having this is because so far Citrus County has not allowed a reentry coalition to be formed. One will be formed this year and a guest speaker will be in town in March. Contact 628-4357 if anyone would like to join it.

Hypocritical message

I see in your Sunday paper (Feb. 17) where Citrus County's offering a free landscaping class so you can learn landscaping, but yet the main goal of it is to conserve water consumption. Well, then why are we still selling water at 2,000 gallons a day, or whatever it is, to that company? Citrus County is a hypocrite. Why are you telling people (to) conserve water when you're selling it? You want to save water? Don't sell it. Very simple. Citrus County is a hypocrite.

Fence an eyesore

Whose bright idea to put expensive fencing along the (County Road) 486 widening project? Thought they were trying to keep the rural look in our Nature Coast county. This fencing looks ugly and blocks out all Mother Nature's beauty. Also, I would like to say thank you to Code Enforcement for the removal of illegal signs and hope they keep enforcement and pick up on a daily basis.

THE CHRONICLE invites you to call "Sound Off" with your opinions about local or statewide subjects. You do not need to leave your name, and have less than a minute to record. COMMENTS will be edited for length, libel, personal or political attacks and good taste. Editors will cut libelous material. OPINIONS expressed are purely those of the callers.

Letters to the EDITOR

Scott Adams rebuts column

RE: Gerry Mulligan's "Out the Window" column in today's (Feb. 24, 2013) *Chronicle*.

He misses the whole point.

What Mr. Gerry Mulligan is saying about his county commissioner friends and county staff is they have no plan, do not know how to get out of this and never had a plan.

This is misconduct, and until new elections, we may not be able to change this thinking.

Mr. Brad Thorpe suggested I fire him and I agreed — all boards would have fired him based on the Nov. 29, 2012, Duke Energy Emergency Action Plan's freeze on vehicle purchases.

I suggest we are top-heavy in administration, and suggest six to nine positions be gone — and commissioners say I'm "picking on people." It's the right call at this time.

I see cronyism between commissioners and administrators, which is paralyzing good judgment. As my father told me, "You can't fix the problem with the same people who made it; they have too much to lose."

In two years, the change will come during the election, or maybe we need a grand jury investigation to see what's really going on. We thousands are not wrong, and refuse to go along, Gerry Mulligan.

Give us a little more credit, Gerry.

Scott Adams
Citrus County commissioner, District 5

Start listening to the people

To the Editorial Board of the *Citrus County Chronicle* in response to your editorial of Feb. 19:

I have to address the issue of the BOCC of Citrus County and the ongoing and well-described buffoonery that takes place at the meetings. Ms. Bays' description is spot on. Where she falls short is in implying it began when Scott Adams was elected.

Commission Chairman Meek also tried to imply that the board's problems began when Scott Adams was elected.

I concede that in being new to the board Mr. Adams may make a misstep in protocol occasionally, but he has not contributed to the buffoonery that has been taking place over the past couple of years.

This BOCC has constantly refused to pay any attention to the citizens of Citrus County when they voice a difference of opinion on an issue. They seem to want to cram down our throats that we need Meadowcrest and we need the Ottawa extension and we need a Port Citrus, etc.

Perhaps if the BOCC would get off of Scott Adams' back and abandon their personal agendas, things will smooth out and Citrus County can once again become a people-oriented county.

In your editorial, you stated Adams ignited anger on the commission. Is that any wonder when he just called their ex-commissioner friend to task? Their response in going to his defense just proved my point: it is still a good-old-boy BOCC.

I voted for everyone on the BOCC right now except for Dennis Damato, but I will assure you I will vote against every one of them if they do not get their act together and listen to the people of Citrus County when they oppose a project that the BOCC is pushing and at least give that person the courtesy of discussing it.

Port Citrus is a farce, Meadowcrest is a farce and Ottawa is a disaster. What will be next? Who knows? Paying for a feasibility study for "Port Citrus" and a traffic light at Meadowcrest along with the money spent on Ottawa? It is hard to tell.

As far as Citrus County government being in a big financial bind, what would you expect when spending on foolhardy projects is out of control? It is true that firing the county administrator will not solve the financial dilemma of Citrus County, but he does need to be made aware that he is there to serve and respect the people and that he works for all of the county commission.

He should expect to be questioned and he should be prepared to answer the questions in a respectful manner even when the question might make him look bad. That would help keep the BOCC from looking like buffoons and return some dignity to the BOCC meetings.

I see no light at the end of the tunnel as long as we have the current county commission, but I am praying that most of the people will say enough is enough in the next election and get rid of the pack of good old boys that are running things now.

To Scott Adams I would say, don't back down. Hold your ground and stick to your principles. Even if you lose, you will have been on the right side but I don't see you losing. I know that I am not alone in the feeling that we are being betrayed by most of the BOCC.

Fred Barnsdale
Homosassa

Sound OFF

Thanks for pet adoption help

Thank you to the Adopt a Rescued Pet for the support of the dogs at the Citrus County Animal Shelter. In order to help promote adoptions, they are sponsoring a discount of the adoption fees for the month of February. This group has bought beds for the dogs, assisted with medical expenses for the dogs, and helped promote adoption of our dogs. They are a true friend to the homeless shelter dogs of Citrus County. Thank you much.

Look for ford in river

I like Gerry Mulligan's recent column on the things everyone should try to do in Citrus County. About his comments on the Withlacoochee Bay Trail and the biking that you can do there, there is one problem. The new extension from the trailhead just off U.S. 19 only goes to an overlook above the confluence of the Withlacoochee River and the barge canal. Ditto for the new trail on the Inglis island that begins at the dam that also ends at an overlook of the confluence. So until they get funding and build the bridge, you simply can't bike from U.S. 19 trailhead to Lake Rousseau without getting very wet.

Why order cars in first place?

What in the world was Brad Thorpe and senior staff thinking to even order brand-new cars in the year of 2013? The county is facing many, many financial crises and they order a new car? The fact that they even placed the order is cause for doubt in their ability to be effective administrators.

Equal consideration

In reference to the handicapped person who takes special consideration: I am 100 percent service-connected permanently and totally disabled veteran. All I ask for is an opportunity and equal consideration.

NATION & WORLD

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Budget cuts: Who will feel the pain?

Cities, long-term unemployed could be first in line

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Who'll be the first to feel the sting?

Jobless Americans who have been out of work for a long time and local governments that are paying off loans to fix roads and schools are in tough spots when it comes to the automatic federal budget cuts that are scheduled to kick in Friday.

About 2 million long-term unemployed people could see checks now averaging $300 a week reduced by about $30. There could also be reductions in federal payments that subsidize clean energy, school construction and state and local public works projects. Low-income Americans seeking heating assistance or housing or other aid might encounter longer waits.

Government employees could get furlough notices as early as next week, though cuts in their work hours won't occur until April.

The timing of the "sequester" spending cuts has real consequences for Americans, but it also has a political ramifications. How quickly and fiercely the public feels the cuts could determine whether President Barack Obama and lawmakers seek to replace them with a different deficit reduction plan.

Eager to put pressure on Republican lawmakers to accept his blend of targeted cuts and tax increases Obama has been highlighting the impact of the automatic cuts in grim terms. He did it again on Monday, declaring the threat of the cuts is already harming the national economy.

Republicans say he is exaggerating and point to rates of spending, even after the cuts, that would be higher than in 2008 when adjusted for inflation. All Obama has to do to avoid the damage, House Speaker John Boehner said at the Capitol, is agree to the GOP's recommended spending cuts — with no tax increases.

By all accounts, most of the pain of the $85 billion in spending reductions to this year's federal budget would be slow in coming. The dire consequences that Obama officials said Americans will encounter — from airport delays and weakened borders to reduced parks programs and shuttered meatpacking plants — would unfold over time as furloughs kick in and agencies begin to adjust to their spending reductions.

"These impacts will not all be felt on day one," Obama acknowledged in a meeting with governors at the White House on Monday. "But rest assured the uncertainty is already having an effect."

The Pentagon will feel the brunt of half the cuts. Pay for active military is off-limits for cuts, so the rest of the defense budget must absorb the hit. The Obama administration says defense contractors have already ramped down work, contributing to a dip in economic activity in the fourth quarter of last year. The Navy has decided not to deploy an aircraft carrier as planned to the Persian Gulf.

Nation BRIEFS

Tears

Associated Press

Summit Elementary School principal Tamela Martin wipes away tears Monday after students honored her for being named 2013 Principal of the Year by the Kentucky School Counselor's Association, in Ashland, Ky.

US stopping use of term 'negro'

WASHINGTON — After more than a century, the Census Bureau is dropping its use of the word "negro" to describe black Americans in surveys.

Instead of the term that came into use during the Jim Crow era of racial segregation, census forms will use the more modern labels "black" or "African-American."

The change will take effect next year when the Census Bureau distributes its annual American Community Survey to more than 3.5 million U.S. households, Nicholas Jones, chief of the bureau's racial statistics branch, said in an interview.

School board members dropped

ATLANTA — Georgia's governor has signed an order to suspend six of nine members of an Atlanta-area school board that oversees the state's third-largest school system.

The DeKalb County School Board was previously put on probation through the end of 2013 and risks losing accreditation. An audit of the school system found evidence of fiscal mismanagement and unethical practices.

Crews search for family off coast

MONTEREY, Calif. — Crews planned to search by sea and air through the night Monday as they ramped up efforts to find a husband, wife and two young children who sent a series of distress calls saying their sailboat was sinking far off the Central California coast and they were fashioning a raft from a cooler and a life ring.

The unidentified family had been sailing a small vessel Sunday west of Monterey Bay, where strong winds, cold water and big swells made for perilous conditions. Forecasters had issued a weekend advisory warning boaters of rough seas in the area.

— From wire reports

Western whiteout

Associated Press

Amarillo emergency personnel assist a stranded motorist Monday on the I-40 service road in Amarillo, Texas. A blizzard packing 50-mph wind gusts and more than 11 inches of snow blasted Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle Monday, making travel nearly impossible. Interstate 40 and many major highways in the Panhandle were closed.

At least two dead as blizzards bluster across several states

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — The nation's midsection again dealt with blizzard conditions Monday, closing highways, knocking out power to thousands in Texas and Oklahoma and even bringing hurricane-force winds to the Texas Panhandle. Two people have died.

Already under a deep snowpack from last week's storm, Kansas was preparing for another round of heavy snow Monday evening and overnight, prompting some to wonder what it could do for the drought.

"Is it a drought-buster? Absolutely not," National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said. "Will it bring short-term improvement? Yes."

The storm is being blamed for two deaths on Monday. In northwest Kansas, a 21-year-old man's SUV hit an icy patch on Interstate 70 and overturned. And in the northwest town of Woodward, Okla., heavy snow caused a roof to collapse, killing one inside the home.

Earlier on Monday, blizzard warnings extended from the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles into south-central Kansas. The blizzard warnings were dropped Monday evening for the far western portion of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

Meanwhile to the east, lines of thunderstorms crossed Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, bringing heavy rain and an occasional tornado warning.

As many as 10,000 people lost power in Oklahoma, as did thousands more in Texas.

"I have a gas cooking stove and got the oven going," said Ann Smith, owner of the Standifer House Bed and Breakfast in Elk City, Okla., late Monday afternoon. Her daughter and grandchildren had come over because they lost power.

"If it gets cold tonight, I guess we'll have to put pallets in the kitchen," Smith said with a laugh.

Colorado and New Mexico were the first to see the system Sunday night, with up to 2 feet falling in the foothills west of Denver.

As it moved into the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles Monday, the storm ground travel to a halt, closing miles of interstates and state highways.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said about a dozen motorists had to be rescued, but no one was injured. The National Weather Service in Lubbock reported at one point that as many as 100 vehicles were at a standstill on Interstate 27.

Syria says it will talk to rebel groups

Announcement signals regime might be growing nervous

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria said Monday it is prepared to hold talks with armed rebels bent on overthrowing President Bashar Assad, the clearest signal yet that the regime is growing increasingly nervous about its long-term prospects to hold onto power as opposition fighters make slow but persistent headway in the civil war.

Meanwhile, the umbrella group for Syrian opposition parties said it had reversed a decision to boycott a conference in Rome being held to help drum up financial and political support for the opposition. Walid al-Bunni, a spokesman for the Syrian National Coalition, said the move came after a phone call between the group's leader, Mouaz al-Khatib, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Al-Bunni told pan-Arab broadcaster Al-Arabiya the decision was made based on guarantees al-Khatib heard from western diplomats that the conference would be different this time. He did not elaborate. The boycott had put the group at odds with its Western backers.

The Syrian talks offer, made by Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem during a visit to Moscow, came hours before residents of Damascus and state-run TV reported a huge explosion and a series of smaller blasts in the capital, followed by heavy gunfire.

State-run news agency SANA said there were multiple casualties from the explosion, which it said was a suicide car bombing. Britain-based activist group the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the explosions targeted a checkpoint, adding there were initial reports of at least five regime forces killed and several wounded.

The talks proposal marked the first time that a high-ranking regime official has stated publicly that Damascus would be willing to meet with the armed opposition. But al-Moallem did not spell out whether rebels would first have to lay down their weapons before negotiations could begin — a crucial sticking point in the past.

The regime's proposal is unlikely to lead to talks. The rebels battling the Syrian military have vowed to stop at nothing less than Assad's downfall and are unlikely to agree to sit down with a leader they accuse of mass atrocities.

But the timing of the proposal suggests the regime is warming to the idea of a settlement as it struggles to hold territory and claw back ground it has lost to the rebels in the nearly two-year-old conflict.

World BRIEFS

Spruce-up

Associated Press

Two Great White Pelicans clean their plumage Monday in their enclosure in the Frankfurt Zoo, Frankfurt, Germany.

Tibetan monks self-immolate

BEIJING — Two Tibetan monks in their early 20s set themselves on fire in protest against Chinese rule near dozens of pilgrims who had gathered for prayers to mark the end of the Tibetan New Year festival, a Tibet rights group said. Both died.

One of the monks, Tsesung Kyab, self-immolated Monday outside a temple in Luqu county in northwestern Gansu province while the other, Phagmo Dundrup, set himself ablaze Sunday at a monastery in neighboring Qinghai province, said the Washington, D.C.-based, International Campaign for Tibet reported.

The latest self-immolations bring the total since 2009 to 106.

Police probe sex harassment claims

LONDON — British police are investigating allegations that a former senior member of the Liberal Democratic party sexually harassed four women, authorities said Monday, in a case that has shaken up the junior partner in the country's governing coalition.

Scotland Yard said its special investigations team has been approached by party officials following claims that Chris Rennard, a former chief executive of the left-leaning Lib Dems, inappropriately touched and propositioned four women in incidents that dated back to 2003. Rennard, who stepped down in 2009, denies the claims.

Germans back ban on far-right party

BERLIN — Germany's federal government plans to back legal efforts to ban the country's biggest far-right party.

German news agency dpa reports that Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich told lawmakers Monday that the government would follow Germany's 16 states in asking for a ban on the National Democratic Party.

The government has accused the NPD of promoting a racist, xenophobic and anti-Semitic agenda in violation of the country's constitution.

Mexican president signs reform bill

MEXICO CITY — President Enrique Pena Nieto signed Mexico's most sweeping education reform in seven decades into law Monday, seeking to change a system in which teaching positions could be sold or inherited, and no official census of schools, teachers and students had been carried out.

The legislation, which is widely expected to weaken Mexico's powerful teachers' union, was approved earlier by congress and the majority of state legislatures. The reform was a plank of a pact signed between Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party and the two main opposition parties.

— From wire reports

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Indiana stays No. 1 in AP Top 25, Gonzaga No. 2

Indiana is No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 for the fourth straight week, while Gonzaga moved to No. 2 for the first time in school history.

While the West Coast Bulldogs made some news at the top of the poll Monday, Louisiana Tech, the Bulldogs from Down South, moved into the rankings for the first time since a 13-week run in 1984-85, their only appearance in the poll.

Louisiana Tech, which is 25th this week, was led back then to a ranking as high as No. 7 by a forward named Karl Malone. Gonzaga at that time had a point guard named John Stockton.

See **Page B3** for Top 25 list.

Baylor still No. 1 in AP women's poll

Baylor remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for an eighth straight week after topping UConn last Monday night.

Baylor received all 40 first-place votes for the first time since returning to the top spot.

The first seven stayed unchanged with Notre Dame, UConn, Stanford and Duke following Baylor.

Cal rallied from a 17-point deficit against Oregon State on Sunday to remain sixth. Penn State, Tennessee, Maryland and Kentucky round out the first 10.

A week after falling out of the Top 25, Iowa State came back in at No. 23. Oklahoma State fell out for the first time this season.

See **Page B3** for Top 25 list.

No. 8 Florida could get Frazier, Yeguete back soon

GAINESVILLE — No. 8 Florida will be without two key backups at Tennessee on Tuesday night.

But coach Billy Donovan says guard Michael Frazier II (concussion) and forward Will Yeguete (knee) could be back for Saturday's game against Alabama.

Frazier sustained a concussion Saturday against Arkansas when he went headfirst into Scottie Wilbekin's knee while chasing a loose ball. Yeguete had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Feb. 8 to remove loose bodies.

Their absences will leave the Gators short-handed against the Volunteers. Florida, which needs one win to clinch a first-round bye in the Southeastern Conference tournament, has lost six of its last seven games at Tennessee.

Frazier averages 6.4 points a game; Yeguete averages 6.0 points and 6.3 rebounds.

Daytona 500 preliminary TV ratings much higher

DAYTONA BEACH — With Danica Patrick starting from the pole, the Daytona 500's preliminary television ratings were much higher than last year's.

Sunday afternoon's race earned a 10.0 overnight rating and 22 share on Fox, the network said Monday. That's up 30 percent from 2012, when rain pushed the event to a Monday night. It was the highest overnight rating since 2006.

Jimmie Johnson won the race while Patrick was eighth, the best finish by a woman at the Daytona 500.

Eagles release veteran DT Jenkins

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles have released veteran defensive tackle Cullen Jenkins.

Jenkins signed a five-year, $30 million contract with the Eagles in 2011 and started every game the last two seasons. He was due to make $5.5 million this season, but rebuilding Philadelphia cut the 32-year-old Jenkins on Monday.

—From wire reports

Springstead downs Citrus girl netters 5-2

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

SUGARMILL WOODS — The Citrus High girls tennis team probably needs to send a "get well" card to Melanie Dodd.

Things just weren't quite right when the junior No. 1 singles player was sick Monday with a fever.

The Springstead High girls tennis team downed the 'Canes 5-2 in a match at the Oak Village Tennis Courts.

Paige Jordan, normally the No. 2 singles player, combined with Hunter Pospiech to lose a marathon No. 1 doubles match to Springstead's Sarah Guerrero and Bryn Buckner 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

The Eagles, a talented 5-2 team, also won the No. 2 doubles 6-0, 7-6 (7-3). Springstead's Scarlett Somack and Robyn Cortney took that one from Juliann Johnson and Leah Stanley.

Citrus is 5-2, but Dodd's absence meant they were minus a girl who has never lost a singles match in high school. She normally wins at No. 1 doubles as well.

> **"They are fighters and they don't give up. We will keep playing to the end."**
>
> **Scott Waters**
> Citrus girls tennis coach.

While the doubles matches were being played, Springstead's Rachael Simone beat Patti Dion in singles 6-0, 6-1.

The Eagles had a 3-0 lead before most of the singles matches had started.

Springstead would also win the No. 3 singles with Somack beating Johnson 6-3, 6-0. Cotney took the No. 4 singles over Stanley 6-0, 6-2.

Jordan did win the No. 1 singles, beating Buckner 8-2, as Jordan lobbed her opponent to defeat.

Pospiech won the No. 2 singles 8-4 over Guerrero.

Jordan would gladly have played No. 2 singles if only Dodd's health had held up.

"It was just a long match and it was hard," Jordan said. "They wore us down. I'm a 10th-grader. I wasn't really ready for No. 1. I thought I played pretty good. I hope she (Dodd) gets better soon."

Her coach agreed with Jordan.

"We missed Melanie Dodd big tonight," Citrus coach Scott Waters said. "All of these girls were playing a notch above. We're young. We're growing. Paige and Hunter really stepped it up with their doubles. There are nights when someone is a little better.

"They are fighters and they don't give up. We will keep playing to the end. Springstead is a good team."

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Flexing muscles

Citrus boys roll to county lifting championship

CARL MCDERMOTT
Correspondent

STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Strongman Manuel Henriquez of Crystal River nears his personal best with this 395-pound bench press in Monday's competition with Lecanto and Citrus High Schools at Inverness.

Citrus showed up.

Numbers told the story Monday as all three county schools met in the Citrus High School weight room to vie for bragging rights: The 'Canes were able to have lifters fill all 10 weight classes and walked away with a 66-19-16 win.

Citrus coach Rayburn Greene was not surprised at his team's success, given his ability to dress twice as many athletes as his county rivals.

"Being able to cover all weight classes with quality lifters gives us a definite advantage," he said.

Senior Ray Vielleux was the dominant lifter in the 119-pound class, winning by more than 100 pounds to capture first place. His teammate, freshman Karlin Ray, took second to give the 'Canes seven points to start the match.

All three teams' had lifters in the 129-pound division, and competition was very close. The 'Canes' Douglas Yeatts took first place, with Crystal River's Cody D'Amato taking second.

The 'Canes had the 139-pound division all to themselves, as senior Dalton Tinsley battled Mack Schelstrate. Tinsley came out on top with a combined total of 365 pounds, besting his teammate by five pounds.

Junior Kody McDow dominated the 154-pound class, with a combined weight total of 525. McDow attempted a personal-best bench press of 300 pounds, but was unsuccessful.

The 169-pound class had five lifters, but again it was all Hurricanes. Juniors Rhys Fenech and James Pouncey each benched 250 pounds, but Pouncey took the clean and jerk by 35 pounds to take first. Pirates lifter Ruben Bowers took third for two points.

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Senior Al'lamar White bested his teammate Jaimee Juse by 35 pounds in the bench press to take first with a combined score of 475 pounds in the 183-pound division.

The Panthers' Josh Reimer took first place in the 199-pound division by 5 pounds with a combined total of 520. 'Canes teammates Travis Blotz and Nick Fernandez were tough competition, lifting 515 and 505 respectively.

The 219-pound class saw two lifters set personal bests in team competition. The Pirates' Destin Dawsy had bests in both events for a combined total of 540 pounds. Still, Citrus' Steven Knowles stole the show with a combined weight of 620, with a clean and jerk lift of 325 pounds, to beat all lifters in any class.

All three teams scored points in the 238-pound class, but again the 'Canes had the upper hand. Dalton Pollard sent the bar very high with lifts of 355 and 270 pounds. Teammate Mike Jones took second.

The heavyweight division was the most hotly contested of the entire match. All three teams had two lifters, with two potential state qualifiers in the mix. The Panthers' Dede Anderson set personal bests in both lifts for a total of 670 pounds, but was not able to take the top spot, which belonged to the Pirates' Manuel Henriquez with a combined total of 685 pounds.

And Henriquez doesn't think he has reached the level at which he competed last year.

"I feel I am just getting started this year, and do not feel I have reached my peak," he said.

Pirates coach Nathan Varnadore was pleased with his team even, if the point total was low.

"We are in a rebuilding year and feel like we are playing catch-up with the other programs," he said.

From jack-of-all-trades to Braves ace

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE — Kris Medlen is not exactly imposing — listed at 5-foot-10, and that's being generous. He munches on peanut butter-and-honey sandwiches before every start. He never stops fidgeting, whether it's bouncing around the clubhouse before a game or just chatting up a couple of players after a spring training start.

In many ways, it's hard to take this guy seriously.

Until he takes the mound.

That's when he becomes the Atlanta Braves' newest ace.

Medlen still seems a bit uncomfortable with the role of No. 1 starter, figuring a more experienced teammate such as Tim Hudson is better suited. But the Braves appear to be setting things up for the right-hander to be their opening-day starter — an honor he certainly earned with the way he pitched in 2012.

After starting the season in the bullpen, Medlen moved into the rotation and was basically unbeatable. He went 10-1 with a 1.57 ERA, a major reason the Braves earned a wild-card playoff spot.

"I really don't care about that too much, the title of ace," the 27-year-old said. "Ace is being a leader. It's a veteran thing. It's not just something you hand off to somebody. I thought I had a good six months last year. My two months in the rotation were great to me. I'm just kind of trying to build off that this year. Whether people think I'm an ace or a No. 1 pitcher, whatever."

Still, being an ace in Atlanta carries some gravitas. The franchise was known largely for its starting pitching during a run of 14 straight division titles, the place where masterful hurlers such as Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz did their best work.

Now along comes Medlen, who just a year ago was seen as a handy guy to have around but not exactly the centerpiece of the pitching staff.

He was used to filling whatever role the Braves needed, whether it was spot starter or long reliever. But once the Braves committed to sending him out every fifth day, Medlen became perhaps the most dominant pitcher in the game.

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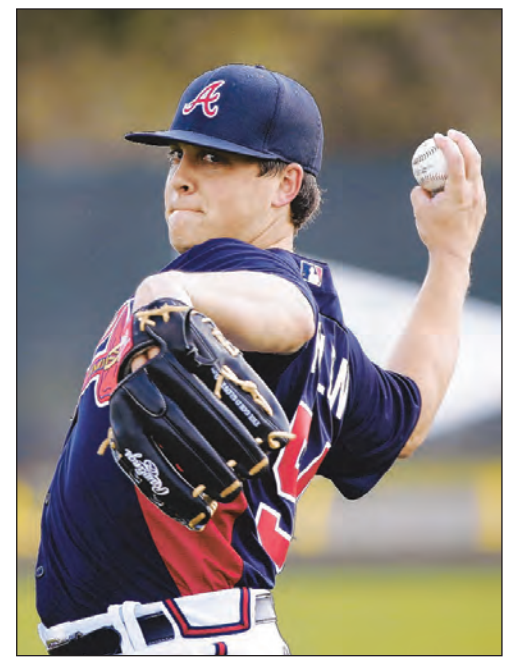

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Atlanta Braves pitcher Kris Medlen throws Saturday during a spring training workout in Kissimmee.

Chicago's record streak reaches 19 games

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Marian Hossa scored 1:44 into overtime and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-2 on Monday night to stretch their NHL-record opening points streak to 19 games.

Patrick Sharp set up the winning goal with a quick turn along the boards and a drive to the goal that led to two stops by Nikolai Khabibulin. Hossa picked up the second rebound and was stuffed by Khabibulin again before he poked it in for his ninth goal of the season.

Patrick Kane and Viktor Stalberg also scored for Chicago (16-0-3), which has won six straight and nine of 10.

Nail Yakupov and Jeff Petry had the goals for Edmonton, which had won three straight against the Blackhawks.

Senators 2, Canadiens 1 SO

OTTAWA — Peter Regin scored in the fifth round of the shootout and Ben Bishop made 44 saves in regulation and overtime, leading the Ottawa Senators to a 2-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens.

Jakob Silfverberg also scored in the shootout for Ottawa, while David Desharnais replied for Montreal.

After Regin gave the Senators the lead in the shootout, Bishop stopped Tomas Plekanec to secure Ottawa's season-high fifth straight win.

Regin had a chance to end the game late in overtime but his slapshot from the high slot hit the post behind Canadiens goaltender Carey Price, who finished with 23 saves.

Maple Leafs 4, Flyers 2

PHILADELPHIA — Phil Kessel, Nikolai Kulemin, Mikhail Grabovski and Jay McClement scored to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 4-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Ben Scrivens made 23 saves for Toronto, which survived a double-minor against leading scorer James van Riemsdyk in the third period. Van Riemsdyk, who was drafted with the second overall pick in the 2007 draft by the Flyers and played three seasons with them before being traded, was held scoreless in his return to Philadelphia.

Scott Hartnell, playing his second game since fracturing his foot Jan. 22, scored his first goal of the season for the Flyers, who had won three of their last four and are in the middle of a five-game homestand.

Jakub Voracek also scored for Philadelphia.

Predators 5, Stars 4, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Roman Josi scored his second goal 28 seconds into overtime, and the Nashville Predators edged the Dallas Stars 5-4 in a wild game featuring fights and a bloodied face — all in the second period.

Associated Press

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price deflects a shot Monday as Ottawa Senator Chris Neil skates in front of the net during the first period in Ottawa, Ontario.

Josi's slap shot helped Nashville end a two-game skid, and the defenseman also had two assists.

Mike Fisher, Craig Smith and Patric Hornqvist each scored goals for Nashville.

Rookie Matt Fraser and Reilly Smith scored 25 seconds apart within the first 2 minutes of the second, and Vern Fiddler and Eriksson added a power-play goal apiece as the Stars matched their season high within the first 9:21 of the period. Michael Ryder had three assists.

Wright perfect in Rays debut

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE — Jamey Wright's bid to make the Tampa Bay Rays his 10th major league team began with a scoreless inning.

The 38-year-old right-hander retired the only three batters he faced during Monday's 6-3 victory over a Boston split squad. He struck out Dustin Pedroia and Shane Victorino, then escaped without allowing a hit when third baseman Ryan Roberts made a diving stop on Jonny Gomes' hard grounder and scrambled to his feet to throw to first to end the third inning.

Pedroia homered in the first off Rays starter Alex Cobb. Newly-acquired Mike Carp had a RBI double in his debut for the Red Sox.

Alfredo Aceves started and worked two innings for Boston, allowing a two-run double to Yunel Escobar. Roberts also had a two-run double for the Rays.

Braves 7, Marlins 6

KISSIMMEE — Justin Upton hit one of the longest home runs ever seen at Atlanta's spring training complex, a towering drive that cleared the grass berm beyond left field, as the Braves defeated the Miami Marlins 7-6.

Upton's teammates estimated the homer went at least 450 feet. It was his first hit of spring since joining the Braves in a trade with Arizona.

The Marlins led 1-0 when Jason Heyward opened the fourth with a drive over the right-field wall. Upton made it back-to-back homers off loser Scott Maine, and brother B.J. Upton chipped in with a double, coming around to score on a stolen base and wild pitch.

Atlanta led 7-1 before Miami put together a five-run eighth. Anthony Varvaro worked the ninth for a save.

Orioles 5, Yankees 1

SARASOTA — Brian Roberts and Nick Markakis each had two hits and Brian Matusz pitched two scoreless innings as the Baltimore Orioles won their third straight game, 5-1 over the New York Yankees.

Roberts and Markakis were injured and missed the team's first postseason appearance in 15 years. Matusz started and allowed two hits to a Yankees lineup that featured only two regulars — center fielder Brett Gardner and catcher Francisco Cervelli.

Gardner had three hits for New York.

Red Sox (ss) 4, Blue Jays 2

DUNEDIN — NL Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey gave up two runs and four hits in his Toronto spring training debut, but he was outpitched by fellow knuckleballer Steven Wright for two innings in the Boston Red Sox split squad's 4-2 victory over the Blue Jays.

Wright, a minor leaguer, gave up two hits and struck out three over two scoreless innings.

Associated Press

Baltimore's Conor Jackson steals second base Monday ahead of the tag by New York Yankees second baseman Jayson Nix during the fourth inning in Sarasota.

Red Sox manager John Farrell, who moved from Toronto to Boston during the offseason after managing the Blue Jays in 2011 and '12, was roundly booed by fans when his name was announced during the pregame starting lineup introductions.

Tigers 10, Phillies 1

CLEARWATER — Cliff Lee looked sharp in his spring debut for Philadelphia and Miguel Cabrera homered again for the Detroit Tigers in a 10-1 win over the Phillies.

Lee pitched two hitless innings and struck out his final two batters.

Cabrera, the reigning American League MVP and Triple Crown winner, launched a booming, three-run homer off closer Jonathan Papelbon in a six-run fifth inning. It was Cabrera's second home run this spring.

Cardinals 10, Astros 2

JUPITER — Matt Holliday and Allen Craig each hit their first homers of spring training, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

Craig reached base in all three at-bats, adding a walk and an RBI single.

Adam Wainwright, the Cardinals' likely opening-day starter, allowed four hits while striking out three in 2 2/3 scoreless innings.

Twins 5, Pirates 4

FORT MYERS — Justin Morneau hit a three-run double for Minnesota and newcomer Vance Worley pitched two scoreless innings in his spring debut for the Twins in a 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Worley was acquired in a trade with Philadelphia for outfielder Ben Revere. The right-hander gave up two hits and struck out one.

Rockies 9, Rangers 1

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Troy Tulowitzki hit a two-run single off Texas starting candidate Justin Grimm and the Colorado Rockies went on to a 9-1 victory over the Rangers.

Martin Perez started for Texas and retired all six batters he faced. The left-hander struck out two.

Grimm allowed hits to four of the first six batters he faced after taking over in the third.

Royals 16, Diamondbacks 4

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Billy Butler doubled, drove in three runs and scored twice, leading the Kansas City Royals in a 16-4 romp of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Non-roster invitees Max Ramirez and Adam Moore had back-to-back pinch-hit home runs in the fifth inning off Steve Garrison. Ramirez hit a grand slam and Moore followed with a monstrous drive to left.

Mariners 9, Angels 8

PEORIA, Ariz. — Mike Trout singled in his first at-bat this spring and scored twice for the Los Angeles Angels in a 9-8 loss to the Seattle Mariners.

The 20-year-old Trout, the AL Rookie of the Year and runner-up in the MVP voting last season, also walked.

Hank Conger homered, doubled, singled and drove in five runs for the Angels.

Brendan Ryan homered for the Mariners.

Giants 9, White Sox 9

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Madison Bumgarner threw two scoreless innings in his first outing since the second game of the World Series, postseason hero Marco Scutaro had two hits and drove in a run and the San Francisco Giants played the Chicago White Sox to a 9-9 tie.

Joaquin Arias, Brett Pill and Cole Gillespie each drove in two runs as the Giants took a 9-0 lead after three innings.

The White Sox got two back in the sixth and tied the game with a 7-run eighth, highlighted by Seth Loman's three-run home run.

Reds 5, Brewers (ss) 2

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Joey Votto hit a two-run homer, an encouraging sign that he's progressing in his recovery from knee surgery that robbed him of his power last season, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the split-squad Milwaukee Brewers 5-2.

Votto connected in the third inning off Robert Wooten. Votto also had an RBI groundout off Tyler Thornburg, a third-round draft pick in 2010 who is trying to win a spot in the Brewers' revamped rotation.

Padres 7, Brewers (ss) 1

MARYVALE, Ariz. — Jedd Gyorko hit his second homer of the spring, a two-run shot that helped the San Diego Padres beat a Milwaukee Brewers split-squad 7-1.

Gyorko has eight RBIs in his first four games.

Kyle Blanks and Mark Kotsay each had two of San Diego's 10 hits. Catcher Eddy Rodriguez added a three-run homer in the ninth.

Indians 14, A's 10

PHOENIX — Cleveland left fielder Michael Brantley needed stitches in his left forearm after being spiked during the Indians' 14-10 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Brantley was spiked by third baseman Josh Donaldson in a play that ended the third inning.

Justin Masterson threw two perfect innings for Cleveland in his first start of the spring. Matt Carson and Yan Gomes homered for the Indians.

Shane Peterson and 2010 first-round draft pick Michael Choice homered for the Athletics.

Dodgers 7, Cubs 6

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Dontrelle Willis left because of a shoulder injury just seven pitches into his latest comeback try, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the mistake-prone Chicago Cubs 7-6.

The 2003 NL Rookie of the Year signed a minor league contract with the Cubs in January. He walked Nick Evans on six pitches to open the eighth inning and then threw one pitch to the next batter before trainers went out to the mound.

Dodgers infielder Omar Luna had the go-ahead RBI in the eighth.

Nationals 6, Mets 4

PORT ST. LUCIE — Gio Gonzalez shook off the negativity surrounding him and pitched two hitless innings for the Washington Nationals in a 6-4 win over the New York Mets.

Gonzalez struck out three and walked one.

His name recently was linked to a Miami-area clinic under investigation by Major League Baseball for allegedly supplying performance-enhancing drugs to players.

Marquette holds off Syracuse

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Davante Gardner scored a career-high 26 points and No. 22 Marquette beat No. 12 Syracuse 74-71 in a game that further tightened things at the top of the Big East.

Gardner played only 11 minutes in Marquette's 60-56 loss at Villanova on Saturday, with coach Buzz Williams saying he benched the junior center because "he played really bad."

Gardner was the exact opposite against the Orange, making all seven of his shots and converting 12 of 13 free throws in 33 minutes to pull Marquette (20-7, 11-4 Big East) into second place, one-half game behind No. 7 Georgetown.

C.J. Fair had 20 points for Syracuse (22-6, 10-5), which has lost three of five and dropped into a tie for fourth with No. 21 Notre Dame.

No. 10 Louisville is alone in third, a game behind Georgetown.

No. 13 KSU 75, Texas Tech 55

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Thomas Gipson scored 20 points, Angel Rodriguez added 16 and No. 13 Kansas State beat Texas Tech 75-55, giving the Wildcats 12 conference wins for the first time in 40 years.

The 12 league wins are the most ever for a first-year coach at Kansas State (23-5, 12-3 Big 12) and more importantly for Bruce Weber and his team is that win keeps the Wildcats tied with No. 6 Kansas for first place in the Big 12.

Women

No. 1 Baylor 86, Oklahoma 64

NORMAN, Okla. — Brittney Griner scored 15 points, tied her season-high with 15 rebounds and blocked seven shots to lead top-ranked Baylor to its 25th straight victory, 86-64 against Oklahoma.

Aaryn Ellenberg had 19 points to lead Oklahoma (19-9, 9-7).

NBA BRIEFS

Wizards 90, Raptors 84

TORONTO — Bradley Beal scored 20 points, Nene had 11 points and nine rebounds, and the Washington Wizards beat the Toronto Raptors 90-84 for their third straight victory.

A.J. Price and Martell Webster each added 12 points for the Wizards, who won for just the fifth time in 27 road games this season.

John Wall had 10 points and seven assists, as the Wizards won for the 14th time in 23 games.

DeMar DeRozan scored 25 points and Kyle Lowry had 18 for the Raptors.

Hawks 114, Pistons 103

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Al Horford had 23 points and 22 rebounds, and the Atlanta Hawks beat the Detroit Pistons 114-103 for their fifth win in six games.

Josh Smith added 23 points for the Hawks, who were ahead 61-51 at halftime and led by as many as 26 in the third quarter.

Jeff Teague had 20 points for Atlanta, which shot 14 of 33 from 3-point range. Kyle Korver scored 15 points, all from beyond the arc.

Rodney Stuckey led Detroit with 22 points.

—From wire reports

BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Indiana (64)	24-3	1,624	1
2. Gonzaga (1)	27-2	1,530	3
3. Duke	24-3	1,461	6
4. Michigan	23-4	1,411	7
5. Miami	22-4	1,317	2
6. Kansas	23-4	1,272	9
7. Georgetown	21-4	1,236	11
8. Florida	22-4	1,164	5
9. Michigan St.	22-6	1,105	4
10. Louisville	22-5	1,047	10
11. Arizona	23-4	998	12
12. Syracuse	22-5	915	8
13. Kansas St.	22-5	875	13
14. New Mexico	23-4	764	16
15. Oklahoma St.	20-6	692	14
16. Ohio St.	20-7	675	18
17. Wisconsin	19-8	558	19
18. Saint Louis	21-5	495	—
19. Memphis	24-3	453	21
20. Butler	22-6	351	15
21. Notre Dame	22-6	328	25
22. Marquette	19-7	317	17
23. Pittsburgh	21-7	158	20
24. Oregon	22-6	61	23
25. Louisiana Tech	24-3	54	—

Others receiving votes: Colorado St. 49, VCU 45, Akron 43, Wichita St. 35, Saint Mary's (Cal) 24, Illinois 19, UConn 18, UNLV 13, North Carolina 8, California 5, Middle Tennessee 2, Belmont 16, Missouri 1, Stephen F. Austin 1.

Women's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (40)	26-1	1,000	1
2. Notre Dame	25-1	957	2
3. UConn	25-2	909	3
4. Stanford	26-2	875	4
5. Duke	26-1	850	5
6. California	25-2	804	6
7. Penn St.	23-3	755	7
8. Tennessee	22-5	676	11
9. Maryland	22-5	665	8
10. Kentucky	23-4	634	8
11. Georgia	23-4	607	13
12. Dayton	24-1	492	14
13. Texas A&M	21-7	486	10
14. South Carolina	22-5	455	15
15. North Carolina	25-4	443	16
16. Louisville	22-6	426	12
17. UCLA	21-6	417	17
18. Delaware	24-3	319	18
19. Colorado	22-5	288	20
20. Nebraska	21-6	215	24
21. Green Bay	22-2	139	25
22. Syracuse	22-4	131	21
23. Iowa St.	19-6	122	—
24. Florida St.	20-7	90	19
25. Purdue	20-7	74	22

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 58, Toledo 34, South Florida 21, Vanderbilt 13, LSU 10, SMU 7, Gonzaga 6, San Diego St. 6, Texas Tech 6, West Virginia 4, Chattanooga 3, Michigan St. 2, Florida Gulf Coast 1.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	20	.623	—
Brooklyn	33	24	.579	2
Boston	29	27	.518	5½
Philadelphia	22	32	.407	11½
Toronto	23	34	.404	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	40	14	.741	—
Atlanta	32	23	.582	8½
Washington	18	37	.327	22½
Orlando	15	41	.268	26
Charlotte	13	43	.232	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	35	21	.625	—
Chicago	32	24	.571	3
Milwaukee	26	28	.481	8
Detroit	22	37	.373	14½
Cleveland	18	38	.321	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	13	.776	—
Memphis	37	18	.673	6½
Houston	31	27	.534	14
Dallas	25	30	.455	18½
New Orleans	20	37	.351	24½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	41	15	.732	—
Denver	35	22	.614	6½
Utah	31	25	.554	10
Portland	26	30	.464	15
Minnesota	20	33	.377	19½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	40	18	.690	—
Golden State	33	23	.589	6
L.A. Lakers	28	29	.491	11½
Sacramento	19	38	.333	20½
Phoenix	18	39	.316	21½

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers 103, Dallas 99
Golden State 100, Minnesota 99
New Orleans 110, Sacramento 95
Miami 109, Cleveland 105
New York 99, Philadelphia 93
Memphis 76, Brooklyn 72
San Antonio 97, Phoenix 87
Portland 92, Boston 86
Oklahoma City 102, Chicago 72

Monday's Games

Washington 90, Toronto 84
Atlanta 114, Detroit 103
L.A. Lakers at Denver, late
Boston at Utah, late

Today's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	19	13	6	0	26	65	48
New Jersey	19	10	5	4	24	48	49
Philadelphia	21	9	11	1	19	60	66
N.Y. Rangers	17	8	7	2	18	41	44
N.Y. Islanders	19	8	10	1	17	56	64

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	19	12	4	3	27	53	41
Ottawa	20	12	6	2	26	48	37
Boston	15	11	2	2	24	45	34
Toronto	20	12	8	0	24	57	46
Buffalo	19	6	12	1	13	48	63

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	17	9	7	1	19	50	51
Tampa Bay	18	9	8	1	19	69	58
Winnipeg	18	8	9	1	17	48	57
Florida	18	5	9	4	14	42	65
Washington	17	6	10	1	13	48	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	19	16	0	3	35	61	37
Nashville	20	9	6	5	23	44	47
St. Louis	18	10	6	2	22	55	52
Detroit	19	9	7	3	21	57	54
Columbus	19	5	12	2	12	40	56

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	18	10	4	4	24	52	48
Edmonton	18	7	7	4	18	42	49
Minnesota	17	8	7	2	18	37	42
Calgary	17	7	7	3	17	48	59
Colorado	17	7	8	2	16	42	51

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	16	13	2	1	27	57	42
Dallas	19	9	8	2	20	51	53
Phoenix	18	8	7	3	19	50	49
San Jose	17	8	6	3	19	41	39
Los Angeles	16	8	6	2	18	40	39

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's Games

Boston 4, Florida 1
Detroit 8, Vancouver 3
Winnipeg 4, New Jersey 2
Chicago 1, Columbus 0
Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 5, Tampa Bay 3
Anaheim 4, Colorado 3, OT
Calgary 5, Phoenix 4

Monday's Games

Ottawa 2, Montreal 1, SO
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2
Nashville 5, Dallas 4, OT
Chicago 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Anaheim at Los Angeles, late

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

BASEBALL

Spring training

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	3	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	5	0	1.000
Kansas City	3	0	1.000
Seattle	3	1	.750
Tampa Bay	3	1	.750
Detroit	2	1	.667
Boston	2	2	.500
Houston	1	1	.500
Toronto	2	2	.500
Minnesota	1	2	.333
New York	1	2	.333
Oakland	1	2	.333
Los Angeles	0	4	.000
Texas	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Chicago	2	1	.667
Colorado	2	1	.667
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
Miami	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
San Diego	2	2	.500
San Francisco	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
Arizona	1	2	.333
St. Louis	1	2	.333
Atlanta	1	3	.250
Cincinnati	1	3	.250
Milwaukee	1	3	.250
Philadelphia	0	2	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 9, Atlanta 2
Toronto (ss) 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Detroit 5, Philadelphia 5, tie, 10 innings
Washington 2, Miami 2, tie, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 10, Minnesota 7, 10 innings
Houston 7, N.Y. Mets 7, tie
Boston 5, St. Louis 3
Baltimore 5, Toronto (ss) 4
Cleveland (ss) 3, Cincinnati 0
Kansas City 7, Texas 5
Chicago Cubs 4, San Francisco 3
Cleveland (ss) 7, Milwaukee 4
Oakland 7, L.A. Angels 5
Chicago White Sox 2, L.A. Dodgers 2, tie
Seattle 8, San Diego 3
Arizona 8, Colorado 6

Monday's Games

Atlanta 7, Miami 6
Tampa Bay 6, Boston (ss) 3
Boston (ss) 4, Toronto 2
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 10, Houston 2
Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Detroit 10, Philadelphia 1
Kansas City 16, Arizona 4
L.A. Dodgers 7, Chicago Cubs 6
San Diego 7, Milwaukee (ss) 1
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee (ss) 2
Cleveland 14, Oakland 10
Seattle 9, L.A. Angels 8
San Francisco 9, Chicago White Sox 9, tie
Colorado 9, Texas 1
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 4

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

POINT SPREADS

NCAA Basketball

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Indiana	5	at Minnesota
at George Mason	6½	Towson
Memphis	4	at Xavier
at Alabama	12	Auburn
at Detroit	12½	Loyola of Chicago
at Green Bay	15½	Milwaukee
at Ill.-Chicago	Pk	Wright St.
at Valparaiso	13½	Youngstown St.
at Air Force	5	Wyoming
Florida	8½	at Tennessee
at Florida St.	5½	Wake Forest
at Wisconsin	18	Nebraska

NBA

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	11½	Orlando
at Indiana	8	Golden State
at Miami	14½	Sacramento
at New Orleans	2	Brooklyn
at Chicago	9	Cleveland
at Dallas	5	Milwaukee
at Phoenix	4½	Minnesota
at L.A. Clippers	15½	Charlotte

NHL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Columbus	-110	Dallas	-110
at Washington	-130	Carolina	+110
at Rangers	-145	Winnipeg	+125
at Tampa Bay	-155	Buffalo	+135
Pittsburgh	-155	at Florida	+135
Boston	-150	at N.Y. Islanders	+130
at Minnesota	-145	Calgary	+125
at Vancouver	-175	Phoenix	+155
at San Jose	-170	Colorado	+150

TRANSACTIONS

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed 1B Lars Anderson off waivers from the Chicago White Sox.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Signed G Derek Fisher.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

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

CASH 3 (early)
4 - 4 - 2

CASH 3 (late)
6 - 1 - 0

PLAY 4 (early)
5 - 8 - 7 - 7

PLAY 4 (late)
1 - 5 - 9 - 5

FANTASY 5
5 - 21 - 27 - 34 - 35

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN) Indiana at Minnesota
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Memphis at Xavier
9 p.m. (ESPN) Florida at Tennessee

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (FSNFL) Orlando Magic at Philadelphia 76ers
7:30 p.m. (SUN) Sacramento Kings at Miami Heat

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Boston Bruins at New York Islanders

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

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. Dunnellon at Lecanto
7 p.m. Crystal River at Springstead

SOFTBALL

5:30 p.m. Santa Fe Catholic at Seven Rivers
6 p.m. Springstead at Lecanto
7 p.m. Hernando at Crystal River

BOYS TENNIS

4 p.m. Forest at Citrus

TRACK AND FIELD

5 p.m. Lecanto at West Port

Associated Press

Jimmie Johnson, left, and crew chief Chad Knaus wear Daytona 500 rings Sunday after winning the race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach. It was important to Johnson to win a Daytona 500 with crew chief Chad Knaus there.

Knaus finally gets a Daytona 500 win

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — As Jimmie Johnson racked up win after win, championship after championship, he was always chasing one important victory.

Johnson already had one Daytona 500 victory on his resume.

But he needed one more.

He needed it for Chad Knaus, the crew chief who has been with Johnson since the start of their ride into the record books. Knaus wasn't there the day Johnson won his first 500; he had been suspended by NASCAR for a technical violation found the week before the race was deemed to be deliberate.

So Darian Grubb, still a Hendrick Motorsports employee at the time, called the 2006 Daytona victory in Knaus' place. Ever since, Johnson has wanted to win another so Knaus would have a chance to celebrate winning "The Great American Race."

The time came Sunday when Johnson won his second Daytona 500, forcing the intensely private Knaus to admit just how badly he wanted the win with his No. 48 team.

"As you guys know, I eat, sleep and breathe 48," Knaus said. "Anytime that I'm taken away from that race car, I'm pretty sad. But when those guys were able to come down here and win the Daytona 500 in 2006 in my absence, I think that really solidified the strength of the 48 car. Was I here? No. Was I here in spirit? Most definitely. I couldn't have been prouder of the group of guys we had there.

"But to finally be able to come down here and win, and be a part of this is definitely a huge dream come true."

It was a moment Knaus has been working toward his entire life.

He has sacrificed plenty in his personal life to get here. With no wife and no kids, he's not kidding when he says he devotes most of his time to Hendrick Motorsports and building championship race cars. He is not satisfied with what he and Johnson have accomplished since they were paired before Johnson's 2002 rookie season — and that includes five Sprint Cup championships.

No amount of wins or titles has so far satisfied Knaus. It's been two years since Johnson's last title, and he went down to the wire with Brad Keselowski last season before bad breaks in the final two races gave Keselowski his first championship.

So Knaus was relentless — of course — during offseason preparations. And he devoted a considerable amount of time to the Daytona 500, the first race for NASCAR's new Gen-6 car.

"I know we worked at least 35 days straight on the car that we raced in the Daytona 500," Knaus said. "I know I put in personally one day of 38 hours straight. I actually sent Jimmie a text, saying 'I've seen 6:48 three times today and haven't been to bed yet.' "

SPORTS BRIEFS

Florida State to open 2013 slate at Pittsburgh

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State will open its 2013 football schedule on Labor Day in a night game at new Atlantic Coast Conference member Pittsburgh.

The Seminoles' schedule was released by the ACC Monday and features home conference games with Maryland, North Carolina State, Miami and Syracuse. The home schedule is highlighted by a Nov. 2 visit by archrival Miami. Florida State also has nonconference home games against Idaho, Nevada and Bethune-Cookman, a Football Championship Subdivision member.

The marquee road games include Clemson on Oct.19 and Florida in the regular season finale Nov. 30. Florida State has an open date the week before visiting Clemson and also the weekend after the Monday night opener at Pitt.

Miami going with Friday night opener to season

CORAL GABLES — Friday Night Lights are coming to Miami.

The Miami Hurricanes will open next season at home Aug. 30 against Florida Atlantic, one day earlier than planned. The move was somewhat surprising, since Fridays are typically for high school football in the Sunshine State.

The Friday opener gives Miami an extra day to prepare for a Week 2 game at home with Florida.

Miami is also home for Savannah State (Sept. 21), Georgia Tech (Oct. 5), Wake Forest (Oct. 26), Virginia Tech (Nov. 9) and Virginia (Nov. 23).

The Hurricanes travel to South Florida (Sept. 28), North Carolina (Oct. 17), Florida State (Nov. 2), Duke (Nov. 16) and Pittsburgh (Nov. 29).

—From wire reports

TENNIS

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The Springstead coach felt his girls had to earn the win.

"We knew they were good," said Springstead High coach Rich Scholl, who is also a tennis pro at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. "We knew they were missing their No. 1. All year, we have been relying more on our 3, 4, 5 singles and our doubles teams. It's nice to see everybody fight today. The second doubles is undefeated. I am happy with the way they played."

Citrus is scheduled to play Crystal River High today at the Pirates courts.

MEDLEN

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"As a player, you never want to be just average, just skate along, just be OK," he said. "You want to be the best you can be, whether that's the next Hall of Famer or whatever. I just don't want to be the next flop. I don't want to be the next guy who has a couple of good years and he's out."

There are still plenty of skeptics who wonder if Medlen can come close to matching the way he pitched during those final two months, when he made a dozen starts, went 9-0 with a 0.97 ERA, and threw a couple of complete games, including a shutout.

"Sure, there are people who still question me," Medlen said with a shrug. "That's no skin off my back. I'm just going to keep doing the same things I've been doing. I'm going to keep playing the same way I've been playing, just being aggressive and confident in my abilities and my ability to get guys out."

The Braves have no doubts about Medlen's ability to lead the pitching staff.

"He doesn't have that big power arm and he's not 6-foot-4," manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "But that's OK. We'll take him. There's a lot of guys in the Hall of Fame smaller than him who could pitch. We'll take him."

Medlen has been compared to Maddux, another less-than-imposing physical specimen who had no equal when it came to putting the ball exactly where he wanted.

Medlen might be the most irreverent guy in the Braves' clubhouse, from his unique pregame eating habits to his perpetual motion.

The guy just can't stand still.

After his first start of the spring on Monday, he went out to the outfield to get in some running. Later, down in the right-field corner, he was joined by teammate Craig Kimbrel and Florida pitcher Wade LeBlanc. While the other two stood calmly, carrying on a conversation, Medlen was going through his pitching motion, twirling his arms, and constantly jerking his head around to see what was happening at home plate.

"I don't know what it is," Medlen said. "I can sit on the couch at home and relax. But when I'm here, I feel better off moving around, doing stuff, having something to do rather than just sitting here doing nothing."

ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Spotlight on PEOPLE

Police: Boy's rap videos inappropriate

BROCKTON, Mass. — Police have asked state child welfare officials to investigate possible child abuse or neglect in the case of a 9-year-old who appears in sexually suggestive rap videos.

Brockton police said Monday they haven't filed criminal charges or arrested the father of fourth-grader **Luie Rivera Jr.**, who goes by the stage name Lil Poopy.

A Department of Children and Families spokeswoman confirmed that officials are looking into concerns about the young rapper's welfare.

The investigation will include interviews with everyone who lives in the child's home and likely others who have contact with the 9-year-old, such as school officials, DCF spokeswoman **Cayenne Isaksen** said.

The videos show the boy slapping a woman's buttocks, engaging in sexually suggestive dances and glorifying drug use and materialism.

Police started investigating after the local newspaper, *The Enterprise*, did a story about the boy.

The boy's father, **Luis Rivera**, told the newspaper his son is acting and not doing anything wrong. He said he planned to contact his lawyer on Monday.

The newspaper said the boy has performed alongside **Sean "P. Diddy" Combs**, and was discovered in his father's music studio by the rapper known as **French Montana**, who founded Cocaine City Records.

Lil Poopy music that was posted to an online mix tape site last October has lyrics that include him singing about being a "bad boy" and a "cocaine cowboy."

It showed about 8,600 downloads and 195,000 views by Monday afternoon.

Author, illustrator create Newton tribute

NEW YORK — The author of the children's classic "Sarah, Plain and Tall" is teaming up with an acclaimed illustrator for a tribute to the victims of the Sandy Hook school shootings.

Random House Children's Books announced Monday it will publish the picture story "Snowflakes Fall," by Newbery Medal winner **Patricia MacLachlan** and her longtime friend and former Newtown, Conn., resident, **Steven Kellogg**. The book comes out Nov. 12. The publisher will donate a portion of proceeds to an organization that helps the Sandy Hook community.

Last waltz for Band member's stuff

KINGSTON, N.Y. — A New York landlord says he's selling the personal possessions of a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member because the musician owes him tens of thousands of dollars in back rent for storing the items for more than a decade.

Mike Piazza held a garage sale over the weekend in Kingston to recoup some of the $60,000 to $70,000 he says he's owed by **Garth Hudson**, who played the organ and horns for The Band, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1994.

Piazza tells the *Times Herald-Record* of Middletown that Hudson's possessions include boxes of sheet music, records and household items. He says he decided to sell the items after attempts to get Hudson to pay the back rent for the storage failed.

—From wire reports

Associated Press

A man walks past the main gate of the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Monday. Militant Iranian students seized the compound Nov. 4, 1979, believing the embassy to be a center of plots against Iran, and then held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.

'Argo?' No-go

Officially, Iran scoffs, but many in country curious

Associated Press

— TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian officials on Monday dismissed the Oscar-winning film "Argo" as anti-Iran, state TV dismissed it as CIA commercial, some viewers disparaged it as U.S. propaganda while others welcomed a fresh view of their recent history.

All this is despite the fact that the movie based on the escape of six American hostages from the besieged U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 has not been screened in any Iranian theaters.

Despite that ban, many Iranians have seen the movie. In downtown Tehran, bootleg DVDs of "Argo" sell for about 30,000 rials, or less than $1.

The movie has set off a spirited exchange of views.

The discussions have often pried open a generational divide: Iranians who took part in the 1979 Islamic Revolution picking apart the portrayals of Tehran at the time, but Iranians too young to recall the events getting a different view of the upheavals.

"I want to know what the other side is saying," said Shieda, a 21-year-old University of Tehran student, who gave only her first name to avoid possible backlash for speaking with foreign media.

> **"I know Hollywood usually changes reality to make it attractive for movie lovers, but more or less it was close to the realities then."**
>
> **Reza Abbasi**
> retired teacher, recalling her memories of the Revolution and "Argo's" interpretation of the events.

Tehran City Council member Masoomeh Ebtekar — who was one of the students who occupied the U.S. Embassy and acted as the Iranian students' spokeswoman — says the film exaggerates the violence among crowds that stormed the compound in November 1979.

Fifty-two Americans were held hostage for 444 days, but a handful of embassy staff were sheltered by the Canadian ambassador. Their escape, using a fake movie as a cover story, is recounted in "Argo."

Ebtekar insists the hostage-takers were mostly students, but other accounts suggest militants and members of the Revolutionary Guard were closely involved in the crisis.

Actor-director Ben Affleck "shows scenes of a very violent and very angry mob throughout the film," Ebtekar said. "It is never mentioned that these are a group of students."

Iranian Culture Minister Mohammad Hosseini said, "The movie is an anti-Iran film. It is not a valuable film from the artistic point of view. It won the prize by resorting to extended advertisement and investment," he said, according to the official IRNA news agency.

In contrast, retired teacher Reza Abbasi, who saw the Revolution first hand, said: "I know Hollywood usually changes reality to make it attractive for movie lovers, but more or less it was close to the realities then."

Others said "Argo" also shows the need for Iranian filmmakers to deal more with issues from the Revolution.

The moderate Hamshahri newspaper said the movie "targeted the culture and civilization of Iran," but is worthwhile for Iranians to see a different perspective of the events that led to the collapse of relations between the U.S. and Iran.

Reviews: Happy Tuesday, country fans

MICHAEL MCCALL
Associated Press

The Mavericks, "In Time" (Valory)

One of country music's most enduring bands, the Mavericks return with "In Time," their first new album in a decade. Their mix of Latin horns and rhythms, crisp telecaster leads and the Roy Orbison-like voice of Raul Malo remains as engaging as ever.

In the 1990s, the Mavericks drew attention with a live show that had fans jumping like no other Nashville act. That uplifting live sound is the focus of "In Time," which transcends genres by creating a timeless blend rooted in country music and early rock 'n' roll.

Malo brings operatic drama to a voice that can soar with power or caress with romanticism. Drummer Paul Deakin and bassist Robert Reynolds expertly handle grooves that perfectly set up guitarist Eddie Perez, keyboardist Jerry Dale McFadden and a smoking horn section. "In Time" is a welcome reminder of why the Mavericks have always been so special.

MICHAEL MCCALL
Associated Press

Emmylou Harris & Rodney Crowell, "Old Yellow Moon" (Nonesuch)

"Old Yellow Moon" is a reunion album of sorts that explores musical paths Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell first traveled on their initial recordings in the mid-1970s. Harris began recording Crowell compositions in 1975, the same year she hired him to join her band. They remain linked as leaders of a groundbreaking era in country music.

Then as now, Harris and Crowell excelled at bringing a fresh perspective to covers of classic country tunes, while pushing the genre toward a new sound built on driving rhythms, crisp musicianship and a wide range of well-chosen songs.

"Old Yellow Moon" also reunites Harris with Brian Ahern, her ex-husband. While the album doesn't have the stunning originality of the duo's early collaborations, it agreeably recalls why their early work together is so highly regarded.

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday — A number of restrictions that have hampered your progress in the past are likely to be gradually lessened or, in some cases, even totally removed in the year ahead. This will bring success within your grasp.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — You're likely to function far more effectively when you can operate independently. Sadly, you could be more of a hindrance in situations where teamwork is required.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Usually, you don't blab things that should be kept to yourself, but today you might not be able to help telling on someone whom you really dislike. Try not to take the low road.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — There are days when socializing can be a negative experience, and it could be one of those times. If you find this happening to you, make a quick exit.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Your peers could find your motives suspicious, so if you think this to be true, make certain everything you do is above reproach.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Even if you feel like sounding off to someone who really deserves it, it would be best that you don't. Hold your tongue.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you find yourself involved in a financial transaction that requires a lot of paperwork, don't get lazy and take things for granted.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Friends will tolerate a bit of restlessness on your part, but not to the point of changing group plans.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When conversing with others, speak well of friends who aren't present, or say nothing at all. Any comments you make will be repeated and even distorted.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — To expedite certain tasks or assignments, you might be tempted to take a few shortcuts. Unfortunately, this might only cause more work for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It'll reflect poorly on your image if you try to take credit for something that you had only a small part in producing. Don't let your ego put you in an embarrassing position.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't overreact if another's point of view is diametrically opposed to yours. Remember, everyone is entitled to express his or her opinion. Show them some respect.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When left to your own devices, you're pretty good at figuring things out. Complications could enter the picture, however, with comments by an unsolicited adviser.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, **Page B3**.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Fantasy 5: 3 – 19 – 24 – 32 – 35
5-of-5 2 winners $93,936.04
4-of-5 214 $141.50
3-of-5 7,044 $12

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Powerball: 2 – 5 – 31 – 39 – 41
Powerball: 29
5-of-5 PB No winner
No Florida winner
5-of-5 9 winners $1 million
2 Florida winners
Lotto: 1 – 2 – 3 – 9 – 23 – 53
6-of-6 No winner
Fantasy 5: 13 – 26 – 28 – 31 – 33
5-of-5 1 winner $275,719.58

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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

Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2013. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by terrorists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba.

In 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City for public demonstrations.

In 1913, "Brillo," described as an "aluminum-cleanser," was registered for trademark by Philip J. Brady of New York (the trademark was issued in Sept. 1913).

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1945, authorities ordered a midnight curfew at night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, astronaut John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, "Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run."

In 1970, National Public Radio was incorporated.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which had probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, offering new justification for war in Iraq, told a think tank that "ending this direct and growing threat" from Saddam Hussein would pave the way for peace in the Middle East and encourage democracy throughout the Arab world.

Five years ago: A power failure later blamed primarily on human error resulted in sporadic outages across large parts of Florida.

● The New York Philharmonic, led by Lorin Maazel, performed a historic concert in North Korea before the communist nation's elite.

One year ago: In a case that drew national attention, Trayvon Martin, 17, was shot to death in Sanford, Fla., during an altercation with neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who said he'd acted in self-defense. (Zimmerman is awaiting trial on a charge of second-degree murder.)

Today's birthdays: Singer Fats Domino is 85. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 70. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 63. Singer Michael Bolton is 60. Singer Erykah Badu is 42. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 40.

Thought for Today: "Nothing is more frightful than laughter when it comes to jealousy." — Francoise Sagan, French author (1935-2004).

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HEALTH & LIFE

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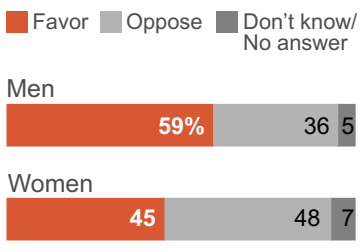
Women and the draft

Drafting women

A Quinnipiac poll finds wider support among men than women for conscripting both sexes if the U.S. implemented a draft.

Q: If the military draft were reinstated, would you favor or oppose drafting women as well as men?



SOURCE: Quinnipiac Univ. AP

Listen up, ladies! Uncle Sam might want you, too

RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tennnnnnhut, ladies! The next time Uncle Sam comes calling, he's probably going to want you, too.

The Obama administration's recent decision to lift the ban on women in combat has opened the door for a change in the law that currently compels only men between age 18 and 25 to register for a military draft, according to legal experts and military historians.

Never before has the country drafted women into military service, and neither the administration nor Congress is in a hurry to make them register for a future call-up. But, legally, they may have no other choice.

It is constitutional to register only men for a draft, the Supreme Court ruled more than three decades ago, because the reason for registration is to create a pool of potential combat troops should a national emergency demand a rapid increase in the size of the military. Women were excluded from serving in battlefield jobs, so there was no reason to register them for possible conscription into the armed forces, the court held.

Associated Press

Maj. Mary Jennings Hegar, accompanied by Marine Capt. Zoe Bedell, left, speaks Nov. 27 in San Francisco. Hegar, a California Air National Guard pilot who served three tours in Afghanistan, said excluding women from a draft reinforces a stereotype that they are less capable than men and need to be protected.

Now that front-line infantry, armor, artillery and special operations jobs are open to female volunteers who can meet the physical requirements, it will be difficult for anyone to make a persuasive argument that women should continue to be exempt from registration, said Diane Mazur, a law professor at the University of Florida and a former Air Force officer.

"They're going to have to show that excluding women from the draft actually improves military readiness," Mazur said. "I just don't see how you can make that argument."

Groups that backed the end of the ban on women in combat also support including women in draft registration as a matter of basic citizenship. Women should have the same civic obligations as men, said Greg Jacob, a former Marine Corps officer and policy director for the Service Women's Action Network. "We see registration as another step forward in terms of equality and fairness," Jacob said.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., supports draft registration for women, according to his spokeswoman. Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., who heads the House Armed Services Committee, hasn't made up his mind. McKeon said through a spokesman that he's awaiting a Defense Department report due in the coming weeks that will assess the legal impact of lifting the ban women in combat on draft registration.

But if you're worried a draft notice is going to soon be in your mailbox, take a deep breath. There is no looming national crisis that makes a military draft likely.

A draft would be enormously unpopular; a new poll by Quinnipiac University found that American voters firmly oppose a return to conscription. Also, adding women to the mix just doesn't appear to be a high priority for a battle-weary nation nearing the end of more than a decade of war.

The U.S. military has been an

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Dr. C. Joseph Bennett
NAVIGATING CANCER

Good, bad of medical marijuana

When I was in college, and on the debate team, there was a general rule that certain topics would always provide a more passionate argument than others. If you really wanted a good debate, pick one of these topics: religion, politics, abortion — all very sensitive topics, and seen differently by all of us.

Now, as a physician, another debate is raging in this country, this time concerning marijuana — specifically, the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Some physicians favor the use of marijuana for certain conditions or side effects of treatment, while others strongly advocate

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Dr. Sunil Gandhi
CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE

Exciting news on CLL

I saw a patient approximately 10 years ago. He was diagnosed with CLL, or chronic lymphocytic leukemia, when he came in with elevated WBC count in routine CBC done by his primary care doctor.

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood. Leukemia begins when normal blood cells change and grow uncontrollably.

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia is a cancer of the lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell involved in the body's immune system. For about half of people with CLL,

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Palliative care defined

Dr. Denis Grillo
EAR, NOSE & THROAT

Most of my articles center around problems with the ear, nose and throat system. Occasionally, I come across some reading material that may not be necessarily ENT-related, but I think would benefit my readers and patients.

Recently, there have been some cases in the news highlighting care of sick or elderly individuals and some lines as to what, exactly, is the proper way of taking care of these individuals long term.

There is always an individual decision made by family members, but understanding the distinct differences of types of care available will help.

The word "palliative" means "to tend or serve to one," and is distinctly different from terminal care. Terminal care predisposes and suggests an endpoint to the process, and puts an estimate on how long someone may live. Terminal care sometimes can suggest benign neglect, where palliative care is preferred because it is an active and total care

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Is there a link between our diet and prostate cancer?

Dr. Udaya Kumar
UROLOGY TODAY

Researchers are increasingly acknowledging the links between what we eat and prostate cancer.

Growing evidence shows that diet influences not only the development of prostate cancer but also the severity of the disease, its spread and the likelihood of death due to prostate cancer, according to Dr. Philippa Cheetham, a urology cancer expert who has written extensively on diet and prostate cancer.

Damage to the cell's DNA due to oxidation has been implicated as an important cause of cancer. Diets with a high proportion of saturated fat, red meat and processed foods cause damage to cells due to oxidation and have been shown to be related to prostate cancer.

In contrast, tomatoes and vegetables containing antioxidants and diet that is low in fat can protect the

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■ **So you know:** The information contained in the Health & Life section is not intended to cover all possible directions, precautions, warnings, drug interactions, allergic reactions, or adverse effects and is not intended to replace consultation with a physician.

The need to appropriately address wounds

An insult to tissue and compromise to the skin can result in an infection. Infections can become a difficult and even serious problem even in healthy individuals if not treated appropriately and timely.

Dr. David Raynor
BEST FOOT FORWARD

Blisters, calluses, corns, cuts, scrapes, tears and punctures to the skin can allow bacteria to enter into the tissues, causing an infection. Of course, infections do not occur in every injury, but they can occur especially in the lower extremity, which is often exposed to a dirtier environment and sometimes is more difficult to wash/keep clean than the trunk, arms and head.

Drug-resistant pathogens are on the rise worldwide. Drug-resistant pathogens are not necessarily more virulent than their non-drug-resistant relatives; there are just simply fewer available drugs to treat them.

There are not many new drugs in the pipeline to treat this emerging problem for a number of reasons.

This does not bode well for the future, but this is not the main focus of the column today. Drug-resistant infections are also difficult, as it takes valuable time to identify them.

For example, a patient presenting with an infected foreign body in the foot will likely be placed on generic cephalexin after the foreign body is removed and the wound is swabbed and cultured. A culture and sensitivity test is performed to identify the bacteria and what drugs kill them. The choice of antibiotic is based on these results.

The culture and sensitivity usually takes three days to give information, because it takes time to grow the bacteria and expose them to test antibiotics to see which ones they will be effective. A patient with a MRSA (methicillinase resistant staphylococcus aureus) infection placed on cephalexin will most likely worsen during the time it takes to obtain the test results, because MRSA will not be affected by cephalexin — it has adapted to it.

The delay or lag time it takes to get the information necessary to change to an appropriate antibiotic allows the bacteria to multiply and advance. The delay can sometimes lead to the need for hospitalization and intravenous antibiotics. Sometimes the delay or just the bacteria itself can lead to sepsis, amputation, or even death. Of course this is unusual, but can and does occur.

I am not suggesting that every wound will lead to serious problems. However, I am warning those at risk to be aware. Patients with diabetes, immunocompromised state and peripheral vascular disease are at an increased risk of complications from otherwise simple wounds and should be vigilant in addressing any wound immediately.

I am shocked and often angered by the lack of attention to the risk of infection from a wound in the population of people who are at risk.

I see many patients with diabetes, neuropathy and peripheral artery disease (PAD) for nail trimming and surveillance on a routine basis. Sometimes a patient will show up for their "routine" check-up and say that I also need to check a wound or problem area that has been bleeding or draining for two weeks.

This is disheartening and frustrating.

These issues in this patient population can lead to amputation and death. This is not a common occurrence, but it does occur and it is preventable with timely care in most cases.

A wound should be cleaned and addressed with topical antibiotics. The wound should be evaluated promptly by a health care professional if it is worsening, not responding to treatment, or the person is unable to treat it.

One should not look at the calendar and see a doctor's visit scheduled in two to three weeks and simply wait for the appointment for it to be evaluated. Resistant infections are on the rise, and the available treatments are dwindling.

Often times, the difference between an uncomplicated simple cut, wound or splinter versus a more severe wound with infection requiring hospitalization, surgery or a protracted treatment course often boils down to timely care and addressing the problem rather than waiting.

David B. Raynor. DPM, is a podiatrist in Inverness and can be reached at 352-726-3668 with questions or suggestions for future columns.

Health NOTES

■ **Blood drive** sponsored by Our Lady of Grace Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 6168, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day, at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 6 Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. What better way to celebrate the feast of St Patrick than by giving the gift of life, a precious pint of blood? Each pint donated can significantly touch up to three lives and therefore can become a triple gift and blessing for others.

Complimentary continental breakfast will be available, as well as other tokens of thanks for donors.

■ The Citrus Memorial Health System SHARE Club free **heart seminar,** 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, in the Auditorium on the main hospital campus. "Innovations in Heart Care" will feature a presentation from Citrus Memorial's Manager of Cardiac Catheterization Lab, CJ Hosea, R.N. Hosea will discuss advancements in the field of cardiac catheterization that have great benefit for patients.

Refreshments and educational materials will be available during the seminar. Seating is limited, so an RSVP is required to attend. Register online at www.citrusmh.com/events or call 352-560-6266.

■ Free **Spa Night** exclusively for nurses, case managers and social workers, 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at Superior Residences of Lecanto Memory Care, 4865 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Enjoy a manicure, mini massage, wine, cheese, door prizes and more. RSVP before March 4 to April Zay at 352-746-5483 or azay@superioralf.com.

■ **R.I. Discovery** (Recovery International) Abraham Low self-help systems for mental health — depression, obsession, stress, fears, anger. Meetings are 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 12 at Crystal River United Methodist Church, 4801 N. Citrus Ave. Call Jackie, 352-563-5182.

■ **LifeSouth Community Blood Centers**: To find a donor center or a blood drive near you, call 352-527-3061. Donors must be at least 17, or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health to be eligible to donate. A photo ID is required.

The Lecanto branch office is at 1241 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491), open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (7 p.m. Wednesdays), 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

The Inverness branch is at 301 W. Main St., open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, (6:30 p.m. Wednesdays), 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays.

Visit www.lifesouth.org.

● 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 26, Bealls, North Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River.

● 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27, Homosassa Elementary School, West Yulee Drive, Homosassa.

● 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28, Lecanto Government Building, West Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

● 4 to 8 p.m. March 1, Citrus Five Points of Life Kids Marathon, West Educational Path, Lecanto.

● 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 1, Walmart Supercenter, North Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

● 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 2, Floral Park Strawberry Festival, South Parkside Avenue, Floral City.

■ CRYSTAL RIVER — **Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center** offers the following health education programs presented by board-certified physicians and licensed medical professionals. Website: SevenRivers Regional.com. Call 352-795-1234 to register for the programs.

● Code Blue: Heart Emergencies Workshop — Learn about emergency cardiac care, interventional procedures and other potentially life-saving heart emergency treatments, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Nature Coast EMS in Lecanto. Program is free; registration requested.

■ 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.

All interested persons are welcome at the free session. Call Stephanie Hopper at 352-344-0288.

■ **Crystal River Relay for Life** invites all cancer survivors and their caretakers to an informative gathering from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Crystal River Ale House, 1610 S.E. Paradise Circle, Crystal River.

We wish to honor your victory by registering you in the American Cancer Society Registry of Survivors. This allows you to choose to receive future communications regarding cancer or not.

Also, reserve seats for the annual Survivor Dinner Celebration and Opening Victory Lap of the Crystal River Relay for Life on April 5.

■ The **George A. Dame Community Health Center Board Meetings** are at 3 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly at the Citrus County Health Department, 3700 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, in the first floor conference room.

■ The **Citrus Alliance Against Adult Abuse** (C4A) monthly meeting is at 9:30 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly at HPH Hospice, 3545 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills.

For information, call Judy Stauffer at 352-303-2620. Your help is needed to protect our vulnerable against abuse, neglect and exploitation.

■ Florida Department of Elder Affairs **SHINE program** offers free and unbiased information and assistance for all your health insurance issues. In Citrus County, there are four locations ready to serve your needs. For an appointment at any center, call 352-527-5956. Leave your name, telephone number and a short message. A SHINE counselor will return the call.

● Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

● First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa.

● St Anne's Episcopal Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

● Inverness Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness.

Support GROUPS

■ SPRING HILL —**Leukemia/Lymphoma Support Group**, 5 to 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Spring Hill Center, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203 in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call Jeff Haight, R.N., group facilitator, at 352-688-7744.

■ **Caregivers' Support and Information** meeting, 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River. Call Charlotte Downing at 352-422-7044 for directions /information.

■ OCALA — **Ocala Health Stroke Support Group** meets 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Senior Wellness Community Center (9850 S.W. 84th Court, Suite 500, Ocala). Call 800-530-1188 to register.

■ The **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Suncoast Chapter**, Cancer Support Group (including Multiple Myeloma), 6 p.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly at the Moose Lodge, 5214 Mariner Blvd., in Spring Hill. Contact: Lourdes Arvelo, LCSW, patient services manager, at 813-963-6461 ext. 11, Lourdes.Arvelo@lls.org or visit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society website at www.lls.org.

■ **Alzheimer's caregiver support group** by Alzheimer's Family Organization, 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly at Sugarmill Manor, 8985 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa. Call Bevin Brayton at 352-302-9066.

. ■ The **Citrus Memorial Diabetes Support Group,** 10:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly on the campus of Citrus Memorial Health System in the auditorium.

An RSVP is necessary, as refreshments will be served. Call 352-341-6110.

■ **Look Good ... Feel Better**, a free two-hour session for women undergoing radiation or chemotherapy, at 3 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly at the Cancer & Blood Disease Center, Lecanto, and 3 p.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, Lecanto. Call Joann Brown at 352-341-7741 or the American Cancer Society at 800-395-5665 to register.

■ **Emotions Anonymous** 12-step support group, noon the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Central Ridge Library, Forest Ridge Boulevard and Roosevelt, in Beverly Hills. Call Meg at 352-527-2443.

■ SPRING HILL — **Stroke Support Group**, noon the fourth Thursday monthly at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in the private dining room. Call Pam McDonald at 352-346-6359.

■ PINELLAS PARK — **"Connections"** fireside-discussion-style support group for cancer patients, 7 p.m. the last Thursday monthly, WellSpring Oncology, 6600 66th St. N., Pinellas Park, 727-343-0600; www.wellspringoncology.org.

■ **Families Against Multiple Sclerosis** Support Group, 11 a.m. the first Saturday monthly at Sandy Oaks RV Resort, 6760 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, for families, friends and anyone affected by MS.

Call 352-422-5868.

■ BROOKSVILLE — **"Man to Man"** prostate cancer support group, 6 to 7 p.m. the first Monday monthly at Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Brooksville Center, 7154 Medical Center Drive. Call Mary Capo at 352-596-1926.

■ **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group**, 10 a.m. to noon the first Monday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. Pam Hall from Kids Central Inc. will facilitate the meeting. Call Pam at 352-387-3540.

■ OCALA — The **Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders** support group of Ocala, 3 to 5 p.m. the first Monday monthly at the Medical Office Building at West Marion Community Hospital, 4600 S.W. 46th Court, second-floor Community Room. Call 352-401-1453.

■ Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute is beginning a **monthly survivor group** with

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2013 Fitness in Citrus

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February 4 - March 17
Week 2

STEPS CHALLENGE	TOTAL
JUST GETTING STARTED	
Almost There	107,000
Baby Steppin' Bear Cubs	86,965
CRL	5,858
Fiscally Fit	137,248
Step It Up	102,000
GETTING THERE	
CRPS Accelerated Steppers	129,500
Pets n' Steps	130,000
Trinity Walkers	58,000
JOCKS	
CRPS Steppin' Tweeners	481,458

MINUTES CHALLENGE	TOTAL
JUST GETTING STARTED	
Biker Buddies	913
Cubs in Minute Training	600
Genesis	589
Government Gals & a Guy	691
Healthy Heroes	541
Homosassa Hikers	760
LifeSouth Depounders	440
Teale	433
X Nu Toned	602
GETTING THERE	
All Hours	580
Bookin' It	411
Citrus County YMCA - "Y"Id Cats	656
CPR Exercise Warriors	417
Early Birds	810
Empress Girls	755
Fantastic Four	266
FitnessKins	620
HPH-Because We Care	484
JCM Motivators	729
Minute Tracking Tweeners	461
Muffets	227
Pooch Walkers	1,259
Sassy Striders	514
Team Citrus 95	246
Witness the Fitness	347
JOCKS	
Fabulous Flab Fighters	670
Jazzercise Junkies	1,375
Mimpop	1,050
R & R Exemplar	1,988
Wrinkles in Time	1,755

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Women get treatment for overactive bladder

Richard Hoffmann
ASK THE PHARMACIST

Q: I heard the FDA recently approved a nonprescription drug for women with an overactive bladder. What can you tell me about it?

A: The FDA recently (2013) approved Oxytrol for Women, the first over-the-counter treatment for overactive bladder in women ages 18 years and older.

Oxytrol will remain available for men with overactive bladder by prescription only.

Overactive bladder is a condition in which the bladder squeezes too often or squeezes without warning. Symptoms include leaking urine (urinary incontinence), feeling the sudden and urgent need to urinate, and frequent urination.

Overactive bladder affects an estimated 33 million Americans, the majority of whom are older women.

Oxytrol for Women contains oxybutynin, a medicine that helps relax the bladder muscle. Oxybutynin belongs to a class of drugs known as anticholinergics. It is the first drug in this class to be made available over-the-counter for treatment of overactive bladder.

Oxytrol for Women is a patch that is applied to the skin every four days. The patch delivers 3.9 mg of oxybutynin per day. Oxytrol for Women's safety and effectiveness for over-the-counter use were established in more than 5,000 subjects participating in nine studies.

Overall, results from these studies showed consumers could understand the information on the label, properly select whether the product is right for them and use the drug appropriately.

Side effects reported during clinical studies were mild and included skin irritation where the patch was applied, dry mouth and constipation. A leaflet with tips to help manage overactive bladder will be provided with the product.

Women taking Oxytrol for Women should make sure to follow the Drug Facts labeling and consult their doctor if their overactive bladder condition does not improve.

Richard P. Hoffmann, Pharm.D., has been a pharmacist for more than 40 years. Send questions to him at 2960 E. Coventry Court, Hernando, FL 34442.

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inspirational guests and strength based topics. Cancer survivors and family are welcome to attend. The group will be facilitated by Tommie Brown and Medical Social Worker Wendy Hall and will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. the first Monday monthly at the RBOI office at the CMHS Healthcare Center at Allen Ridge, on County Road 491 in Lecanto. Guests will discuss a variety of interesting topics, including stress management, nutrition and exercise, benefits of yoga, reiki and acupuncture, and other topics which promote holistic healing, prevention and renewal. There is no cost to attend. For information, email Tommie Brown at tbrown009@tampabay.rr.com or call Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106.

■ **Alzheimer's Association**-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter support group is attended by caregivers of loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. All support groups are free of charge to caregivers. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 550 U.S. 41 S., Inverness, 11 a.m. first Tuesday monthly. Call Anne Black at 352-527-4600.

■ BROOKSVILLE — **Women's breast cancer support group**, 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope Center at 7154 Medical Center Drive, Spring Hill. Call Tambra Randazzo, R.T., at 352-592-8128.

Weekly meetings

■ **"Together We Grow" Nar-Anon Family Group**, 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St., Room 204 in office building, use right-side entrance across from the Memorial Garden; Nar-Anon is for family and friends of addicts.

Find a free local support group in your area: call 888-947-8885 or go to www.NARANONFL.org.

■ **Recovery from Food Addiction**, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Anne's Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, in the parish hall library. Call Peg at 410-903-7740.

■ **Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous** (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating or bulimia. For details or a list of meetings, call 352-270-8534 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

● 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sundays at Queen of Peace Catholic Church Main Hall, 6455 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

■ **Depression and anxiety peer support** group meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays at Central Ridge Library.

■ **Bereavement Group,** 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the back hall, St. Thomas Church, off U.S. 19 south of Cardinal Street. Group is composed of men and women who are experiencing grief and are convinced "Life can be good again." Open to all. Come or call Anne at 352-212-0632.

■ **Al-Anon** groups meet regularly in Citrus County. Call 352-697-0497.

● Inverness AFG: 8 p.m. Mondays, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 550 S. U.S. 41.

● Crystal River AFG: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Benedict Catholic Church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd.

● Last Resort AFG: 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, 3896 S. Pleasant Grove Road, Inverness.

● Lecanto AFG: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Unity Church of Citrus County, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

● Crystal River AFG: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at YANA Club, 147 Seventh St. (off Citrus Avenue), Crystal River.

● Awareness Lunch Bunch AFG: 12:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Margaret Episcopal Church, 114 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness.

● Beginners Al-Anon: 10 a.m. Saturdays at Yana Club, 147 Seventh St. (off Citrus Avenue), Crystal River.

● Tuesday Morning Serenity: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Unity Church, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**: If you drink, and want to stop, call Alcoholics Anonymous Nature Coast Intergroup at 352-621-0599. Visit www.ncintergroup.com.

■ **AC Group**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Church Without Walls, 3962 N. Roscoe Road, Hernando. Call Laverne at 352-637-4563. Visit the website: www.alcoholicsforchrist.com.

■ A 12-step **Christian support group** meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at Living Waters Ministries, 12 N. Melbourne St., Beverly Hills. Call Meg at 352-527-2443. Free and open to the public.

■ DUNNELLON — **Grief support group**, 6 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road. Call the church at 352-489-2730.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous**:

● Easy Does It, 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday; &:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; The Recovery Room, 8169 S. Florida Ave. (U.S. 41), Floral City.

● It Works How and Why, noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, YANA Club, 147 N.W. Seventh St., Crystal River.

● More Will Be Revealed, 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Citrus Memorial Hospital Historic School House: 135 S. Citrus Ave., Inverness.

● Recovery at Work Men's Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Lecanto Church of Christ: 797 S. Rowe Terrace, Lecanto.

● Recovery on the River, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday; 8 to 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday; Lecanto Church of Christ, 797 S. Rowe Terrace, Lecanto.

● Spirit of Unity, 8 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Citrus County Family Resource Center's outreach center: 3848 E. Parsons Point Road, Hernando.

Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the meeting facilities listed. Call the 24-hour Helpline: 352-508-1604.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**:

● 5 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Call Rita at 352-382-8503.

● Voices of Recovery, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Senior Center (V.A. building) on County Road 491, Lecanto. Call Dolores at 352-746-5019.

● The Circle of Love, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays at Our Lady of Grace Church in Beverly Hills, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call Carolyn at 352-341-0777.

● The New Beginning, 7 p.m. Fridays at Our Lady of Grace, Roosevelt Boulevard, Beverly Hills. Call Carolyn at 352-341-0777.

■ The **Encouragers Support Group** has been helping people deal with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and more. Weekly meeting. Call 352-637-3196.

■ **Anorexia and bulimia anonymous** 12-step support group, 5:45 p.m. Mondays at the Yana Club, 147 N.W. Seventh St., Crystal River (behind the police station). Call Charmaine at 352-422-3234.

■ **Citrus Abuse Shelter Association** (CASA), 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, offers two free weekly women's domestic abuse support groups: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. Child care available. Call CASA at 352-344-8111.

■ **Celebrate Recovery**:

● 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Christian Recovery Fellowship Church, 2242 W. State Road 44. Call 352-726-2800.

● 7 to 9 p.m. Fridays at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church's Student Ministries Building. Dinner available before the meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. for $4 donation and a coffee house after. Call 352-746-6200.

● Gulf to Lake Church Ministry Complex, West Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Dinner at 6 p.m. Fridays, followed by large- and small-group time and a Coffee Café at 9. Call 352-586-4709.

■ **Nature Coast Ministries** seeks to help the homeless and hurting of Citrus County. We offer referrals to Celebrate Recovery, call 352-563-1860.

■ **Overcomers Group** for people recovering from addictions to drugs, alcohol or other out-of-control habits, 8 p.m. Mondays at the Sanctuary, 7463 Grover Cleveland Blvd. Call Paul at 352-628-2874.

■ **Dunnellon Life Recovery** group for adults where addiction, compulsion and codependency issues are dealt with, at 7 p.m. Mondays at Rainbow Springs Village Church, 20222 S.W. 102nd St. Road, Dunnellon. Call Char at 352-465-1644 or Nancy at 352-794-0017.

■ SPRING HILL — **Parkinson's Tai Chi Group**, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the private dining room at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Spring Hill. Call Charissa Haffner at 352-346-8864.

Organizations

■ **Alzheimer's Association**-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter affiliated support groups are for family members, caregivers and others interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. Meetings are open to everyone and free of charge. To arrange free respite care so you can attend a group, call the Hernando office at 352-688-4537 or 800-772-8672.

● Website: www.alzsupport.com — Live chat every Wednesday at noon. Message boards open at all times to post questions and leave replies. Join the Alzheimer's Association online community at www.alz.org/living_with_alzheimers_message_boards_lwa.asp.

● Brooksville: Lykes Memorial County Library, 238 Howell Ave.; 2:30 p.m. first Friday monthly. Call Jerry Fisher at 352-688-4537.

● Brooksville: Oak Hill Hospital Senior Partners, 11361 Cortez Blvd.; 2:30 p.m. first Thursday monthly. Call Jerry Fisher at 352-688-4537.

● Spring Hill: The Residence at Timber Pines, 3140 Forest Road; 2 p.m. third Monday monthly. Call Diane Koenig at 352-683-9009 or The Residence at 352-683-9009. Free respite care provided, call to reserve.

■ **First United Methodist Church** of Homosassa has several support groups that run on a monthly basis. All groups are open to the public and free of charge, and meet at 1 p.m. in Room 203 in the Administration Building:

● First Monday: diabetic support group.

● Second Monday: Alzheimer's/dementia caregivers support group.

● Fourth Monday: stroke survivors support group.

● Memory Lane Respite offered weekly for people with Alzheimer's/dementia. Anyone bringing a loved one for the first time is encouraged to come early to fill out information forms. Call 352-628-4083 for meeting dates.

■ **Citrus Memorial Health System** is a 198-bed, not-for-profit community hospital that provides health care services to residents of Citrus County and surrounding communities. Support group meetings are in the CMHS Administration Building unless indicated.

● ACS Man to Man Prostate Support and Education Program, 11:30 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly. Meetings are in the conference room at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute at 522 N. Lecanto Highway in the Allen Ridge Medical Mall. Call 352-527-0106.

● AHEC Quit Smoking Group: 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, Allen Ridge Medical Mall, 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Call 813-929-1000, ext. 213.

● Breast Cancer Support Group: 11:30 a.m. the second Friday, Robert Boissoneault Cancer Institute. Call Judy Bonard at 352-527-4389.

● Citrus Cancer Support: 4:30 p.m. the third Tuesday, cafeteria meeting room. Call Carol at 352-726-1551, ext. 6596 or ext. 3329.

● Cancer Support: at Cancer Treatment Center. Call Jeannette at 352-746-1100 for date and time.

● Diabetes Support Group: Call Carol McHugh, R.N., at 352-341-6110 for details.

● Head and Neck Cancer Support: Robert Boissoneault Cancer Institute. Contact Wendy Hall at 352-527-0106.

● Heart-Healthy Eating Workshop: 1:30 to 3 p.m. second Wednesday every other month, CMHS Medical Office Building. Call 352-560-6266 or 352-344-6538 to register.

● Look Good Feel Better Group: monthly at Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, Allen Ridge Medical Mall, 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetology Association and the Personal Care Products Council. A licensed cosmetologist is present to advise women about many issues. For dates, times, more information or to register, call the American Cancer Society at 800-395-5665.

● Mended Hearts Support Group: 10 a.m. second Friday, Gulf Room at CMHS Historic Building. Call Cardiovascular Services at 352-344-6416.

● Ostomy Support: 2 p.m. third Sunday, Cypress Room at CMHS Historic Building. Call Steve Spielman at 352-229-4202, Sue Penner at 352-560-7918, Sharon Brummer at 352-382-4446 or Betty or Mel Shipley at 352-341-0005.

● Stroke Support Group of Citrus County: 3 p.m. third Wednesday monthly, CMHS Annex Building conference room, State Road 44 across from Walgreens. Call 352-344-6596 or 352-344-1646.

■ **Hospice of Citrus County** support groups and workshops. Call 866-642-0962 or 352-527-2348 for information.

Grief workshops:

● 1 p.m. Thursday — Hospice of Citrus County Clinical Office, 326. S. Line Ave., Inverness.

● 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — Newly Bereaved Grief Workshop, Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

Grief support groups:

● 11 a.m. Tuesday — Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Parish Life Center, 6 Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

● 9 a.m. Wednesday — Grief's Journey ... A Walking Group, Whispering Pines Park (Parking Area E).

● 10 a.m. Thursday — Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

● 2 p.m. second Thursday — Hospice of the Nature Coast Levy Office, 24-B County Road 40 E., Inglis.

● 10:30 a.m. Saturday — First United Methodist Church, 831 Bradshaw St., Homosassa.

Evening support groups (for working people):

● 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, newly bereaved — Hospice of Citrus County Clinical Office, 326 Line Ave., Inverness.

Social support:

● 10 a.m. Tuesday — Frank's Family Restaurant, 2780 N. Florida Ave., Hernando.

● 1 p.m. first Thursday — Mulligan's Grill (formerly Mango Grill), 1305 Norvell Bryant Highway (C.R. 486), Hernando.

● 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday — LIFT luncheon (widows/widowers), Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; call 352-621-1500, ext. 1728 for reservations.

Wings education series:

● "4th Tuesdays @ 2" — Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

● Teen Encounter and Camp Good Hope — Camps for grieving children/teens offered in April and October.

● Suicide Survivors Support Group, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Hospice of Citrus County Hospice House, 3350 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto. The group is free and open to the public. Participants need not be hospice families. For information, call Lynn Miller at 352-527-2020.

Hospice of Citrus County/Hospice of the Nature Coast licensed 1985, is a not-for-profit charitable organization providing comprehensively responsive and compassionate end-of-life services to the terminally ill and their families in 12 counties of North Central Florida. It also

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all-volunteer force for the past 40 years and women have become an integral part of it. Nearly 15 percent of the 1.4 million troops on active duty are female. More than 280,000 women have served in Iraq, Afghanistan or other countries in support of the wars. There have been 152 women killed in fighting.

Americans overwhelmingly support allowing female volunteers to serve in ground combat roles by a 75-25 margin, according to the Quinnipiac poll. But the survey of 1,772 registered voters found them conflicted over mandated military service for women.

On the question of reestablishing a military draft, male and female voters said they were opposed, 65-28, according to the poll. If a draft were called, however, men backed the conscription of women as well as men, by 59-36, the poll said. But 48 percent of the women surveyed said they did not want women to be drafted while 45 percent said they should be.

MORE ONLINE

■ Read more about this at www.chronicleonline.com.

Maj. Mary Jennings Hegar, a California Air National Guard pilot who served three tours in Afghanistan, said excluding women from a draft reinforces a stereotype that they are less capable than men and need to be protected. Not every woman can handle a close combat job, she said, and neither can every man.

But they can contribute in other ways if a crisis demands their service, said Hegar, who received a Purple Heart for wounds she suffered when her Medevac helicopter was shot at during a mission near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Hegar and three other female service members filed a lawsuit last year challenging the combat ban on the grounds that the policy unfairly blocked them from promotions and other advancements open to men. The suit did not address the question of draft registration for women.

"You can't pick and choose when equality should apply to you," Hegar said. "Making generalized statements like, 'Women are capable of being in combat' or 'Women are incapable of being in combat,' are equally ignorant. People are either competent or they're not competent."

BENNETT

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against the use of medical marijuana.

A wonderful review of this topic was published online in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., reported there is a growing body of mainly anecdotal literature supporting the efficacy of marijuana, particularly for cases that are not responding to conventional pharmaceutical treatments.

In the United States, there are currently no vaporized inhalants as an alternative to medicinal marijuana, and the oral medications that have the active ingredient of marijuana are poorly suited to relieving distress due to their slow onset and unreliable response in patients.

Translated, this means the best way to get any medical benefits from marijuana is to smoke it. Although the patient may find the psychoactive effects of marijuana unacceptable, it may be beneficial, and should be recommended if conservative treatment options have failed.

However, there are two thought processes regarding the use of marijuana.

Researchers from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, and the Institute for Behavior and Health in Rockville, Md., note there is little evidence suggesting smoked marijuana will improve pain, nausea or other symptoms. Other effects of smoking marijuana should be considered, including the mental side effects, the impact of smoking on pulmonary disease and the potential impact on tumor progression.

Prescription marijuana compounds, such as Marinol, do have some positive attributes, like oral administration, chemical purity, precise dosage and sustained action, and in many patients may have similar efficacy without the potential negative side effects of smoking marijuana. Based upon this, these researchers feel there is little scientific basis for recommending that a patient smoke marijuana for symptom control.

So yes, there is a lot of debate going on regarding the use of medical marijuana, along with the pros and cons of actually smoking the marijuana versus using the prescription compounds that contain ingredients found in marijuana. This debate is going on all over the country, and it will take many years to come to a conclusion.

Dr. C. Joseph Bennett is a board-certified radiation oncologist and a member of the Citrus County Unit of the American Cancer Society. Watch "Navigating Cancer" on WYKE TV at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and at 10 a.m. Thursdays. If you have any suggestions for topics, or have any questions, contact him at 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, or email cjbennett@rboi.com.

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provides grief support services for children and adults in the community.

■ **HPH Hospice,** in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, offers Caregivers Support Groups for caregivers of dementia or Alzheimer's patients to provide information, education and emotional support in a safe, comforting and confidential environment.

There is no charge, and everyone is welcome to join. Call Sue Piatek at 352-527-4600 with questions.

● First Tuesday, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Fatima, 550 S. U.S. 41, Inverness.

● Second Monday, 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa. Free respite care provided, call to reserve.

● Fourth Tuesday, 5 p.m., Emeritus at Barrington Place, 2341 W. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486 east of C.R. 491), Lecanto. Free respite care provided, call to reserve.

● Weekly ongoing **Bereavement Group** from HPH Hospice and St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church, available to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1071 N. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19), Crystal River. There is no cost to attend. Call Paul Winstead at 352-527-4600.

HPH Hospice, a nonprofit agency initially licensed in 1984, provides, care, comfort and support to individuals affected by a life-limiting illness in Citrus County. In addition to its office in Beverly Hills, it has a Hospice House on Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto for patients with limited caregiving assistance.

■ SPRING HILL — **Oak Hill Hospital** H2U Partner's Club support groups meet on the campus of Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Spring Hill.

● Diabetes Support Group — 10 am. second Monday monthly, Kim Palmer, facilitator.

● Multiple Myeloma Support Group — 5:30 p.m. third Wednesday monthly, Diane Terry, facilitator.

● Kidney Education Support Group — 2 p.m. third Wednesday monthly, Mary Jane Talty, facilitator.

● ALS Support Group — 2 p.m. the third Thursday monthly, Katie Mitchell, facilitator.

● Epilepsy Support Group — 3 p.m. fourth Saturday monthly, Lillian Rojas, facilitator.

● Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Support Group — 6 p.m. fourth Wednesday monthly, Lordes Arvelo, facilitator.

● Crohn's Disease Support Group — 6 p.m. the last Thursday monthly, Isaiah Del Pilar, facilitator.

H2U Partner's Club events and activities are open to members only. Membership is open to Hernando, Pasco, and Citrus County residents for $20 a year.

Oak Hill Hospital has been serving the Nature Coast since 1984. It is the largest medical facility in Hernando and Citrus County (234 acute-care beds), is one of the area's largest private employers, and offers Hernando County's only comprehensive cardiovascular program, including open heart surgery.

Approximately 300 physicians, 950 associates and more than 350 volunteers comprise Oak Hill Hospital's health care delivery team.

Visit OakHillHospital.com.

Monthly meetings

■ SPRING HILL — **Caregiver Support Group**, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly, at the Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Spring Hill Center, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203 in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call Pamela McGee, facilitator, at 352-688-7744.

■ **Alzheimer's caregiver support group** by Alzheimer's Family Organization, 2:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at Superior Residences of Lecanto, 4865 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway. Call Debbie Selsavage at 352-746-5483.

■ **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**, 2:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays monthly at Superior Residences of Lecanto, 4865 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, just west of the Greek Orthodox Church.

People touched by Alzheimer's disease and other related disorders come together in a non-judgmental, safe environment to vent their frustrations, share coping techniques, learn more about the disease and discover what resources are available to them.

If you require respite care for your loved one during the meeting, RSVP 10 days prior to the meeting. RSVP at 352-746-5483.

■ NEW PORT RICHEY — **Community Chatterboxes** support group to assist individuals suffering from communication deficits (i.e., aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, etc.) as a result of a cerebral vascular accident or other neurological disorders, 3 to 4 p.m. every other Thursday at Community Hospital, 5637 Marine Parkway, New Port Richey, FL 34652. Caregivers and spouses are encouraged to attend. Call 727-845-0757.

■ **Friends of the Blind**, 9 a.m. to noon the second Friday monthly. Call Butch Shultz at 352-344-2693 for location.

■ **Women's Breast Cancer Support Group,** 11:30 a.m. the second Friday monthly, Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in the Allen Ridge Medical Center, County Road 491, Lecanto. Light lunch served. Call Judy Bonard at 352-527-4389. Feb. 8 is the next Breast Cancer Support Meeting, at 11:30 a.m. at RBOI in Lecanto. and Dr. James Rogers from Ocala Plastic Surgery will speak about reconstruction and plastic surgery.

■ **Epilepsy support group** at the Lakes Region Library, Inverness. Call Lili Jane at 352-344-8765.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

■ **Seven Rivers Regional Speakers Bureau** brings customized programs to clubs, churches and other community organizations. Contact Amy Kingery at 352-795-8344 or amy.kingery@hma.com.

■ The **Alzheimer's Family Organization** has speakers available for your organization or club. This presentation will include basic Alzheimer's information and the services and programs that the organization offers to the Central Florida community. Call 888-496-8004 or 727-848-8888.

■ SPRING HILL — **Health Matters Home Care** has a Registered Nurse available to do free speaking engagements for your group, club, church or organization. Call 352-686-4493 or 352-686-5593.

■ The **Citrus Team of HPH Hospice** and its not-for-profit homecare affiliate, **HPH Homecare**, provide free, ongoing education to Citrus County residents about their many programs, services and volunteer opportunities. There is no charge for a speaker and the solicitation of funds is never involved. Educational materials are provided at no charge. Call Anne Black, community liaison, at 352-527-4600.

■ **Mended Hearts of Citrus County**, for individuals who have or had cardiovascular disease, as well as caregivers and family members, 10 a.m. the second Friday monthly in the Gulf Room in the Historic Citrus High School; parking and transportation available from CMHS parking lot "A2."

Open to the public. Call Millie King, at 352-637-5525; or CMHS Cardiovascular Services at 352-344-6416.

■ **Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer** (SPOHNC), at Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute at the Allen Ridge CMHS campus, 522 N. Lecanto Highway in Lecanto.

Quarterly meetings offer information, support and encouragement to newly diagnosed patients, survivors, family members and friends in a friendly and non-threatening forum. Call Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106 or whall@rboi.com.

■ The **Area 13 Family Care Council**, 10 a.m. to noon the second Monday monthly at the Wildwood Agency for Persons with Disabilities office, 1601 W. Gulf Atlantic Highway (State Road 44). All persons interested in issues of those with Developmental Disabilities are encouraged to attend. Call Karen Huscher at 352-726-1445 or isabelfcc13@yahoo.com. Area 13 covers Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties. There are 15 Family Care Councils with governor-appointed volunteer members, who are individuals with a developmental disability or are a family member. Seeking new members. Contact Huscher at 352-726-1445 or cbettykay@aol.com; facebook.com/groups/331632140186772/. Website: www.FCCFlorida.org.

■ **NAMI-Citrus**, locally chartered group of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, meets the second Monday monthly at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, on County Road 486 in Citrus Hills.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 6:45 p.m. All those with an interest in mental health issues are welcome. Call 352-341-2273.

■ SPRING HILL — **Healthy Hearts** support group open to anyone looking for information on cardiac disease, 4 to 5:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly in the cafeteria conference room at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville.

Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and reservations are required, call 352-628-6060 in Citrus, 352-597-6333 in Hernando or visit the website www.OakHillHospital.com.

■ **Citrus Abuse Shelter Association** (CASA), 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, hosts a volunteer meeting at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly, September to May. Call 352-344-8111.

■ **HIV support group**, 3 to 4 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at Citrus County Health Department, 3700 Sovereign Path, Lecanto. Open to all affected by HIV. Persons attending remain confidential, testing will be anonymous. Reservation not required. Call 352-527-0068, ext. 281, if you have any questions.

■ **Bereaved Parents of the USA** (BP/USA) grief support group for parents and grandparents who have experienced the death of a child, 7 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly at the First Presbyterian Church, 1501 S.E. U.S. 19 in Crystal River. Call Bernadette Passalacqua at 352-746-4664 or visit www.bereavedparentsusa.org.

■ SPRING HILL — **Spinal Cord Injury** support group, 5 p.m. second Thursday monthly in the gym at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. Call Dee Hardee at 352-592-7237.

■ **FFRA** (Families and Friends Reaching for the Abilities), third Friday monthly at the Key Training Center in Inverness at 130 Heights Ave. Social time and business meeting at 9 a.m. is followed by a speaker at 10 a.m. Call Ron Phillips, president, at 352-382-7819 or visit www.ffracitrus.org.

■ The **Ostomy Support Group** of Citrus County, 2 p.m. the third Sunday monthly in the Cypress Room at Citrus Memorial Health System's office building in the old schoolhouse, 131 S. Citrus Ave., Inverness. Call Steve at 352-229-4202 or Sue at 352-560-7918.

■ **National Osteoporosis Foundation** Citrus County Support Group, 1 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly in the training room at Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. Each month offers a different speaker.

This is part of the NOF's Affiliated Support Group Program dedicated to providing accurate, timely information and support to people affected by osteoporosis. Call Janet Croft at 352-249-7874 or email TheBoneZone2010@yahoo.com.

■ **Nature Coast Multiple Myeloma Support Group**, 6 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly at the Oak Hill Hospital Partner's Club (formerly Spring Hill Enrichment Center) at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50), Brooksville.

Free dinner buffet will be served. Contact Herb and Dianne Terry at 352-621-0672 or hterry1@tampabay.rr.com, or Richard Blustein at 352-428-4536 or Blustein22@aol.com.

■ SPRING HILL — **Look Good Feel Better** Support Group, 3:30 to 5 p.m. third Wednesday monthly at the Florida Cancer Specialists, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203, in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call 352-688-7744.

■ SPRING HILL — **Amputee support group**, 7 p.m. the last Monday monthly at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in the private dining room.

Call Eva Baker at 352-592-7232.

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Reader questioning recommended care

Dr. Frank Vascimini
SOUND BITES

Q: I enjoy reading your articles in the *Chronicle* and had a question for you regarding my treatment. I have been a patient for many years at a local dentist's office that has recently changed hands and am a little worried that they are trying to market added services that may not be entirely necessary.

In this respect, they have quoted me a relatively expensive price to do deep cleaning around my molar teeth in all four corners, which requires numbing. I do not have dental insurance, so they recommended a plan that would reduce the cost slightly but requires me to join their plan.

I have good dental practices, including flossing every morning and brushing for at least two minutes, two to three times a day. I also see the hygienist three to four times a year for cleaning. It seems to me the hygienist's work has been less complete as of recently.

My thoughts are that if the hygienist was doing her job properly three to four times a year and with my dental practices that this deep cleaning should not be needed. BTW, I do not smoke, am a 55-year-old male, have a little gum recession going on due to hard brushing and have not had a cavity since I was in my teens.

I have two molars that are caps due to cracking, but otherwise have all my teeth. Any recommendations or thoughts?

A: This is a great question. I think I understand your situation perfectly. It sounds as though you have a good handle on your dental experiences. You seem to know your mouth well, as well as taken care of it the best you could.

What you could be experiencing is a changeover from a private dental practice to a corporate one. In some cases it is obvious there has been a changeover, but in others the corporation is concealed behind the name of the private dentist for a number of years before it becomes public knowledge that the practice is now being run by a corporation. In either case, this is becoming a more prevalent situation recently.

Before I go any further on this subject, please note that what I write today is only my opinion. I have no way of knowing if my assumptions are correct. It is only opinion based on what I have seen, heard from patients, read in dental journals and my experiences.

I have seen many patients like yourself for either a consultation or a new patient examination after an experience like you have described. In situations such as you have described, I usually find a few deeper pockets that need to be addressed.

However, rarely with the need for four quadrants of root planning and scaling, as you mentioned. My approach is usually to treat the areas of need more locally, use some medications I have had great success with, and see the patient back in three months to re-evaluate the situation.

In most cases, the patient is back on track to maintaining their periodontal disease with regular care and avoided the full-mouth scaling you mentioned. The scenario discussed above is reserved for patients such as yourself who are regular with their office visits, as well as their home care.

I have also seen patients who might have moved from another state, being under the care of the same dentist for many years. If their dental office was not in the habit of screening for periodontal disease regularly and they show up for a new patient exam, they may end up being diagnosed with moderate to advanced periodontal disease and require exactly what you mentioned. This is usually a shock to the patient, but may, in fact, be true.

I know what I mentioned here are extremes, but my point is there are many stages of periodontal disease. The first and most important phase of care is the proper diagnosis. Once that is done, the options for treatment should be discussed. Depending on the specific dentist and the type of office that dentist works in, you will usually get a different approach to the same issue (as long as the diagnosis is accurate).

Many of the journals I read discuss the idea that corporate dentistry has shareholders to answer to. They also mention that, in order to meet their bottom line, those in charge in the corporation dictate what materials and labs are allowed to be used. In addition, it is said there are daily quotas to be met.

It has also been said that this kind of environment often leads to situations like you have experienced. This is unfortunate, because most people do not view health care in this light. Unfortunately, it is a reality in the world we live in.

For those of you who have been reading this column for some time, you probably already know what I am going to say next. If you have an uncomfortable feeling in your gut, like something is wrong, you need to pay attention to it. A second opinion is usually a good next step, but be wary of where you go for that opinion.

My suggestion is to go to a specialist in the field that you have doubts about. Listen to what they have to say and make an informed decision on the next step.

It has been my experience that gut feelings are rarely wrong, as long as you are being honest about the situation. I hope I have shed some light on the issue you are facing. Good luck in your search for the truth.

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GANDHI

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the disease grows and progresses slowly, and it may take years for symptoms to appear or for treatment to be needed. In fact, some patients may never need treatment for their CLL.

The other half of people who develop CLL have a type that grows more quickly and needs treatment sooner.

Unfortunately, my patient fell into the half whose cancer progressed relatively faster.

He received various different chemotherapies through the years, including Fludarabine, Rituxan, Bendamustine and oral Revlimid. Currently, he is on Bendamustine and Rituxan and is doing fairly OK.

Recently, there was an American Society of Hematology annual meeting in Atlanta. Researchers presented data on a new and very promising drug called Ibrutinib. This is a novel drug and is not yet approved by the FDA. This works by completely new mechanism of action by targeting Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) in chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). We do not have any other drug which works by this pathway.

Also, it is an oral drug the patient takes at home. In one study involving 116 patients with previously untreated or relapsed or refractory CLL, almost 70 percent showed objective responses, reported John Byrd, M.D., of Ohio State University in Columbus.

Progression-free survival (i.e., cancer did not progress after stopping treatment) after 22 months in the trial was 96 percent among the treatment-naive patients and 76 percent in those who had failed or relapsed on previous conventional therapies.

This is an amazing response. Another study also confirmed a similar response rate.

Its main side effects were lowering blood count, infections and diarrhea. It may be combined with Rituxan, a drug that is available and widely used in patients with CLL. This is very amazing. Ibrutinib could quickly become the standard of care for CLL if ongoing and planned phase III trials show similar results.

As per one of the researchers: "It's orally active, it's well tolerated, it's not chemo, and it produces excellent responses, particularly in patients who are elderly and frail and not necessarily suitable for the more intensive chemotherapy regimens that have become the first-line treatment for the younger, fitter patients," she said.

"There's a lot of excitement about the possibility of the landscape changing, and of moving towards having chemo-free treatments for patients with CLL that are as effective as giving them chemotherapy agents."

My patient will be a good candidate for this in the future once this drug gets approval by the FDA.

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GRILLO

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of patients whose disease process has progressed beyond the point of care or regression.

The goal of doctors is to extend one's life. But the quality of life must be taken into account, as well.

The goal of palliative care is to achieve the best of both worlds, so to speak, to relieve a patient's suffering and control of their symptoms until the time of death, and try to restore and maintain one's functional capacity as long as possible.

I really don't think there is a situation where doctors can say there is nothing more that can be done. There cam always be something done to maintain quality of life, no matter how short it may be. If cure is not possible, then the goal should be relief of suffering and control of symptoms.

Sometimes there are some barriers to providing good-quality palliative care on the part of the doctor and the patients. Sometimes there is a rational fear of using narcotic pain medications as being dangerous or illegal at the cost of making the patient addicted.

Fortunately, there have been some changes in people's attitudes that have made this less of a problem, but it still exists to a certain degree.

Providing compassionate care and allowing patients to be comfortable using current medications and technology can be just as cutting-edge to a greatly ill patient as is some state-of-the-art technology such as the computers and lasers nowadays used routinely in surgery. Fortunately, nowadays health care systems have a multi-disciplinary approach to palliative care.

Your doctor or surgeon might be a wonderful doctor, but might need the help of other specialists, hospital staff and services to treat the complexities of pain and symptom management.

In this day and age, there is no lack of effective available tools, but sometimes failure to utilize them properly due to barriers and phobias on the part of the patient and doctor.

Patients who are gravely ill and very much in fear at this point in their lives need not fear the abandonment of their physician, family and friends. As mentioned previously, there is always something, however little, that can be done to help patients.

I would like to thank The American Academy of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery for their resources in putting together this article.

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cells against potential damage due to oxidation.

Green tea has been shown to have a protective effect against prostate cancer in various laboratory and clinical studies. The green tea polyphenol (GTP) is said to play a protective role at various stages of prostate cancer development. Studies have shown a significant reduction in precancerous changes in the prostate (PIN changes) in people who drink green tea.

Studies done at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore have shown the benefits of pomegranate extract in slowing the rise of PSA (prostate specific antigen). PSA doubling time (PSADT) is often used a marker to measure the progression of prostate cancer. In the study led by Dr. Michael Carducci at Johns Hopkins, patients who received pomegranate extract daily for up to 18 months increased the doubling time of their PSA from 11.9 months to 18.5 months.

The popular perception that vitamins and other supplements are benign and always beneficial is to be questioned.

Earlier hopes that selenium and Vitamin E may be beneficial in prostate cancer prevention have been dashed. In fact, there was an increase in prostate cancer in patients who were given synthetic alpha-tocopherol vitamin E. Saw palmetto extract also did not have any effect on the PSA levels even at high doses.

While more studies are needed to confirm these effects, the popular perception that vitamins and other supplements are benign and always beneficial is to be questioned.

Resveratrol, a compound found in red wines and grape skins, has been shown to improve the response of prostate cancer to treatment with radiation, according to Dr. Michael Nicholl, a researcher at the University of Missouri. Animal studies have also shown some protective effect of resveratrol in preventing prostate cancer.

In summary, if you want to improve your chances of preventing prostate cancer, reduce red meat consumption (especially pan-fried meat), and add tomatoes to your diet. Green tea, pomegranate juice or red wine could help you wash it down!

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News NOTES

Shrimp alfredo on menu at post

Blanton-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155, Crystal River, will serve a shrimp alfredo dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the post home, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway.

All members and the public are welcome to come and enjoy dinner with their friends and families for a donation of $7.

All profits support the many programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. For more information, call Unit President Sandy White at 352-249-7663.

Retired officers to meet Feb. 28

The National Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers (NARLEO) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at American Legion Post 155, 6585 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. The executive board meets at 6:30 p.m.

The organization is open to active and retired law enforcement officers. Qualified visitors are always welcome; bring law enforcement identification.

For more information, call Andrew J. Tarpey, president, at 352-344-9313.

Camera Club to gather March 4

The Camera Club at Citrus County Art Center, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 4.

Guest speaker will be Jorge Blanco the owner of Café Impressions in the Crystal River Mall, which specializes in canvas printing, image enlargements and more.

Blanco was born in Cuba and lives in Crystal River, where he can focus on his passion for photography. His main interest has been to capture nature in his photography.

He visualizes the subject matter as a work of art and combines multiple exposures to bring out colors and details that often hide in the shadows.

First-time visitors are welcome to attend the meeting.

Precious Paws ADOPTABLES

Kitties

Special to the Chronicle

Young felines in a variety of colors — solid black, tabbies, orange and black and white — are all waiting for a loving home. A few are truly lap cats, others are more independent and one or two would like to be the only cat in the household. Each feline is special. Stop by the Crystal River Mall adoption center and find just the perfect pet. Kittens and cats are available for adoption at the Pet Supermarket on State Road 44 in Inverness during regular store hours. The mall adoption center is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. View pets at www.preciouspawsflorida.com or call 352-726-4700.

Cruisers to reminisce

Car club slates 29th annual Car & Truck Show for March 3

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Cruisers, a local classic car club based in Crystal River, will have its 29th annual Car & Truck Show on March 3 at Crystal vehicle dealerships on U.S. 19 in Homosassa.

All 200-plus show participants are vehicles that are 25 years or older. There will be food vendors on site, along with a 50-50 drawing, a Chinese auction, door prizes and a deejay spinning old-time rock 'n' roll. The event is free.

There will be a valve cover race at 12:30 p.m. If your vehicle is 25 years old, and you want to enter it for a shot at a (locally made) Corian trophy, registration is $15 for pre-registered, or $20 that day. There will be a $2,000 scholarship raffle, which enables the group to give scholarships to deserving students at Withlacoochee Technical Institute in the automotive field.

For more information, visit www.citruscountycruisers.com.

Luminary Art Walk in Homosassa

Stroll down candlelit paths this weekend at annual event

Special to the Chronicle

Everyone is invited to stroll down candlelit paths in Old Homosassa to enjoy works of local artists at the 13th annual Luminary Art Nights from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2.

The evening event is an open house at the art shops in the historic area. It features demonstrations, displays and refreshments. All featured shops are owned and operated by the artists. Free parking is available and there is no admission charge.

Visitors may view, and purchase, works such as sculpture, paintings, pottery, jewelry and more.

Participating will be:

■ Olde Mill House Museum — wood, glass and metal work;

■ River Safaris & Safari Café — pottery;

■ Glass Garage — stained and fused glass;

■ Pepper Creek Pottery — sculptural and functional clay works and studio;

■ Riverworks & Homosassa Smokehouse — Jenkins copper sculpture and driftwood furniture;

■ Owl's Pellet Studio — photography, paintings and local nautical art.

Call 352-628-5222 or 352-212-3617 for information.

Citrus Has Talent

Congratulations to the winners of the fifth annual Citrus Has Talent show staged Friday, Feb. 8, at Curtis Peterson Auditorium. First place went to Sophie Robitaille, sponsored by Robitaille and Samargya, Attorneys-at-Law; second place went to Georgette Bass and Tom Baker, who were sponsored by Avante; and third place went to Anna Mary Rodriguez, who was sponsored by Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. Money raised goes to the Senior Foundation, which helps support unmet needs of Citrus County seniors. Masters of ceremonies were Brad Thorpe and Cathy Pearson and the judges were Rebecca Bays, Dennis Miller, Sam Himmel and Frank Miller.

Special to the Chronicle

Historical novelists to meet March 2

Author will talk group through five steps to get started writing

Special to the Chronicle

The Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society will meet Saturday, March 2, in the Community Room of the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. The business meeting begins at 1 p.m. and the program starts at 1:30 p.m.

Carol Megge will present "How to Start Writing a Historical Novel." in which she will guide us through five decision-making steps. Megge will have handouts available at the meeting.

Time permitting, president Joyce Moore will lead a followup discussion of Rick Seymour's February program that explored the 12 stages of "The Hero's Journey."

FCHNS meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly in the Community Room of the Central Ridge Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Marian Fox at 352-726-0162; visit www.fchns.org.

Lively dance party benefits clubs

Ruth Levins
AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Recently, I attended a benefit dinner dance in Inverness for the Citrus County Boys & Girls Clubs, sponsored by Mama's Kuntry Kitchen Café and Virgilio Investments. Joann Kissell assisted with the reservations.

We were greeted warmly by Arnold and Mary Ann Virgilio as deejay Saleen played a Bob Seger hit, "Why Don't You Stay," and Rod Stewart's "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You."

Among those gathered in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs were Judge Mark and Deb Yerman, Dr. David and Linda Powers, a school board member, as well as Alan O'Neal and Linda Ross of Events Solutions.

Fresh flowers adorned the tables around the room in colorful red and white carnations and daisies, which were given away as door prizes at the end of the evening.

Local merchants and friends of the Boys & Girls Clubs donating door prizes were R.J. Roofing, Reyna Bell family, the Arnold Virgilio family, Little Joey's Italian Restaurant, Tey Burn Computer Service, Pizza Hut, the Kracker Shack of Inverness and the Little Flower Shop.

Chef Robert Carte presented a gourmet dinner served by Erin and Kim.

Saleen kept the music flowing as the crowd filled the dance floor to the beat of the Beach Boys' "Kokomo," followed by a spirited chorus line with Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York," to the sheer delight of the New York and New Jersey Florida transplants. We thrilled to Cher's version of "It's In His Kiss." Lively twisters got it on with Chubby Checkers' "The Twist." We looked in awe as tiny 2-year-old Aiden Syip twisted with the best of the crowd.

Citrus Community Center dance instructors June and Ben Querpel glided by and greeted fans who appreciate her lessons of the latest dance routines at the community center.

"Hot! Hot! Hot!" livened up the crowd as the servers continued to check to see if we were in need of additional refreshments.

The Black Eyed Peas' "Boom Boom Pow" was a favorite of the crowd of dancing enthusiasts.

It was such a delightful way to meet and greet friends of the Boys & Girls Clubs and volunteers who appreciate the efforts of the clubs' ongoing mentoring activities.

Ruth Levins participates in a variety of projects around the community. Let her know about your group's upcoming activities by writing to P.O. Box 803, Crystal River, FL 34423.

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Come get a 'Furry Valentine'

For the month of February, courtesy of Adopt a Rescued Pet, Citrus County Animal Services offers discounted prices on dogs at its "My Furry Valentine" promotion.

Every dog will be offered for the regular adoption price, minus the discount equal to its weight ($10 for 10 pounds, $20 for 20 pounds, etc., to $60 for 60 pounds and more). A separate $5 county license fee applies.

Animals Services is at 4030 S. Airport Road in Inverness. Call 352-746-8400 for more information, or visit www.citruscritters.org.

Young business leaders sought

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.

Post to cook chili, cornbread

The public is welcome to join Eugene Quinn Post 4337 and Auxiliaries, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness, for its annual Chili/Cornbread Cook-off and Chinese Auction on March 3. All entries must be in by 1 p.m. for judging at 2 p.m., with prizes for first, second and third places.

Auction tickets go on sale at 1 p.m., with drawings to pick the winners at 3 p.m. This year's auction items include Hess collectibles, a cedar chest, jewelry, knick-knacks and more. The kitchen will be open for lunch.

For more information, call Jean Hays at 352-637-2124, or the post at 352-344-3495.

Railroaders meet at fairgrounds

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the Robinson Horticulture Building of the Citrus County Fairgrounds.

The program will be speaker Tom Hancock, a retired railroad employee who will offer insights on the life of a rail workman in various jobs and locations.

For more information, call Bob Penrod at 352-797-6315.

Come karaoke, eat fish at post

American Legion Allen Rawls Post 77 hosts karaoke from 5 to 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays monthly, with a fish fry on the third Friday at the post home, 4375 S. Little Al Point, Inverness.

Everyone is welcome. The menu features fried and baked haddock, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade coffee and soft drink for $8. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. and karaoke will begin at 5 p.m.

Call Norm at 352-860-2981 or 352-476-2134.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.

■ Multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.

TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 26, 2013

C: Comcast, Citrus B: Bright House D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights

	C	B	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	Ent	Access	Betty	Betty	Go On (N)	Normal	Smash (N) '14' CC		News	Jay Leno
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) CC		Makers: Women Who Make America (Series Premiere) How women have helped shape America. (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' CC						New Tricks "Casualty" '14' CC	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	5	41	Journal	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Makers: Women Who Make America (Series Premiere) (N) 'PG'						World	T. Smiley
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Entertainment Ton.	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Go On (N) '14' CC	The New Normal	Smash "The Song" (N) '14' CC		News	Jay Leno
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	20	20			News	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Wife Swap (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		The Taste A difficult challenge. (N) '14'		Body of Proof "Abducted -- Part 2" '14'		Eyewit. News	Jimmy Kimmel
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 News, 6pm (N)	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	NCIS "Detour" (N) 'PG' CC (DVS)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Lohkay" (N) '14'		Golden Boy "Pilot" (N) '14' CC		10 News, 11pm (N)	Letterman
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	FOX13 6:00 News (N) (In Stereo) CC		TMZ (N) 'PG'	omg! Insider (N)	Raising Hope (N) (In Stereo) '14' CC		New Girl (N) '14'	Mindy Project	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) CC		News	Access Hollyw'd
20 (WCJB) ABC	11		11	4		News	ABC	Ent	Inside Ed.	Celebrity Wife Swap		The Taste (N) '14'		Body of Proof '14'		News	J. Kimmel
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Today	Kenneth Hagin	Great Awakening		H.Babers Sr.	Place for Miracles	A. Wommack	Perry Stone	Life Today	Purpose for Life	Great Awaken
28 (WFTS) ABC		11		11	11	News	World News	The List (N) 'PG'	Let's Ask America	Celebrity Wife Swap (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		The Taste A difficult challenge. (N) '14'		Body of Proof "Abducted -- Part 2" '14'		News	Jimmy Kimmel
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12			16	Family Guy '14'	Family Guy '14'	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Law & Order: Criminal Intent '14' CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent '14' CC		How I Met	How I Met	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'
38 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Raymond	Seinfeld	FamFeud	FamFeud	House "Kids" '14'		House '14' CC		Seinfeld	Scrubs	Baggage	Excused
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			Studio	The 700 Club (N) 'G'		Babers	Amazing	Manna	Voice	Paid	Studio Direct		Healing	Paid
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	King of Queens	King of Queens	Two and Half Men	Engagement	Hart of Dixie "Where I Lead Me" (N) 'PG'		Cult Jeff gets E.J. to help search for Nate.		Two and Half Men	Engagement	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'
47 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Crosswords	Citrus Today	County Court	Cancer	Every Minute	B. Cosby	Crook & Chase (In Stereo) 'G'		Heartland Poker Tour 'PG'		Mobil 1 The Grid	S. Rasmussen
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Simpsons	Simpsons	Big Bang	Big Bang	Raising Hope (N) '14'		New Girl	Mindy	FOX 35 News at 10		TMZ 'PG'	Access
62 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Notic.	Corona de Lágrimas		Por Ella Soy Eva '14'		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravío (N) '14'		Noticias	Noticiero
66 (WXPX) ION		17				Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Flashpoint 'PG'	
A&E	54	48	54	25	27	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars 'PG'
AMC	55	64	55			★★★ ***"Signs"*** (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix. 'PG-13' CC				★★ ***"The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen"*** (2003, Fantasy) Sean Connery, Shane West. 'PG-13' CC				★★½ ***"Constantine"*** (2005, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves. 'R' CC			
ANI	52	35	52	19	21	Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence 'PG'		Wild West Alaska (In Stereo) '14' CC		Viking Wilderness (In Stereo) 'PG'		Viking Wilderness (In Stereo) 'PG'		Viking Wilderness "Race For Life" 'PG'		Viking Wilderness (In Stereo) 'PG'	
BET	96	19	96			106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N) 'PG'		★★★ ***"Love & Basketball"*** (2000) Sanaa Lathan. A passion for the game leads to love for two best friends.					Husbands	Husbands	Second	Husbands	Second
BRAVO	254	51	254			Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Matchmaker		Happens	Matchmkr
CC	27	61	27		33	South Park '14'	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Colbert Report	Daily Show	The Jeselnik Off	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 (N) 'MA'	The Jeselnik Off	Daily Show	Colbert Report
CMT	98	45	98	28	37	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	★★ ***"The Dukes of Hazzard"*** (2005) Johnny Knoxville. The Duke cousins try to foil a scheme by Boss Hogg.					Redneck Vacation
CNBC	43	42	43			Mad Money (N)		The Kudlow Report		Supermarkets		60 Minutes on CNBC		American Greed		Mad Money	
CNN	40	29	40	41	46	The Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		Erin Burnett OutFront	
DISN	46	40	46	6	5	Good-Charlie	Jessie 'G' CC	Shake It Up! 'G'	Jessie 'G' CC	Dog With a Blog	Austin & Ally 'G'	Shake It Up! 'G'	Gravity Falls 'Y7'	Austin & Ally 'G'	Good-Charlie	Jessie 'G' CC	Shake It Up! 'G'
ESPN	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		College Basketball Indiana at Minnesota.				College Basketball Florida at Tennessee.				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	28	34	43	49	Around	Pardon	College Basketball Memphis at Xavier. (N)				NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live) CC				NFL Live (N) CC	
EWTN	95	70	95		48	Choices	Let Me	Daily Mass		Mother Angelica Live		Religious	Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Priest	Women
FAM	29	52	29	20	28	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG'		Pretty Little Liars "Hot Water" '14'		Pretty Little Liars (N) (In Stereo) '14' CC		The Lying Game (N) (In Stereo) '14' CC		Pretty Little Liars (In Stereo) '14' CC		The 700 Club (In Stereo) 'PG' CC	
FLIX		118	170			★★ ***"Fatal Error"***	★★ ***"Mafia!"*** (1998, Comedy) Jay Mohr, Billy Burke. 'PG-13'			★★ ***"Suspect Zero"*** (2004) Aaron Eckhart. 'R' CC			★½ ***"Eye See You"*** (2002) Sylvester Stallone. 'R' CC		★½ ***"Jade"*** (1995) David Caruso. 'R'		
FNC	44	37	44		32	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
FOOD	26	56	26			Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped 'G'		Chopped		Chopped "My Way"	
FSNFL	35	39	35			In Magic	Magic	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Philadelphia 76ers.					Magic	In Magic	In Magic	World Poker Tour	
FX	30	60	30		51	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	★★½ ***"Machete"*** (2010) Danny Trejo. The victim of a double-cross seeks revenge.				The Ultimate Fighter (N) '14, D,L,V		Justified "Outlaw" (N) 'MA'		The Americans "In Control" 'MA'	
GOLF	727	67	727			Central	PGA Tour	Golf	Learning	Golf (N)						Central	Golf
HALL	59	68	59	45	54	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Frasier 'PG'	Frasier 'PG'	Frasier 'PG'	Frasier 'PG'	Frasier 'G' CC	Frasier 'G' CC	Frasier 'PG'	Frasier 'PG'
HBO	302	201	302	2	2	★½ ***"Red Riding Hood"*** (2011) 'PG-13'		★½ ***"New Year's Eve"*** (2011) Halle Berry, Jessica Biel. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC				Parade's End (N) 'MA' CC		Parade's End (N) 'MA' CC		Girls 'MA' CC	***"Horrible Bosses"***
HBO2	303	202	303			***"The Debt"*** 'R'	★★★ ***"Rise of the Planet of the Apes"*** (2011) James Franco. 'PG-13' CC				★★½ ***"A Very Harold & Kamar 3D Christmas"*** (2011) 'R'			Real Time With Bill Maher 'MA' CC		Enlightened	Girls 'MA' CC
HGTV	23	57	23	42	52	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Property	Property	Income Property 'G'		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Income Property 'G'	
HIST	51	25	51	32	42	Ultimate Soldier Challenge '14' CC		Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Top Gear "Taxis" (N) 'PG' CC		Ultimate Soldier Challenge (N) '14'		Top Gear "150 MPH Challenge" 'PG'	
LIFE	24	38	24		31	Dance Moms 'PG' CC		Dance Moms "Rotten to the Core" 'PG'		Dance Moms 'PG' CC		Dance Moms "Bye Bye Baby" (N) 'PG'		Double Divas '14'	Double Divas	Double Divas	Double Divas
LMN		50	119			***"Pretty Poison"*** (1996, Suspense) Grant Show, Michelle Phillips. (In Stereo) CC				★★ ***"A Date With Darkness: The Trial and Capture of Andrew Luster"*** (2003) CC				★ ***"Panic Button"*** (2007, Drama) Patrick Muldoon. (In Stereo) 'NR' CC			
MAX	320	221	320	3	3	★★★½ ***"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"*** (2011) Daniel Radcliffe.				★★½ ***"The Bone Collector"*** (1999) Denzel Washington. (In Stereo) 'R' CC				★★½ ***"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy"*** (2004)			Girls in Bed
MSNBC	42	41	42			PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show	
NGC	109	65	109	44	53	Diggers 'PG'	Diggers 'PG'	Doomsday Preppers Bugged Out '14'		Wicked Tuna "Shark Attack" '14'		Doomsday Preppers '14'		Diggers 'PG'	Diggers 'PG'	Doomsday Preppers '14'	
NICK	28	36	28	35	25	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Drake	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends
OWN	103	62	103			Almost, Away		Almost, Away		Our America		Our America		Our America		Our America	
OXY		44	123			Bad Girls Club		Bad Girls Club		Bad Girls Club		The Face (N)		Bad Girls Club		The Face	
SHOW	340	241	340		4	***"Big Easy Express"***	***"I Will Follow"*** (2010) Salli Richardson-Whitfield. 'NR' CC			★★½ ***"Red"*** (2010, Action) Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC				House of Lies 'MA'	Californication	Shameless "Cascading Failures" 'MA'	
SPEED	732	112	732			NASCAR Race Hub (N)		Pass Time	Pass Time	Gearz 'G'	Gearz 'G'	Dreams	Dreams	Translogic (N)	The List (N) 'PG'	Gearz 'G'	Gearz 'G'
SPIKE	37	43	37	27	36	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants	The Joe Schmo Show (N) '14' CC		Worst Tenants	Worst Tenants
STARZ	370	271	370			★★★ ***"Calendar Girls"*** (2003) Helen Mirren. 'PG-13' CC			★★★ ***"Arthur Christmas"*** (2011) Voices of James McAvoy.			★★★ ***"Miracle"*** (2004, Drama) Kurt Russell. The U.S. Olympic hockey team beats the Soviet team. 'PG' CC					***"The Muppets"***
SUN	36	31	36			Israeli Bask.	Seminole Sports	Heat Live! (Live)	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Miami Heat. From the AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami. (Live)					Heat Live! (Live)	HEAT Classics From April 15, 1995.		
SYFY	31	59	31	26	29	Face Off "Eye Candy" 'PG'		Face Off The artists try to create a giant.		Face Off "Bugging Out"		Face Off "Howl at the Moon" (N)		Robot Combat League		Face Off "Howl at the Moon"	
TBS	49	23	49	16	19	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Big Bang	Conan (N) '14' CC	
TCM	169	53	169	30	35	***"Topper-Trip"***	★★ ***"Topper Returns"*** (1941) Roland Young. 'NR' CC			★★★★ ***"Dodsworth"*** (1936, Drama) Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton. 'NR' CC				★★★★ ***"The Best Years of Our Lives"*** (1946) Fredric March. 'NR' CC (DVS)			
TDC	53	34	53	24	26	Dual Survival (In Stereo) CC		Dual Survival (In Stereo) CC		Dual Survival (In Stereo) CC		Dual Survival (In Stereo) CC		Yukon Men (In Stereo) CC		Dual Survival (In Stereo) CC	
TLC	50	46	50	29	30	Medium	Medium	Half-Ton Mom 'PG'		600 Pound Mom		600 Pound Mom		Half-Ton Killer 'PG'		600 Pound Mom	
TMC	350	261	350			★★★ ***"Knucklehead"*** (2010, Comedy) Mark Feuerstein. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC				★★½ ***"Valkyrie"*** (2008, Historical Drama) Tom Cruise. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC				★★★½ ***"The Help"*** (2011, Drama) Viola Davis, Emma Stone. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC			
TNT	48	33	48	31	34	Castle "Ghosts" (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Castle "Little Girl Lost" 'PG' CC		Castle Death of a teen-age boy. 'PG'		Castle City councilman dies. 'PG' CC		Castle (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Southland "Heat" (In Stereo) 'MA' CC	
TOON	38	58	38	33		Adven	Adven	Johnny T	Gumball	Looney	Adven	King/Hill	King/Hill	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
TRAV	9	54	9		44	Bizarre Foods		Food	Food	Bizarre Foods		Extreme RVs 'G'		Armed	Armed	Extreme Yachts 'G'	
truTV	25	55	25	98	55	Cops 'PG'	Cops '14'	World's Dumbest...		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hardcore	Hardcore	World's Dumbest...	
TVL	32	49	32	34	24	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Cleveland	King	King
USA	47	32	47	17	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		White Collar Ellen's evidence box. 'PG'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	
WE	117	69	117			Charmed The Lady of the Lake. 'PG'		Charmed "Little Monsters" 'PG' CC		CSI: Miami Gang-related gunplay. '14'		CSI: Miami Counterfeiting. '14' CC		CSI: Miami "Identity" (In Stereo) '14' CC		CSI: Miami Plane crash. '14' CC	
WGN-A	18	18	18	18	20	Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Funny Home Videos	

Bridge

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North 02-26-13
♠ K Q 7 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ 10 8 5
♣ Q 8 3

West
♠ —
♥ 10 9 6 2
♦ K Q 9 6 3
♣ 10 9 6 2

East
♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ A K J
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 7 5 4

South
♠ A J 10 9 5
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A J
♣ A K J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

The best improvement in bridge in the last 20 years is the employment of "useless" cards to send suit-preference signals.

Without this style of defense, West would have to guess what to do in this deal. With suit preference, it is easy.

How should the play and defense go in four spades after West leads the diamond king?

South has four losers: three hearts and one diamond. (West cannot have the ace and king of hearts, because his opening lead would have been the heart ace, not the diamond king.) But South has 10 potential tricks: five spades, two diamonds and three clubs. His best play is to take the first trick and immediately to lead back his diamond jack. To defeat the contract, West must win with his queen and shift to a heart. But how will he know that is right instead of a club switch?

At trick one, East plays his diamond two, discouraging. But on the second round, he can play the seven or four. Wanting a heart shift, he drops the seven, the higher card asking for the higher-ranking of the other two side suits. Now West knows exactly what to do.

If you have only low trumps, you can also use those to send suit-preference signals. In this deal, if South immediately draws trumps, East can play eight-six-three-two, always the highest calling for a heart.

The snag with these signals is that you and your partner have to watch the cards very carefully. But if you do, you will defeat more contracts.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MILBP

PENIT

HOXTAR

LAPTEL

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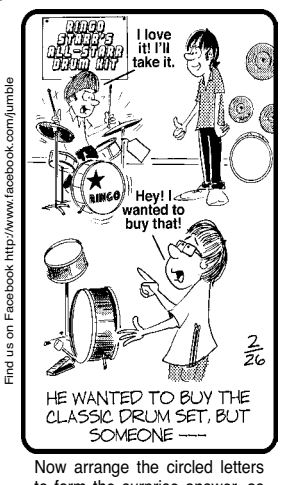

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LUNCH ADAPT NARROW POLICE
Answer: He tried to teach his son how to fish, but his son couldn't — CATCH ON

ACROSS

1 Come to the rescue
4 Test sites
8 Deuce or trey
12 Frat letter
13 "I see" (2 wds.)
14 Comics pooch
15 Pod occupant
16 Pored over
17 Anthracite
18 One behind the other
20 Perched on
22 Maraud
23 Computer fodder
25 Host's proposals
29 Mensa stats
31 Sunrise direction
34 IBM "brain"
35 Debtors' notes
36 Cloudy
37 Pac-Man morsel
38 Biting fly
39 Cotton seeder
40 Real
42 Bank statement no.
44 Fertile soil
47 Use a stopwatch
49 Meeting minimum
51 Give off
53 Baba au —
55 Conquistador's quest
56 Woodwind
57 Principal
58 Explorer's need
59 Beach material
60 Not pro
61 Pub pint

DOWN

1 Datebook abbr.
2 "— — You Knocking"
3 Paul Anka tune
4 Texas border town
5 "Beg pardon!"
6 Cubs org.
7 Soft drink
8 Winter warmer
9 Humane Society goal
10 Narrow inlet
11 Penn. neighbor
19 Simple tune
21 NFL scores
24 Water color
26 "Back in Black" band
27 Pickle or jam
28 Ballet costume
30 Concorde, e.g.
31 Quiche base
32 Operatic solo
33 Approve
35 Home with a dome
40 PIN requester
41 Grads
43 Gave a ticket
45 Smell
46 Wall painting
48 Writer Bombeck
49 Resign
50 Be gloomy
51 Goddess of dawn
52 CEO degree
54 "Star Wars" rogue

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	W	C	A	■	F	O	X	■	E	T	T	E
A	R	I	D	■	O	W	L	■	Q	U	I	D
W	A	N	D	■	G	E	S	T	U	R	E	D
■	P	E	E	K	E	D	■	H	A	N	D	Y
■	■	■	D	E	Y	■	E	E	L	■	■	■
I	N	F	U	N	■	F	O	S	S	I	L	■
N	E	A	P	■	P	I	N	E	■	M	A	L
K	E	Y	■	A	I	L	S	■	C	A	K	E
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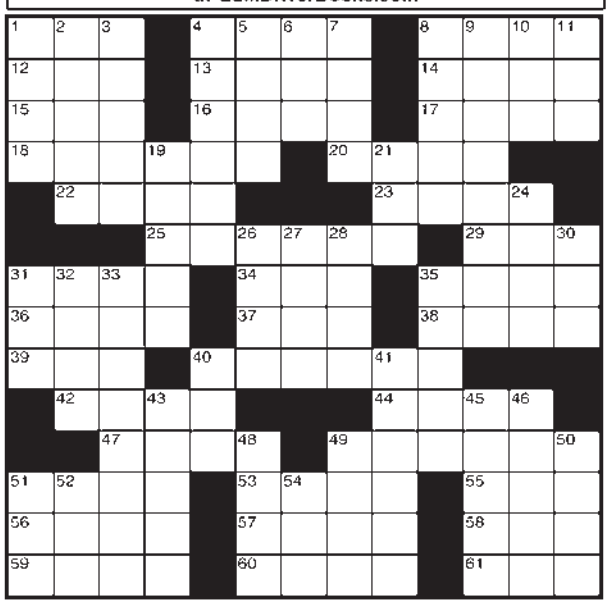

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I am a 21-year-old female, quite independent, happy and full of life. Last year I started dating "Luke," age 26. We hit it off great, and I fell in love. But two months ago, something changed.

Luke recently started a new company. One day, he randomly decided he needed a break from our relationship to focus on his business. He made me promise to stay faithful. After three weeks, we started arguing. I found it stupid that I was supposed to remain faithful while he was out partying every weekend, going to bars and clubs. He kept texting my sister, saying he didn't want to be with me. When I'd confront him, he'd say he was only kidding.

I tried hard to work this out. Two weeks ago, we planned to hang out, but Luke didn't answer my calls. He never even bothered to cancel our plans. I finally had enough and sent him a text ending things completely.

Annie, the entire two months we were apart, I was a wreck. I still can't stop thinking about him. I know I did the right thing by breaking it off. But sometimes, I am filled with regret, as if I wasn't a good enough girlfriend. How can I be happy again without faking it? — **Lost in My Heart**

Dear Lost: This has nothing to do with your value as a girlfriend. Luke was simply not the right guy. He didn't have the courage to break things off in an honest way and made himself repeatedly unavailable, hoping you'd take the initiative and let him go. It is natural for you to grieve the end of a relationship that you expected to last. Surround yourself with supportive friends and family, pamper yourself, and "fake it until you make it." Time will heal this. We promise.

Dear Annie: I used to keep in touch with my grandchildren via email, but lately, they have not been answering my letters. Their parents told me that teenagers prefer to "text" rather than email.

In my technological ignorance, I thought texting was the same as emailing. Just what is texting? — **Technologically Impaired in New York**

Dear New York: Nearly every cellphone has a text function where you can send a typed message to someone else's cellphone. On older models, you may need to check your owner's manual to find out how to do this, and it can also require several keystrokes to get the right letters. But newer smartphones have an icon for messaging right on the screen and a keyboard that appears when you use the function, making texting simple and quick. And the parents are right — most teens prefer it to emailing, although there is a cost involved. If you are interested in getting a new phone, please know that many companies offer tutorials to go with it.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Some Talk, Please" sounded like one I've been writing in my head for a decade.

My husband of 20 years is also great around the house and with our kids, but he prefers groping to actual conversation and can't understand why it doesn't turn me on.

I'm sad that he feels rejected, but I work two jobs and help care for my parents. I'm too tired for sex at the drop of a hat.

He also thinks that when our teenage kids have friends over, it's a great time to escape to the bedroom. I consider that inappropriate.

Can you shed any light on this? — **A Few Words Would Help**

Dear Few Words: Your husband is so focused on his own satisfaction that it apparently cuts off oxygen to his brain. You need to be very specific about what you want from him and offer "rewards" when he complies.

Behavior modification can be a very useful tool.

To our Baha'i readers: Happy Ayyam-i-Ha.

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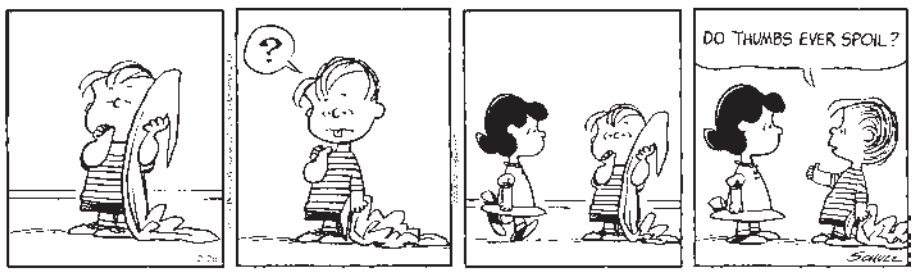

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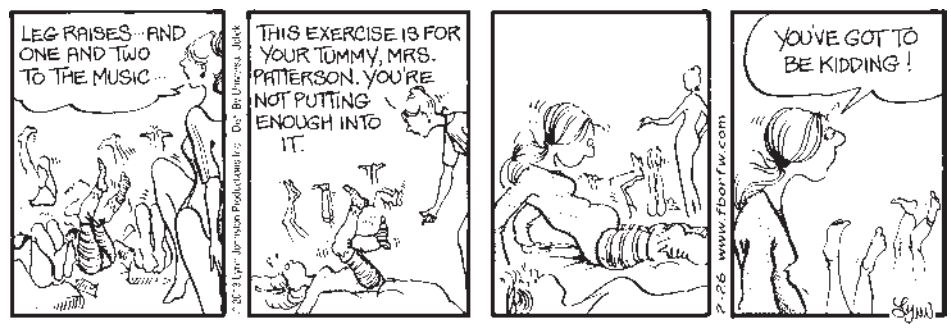
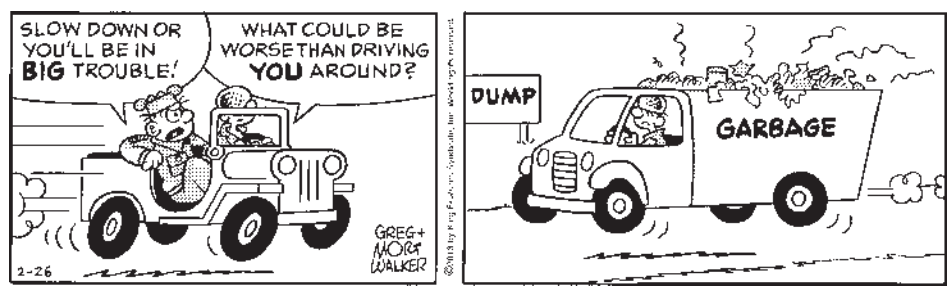


Sally Forth

Beetle Bailey



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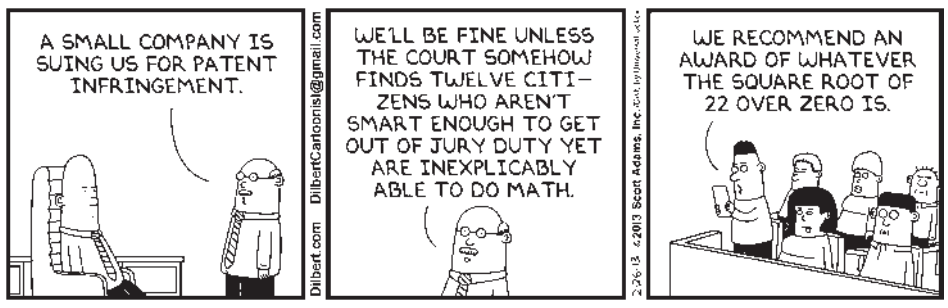
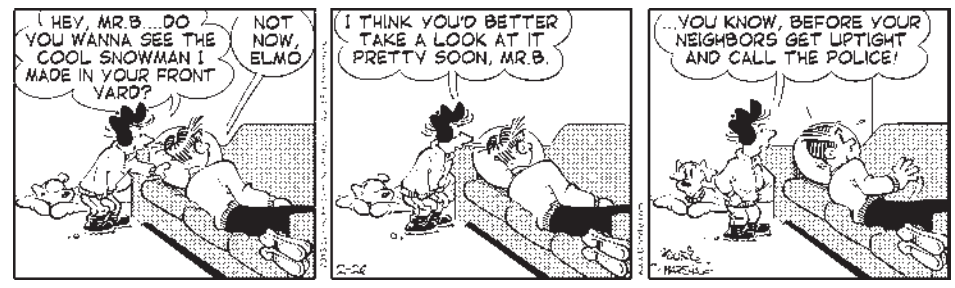


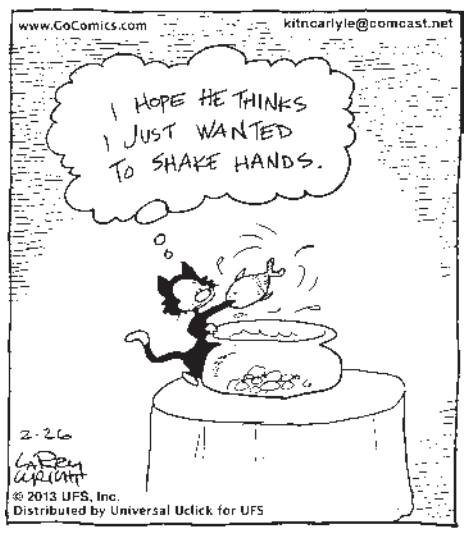
The Grizzwells

The Born Loser

Blondie



Kit 'N' Carlyle



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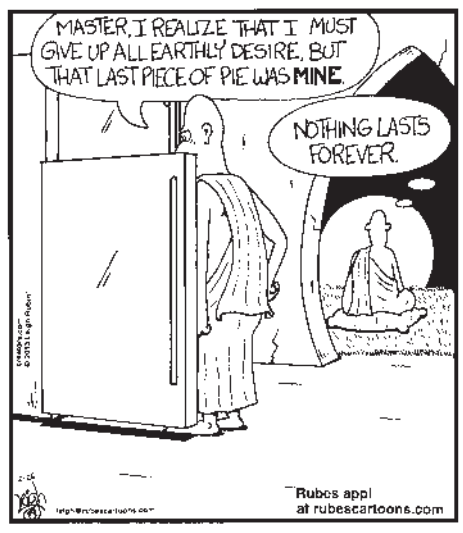
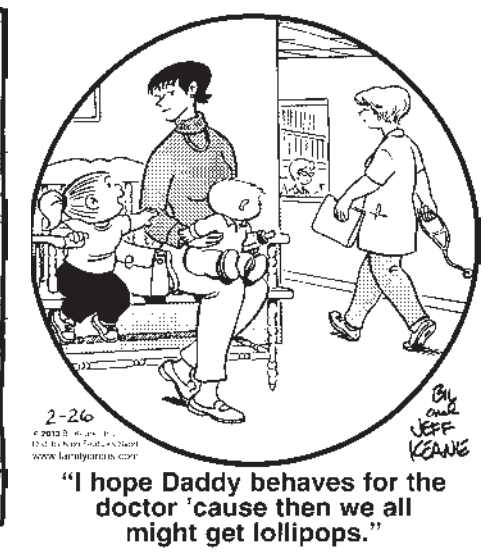


Dennis the Menace

"I DON'T LIKE BLUE CHEESE. DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER COLOR? LIKE YELLOW?"

The Family Circus



"I hope Daddy behaves for the doctor 'cause then we all might get lollipops."

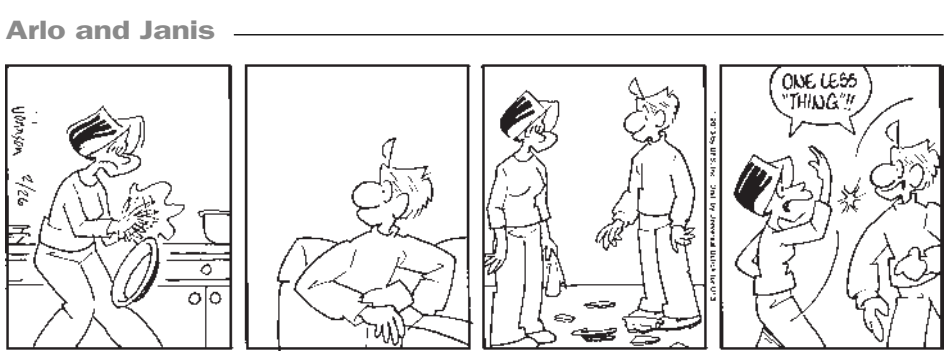
Doonesbury Flashback

Betty

Big Nate

Frank & Ernest

Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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"Snitch" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) In 3D. 1:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. No passes.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) 4:45 p.m.
"Safe Haven" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
"A Good Day to Die Hard" (R) 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
"Beautiful Creatures" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
"Identity Thief" (R) 1:25 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:25 p.m.

Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864

"Dark Skies" (PG-13) 2 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 8 p.m.
"Snitch" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) In 3D. 1:25 p.m., 7:05 p.m. No passes.
"Escape from Planet Earth" (PG) 4:20 p.m.
"Beautiful Creatures" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7 p.m.
"Safe Haven" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
"A Good Day to Die Hard" (R) 1:55 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
"Side Effects" (R) 1:40 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
"Identity Thief" (R) 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"Warm Bodies" (PG-13) 1:50 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

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WFJV-FM 103.3 '50s to '70s
WRZN-AM 720 Adult Mix

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: W equals T

"KNZ UZJK JLBZGKBJK BJ AWZG KA

ZOWZDBZGLZ XGC UZSBGJ TBKN

DAYXGLZ — KNZ BCZX KNXK

XGFKNBGS BJ WAJJBUVZ." — DXF

UDXCUHDF

Previous Solution: "The difference between critics and audiences is that one is a group of humans and one is not." — Edward Albee

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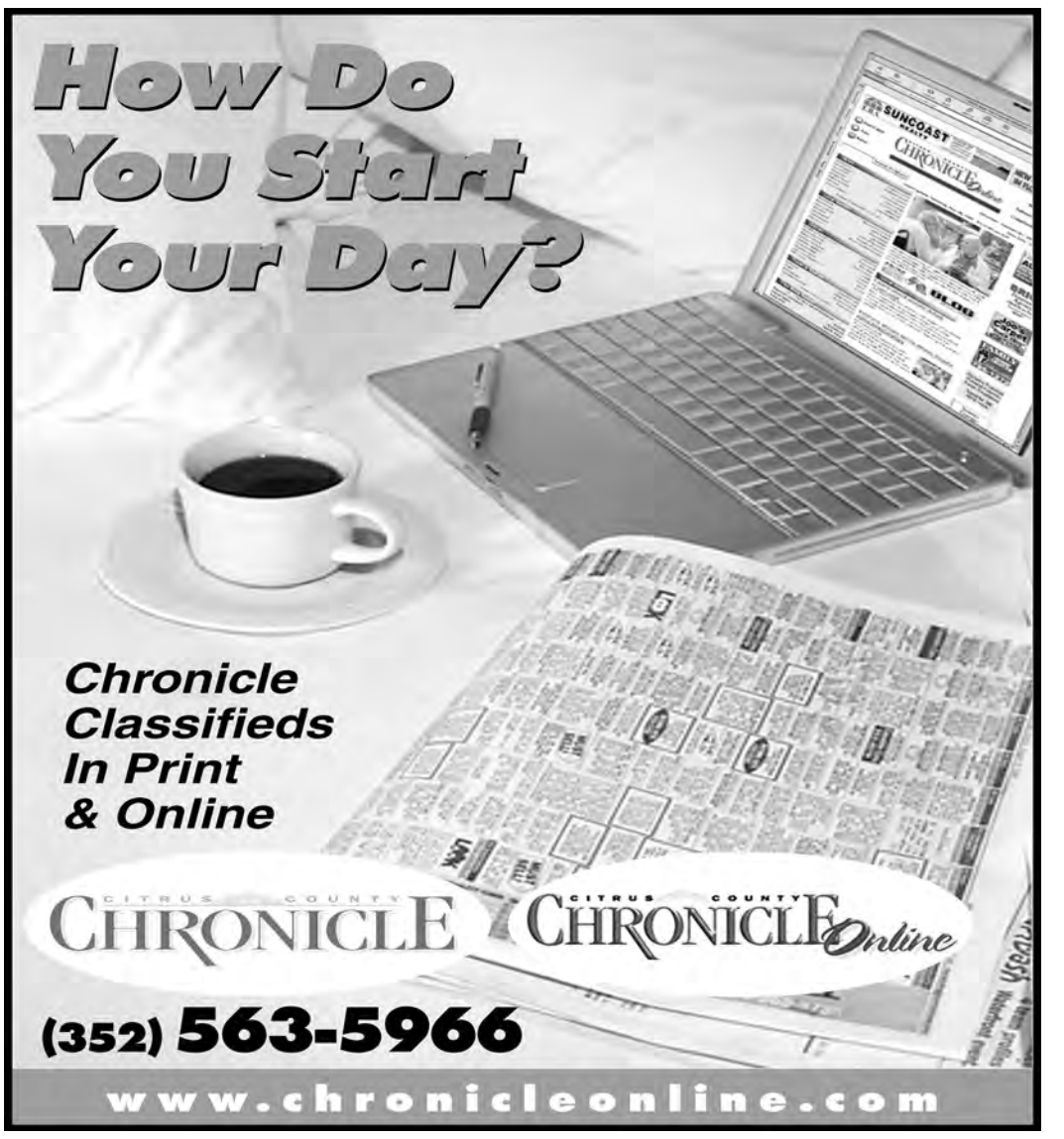

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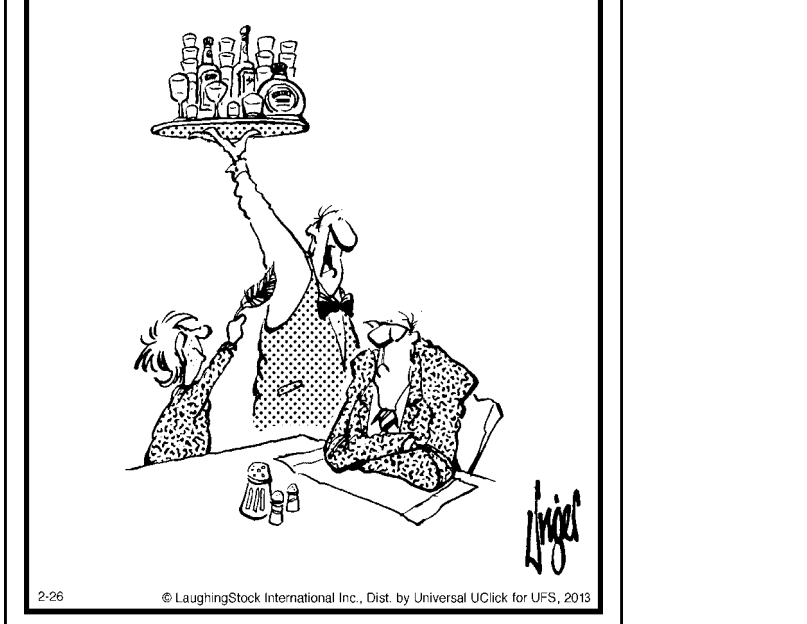

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK FRANK STRAFER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Frederick Frank Strafer, deceased, whose date of death was September 14, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2012 CP 514; the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 19, 2013.

Personal Representative:
Ethel Boatright Strafer
P.O. Box 1353, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Thomas M. VanNess, Jr., Esq. , Florida Bar No. 0857750
VanNess & VanNess, P.A., 1205 North Meeting Tree Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429
1-352-795-1444, tmv@vannesspa.com
February 19 & 26, 2013.

538-0226 TUCRN
William Michael Price File No: 2012-CP-733 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.:2012-CP-733

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM MICHAEL PRICE,
Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of William Michael Price, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 19, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/Stephanie A. Mayernik
7315 North Waterfall Terrace, Dunnellon, Florida 34434

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Megan T. Fitzpatrick, Esq.
213 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450-4239
352-726-1821, Florida Bar No. 84987
Published two (2) times in the Citrus County Chronicle February 19 & 26, 2013.

540-0226 TUCRN
Tomasita . Kennedy File No: 2013CP0009 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY,FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2013CP0009 Division **IN**

RE: ESTATE OF TOMASITA M. KENNEDY
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Tomasita M. Kennedy, deceased, whose date of death was November 28, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4299. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 19, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/Fred Martinez
1660 Gulf Blvd., #708, Clearwater, Florida 33767

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/Cynthia J. McMillen, Attorney for Fred Martinez, Florida Bar No. 351581 Law Offices of Joseph F. Pippen, Jr. & Associates, PL, 1920 East Bay Drive Largo, FL 33771, Telephone: (727) 586-3306, Primary E-Mail Address: Cynthia@attypip.com, Secondary E-Mail Address: Suzie@attypip.com
February 19 & 26, 2013.

542-0305 TUCRN
Revilo Chase Watkins File No: 2012CP755 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.:2012CP755 Division Probate

IN RE: **ESTATE OF REVILO CHASE WATKINS**

Cars

CADILLAC 2011 CTS, LOADED ONLY 15K MILES, SUNROOF $27,850 **352-628-5100**

CHEVROLET 1999, Camaro, Convertible $6,990. **352-341-0018**

CHEVY VETTE, 02 Convert. Royal Blue, Saddle oak int. 16k mi, Gar, Mint, $23,900 obo call **352-489-1700**

CHRYSLER 2006 PT Cruiser conv.... weather is getting nice...time to drop the top...call **352-628-4600** to set appointment to see

FORD 1995 Escort wagon 4cyl., Auto, **call 352-628-4600 for low price and appointment**

FORD 2005, Focus $4,850. 352-341-0018

FORD 2010, Pruis, $17,995. 352-341-0018

FORD 2011 FIESTA SDN 36K MILES, "S" MODEL, ONE OWNER $9950, **352-628-5100**

HONDA 2010 ACCORD LX, **85K MILES, NICE, $12,850** 352-628-5110

LINCOLN Towncar 2010 29,900mi, gold w/beige vinyl top, white leather asking, $24,900 **352-476-5061**

MERCURY 2001 Grand Marquis 107K mi, looks & runs good, AC, good tires $2995 **850-653-5497**

MINI COOPER 2008 2DR, HARDTOP ONLY 20K MILES, SUPER CLEAN $13980, **352-628-5100**

MONEY'S TIGHT! PRICES R RIGHT! BUY-SELL-RENT-Car-Truck-Boat-RV **consignmentusa.org US 19 BY AIRPORT, CR 461-4518 & 795-4440**

NISSAN 2005, Altima $5,895 352-341-0018

PONTIAC 2003 Bonneville, must SE, V6, pw....pl....priced to sell.....call jan at **352-628-4600 for appointment and pricing**

Classic Vehicles

2002 JAGUAR XJR 4 DR, $7200. Super Charged 4.0 V-8, exc cond, auto trans, leather int, AC, power sun roof, XJR Sport Pkg, factory chrome wheels **(352) 637-6443**

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

Classic Vehicles

AUTO SWAP/ Corral CAR Show Sumter County Fairgrounds SUMTER SWAP MEETS SUN. MAR 3, '13 1-800-438-8559

CHEVY '87, S10 Blazer, excel. cond. 87K org. mi. on body, 22K on engine $1,700 obo 795-9187

Tell that special person " Happy Birthday " with a classified ad under Happy Notes. Only $28.50 includes a photo

Call our Classified Dept for details 352-563-5966

Trucks

2002 Ford F150 Sport 4X4 Super Cab 4 Dr, Auto, Black, 5.4 V8, Runs Great. $5500 (352) 257-3894 Cell (352) 794-6069 Office

CHEVROLET 98, 1500 long box, 4.3 V6, auto, air,14,500 orig. miles, Grg kept, **$8700 352-212-4678**

FORD 1997 F250 V8 4.6L Auto XL Supercab A/C Cruise Toolbox 139,000 mi. $3850 352-212-9415

FORD 2004, Ranger $7,990 352-341-0018

FORD F150, 1978, 4 x 4 Runs good, 6" Lift kit, $1,650 obo (352) 564-4598

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SOLD

CHEVROLET 2001 S10 Pickup - Ext. Cab, no rust, no dents, very clean, white, low mileage

Sport/Utility Vehicles

HONDA 1997 CRV, priced to sell....it's a honda auto, pwr windows **call 352-628-4600 for special newspaper pricing**

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

Sport/Utility Vehicles

BUICK
2005 RANIER
46K MILES, CXL
LIKE NEW
$9850, **352-628-5100**

KIA
2012 SOUL
ONLY 7K MILES
$15,800 **352-628-5100**

SUBARU
2011 FORESTER
29K MILES
ONE OWNER
$17850, **352-628-5100**

TOYOTA
1997 RAV 4
ONLY 89K MILES,
NICE $5850,
352-628-5100

4x4s

JEEP
2000, Grand Cherokee 4x4, V8 pw, pl, priced to low to list.....call adam at **352-628-4600 for appointment**

Vans

FORD
1994 AreoStar XLT good cond, clean, cold air, ready to roll
352-637-0441

ATVs

BAD BOY BUGGIE
2011 "ready to hunt"
Only $5998.
(352) 621-3678

POLARIS
2002, SPORTSMAN 700 CC 4X4 AUTO READY FOR THE MUD ONLY $4288
(352) 621-3678

POLARIS RZR 800 LE
TIME TO PLAY HARD
ONLY $8388
(352) 621-3678

Motorcycles

CASH PAID FOR JUNK MOTORCYCLES
352-942-3492

Harley Davidson
2005, 883
LOW MILES
$3,995.

Harley Davidson
2006, STREET GLIDE
EZ FINANCE
$11,500.

HONDA
2009, VT750 AERO,
CLEAN
$4,995.

SUZUKI
2001, VOLUSIA
EZ FINANCE
$2,995.

KAWASAKI
1999, NOMAD
RUNS GREAT
$3,800.

LUCKY U CYCLES
352-330-0047
WWW.LUCKYU CYCLES.COM

Harley Davidson
2009 Street Glide
Black, 20k, many extras
$18,500 firm, pls call
****352-422-5448****

HARLY DAVIDSON
08, 1200cc Sportster
classic 976mi. show-room condition, $9500
(352) 447-1244

HONDA BLACK BIRD CBR 1100 LOW LOW MILES ONLY $3488.00
(352) 621-3678

HONDA ST1300
2006 MADE TO TOUR
ONLY $7786
(352) 621-3678

KAWASKI NINFA 650
LIKE NEW ONLY
$5488 (352) 621-3678

KYMCO
2009, AJILITY SCOOTER GREAT GAS SAVER ONLY
$998 **(352) 621-3678**

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$4686 **(352) 621-3678**

SUZUKI GSXR 750
195 MILES "HOLD ON"
ONLY $9996
(352) 621-3678

VICTORY CROSS ROADS
"GREAT American MADE CRUSIER"
ONLY $12888
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Lien Notices

547-0226
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the vehicle(s) below under Florida Statutes 713.78. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the premises where said vehicle(s) have been stored and which is located at Adam's 24 Hr Towing, 6403 W. Homosassa Trail, Homosassa,Citrus County, Florida the following:
DOS: 03/09/13 @ 8 AM
1997 NISSAN VIN# 1N4AB41N0VC714942
DOS: 03/11/13 @ 8AM
1998 MERC VIN# 1N4AB41N0VC714942
Purchase must be paid for at the time of sale in cash only. Vehicle(s) sold as is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement, between owner & obligated party.
February 26, 2013.

Fictitious Name Notices

546-0305 TUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Name
NOTICE IS

HEREBY GIVEN, that the Undersigned, Doing business as: Alluring Lawn Care at 3474 S. Apopka Ave., Inverness, Florida 34452 with a mailing address of 3474 S. Apopka Ave., Inverness, Florida 34452 desiring to engage in business under a fictitious name intends to register said name with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida.
DATED this 22nd day of February, 2013
/s/Timothy Messere
February 26, 2013

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of REVILO CHASE WATKINS, deceased, File Number 2012CP755, by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 that REVILO CHASE WATKINS (the Decedent) died on August 12, 2012; that the total value of the estate is $16,979.00 and consists only of the Decedent's protected homestead. The names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
Jacquelyn R. Swartz	3 A Park Place Milltown, NJ 08850
Cindy L. Warringer	441 Fyler Rd. Kirkville, New York 13082
William Watkins	7561 Sugarwood Lane North Syracuse, New York 13212

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the Decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is February 26, 2013.
Person Giving Notice:
/s/Jacquelyn R. Swartz
3 A Park Place, Milltown, New Jersey 08850
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
/s/Thomas E. Slaymaker, Florida Bar Number: 398535
Slaymaker and Nelson, P.A., 2218 Highway 44 West, Inverness, Florida 34453
Telephone: (352) 726 6129, Fax: (352) 726 0223
E-Mail: tom@slaymakerlaw.com, Secondary E-Mail: kathe@slaymakerlaw.com
February 26 & March 5, 2013.

543-0305 TUCRN
James Everett Larkin, Jr. File No: 2013-CP-27 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.2013-CP-27
IN RE: ESTATE of JAMES EVERETT LARKIN, JR.
DECEASED,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of James Everett Larkin, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was December 5, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 26, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/Susan L. Hathaway
531 Fairhill Road, Hatfield, PA 19440
Attorney for Personal Representative
BRADSHAW & MOUNTJOY, P.A., Florida Bar Number: 157310
/s/Michael Mountjoy, Esquire
209 Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL 34450, Telephone: (352) 726-1211
February 26 & March 5, 2013.

544-0305 TUCRN
Estate of Gregory Erle Vincent File No: 2013-CP-16 (Summ. Admin.)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2013-CP-16 Division: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF GREGORY ERLE VINCENT
DECEASED,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of GREGORY ERLE VINCENT, deceased, File Number 2013-CP-16, by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450; that the decedent's date of death was December 21, 2012; that the total value of the estate is $52,256.68 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
David Erle Vincent	7171 N. Ireland Dr. Citrus Springs, FL 34434
Charles Brian Vincent	8169 N. Vince Dr. Citrus Springs, FL 34434

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 26, 2013.
Person Giving Notice:
/s/ DAVID ERLE VINCENT
7171 N. Ireland Dr., Citrus Springs, FL 34434
/s/ CHARLES BRIAN VINCENT
8169 N. Vince Dr., Citrus Springs, FL 34434
Attorney for Persons Giving Notice:
/s/ Marie T. Blume , Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 0493181 P.O. Box 2763, Inverness, Florida 34451, Telephone: (352) 726-7778
February 26 & March 5, 2013.

545-0305 TUCRN
Beverly A. Vines File No: 2013-CP-61 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.2013-CP-61
IN RE: ESTATE of BEVERLY A. VINES,
DECEASED,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of Beverly A. Vines, deceased, File Number 2013-CP-61, by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450; that the decedent's date of death was December 12, 2012; that the total value of the estate is $3,100.00 and that the names and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Charles Sutter -14 23rd Avenue College Point, NY 11356	Florence Davis 101 Kimberly Way Grants Pass, Oregon 97526	126
Scott Sutter - 14 23rd Avenue College Point, NY 11356	Patricia Massari 1668 W. Datura Lane Citrus Springs, FL 34434	126
Steven Sutter 14 Hillside Drive New Fairfield, CT 06812		

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW.
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WITH BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is February 26, 2013.
Person Giving Notice:
/s/Charles Sutter
126 - 14 23rd Avenue, College Point, NY 11356
Attorney for Person Giving Notice
BRADSHAW & MOUNTJOY, P.A.
/s/Michael Mountjoy, Esquire, Florida Bar Number: 157310 209 Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL 34450, Telephone: (352) 726-1211
February 26 & March 5, 2013.

548-0305 TUCRN
Laverne A. Stiles File No: 2012 CP 750 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2012 CP 750 Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF LAVERNE A. STILES,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LAVERNE A. STILES, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2012; File Number 2012 CP 750 is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is February 26, 2013.
Signed on February 22, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/KAMES P. HINES, JR.
315 Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606
Attorney for Personal Representatives:
/s/ Robert D. Hines, Email: rhines@hnh-law.com Florida Bar No. 0413550
Hines Norman Hines, P.L. 1312 W Fletcher Ave., Suite B, Tampa, FL 33612
Telephone: (813) 265-0100
Published in Citrus County Chronicle, February 26 & March 5, 2013.

Bid Notices

921-0302 WeekCRN
Twin Rivers 3-7 Bids
PUBLIC NOTICE

Twin Rivers Marina will be accepting bids for drive area resurfacing on or before 2:00pm, March 7, 2013 at the business office located at 2880 N. Seabreeze point, Crystal River, Florida 34429. Plans and Specifications can be obtained during normal weekday business hours from the Marina Manager on site. Twin Rivers Marina reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Only bids coming from qualified and licensed firms will be considered.

Scope is as follows: Regrade and compact existing surface area of approximately 1820 SY for positive drainage. Supply and install 3" of compacted fresh asphalt millings over entire area (1820 SY) to create new surface free of defects and grading in such a way to create a positive drainage surface. All completed, inspected and excepted by owners Rep.
February 25, 26, 27, 28 & March 1 & 2, 2013.

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