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# Community bounty



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

**Melissa McClinnis and helper Jeff Adams, center, of Inverness are assisted by volunteer William Wagstaff as they gather much-needed food from the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance giveaway Saturday morning at the Walmart parking lot in Inverness.**

## Families benefit from annual Thanksgiving food giveaway

MIKE WRIGHT  
Staff writer

**E**leather Ruiz worked hard her entire life, raised four boys and always had enough for a scrumptious Thanksgiving meal.

This year, though, times are little tougher for the 67-year-old Crystal River woman, a former Jones Restaurant cook, who said her Social Security is \$1 a week too much to qualify for food stamps.

So Ruiz, known better locally for her former last name, Brooks, found herself at the Inverness Walmart parking lot Saturday morning stocking up on turkey, beans and rice, and plenty of fresh vegetables thanks to a massive community wide project known as the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance.

"This is my first year," Ruiz said, after being escorted to her car by Circuit Court Judge Patricia Thomas, one of more than 200 volunteers on hand for the annual food giveaway. "It's a blessing to have Thanksgiving. So many people do care."

The Thanksgiving food giveaway is in its 10th year — or 12th, or 15th, depending on which organizer is doing the talking.

It started by the Rev. Doug Alexander, pastor of The New Church Without Walls, and his church membership giving away free turkeys in old Walmart parking lot.

At that time anyone who wanted a turkey could show up —



**Idalia Rodriguez from Citrus Springs discusses some legal issues with volunteer Tommy Blackmon from Legal Services of Inverness as her 7-year-old son, Nehemiah (aka The Spider-Man), looks on.**

and they did, in large numbers.

Soon, Alexander enlisted help from other agencies, such as the Salvation Army, and the Thanksgiving Food Alliance was born.

About 1,000 families received turkey and the fixin's Saturday at the Walmart and the We Care Food Pantry in Homosassa.

It's an organized effort. Using The Salvation Army's criteria, families must meet minimum

income levels to qualify. Most attending Saturday had pre-qualified and were given specific times to show up, to avoid a crush of people in the early morning.

Still, Alexander said, some came early anyway.

"When I got here at 5:30, there were some people in line," he said.

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## Dems reach breaking point on filibusters

CHARLES  
BABINGTON  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — As Democrats watched Senate Republicans use filibuster powers to thwart more and more of President Barack Obama's agenda and nominees, they wondered how much worse it could get.

They finally reached a breaking point this past week when party leaders concluded that what they called GOP obstruction had made a mockery of American democracy.

The Senate vote Thursday to curb some filibuster powers, after years of hesitation, will go down as a singular moment. Historians may view it as an inevitable step in the relentless

### News ANALYSIS



**Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin of Illinois, speak Thursday during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington after a vote to weaken filibusters and make it harder for Republicans to block confirmation of the president's nominees for judges and other top posts.**

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# Adams seeks ethics ruling

MIKE WRIGHT  
Staff writer

Citrus County Commissioner Scott Adams is again seeking direction from the state ethics commission to solve a potential dilemma — his own.



Scott  
Adams  
Citrus County  
landfill  
commissioner.

Adams wants an opinion from the state whether he has a conflict of interest in co-owning a Sumter County landfill that could have business ties to Citrus County government.

Adams said he will meet this week with acting county attorney Kerry Parsons to develop a list of questions for the ethics commission so he knows what he can or cannot do as a commissioner.

"I'm smart enough that if anybody's got any questions we need to talk about it," Adams said.

The issue arose during Tuesday's county commission meeting when the county commission approved an interlocal agreement with Hernando County to transfer garbage if a declared emergency temporarily shuts down either county's landfill.

Adams said he thought the proposed Hernando County tipping fees were excessive and that the county could probably get

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# Point of order

## Speaking rules leave some dumbfounded

CHRIS VAN ORMER  
Staff writer

One county resident who regularly attends meetings of the county commission has expressed bewilderment at its interpretation of its new Public Participation Ordinance.

Confusion started when the board took public comment at the beginning of its Nov. 19 meeting when it did not have a chairman to direct the comments. Commissioner Joe Meek's chairmanship had expired and electing his replacement was the second item on the agenda, after taking public comment, which by ordinance has to precede all business, including electing the new board officers.

The recently enacted Public Participation Ordinance allows the public to speak at commission meetings before business starts, to comment on items that are not on the published agenda and to take part in public hearing discussions, but not offer comment on motions before the board, a previous practice.

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# Cocaine bust derails fledgling GOP congressman

*Associated Press*

FORT MYERS — From the outset, U.S. Rep. Trey Radel — a brash and digitally savvy darling of the political right — was determined to make a name for himself. And so he has.

Just 10 months after being sworn in as a member of Congress, the rookie Republican — who supported drug testing for food stamp recipients and championed cuts in sheep-farm subsidies, of all things — pleaded guilty to cocaine possession, took a leave of absence from politics and checked into a Naples rehabilitation center. It was his purchase of 3.5 grams of cocaine from an undercover officer in Washington's Dupont Circle neighborhood last month that caused it all to unravel.

In a flash, an ambitious lawmaker known to few outside southwest Florida became America's "Cocaine Congressman," the first sitting member of Congress to be charged with a drug offense in more than three decades.

"I hope, like family, southwest Florida can forgive me for this. I've let them down," Radel, 37, said in an emotional late-

night press conference Wednesday that marked an embarrassing retreat from public view. "But I do believe in faith, forgiveness and redemption."

The unseemly distinction of a drug arrest has derailed a promising political career and divided this quiet stretch of golf courses and retirement communities with the force of a hurricane. The largest daily newspapers and a growing number of Republican leaders in the district, which includes the Gulf Coast communities of Fort Myers and Naples, are demanding his resignation. Potential challengers are openly weighing primary bids. And late-night talk show hosts are once again focused on Florida.

"I can't wait for the School House Rock on how a bill becomes a straw," cracked Jon Stewart on "The Daily Show."

Whether Radel remains a politician or a punch line is an open question. His office hasn't answered questions from The Associated Press since his Wednesday news conference.

Radel says he has struggled with drug and alcohol abuse "off and on for years." Mike Adams,



Rep. Henry "Trey" Radel is shown July 9 on Capitol Hill in Washington. Radel pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor cocaine possession.

Radel's first producer on the "Daybreak" morning show, said the two would often talk about cocaine and Radel's backpacking trips through Colombia after he graduated from college.

"I would mention, 'How was the stuff?'" said Adams, who acknowledged

his own struggles with addiction. "And he would say, 'Oh my God, it was phenomenal. Nothing like you get here.'"

By then, Radel was fully ensconced in the tea party movement, emceeing rallies and befriending Republican politicians, including one to allow states to drug-test recipients of food stamps.

gressman, Connie Mack IV. When Mack called him to say he would be leaving the House and running for U.S. Senate, Radel launched his first political campaign.

He was embroiled in a bruising, six-way GOP primary, openly targeting opponents on the Internet and facing criticism for his firm's ownership of explicitly named websites. But he was backed by the local tea party movement and Republican luminaries, including Mack and Sen. Marco Rubio, and clinched the GOP nomination. He cruised to victory in November.

In the House, Radel aligned himself with the tea party caucus, supporting conservative measures, including one to allow states to drug-test recipients of food stamps.

One signature piece of legislation was an amendment to slash federal funds for the National Sheep In-

dustry Improvement Center, which gives grants to sheep researchers, shearers in training and sheep-rancher associations. The amendment won enthusiastic support, but the legislation to which it was attached died.

Then, on Oct. 29, Radel attempted to buy \$250 worth of cocaine from an undercover police officer in a Washington, D.C., neighborhood.

For the next three weeks, Radel didn't skip a beat. He held a re-election fundraiser at a Naples country club, continued to cast votes and bashed "Obamacare" on Twitter. He did not tell House leaders about the bust until Tuesday, when reporters broke the news about the case.

On Wednesday, he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge and was sentenced to a year's probation.

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## Around the STATE

### Citrus County

#### Looking for a Thanksgiving meal?

The Chronicle is compiling a list of restaurants that will be open Thanksgiving Day.

The following restaurants will be open:

**DILLON'S CINNAMON STICKS**, 727 U.S. 41, Inverness, in front of Central Motel, 352-419-7914. Reservations suggested. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**MAMA SALLY'S**, 137 U.S. 19 North, Inglis, 352-447-5102. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**MULLET HOLE TAVERN**, 631 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River, 352-564-0902. Reservations required. Open from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SABINAS DINER**, 2400 N. Florida Ave., Hernando, 352-637-1308. No reservation needed. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**SEAGRASS WATERFRONT RESTAURANT**, 10386 W. Halls River Road, Homosassa, 352-503-2007. Reservations preferred. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**SHRIMP LANDING**, 48 U.S. 19 South, Inglis, 352-447-5201. Open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations requested.

**YANNI'S RESTAURANT**, 3297 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, 352-503-6853. Open from noon to 8 p.m.

Representatives of other restaurants open on Thanksgiving should email Editor Mike Arnold at [mamold@chronicleonline.com](mailto:mamold@chronicleonline.com) or call Rita Cammarata in the news department at 352-563-5660 by 4:30 p.m. Monday.

**Register now for CUB's holiday programs**

Citrus United Basket is accepting registrations for its Christmas Food Program for families and Christmas Toy Program for children up to and including 13 years of age.

Registered names will be cross-checked with sister agencies, which also provide Christmas toys, to ensure fair distribution of toys to every qualified child. Proof of Citrus County residency is required.

Those who sign up will also need: Social Security card for each member of the household; photo identification to validate residency; birth certificate, immunization record or report card of children; and, for custodians, documentation to validate legal custody.

Registration is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 103 Mill Ave., Inverness. For information, call 352-344-2242.

### Sumter County

#### Multi-vehicle accident claims life

A 34-year-old Sumterfield man died Friday night when a car driven by a 92-year-old man crashed into the rear of his motorcycle on State Road 44 about two miles west of Interstate 75.

The deceased man's name is being withheld by the Florida Highway Patrol pending notification of next of kin.

An FHP report said the motorcyclist was west-bound on S.R. 44. The driver of the car behind him, Frank Biondi of Lake Panasoffkee, did not slow or stop for the motorcycle and rear-ended it, ejecting the motorcyclist.

Two vehicles struck the motorcyclist. A fifth car, driven by Aldona Michalina Ferraro, 56, of Hernando, struck the overturned motorcycle. The motorcycle driver died at the scene, according to the FHP.

FHP is investigating the 6:30 p.m. accident.

—From staff reports

## 'Suspicious' fire destroys Hernando home

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
*Chronicle*

A Hernando home was destroyed by fire Friday night and authorities are

considering the blaze suspicious.

Citrus County Sheriff's Fire Rescue responded to the 10:49 p.m. fire at 3677 E. Squaw Valley Drive to

find the 1,000-square-foot house fully involved with a second structure in danger. Firefighters brought the fire under control by 11:11 p.m. and the second

structure was not damaged, a news release stated.

No one was home at the time. The house and its contents were valued at

\$57,750.

The state Fire Marshal's office was called to investigate "due to the fire being suspicious in nature," the release stated.



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

**Davey Hazard has full control of his No. 75 kart as he rounds the turn at East Main Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue heading into the straightaway. For more photos from the Grand Prix, click on this story at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).**



**The third annual Inverness Grand Prix and Motorsports Festival got under way Saturday, with go-karts racing around the new courthouse at speeds approaching 70 mph, according to the announcer for the event.**

## Vroom!

### Grand Prix returns to downtown Inverness

**A**bout 1,500 to 2,000 people came out for exciting go-kart racing Saturday during the third annual Inverness Grand Prix and Motorsports Festival on the Courthouse Square. This year's race included several new safety measures designed to protect drivers and spectators alike. A waist-high mesh screen surrounded the length of the course, dividing spectators from the roadway. And the city invested about \$8,000 in durable plastic barriers at every turn to complement hay bales, which kept skidding carts from crashing. "The crowd is more than double last year," City Manager Frank DiGiovanni said. "This is exhilarating."

—Mike Wright



**Jacob Rose finishes his pre-qualifying race ahead of Justin Strickland at the finish line.**

## United Way puts woman in the driver's seat

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
*Staff writer*

HOMOSASSA — Getting herself to class on time won't be much of an issue for Brenda Richards, now that she's a car owner.

On Thursday, Richards took the keys to a 2003 Toyota Corolla with 50,000 miles on the odometer as part of a United Way of Citrus County program to provide cars to people who can use them to improve their lives.

Amy Meek, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Citrus — a nonprofit organization that works in a coalition of charitable groups to pool fundraising and support — described how Richards was chosen to receive the car.

"Brenda is working at WTI," Meek said, referring to Withlacoochee Technical Institute. "United Way was able to help her with her GED. She earned her GED. She will start a new program in January: automotive service development. To get her GED, she's been catching a ride with a friend."

The GED class schedule was a little easier to attend than the schedule Richards will start in January.

"It's five days a week, full time," Meek said. "So she needs this car. She needs to depend on her own transportation to get there every day. That's why she's such a great candidate, because we know this is the catalyst to more success for her future."

Brenda Richards is all smiles as she checks out her new 2003 Toyota Corolla.

STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Ron Deak, general manager of Village Toyota, said he wanted occasionally to give a car to someone who needed it.

"Someone who didn't have a shot," Deak said. "They just needed a little boost. I wanted to give a car away, but I didn't know who to give it to."

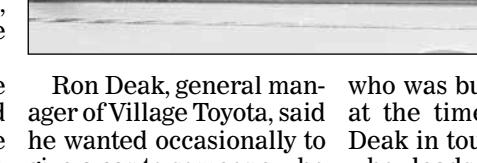
Deak said he spoke about his predicament to County Commission Chairman John "JJ" Kenney.

Kenney put Deak in touch with Meek, who leads a panel that chooses recipients of cars. The panel includes Amy Engelken, the county's Department of Community Services director; Heidi Blanchette, director of the county's Housing Services Division; and Sam Diminno, Veterans Services officer. The panel makes sure the cars are given to people who will use them to improve their lives.

Need is just one of the assessment criteria. "We also look at their income to make sure they can sustain the car with insurance and repairs," Blanchette said. "That's an important factor."

A charitable agency within the United Way coalition recommends a person to the panel. Its members then go through applications, select one and present it to Deak, who finds a car to offer.

As Richards will study to become a mechanic, Deak also showed her around his dealership's service area and hinted she should apply for a vacancy when she becomes qualified.



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## Today's HOROSCOPES

**Birthday** — Home and living conditions should be your focus this year. Add to your comfort and share your space with people who contribute to your happiness. Open-mindedness will lead to skills to acquire a better position.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Money matters may limit what you can and cannot do. You are best to take care of your debts before you take on more responsibilities.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Send out your resume or set up a plan that will help you earn more money. An investment must not be allowed to limit your cash flow.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Keep a close watch over what transpires around you. Let your heart lead the way and impulses take over.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Get together with old friends or colleagues. The discussions that unfold will help you make choices that will improve your financial and personal situation.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Restlessness will take over if you aren't busy. Get out of the house and do whatever makes you feel good or adds to your skills or confidence.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Participate, take action and do the things that enhance your relationships with key people in your life. Refuse to let an emotional situation ruin your day.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — A change in the way you do things or the people you hang out with will give you an idea of what can be accomplished. Home improvements will be a good place to start.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — With a little extra effort and physical force, you will receive recognition and good fortune. There are profits to be made, and unique contributions will boost your reputation.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Walk away from trouble. You will benefit far more from doing what works for you and letting others fend for themselves.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Attend an event that is geared toward a personal interest. Discuss plans that include travel or positive lifestyle changes.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Nurture and improve personal relationships. Offer help or compromise in a situation that requires keeping the peace to avoid a costly casualty.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Travel plans or taking part in a challenge or physical activity will add to your pleasure.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## 1893 recording auctioned off

**BIDDEFORD**, Maine — A 120-year-old wax-covered cylinder containing the earliest known recording of a black vocal group in the U.S. was sold at auction Saturday.

Discovered in a private collection in Portland, the 1893 recording of "Mama's Black Baby Boy" by the New York-based Unique Quartet was one of only two copies known to exist and sold for \$1,100. The other resides in the Library of Congress.

A second Unique Quartet song, "Who Broke the Lock (on the Henhouse Door?)" from 1896, sold at the same auction for \$1,900. The same buyer purchased both recordings, which pre-date vinyl records.

The recordings were so rare that auctioneers at Saco River Auction Co. had no idea how much they might fetch. An appraiser had suggested they were worth \$25,000 or more each before the auction.

The cylinder recordings were played on an early-style phonograph that had the appearance of a Victrola-style player. But the music was etched in wax on cylinders instead of in the grooves of vinyl records, which were popular throughout the 20th century.

The wax was so fragile that auctioneers didn't dare try to play them.

### DeGeneres has Oscarcast goal

**LOS ANGELES** — Ellen DeGeneres has high aspirations for her second time around hosting the Oscars.

"It reached the world," the talk show host said of her well-received 2007 Oscarcast. "And I'm trying to get world peace. So, that's my goal. My hope is by hosting the Academy Awards, right afterward, we have world peace."

DeGeneres may have been exaggerating but there's no overstating her enthusiasm for the upcoming March 2 gig.

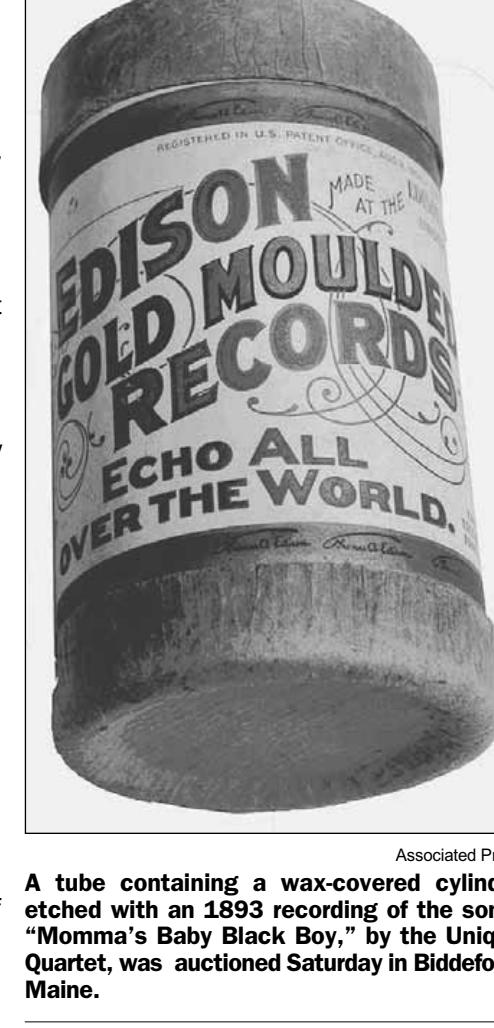
"I know a lot of those people," she said of the Oscar audience. "They're on my show a lot. I love the whole business. ... I get to play with all those people in the audience and make people happy, and, hopefully, relax them."

DeGeneres made her comments Friday while attending a Toys for Tots event in Los Angeles.

### Willie Nelson's band bus wrecks

**SULPHUR SPRINGS**, Texas — Singer Willie

Nelson has suspended performances until December after three of his band members were hurt when their bus plowed into a bridge pillar in East Texas during rainy conditions.



Associated Press

**A tube containing a wax-covered cylinder etched with an 1893 recording of the song, "Momma's Baby Black Boy," by the Unique Quartet, was auctioned Saturday in Biddeford, Maine.**

The Texas Department of Public Safety said Nelson was not aboard in the weather-related accident around 3:30 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 30 near Sulphur Springs, 75 miles northeast of Dallas.

Nelson spokeswoman Elaine Schock said Paul English broke his ankle, his brother Billy English suffered a bruise hip and Tom Harkin has a cracked or bruised rib.

Nelson has postponed his four remaining November tour dates: Robinsonville and Jackson, Miss.; Fayetteville, Ark.; and Lafayette, La.

Trooper Sylvia Jennings said seven people were on the westbound bus, including the driver who was dealing with wet roads and high winds.

—From wire reports

## Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2013. There are 37 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

### On this date:

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution.

In 1863, the Civil War battle for Lookout Mountain began in Tennessee; Union forces took the mountain from the Confederates.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.

In 1971, hijacker "D.B. Cooper" parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 dollars in ransom — his fate remains unknown.

**Ten years ago:** A jury in Virginia Beach, Virginia, sentenced John Allen Muhammad to death for the Washington-area sniper shootings.

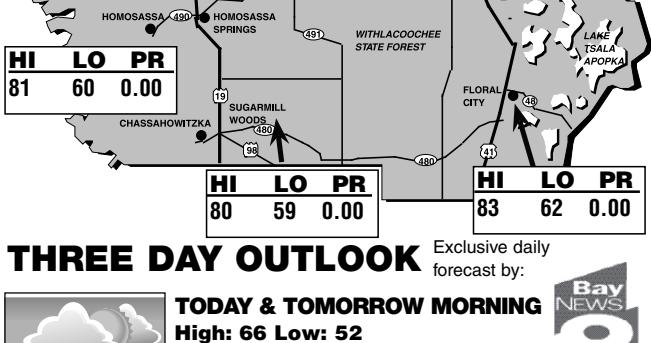
**Five years ago:** Pakistan won final approval for a \$7.6 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund to help stave off a possible economic meltdown.

**One year ago:** Fire raced through a garment factory in Bangladesh that supplied major retailers in the West, killing 112 people.

**Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Johnny Carver is 73. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 71. Singer Lee Michaels is 68. Actor Dwight Schultz is 66. Actor Stanley Livingston is 63. Actress Denise Crosby is 56. Actress Shae D'Lyn is 51. Actor-comedian Scott Krinsky is 45. Actress Danielle Nicolet is 40. Actor Colin Hanks is 36. Actress Katherine Heigl is 35.

**Thought for Today:** "Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold." — Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald, American writer (1900-1948).

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: **Bay NEWS 9**

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 66 Low: 52  
Varily cloudy, breezy and cooler

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
High: 73 Low: 62  
Partly cloudy

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
High: 78 Low: 67  
Scattered thunderstorms likely by evening

## ALMANAC

### TEMPERATURE\*

Saturday 83/60  
Record 85/30  
Normal 77/50  
Mean temp. 72  
Departure from mean +8

### PRECIPITATION\*

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Total for the month 2.19 in.  
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Normal for the year 49.01 in.

\*As of 7 p.m. at Inverness

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

### BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

Saturday at 3 p.m. 30.04 in.

## SOLUNAR TABLES

### DATE DAY MINOR (MORNING) MAJOR (AFTERNOON)

11/24 SUNDAY 10:31 4:20

11/25 MONDAY 11:16 5:06

## CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:33 P.M.

SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:02 A.M.

MOONRISE TODAY 11:43 P.M.

MOONSET TODAY 12:01 P.M.

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Sunday High/Low Monday High/Low

8:55 a.m./6:06 a.m. 10:28 p.m./5:36 p.m.

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5:03 a.m./12:16 a.m. 6:36 p.m./12:46 p.m.

8:05 a.m./4:05 a.m. 9:38 p.m./4:35 p.m.

10:01 a.m./6:06 a.m. 11:19 p.m./6:28 p.m.

6:09 a.m./1:16 a.m. 7:27 p.m./1:38 p.m.

4:31 a.m./11:50 a.m. 10:29 p.m./5:27 p.m.

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Holder	79	60	c	Orlando	69	53	pc
Gainesville	62	40	s	Pensacola	58	39	s
Homestead	82	71	sh	Sarasota	76	56	pc
Jacksonville	58	38	s	Tallahassee	60	34	s
Key West	80	72	sh	Tampa	73	54	pc
Lakeland	72	52	pc	Vero Beach	74	63	sh
Melbourne	72	61	pc	W. Palm Bch.	79	69	sh

## MARINE OUTLOOK

Northeast winds around 20 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters will be choppy. Partly cloudy skies today.

## Gulf water temperature

75°

Taken at Aripeka

## LAKE LEVELS

Location	Fri.	Sat.	Full





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# CCSO SWAT team takes fifth in competition

*Special to the Chronicle*

During the second week of November, members of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office SWAT team demonstrated their physical and mental toughness at the 31st annual SWAT Round-up International (SRI) competition.

CCSO team members — who have full-time law enforcement positions in addition to their SWAT team responsibilities — placed fifth in the final standings, challenging 59 other competitive Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams in the competition's six major events.

Teams from law enforcement agencies both national and international competed in events that are designed to simulate real-life scenarios and challenge both individuals and the team as a unit. The round-up is a major training exercise and heated competition rolled into one.

Staged at the Orange County Sheriff's Office training facility in Orlando, the weeklong event showcased international special operations teams from Hungary, Germany, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Romania, UNIPOL and more.

National competitors from the Los Angeles Police Department to Boston

to New Mexico — many with full-time SWAT members — joined with agencies across the state of Florida to round out the



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SWAT team members pull a 130-pound sled using a 100-foot rope as part of the obstacle course event.



Members of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office SWAT team who competed in the SWAT Round-up International competition in Orlando this year include, from left: Deputy Bryan Vick, Deputy Thomas Dowling, Detective Craig Callahan, Sgt. John Novy, Sgt. Bobby Lambert, Detective Jeremy Laughlin, team leader Cpl. Mickey Dixon, Detective Jose Carreras and Deputy Thomas Beagan.

competition.

Out of six events, the CCSO's eight-member team took first place in the tower scramble, which tasks five team members

with sniper and handgun shooting, plus tower climbing and rappelling.

The team placed second in the Bearcat Challenge, an event that requires a group of four to shoot at various targets while in an armored vehicle, with the ultimate goal of rescuing someone in distress.

The group placed fourth in the obstacle course, tackling 15 grueling obstacles that require teamwork and a "no pain, no gain" philosophy.

"This competition is a major benefit for us," said Sgt. John Novy. "It identifies the strengths and weaknesses of your team, helps you learn how to build upon those strengths and weaknesses and gives you the opportunity to overcome the weaknesses in the exigency of stress."

Novy placed second in the individual Super Sniper Competition, an event that requires a high level of skill and steady nerves.

"We are all very proud of our SWAT team," Sheriff Jeff Dawsy said about the results. "These men take the word dedication to a whole new level. To compete internationally and end up so close to the top is just an incredible accomplishment."

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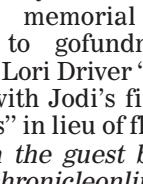
**Jodi Ringheisen, 35**

Jodi Marie Ringheisen, age 35, died Nov. 20, 2013, under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Citrus County. Jodi was born March 30, 1978, in Germany to Jeffery and Barbara (Miller) Cupp. She was a medical assistant for Drs. Gopal and Anu Tatambhotla. She enjoyed taking care of her patients and other friends as a medical assistant and also was an avid reader.

Left to cherish her memory are her parents Jeffery Cupp (wife Patricia), Ottumwa, Iowa, and Barbara Rigney, Columbia, S.C.; her fiancé Bennett Larson and his son Damiean; brothers Josh Cupp, Tacoma, Wash., and Chris St. George, Ottumwa, Iowa; sisters Jessica Semko (husband Paul), Homosassa, Angelic Hammock (husband Ray), Tacoma, Wash., Tricia St. George, Ottumwa, Iowa, and Holly Cupp, Beardstown, Ill.; and many other extended family and dear friends who will miss her vivacious spirit very much.

A celebration of Jodi's life and gathering will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory. The family requests memorial donations to gofundme.com under Lori Driver "Please help with Jodi's final expenses" in lieu of flowers.

*Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.*

**John Gold, 66**

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John Daniel Gold, age 66, Inverness, died Nov. 20, 2013, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County. A native Floridian, John

was born Sept. 19, 1947, to the late Robert and Betty Gold. He served our country in the U.S. Navy

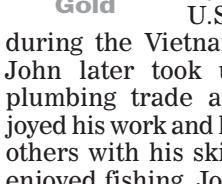
during the Vietnam War. John later took up the plumbing trade and enjoyed his work and helping others with his skills. He enjoyed fishing. John was a very social person who liked being with his niece and nephews and their children.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister Sharon Henry, Inverness; nephews Billy Wilkes, John "Joey" Wilkes and Tommy Terry Jr.; and niece Robin Dees.

A graveside committal service with military honors will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, at Florida National Cemetery. Friends may gather to form the procession to the cemetery at 1:15 p.m. at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory.

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INTRO

# New getting old faster and faster

"Can you send a fax for me?" asked Charlotte, a close neighbor, on the phone one morning. I was a little perplexed. It was like asking me if she could borrow our butter churn or a bucket of coal.

Who sends faxes anymore? Didn't they go out with mullets and Beanie Babies? Why not just send a scan, or an email attachment or a screenshot of whatever she was being asked to fax? Who was she sending a fax to? Had she invented some kind of time machine? Was she sending a fax to her old self in 1989 telling her not to marry that bozo Tom?

I had to check, but it turns out my printer is also a scanner and a fax machine, even though I had never used it for that.

"Sure," I said. "Come on over, or do you need me to come over there and help crank your car?" Charlotte now thinks I am out of my mind. She has no idea that people once started cars by hand-cranking them. The only crank she knows about is me.

Old technology never seems to die willingly. I worked with a writer not so long ago who insisted on using a fountain pen. If he could have, I'm sure he would have used a quill. This meant that every single word he wrote had to be typed into the computer by someone else. His typist went on to become quite successful in

the publishing business; the scribe, not so much. It turns out that what you write is more important than what you write with.

Go to almost any lawn sale and you'll find cassette tapes and vinyl records and dictaphones and VHS players and giant, coffin-sized speakers that aren't as good as the tiny ones in your car's door, yet some people still buy them. People who say old vinyl records sound better than digital either have a hearing problem or a memory problem. No, I take that back. Maybe

they just have a drinking problem. But even if it were true, once you've run a needle over a vinyl record a few times, you can throw high fidelity out the window and watch it smash like dish at a Greek wedding. But if you like vinyl, there's a program that will add authentic-sounding clicks and pops to the songs on your MP3 player.

About 10 years ago, well into the age of cellphones, I read about a local woman who was finally getting rid of her party line. (If you're a teenager

who doesn't know what a party line is, let me just say, it's probably not what you're thinking.) There hadn't been another party on her line for years; she had been the last one using it. She wanted to keep it because it was amazingly inexpensive but her phone carrier wouldn't hear of it. They dragged her kicking and screaming into, oh, the 1950s. And charged her more for it.

Me, I like the new stuff. The printer I talked about earlier is wireless. That doesn't mean it has no

wires, it just means it has one less wire — the one to the computer. It still has a power cord and it has to be plugged into a phone jack to use the fax. Maybe wireless is a little optimistic. The term should really be "wirefewer," as in "her party line was wireless compared to my wirefewer printer." I like that my smartphone can take pictures and let me read my email.

Yet I know that when I



Jim  
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reread this story in two or three years, I'll say, "Wireless? Really? That went out ages ago. A smartphone? When is the dude going to catch up and get a phone chip implanted in his forehead like everyone else? He probably has one of those, what do you call them? Fax machines."

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# ORDER

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Chris Lloyd spoke against the ordinance because he said it deprived the public from advising commissioners.

After Lloyd spoke, another speaker, Capt. Herbert Adams of Dunnellon, commented about a recent meeting of the Citrus County Port Authority. Although county commissioners also are the port authority board members, they were not sitting as the port authority, either.

Adams said the agenda of the port authority did not offer a time for public comment and the port authority has yet to schedule another meeting. Therefore, he was using the occasion of the county commission's public comment session to air his questions.

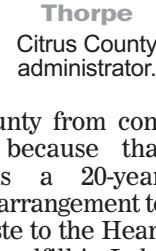
"Nothing wrong here: The public may speak to any subject," Lloyd agreed.

However, as Adams raised points and no one on the board could respond because the chairman had yet to be elected, Meek asked County Administrator Brad Thorpe, who also is the port director, to answer Adams' queries.

# ETHICS

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a better deal though a private company, such as Waste Management of Central Florida. He also wondered why the agreement didn't include Marion County, since Hernando



**Brad Thorpe**

like faces the same flooding issues as Citrus County. County Administrator Brad Thorpe Citrus County said he administrator eliminated Marion County from consideration because that county has a 20-year, \$20 million arrangement to haul its waste to the Heart of Florida landfill in Lake Panasoffkee, which Adams co-owns.

Parsons said Adams would have had a "potential ethical conflict" with a Marion County arrangement because his landfill could benefit financially.

"In an abundance of caution, I told Marion we were not interested," Thorpe said.

Parsons said state law forbids an elected official from contracting with his own business, even if the official abstains from voting. The exception, she said, is contracts that result from sealed bids, so long as the official publicly discloses the conflict.

Adams said Friday that he wants the ethics opinion for another reason. He said Hernando County is expected to seek proposals for trash disposal and Heart of Florida would submit a bid. The fact that Citrus County now has an interlocal agreement with Hernando for emergency situations, he said, he wants to avoid a conflict situation.

"On this issue we want to be clear because I'm not sure and that's why we want an opinion," Adams said. "I knew there would be a possible question about this thing in Hernando County and I don't want to get in trouble."

Along with approving the interlocal agreement with Hernando County, commissioners also asked Thorpe to seek bids from private landfills for use on an emergency basis.

Thorpe said Friday he will hold off doing that until after Adams and Parsons hear back from the ethics commission.

"I won't put him in peril," Thorpe said.

Adams said he won't risk his commissioner role.

"I'm going to be a commissioner as long as the people put me in and I don't plan on doing anything wrong," he said. "And if do something wrong, it'll be by mistake."

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or [mwright@chronicleonline.com](mailto:mwright@chronicleonline.com).

"But this was a county commission meeting and Mr. Thorpe is only allowed to wear one hat at a time," Lloyd asserted in a letter to the *Chronicle*.

Lloyd went forward and prefaced his comments with the phrase: "I wish to raise a point of order."

According to Lloyd, "This is the recognized and proper form in which to 'call the attention of the chair to an alleged violation or breach of the taken part in county assembly's or meeting's mission meetings for 15 years as a voter and taxpayer and is a member of the Citrus County Council, a residents' advocacy group.

"I do not take kindly to being told that I can 'sit down' as if I were a naughty 10-year-old at Homosassa Elementary," Lloyd wrote.

He said the county was breaking its own rules and Parsons should have advised Thorpe not to speak about port authority matters until the next port authority meeting.

When asked to comment, Parsons said, "Only a commissioner can make a point of order incidental motion."

According to the Citrus



**Kerry Parsons**  
acting county attorney

upon right away," Ms. Parsons tried to silence me with the words: "Thank you, Mr. Lloyd, you can sit down," referring to acting county attorney Kerry Parsons.

Lloyd had used his one opportunity to speak. But this, he told the *Chronicle*, was not a comment or a question — it was a point of order.

Lloyd said he did not know why his objection was dismissed. He has

make a ruling on the question or can allow the board to debate and then rule on the question by majority vote. A point of order can only be interrupted by a privileged motion or a motion to lay on the table." As to commissioners dis-

If a commissioner believes that a violation of the rules of parliamentary procedure has occurred, he can raise a point of order. A second is not required. The chair can make a ruling on the question or can allow the board to debate and then rule on the question by majority vote. A point of order can only be interrupted by a privileged motion or a motion to lay on the table.

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cussing port issues during commission meetings, Parsons said the board could raise such issues but not make any decisions about them until they were seated as the port authority in a legally advertised port authority meeting.

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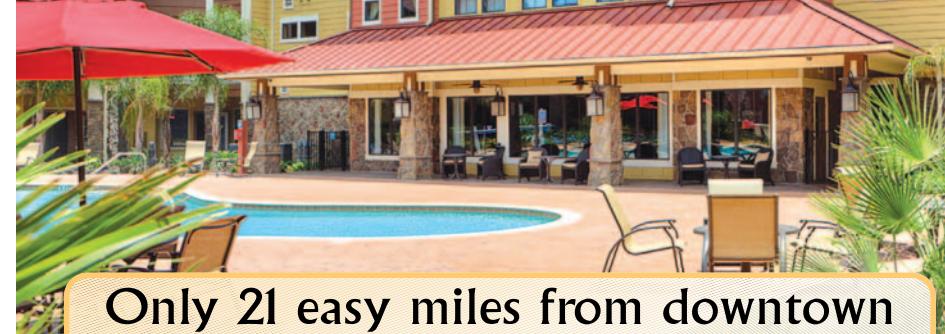
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# BOUNTY

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Those who did not pre-qualify were directed to a Salvation Army tent. If they didn't have the proper paperwork, residents were told to come by The Salvation Army office on Monday where turkeys would be available.

Volunteers manning shopping carts met recipients and led them through the different food stations to pick up a turkey, fresh vegetables from The Path and church organizations.

Co-organizer Doug Lobel even stood by to make sure motorists on hand for the food giveaway didn't park at Wendy's — thus saving them the possibility of a parking ticket.

"It's a well-oiled machine," Lobel said.

The alliance includes 250

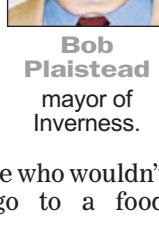
volunteers, plus 30 agencies and businesses, including Walmart, Publix and Lowe's.

On Wednesday night, Lobel said 82 children of various ages gathered at the Citrus County Auditorium to stuff 1,000 food boxes.

"It teaches young people to get involved," Lobel said.

Organizational meetings take place weekly for months in Inverness Mayor Bob Plaisted's living room.

"It's one of the greatest things in Citrus County," Plaisted said. "It helps people who wouldn't normally go to a food bank."



**Doug Lobel**  
co-organizer  
of the annual  
Thanksgiving  
Feeding  
Alliance event.



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

About 250 volunteers gather for announcements just before opening the 10th annual Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance giveaway Saturday in the parking lot of the Inverness Walmart. Alliance President Doug Lober said volunteers came from some 30 organizations in the area, including Walmart, Publix, Lowe's, The Salvation Army, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Community Food Bank and more.

Volunteers include elected officials and business leaders.

"We've got county commissioners, two judges, lawyers, doctors — you name it," Alexander said.

Commissioner Scott Adams and his wife Pam were, like many others, on shopping cart duty.

"This is what a community's all about — helping

each other," Adams said. "It's what we should do."

A major provider is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which contributed \$23,000 worth of boxed rice and beans.

Bishop Robert Hoki of the Lecanto Mormon church said the church is pleased to help.

"If we can make Thanksgiving better than it would

have been — that's what it's all about," he said.

Judge Thomas has volunteered with the Thanksgiving Alliance from the start.

"All of us have so many blessings," she said. "This is a piece of cake."

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**Doug Alexander**  
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**DEATHS**

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**Shirley Hardy, 85**  
INVERNESS

Shirley M. Hardy, 85, of Inverness, Fla., passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. She was born May 27, 1928, in Detroit, Mich., to Theodore and Inez M. a s o n . S h e moved to Inverness

in 1990. Mrs. Hardy enjoyed a successful professional career as the vice president of administration with Door-O-Matic Production Corp. in Greendale, Wis., for 20 years. She was a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Inverness, where she was a member of the Daughters of the King, Alter Guild and Cursillo. Her hobbies were church activities, reading and bridge.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Melvin R. Hardy, in 2005. She is survived by four children, Craig T. Hardy, Grand Haven, Mich., Matthew H. Hardy (Sandi), Chanhassen, Minn., Christopher R. Hardy, Inverness, Fla., and Elizabeth A. Lent (Dan), Hales Corners, Wis.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service of requiem will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Inverness.

Interment will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.

Arrangements by Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, Fla.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

**OBITUARIES**

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**John 'Jack' Wells, 90**

FORMERLY OF BEVERLY HILLS

John "Jack" Walter Wells, 90, of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013. He was born to the late Daniel and Lucy Wells on Feb. 12, 1923, in Port Arthur, Ontario. He married the late Jean Wells in 1950 and they lived together in Windsor, Ontario, before retiring to Beverly Hills, Fla., in 1986.

Jack is survived by one daughter, Deborah Ford of Haverford, Pa. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Erin Elizabeth Ford of Los Angeles, Calif., and Ryan Daniel Wells Ford of Verona, N.J.

Jack was a toolmaker with Chrysler Corp until his retirement in 1986. Jack served as a chief petty officer in the Canadian Navy during World War II. He was one of many who landed at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. He was an active member of the Florida Democratic Party and UAW Retirees Council.

A memorial service will be Saturday, April 12, 2014, at Green Lawn Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

**Katie Gipson, 79**

CRYSTAL RIVER

Katie Gipson, 79, of Crystal River, passed away Nov. 22, 2013, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto.

**OBITUARIES**

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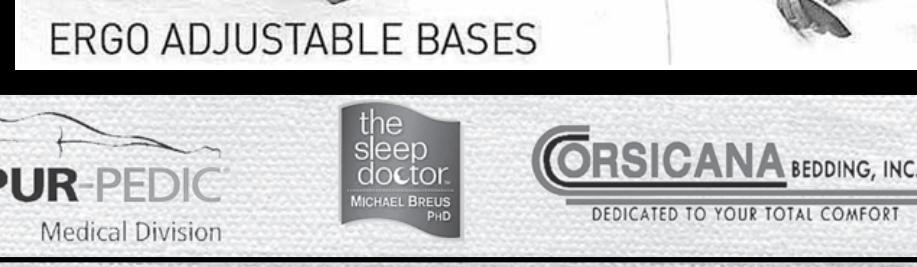


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# Amateur archaeologists think they've found Union fort outside Jacksonville

**MATT SOERGEL**  
The Florida Times-Union

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — It's a nothing-special grass parking lot in LaVilla, on the edge of downtown. But the members of a fledgling group called the Cowford Archaeological Research Society see it as something quite grand.

To them, this nondescript patch of land is beginning to look like the site of a lost Union fort, built in 1864 just outside the city walls of old Jacksonville.

They've dug, and they've found intriguing items from that era, including what they say is a nicely preserved shell casing for a Spencer rifle, which was used by Union troops.

Exciting stuff. But for members of the mostly amateur archaeological group, there's a mystery in the city's vast northern marshes that they think could be far older and even more important. But it's going to take bit of a hike to get there.

This is some serious jungle: Dean M. Sais and George Burns, founders of the Cowford group, handed out plastic leg coverings, to guard against snakebites. There was extra water. Sais went ahead, urging his four companions to stay 10 meters apart: "If you hear me yell Ow! — run like hell. That means yellow jackets." Burns whacked away with a machete.

The 20-minute walk passed unevenly, though, apart from some vines that trip and branches that must be climbed over or ducked under. And soon, they were standing by their discovery.

Right on the edge of one of the countless marshes in that area, it has four earth-and-oyster-shell walls, roughly rectangular,

perhaps 6 feet high at its highest.

In one corner, there's an opening. Could it have been a door, or is it just natural erosion? Inside the walls, the ground is low and muddy, and trees are growing up from the mud. In all, it's about 115 by 80 feet.

Sais got a tip from a hiker who told him about the strange find in the woods. After struggling through mud and thick vegetation, he saw it for himself.

The find intrigues Sais and Burns, though they don't know what it is — other than to say that it's definitely manmade. They can't know until more research is done, and they say they won't dig without landowner permission. And they don't want to publicize exact locations, to prevent unscrupulous diggers from finding out.

The Cowford Archaeological Research Society, its founders say, wants to do it right. "We're not just a bunch of fly-by-night amateurs," Burns said.

Burns is a registered professional archaeologist, with a master's degree in the field from Colorado State. Sais has worked for decades as a contract archaeologist, and he has a business

selling tools of the trade.

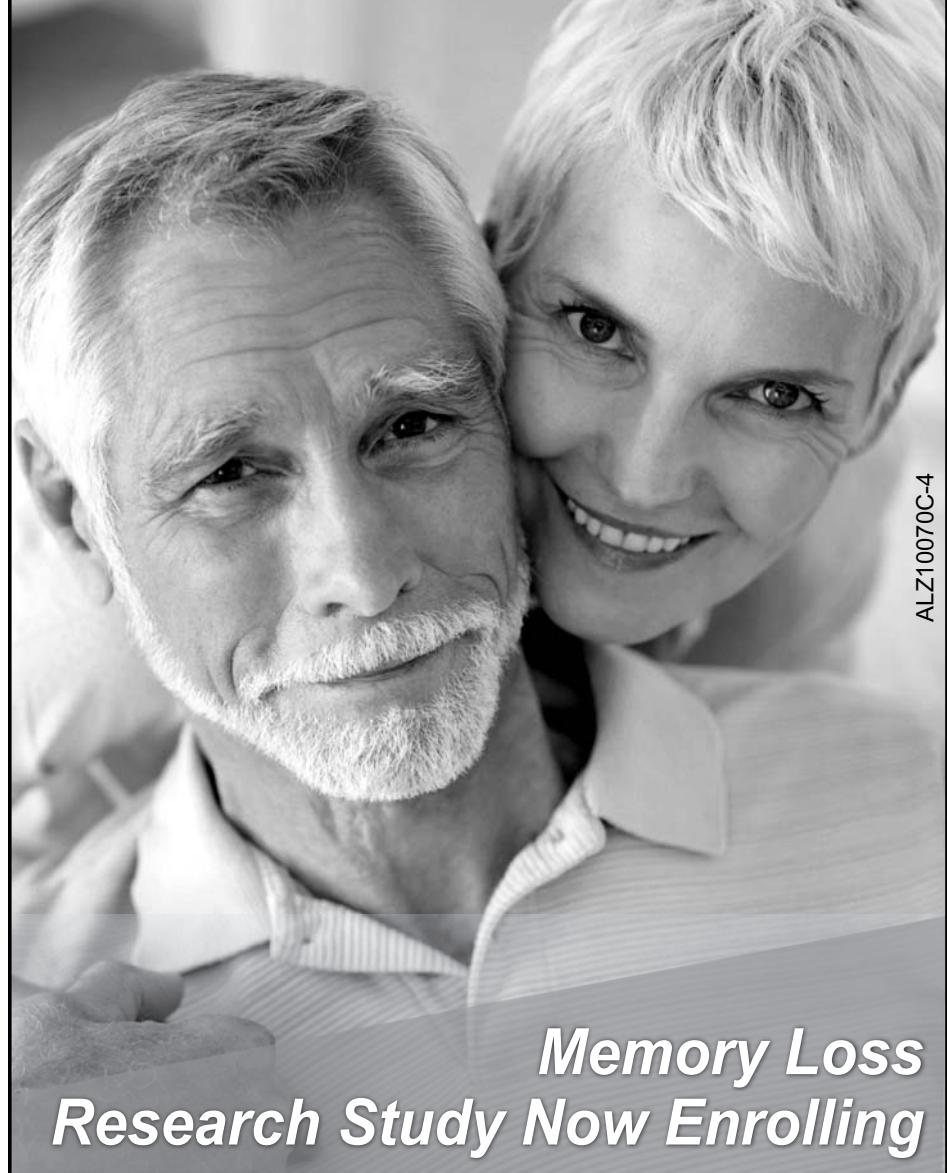
The site in the marshes could very well be something quite mundane. But they wonder: Could it be the earthworks of a fort ordered built by James Edward Oglethorpe, the British founder of Georgia, in preparation for his failed 1740 siege of the Spanish in St. Augustine?

"They've been looking for it a few hundred years," Sais said. "We think we've found it."

He can picture it: "They could get 200 men in here, shoulder-to-shoulder, with flintlock rifles, if the Spanish attacked them."

Archaeologists dream of such discoveries. And as Sais, a garrulous 60-year-old, likes to say: "Everywhere you walk in Jacksonville, history's under your feet."

In LaVilla, they took clues from an 1864 map of Jacksonville, which had the location of "Ft. Hatch," just outside the city walls. They figured out where it might be today, asked permission from the private landowner, and dug a few holes, each carefully mapped and logged. Everything that's found at the LaVilla dig — or the possible marsh site — will be given, Sais said, to the landowners.



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# Iranian nuclear talks said to be at fine-print stage

**Associated Press**

GENEVA — An Iran nuclear deal within reach, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and five other foreign ministers focused Saturday on the fine print of a draft agreement meant to satisfy not only the other side, but also to placate powerful domestic forces that fear giving too much for too little in return.

Diplomats refused to spell out details of the talks, held in a five-star Geneva hotel. But comments from both sides suggested negotiations focused on detailed wording that could be key in shaping an agreement that both sides could live with.

Even though diplomats were said to be close to a deal after four days of talks, they also warned against expectations that a final agreement was imminent due to the complexity of the issues and the stakes for all sides.

Iran's Fars news agency quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi as saying "the dispute is over the wording" but he was unsure when a deal might be final. Since it was revealed in 2003, Iran's enrichment program has grown from a few dozen enriching centrifuges to more than 18,000 installed and over 10,000 operating. The machines have produced tons of low-enriched uranium, which can be turned into weapons grade material.

Iran also has stockpiled almost 440 pounds of higher-enriched uranium in a form that can be converted more quickly to fissile warhead material than the low-enriched ura-



The Intercontinental Hotel, where the talks on Iran's nuclear program are taking place, is pictured Saturday in Geneva, Switzerland.

at home who oppose dealings with the United States.

With the talks already running two days over schedule, it was unclear whether the negotiations would continue Sunday.

The U.S. administration has not confirmed details of what concessions on economic sanctions it might offer. But a member of Congress and legislative aides have said the White House was considering releasing about \$6 billion to \$10 billion in Iranian funds frozen in foreign banks.

Iran would also be allowed to sell petrochemicals and be supplied with auto parts. The aides and the member of Congress demanded anonymity because they weren't authorized to divulge the estimate publicly.

An anonymous senior U.S. official told reporters last week Iran is losing \$5 billion a month in lost oil sales alone and \$120 billion in total from all sanctions since their imposition.

nium. Its supply is nearly enough for one bomb.

Based on comments from diplomats, the talks on Saturday appear to have included ways Iran could retain some level of

enrichment, although at a level far below what's need for weapons.

While saying they are ready for compromise, the Iranians are mindful of criticism from hard-liners

## World BRIEFS

### Surfer killed by shark off Australia's west coast

PERTH, Australia — A 35-year-old surfer was fatally mauled by a shark Saturday off a notorious stretch of Australia's west coast, police said.

The shark "bounced off the board" of one surfer "before attacking the other male" off a beach near Grace-town, said Western Australia state police Sgt. Norm Giocas.

The victim, whose identity was known but not immediately released, died instantly from massive injuries, Giocas said, adding that beachgoers brought his body ashore.

Surfer Ryan Scanlon saw the body and told the PerthNow news website that the victim had lost his left arm and flesh from his right leg.

The state Fisheries Department quickly closed beaches in the area.

Marine officers were being sent with shark-catching gear to deploy in the surrounding waters as soon as possible, the department said.

No details about the shark were immediately released.

### Egypt expels Turkish ambassador

CAIRO — Egypt downgraded diplomatic relations Saturday with Turkey and expelled its ambassador from Cairo, a sharp escalation in tensions between the two countries.

In a quick reaction, Turkey reciprocated by declaring the Egyptian ambassador "persona non grata" and downgrading relations with Egypt to the same level.

Saturday's decisions, which fall short of closing diplomatic missions in the two countries, are a dramatic reversal of the warming relations between the two countries over the past year.

Since Egypt's 2011 uprising against autocrat Hosni Mubarak, Turkey sought to strengthen ties with the country's new political order.

Trade between the two countries increased by about 27 percent in the to \$3.8 billion in the first nine months of 2012. Turkey also increased its investment in Egypt and currently has some 26 development projects in Egypt.

### Sunnis close Iraqi capital mosques in protest

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Sunni religious leaders said Saturday they closed the sect's mosques in Baghdad indefinitely to protest attacks targeting clerics and worshippers, highlighting the country's deepening sectarian rift.

Sunnis previously have closed mosques as a protest tactic in the province of Basra and in the northeastern province of Diyala. The mosques later reopened after local authorities and tribal leaders promised to offer protection.

Violence continued Saturday across Iraq. In the northern town of Tuz Khormato, a suicide bomber set off his explosive belt near a line of people waiting to buy bread from a baker, Mayor Shalal Abdool said. A second bomber drove an explosive-laden car into the crowd that gathered after the first explosion, Abdool said. The two attacks killed 10 people and wounded 35, he said.

Tuz Khormato is about 130 miles north of Baghdad.

### Activists: Government airstrikes kill 44 in Syria

BEIRUT — A string of government airstrikes on rebel-held areas in northern Syria killed at least 44 people Saturday, activists said, as al-Qaida-linked rebels captured one of the country's major oil fields in the east.

An attack on the rebel-held town of al-Bab near the northern city of Aleppo was the deadliest of the three raids, killing 22 people, said Rami Abdurrahman, the director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Fighter jets also bombed two rebel-held districts of Aleppo, Syria's largest city. Government warplanes missed their target in the Halwaniyah neighborhood and sent bombs into a crowded vegetable market, killing 15 people, Abdurrahman said. Seven people died in a third airstrike in the Karam el-Beik district, according to the activist group. The Observatory has been documenting the conflict by relying on a network of activists on the ground.

### Zimbabwe: Foreigners must close shops by Jan. 1

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwean authorities say they have given foreign shop-owners — mostly Chinese and Nigerian nationals — an ultimatum to shut down their businesses by Jan. 1.

A top official of the black empowerment ministry said only Zimbabweans had the right to run shops that have sprung up across the country and are termed foreign businesses targeted under the nation's black empowerment laws, the state-controlled Herald newspaper reported Friday.

Those laws, passed in 2007, demand foreign businesses to cede 51 percent control to local blacks.

The shop owners have been criticized for taking retail trade opportunities from Zimbabweans by selling cheap imports.

Poor townships and city flea markets have in recent years been inundated by shops run by foreigners.

According to state media, shop owners who fail to comply will be arrested.

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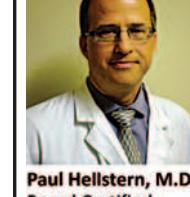
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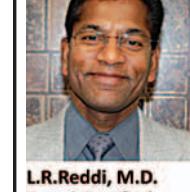
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## Nation BRIEFS

### Boy on a mission



Associated Press

**Garrett Whitehill, 10, delivers the food and funds with his family to the West Texas Food Bank warehouse on Friday in Odessa, Texas. Whitehill had a goal to raise 20,000 meals for the West Texas Food Bank to help feed hungry people after seeing people living in a tent city. He started his own food drive in his neighborhood in Midland and expanded by using social media to help spread the word. He raised more than \$5,000 and brought in 1,410 pounds of food to achieve his goal.**

### Zumba instructor in prostitution bust leaves jail

ALFRED, Maine — The Zumba instructor who ran a prostitution business in which she videotaped unsuspecting clients so her business partner could watch from his office 100 miles away has been released from jail, bringing to a close a scandal featuring sex videos, adultery and a client list with more than 100 names.

Alexis Wright left the York County Jail at about 7:45 a.m. Saturday after serving nearly six months of a 10-month sentence for engaging in and promoting prostitution, as well as several welfare- and tax-related charges.

Wright's prostitution business came as a surprise to her fitness clients but not to police officers who'd become suspicious after fielding complaints about groaning, loud music and men coming and going from an office Wright rented across the street from her studio.

### Judge strikes down clergy tax-free housing money

MADISON, Wis. — A federal judge has struck down a law that gives clergy tax-free housing allowances in a decision that could have far-reaching financial ramifications for pastors across the U.S.

In her decision Friday, U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb in Wisconsin wrote that the exemption "provides a benefit to religious persons and no one else, even though doing so is not necessary to alleviate a special burden on religious exercise," the *Wisconsin State Journal* reported.

The Madison-based Freedom From Religion Foundation filed the lawsuit against U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew and acting IRS commissioner Daniel Werfel.

Under the law, passed by Congress in 1954, ministers don't pay income taxes on compensation that is designated part of a housing allowance. The Freedom From Religion Foundation says that a clergy member can use the untaxed income to purchase a home, and then, in a practice known as "double dipping," deduct interest paid on the mortgage and property taxes.

"It's a really big deal," said Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-president of the foundation. "A church currently could pay a minister \$50,000 but designate \$20,000 of it a housing allowance so that only \$30,000 would be taxed as salary."

—From wire reports

# EXCURSIONS

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## singing on the river

Neil Sawyer  
Special to the Chronicle

Flora, fauna, and watery things provide all the entertainment one needs on the beautiful Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers — except for the singing.

Learn about streaked neck turtles and why they sit on logs over the river.

What are the distinguishing features of anhingas and cormorants? The beak tells all.

Why is there a dramatic and sharp distinction in the change of color between the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers — why you can see the line? Now, I know the answers.

This information, and more, will be revealed during a nearly two-hour tour on two of the most beautiful rivers in Florida, the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers. Tours launch on the Withlacoochee River at the bridge on U.S. 41, in south Dunnellon, at the site of the Blue Gator Pub.

Your tour, on a 40-foot pontoon boat, will progress up the Withlacoochee River to its confluence with the Rainbow River, the second river we will enjoy today. The Rainbow River is one of Florida's designated Outstanding Florida Waters, and is created by a first magnitude spring that is the third largest in Florida, belching 400,000,000 gallons of fresh 72-degree water every day. It flows from underground limestone aquifer that runs under the state of Florida and is a short river measuring only 5.7 miles in length before joining the Withlacoochee River, near Dunnellon.

During this float on the Rainbow River you will observe lots of Florida wildlife, such as turtles, alligators, otters, a variety of wild birds, including ibis, herons, anhingas, cormorants, and more. Of course our guide, boat

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Photos by NEIL SAWYER / For the Chronicle  
**Wildlife and the beauty of nature are sights to behold**  
during a nearly two-hour tour on two of the most beautiful rivers in Florida, the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers. Tours launch on the Withlacoochee River at the bridge on U.S. 41, in south Dunnellon, at the site of the Blue Gator Pub.



### DREAM VACATIONS Photo Contest

The Chronicle and The Accent Travel Group are sponsoring a photo contest for readers of the newspaper.

Readers are invited to send a photograph from their Dream Vacation with a brief description of the trip.

If it's selected as a winner, it will be published in the Sunday Chronicle. At the end of the year, a panel of judges will select the best photo during the year and that photograph

will win a prize. Please avoid photos with dates on the print.

Photos should be sent to the Chronicle at 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 or dropped off at the Chronicle office in Inverness, Crystal River or any Accent Travel Office.

### Omaha Beach

Gloria and Russ Burt, Sugarmill Woods, recently took a two-week tour of France, where the couple visited Omaha Beach.

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	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	Football Night in America '14'	NFL Football Denver Broncos at New England Patriots. (N) <sup>PG</sup>											
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	NewsHour Wk	Extraordinary Women 'G' <sup>PG</sup>	Carol Burnett: The Mark Twain Prize 'G'	Burnett receives Mark Twain Prize. (N) <sup>PG</sup>	Carol Burnett: The Mark Twain Prize 'PG'	Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey" The family gathers for Christmas. 'PG' <sup>PG</sup>									
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	5	41	Keep Up	Keeping Up	Appearances 'PG'	Card Burnett: The Mark Twain Prize 'PG'	Masterpiece Classic (In Stereo) 'PG' <sup>PG</sup>										
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Football Night in America (N) (In Stereo Live) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	NFL Football Denver Broncos at New England Patriots. (N) (In Stereo Live) <sup>PG</sup>	Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (N) (In Stereo Live) <sup>PG</sup>										
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	20	20			News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG'	2013 American Music Awards Musical acts are honored. (N) (In Stereo) '14, D.L.'S' <sup>PG</sup>											
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	NFL Football: Colts at Cardinals	60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo) <sup>PG</sup>	The Amazing Race (N)	The Good Wife "Whack-a-Mole" (N)	The Mentalist Patrick meets Red John. '14'	10 News, 11pm (N)	Paid Program								
13 (WTVI) FOX	13	13		13	13	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants. <sup>PG</sup>	The OT (N)	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy '14'	FOX13 10:00 News (N) <sup>PG</sup>									
20 (WCJB) ABC	11		11	4		News	ABC	Funny Home Videos	2013 American Music Awards (N) '14, D.L.'S' <sup>PG</sup>											
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Brody File	Watchman	Peter Youngren Decoded	Love a Child 'G'	Unspoken CTN Special	Daniel Kolinda	Jesse Duplantis	Bridging the Gap	The Harbinger						
23 (WFTS) ABC	11		11	11		News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG'	2013 American Music Awards Musical acts are honored. (N) (In Stereo) '14, D.L.'S' <sup>PG</sup>											
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12			16	Modern Family	Modern Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Glee "Bad Reputation" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	The Office '14' <sup>PG</sup>	The Office '14' <sup>PG</sup>	We There Yet?	We There Yet?							
33 (WTIA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	*** "The Butcher's Wife" (1991) <sup>PG</sup>	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Republic of Doyle Connec	Our Is Whacked Journey	Born/Ride Honor									
40 (WACN) TBN	21	21				Dr. C. Stanley	Rejoice in the Lord	Passion!	Turning Point 'G'	Jim Riley	Paid Ministries									
44 (WTG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Friends	Friends '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men '14' <sup>PG</sup>	CSI: Miami "Skeletons" (N) (In Stereo) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Criminal Minds "Deviant" (In Stereo) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Criminal Minds "Psychodrama" 'PG'								
47 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Castita Big Dog	Rotary Club	Family Solutions	Healthy Living	Your Citrus County Court	I Spy 'G'	Eye for an Eye	Fam Team							
51 (WOGX) FOX		13	7	7	NFL Football		The OT	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	American News	TMZ (N) 'PG' <sup>PG</sup>								
52 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Comed.	Noticiero	Aquí y Ahora (SS)	Mira Quién Baila "Gran Final" (N) (SS)	Sal y Pimenta 'PG'	Comed.	Noticiero								
56 (WXPK) ION	17					"Christmas Town"	"Anything but Christmas" (2012) 'NR'	"Defending Santa" (2013) Dean Cain, 'NR'	"Christmas Twister"											
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty				
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** "I Am Legend" (2007, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Alice Braga. PG-13 <sup>PG</sup>		The Walking Dead "Live Bait" 'MA'	The Walking Dead "Dead Weight" 'MA'	Talking Dead (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	The Walking Dead "Dead Weight" 'MA'									
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	21	To Be Announced	Finding Bigfoot (In Stereo) 'PG'	Lone Star Legend	Lone Star Legend	Call of Wildman	Call of Wildman	Finding Bigfoot (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'	Call of Wildman							
(BET)	96	19	96			*** "Precious" (2009, Drama) Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, 'R' <sup>PG</sup>		*** "Little Richard" (2000, Biography) Leon. The flamboyant man musical experiences highs and lows. <sup>PG</sup>	T.D. Jakes Presents: Mind, Body & Soul											
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Thicker Than Water	Housewives/Atl.	Shahs of Sunset '14'									
(CC)	27	61	27		33	*** "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986)	Bill Cosby: Far From Finished	Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain 'MA'	Tosh.0 '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Key & Peele '14' <sup>PG</sup>	South Park "MA"	South Park "MA"	South Park "MA"	South Park "MA"	South Park "MA"	South Park "MA"				
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	*** "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray, Ghost fighters battle ghouls in a Manhattan high-rise. 'PG'	Sofia the First "The Floating Palace" (N)	Orange County Choppers 'PG'	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded			
(CNBC)	43	42	43			Paid	Paid	Debt/Part	On	60 Minutes on CNBC	Supermarkets	Amer. Greed	60 Minutes on CNBC							
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Special (N)	Anthony Bourd.	Anthony Bourd.	CNN Special	Anthony Bourd.									
(DISN)	46	40	46	6	5	5 *** "Up" (2009)	Sofia the First "The Floating Palace" (N)	Liv & Maddie	Austin & Ally 'G'	Dog With a Blog 'G'	Good-Charlie	Jessie 'G' <sup>PG</sup>	Dog With a A.N.T. Farm 'G'							
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	Football Sun.	SportsCenter (N) (Live) <sup>PG</sup>		BCS	MLS Soccer										
(ESPN2)	34	28	34	43	49	Basket	College Basketball		College Basketball											
(EWTN)	95	70	95		48	Devotions	World Over Live PG	Serra	Serra	Serra	Sunday Night Prime	God	Bookmark							
(FAM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "Bruce Almighty" <sup>PG</sup>	*** "Fred Claus" (2007) Vince Vaughn, Santa's ne'er-do-well brother puts Christmas in jeopardy. 'PG'		** "Fred Claus" (2007) Vince Vaughn, Santa's ne'er-do-well brother puts Christmas in jeopardy. 'PG'											
(FLIX)	118	170				*** "A Price Above Rubies" (1998) Renee Zellweger, (In Stereo) 'R' <sup>PG</sup>	** "Dangerous Minds" (1995, Drama) Michelle Pfeiffer, 'R' <sup>PG</sup>	** "The Story of Us" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Bruce Willis, (In Stereo) 'R' <sup>PG</sup>	** "Scarlet Let."											
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox News Sunday	FOX Report (N)	Huckabee	FOX News Special	Stossel	Huckabee									
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Thanksgiving Live 'MA'	Guy's Games	Restaurant Express	On the Rocks (N) 'G'	Restaurant: Im.										
(FS1)	732	112	732			Jones Moseley	Crowd	UFC	NASCAR Awards Ceremony (N) <sup>PG</sup>	The Ultimate Fighter FOX Sports Live (N)										
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Orlando Magic. (Live)	Magic	Bull Riding	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium			
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Kung Fu Panda" (2008, Comedy) Voices of Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, 'PG'	*** "Kung Fu Panda 2" (2011, Comedy) Voices of Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, 'PG'	** "Kung Fu Panda 2" (2011, Comedy) Voices of Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, 'PG'												
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf IPSPS Handa World Cup of Golf. Final Round.		Central	IPGA Tour Golf CME Group Titleholders, Final Round.											
(HALL)	59	68	59	45	54	"Naughty or Nice" (2012, Fantasy) Hilarie Burton, Gabriel Tigerman, Matt Dallas. <sup>PG</sup>	"Fir Crazy" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Lancaster, Premiere. 'NR' <sup>PG</sup>	*** "Moonlight and Mistletoe" (2008, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure. 'NR' <sup>PG</sup>												
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	"Whoopi Goldberg Moms Mabley"	Real Time With Bill Maher 'MA' <sup>PG</sup>	** "Taken 2" (2012) Liam Neeson, Sarah Silverman: We Are Miracles 'MA' <sup>PG</sup>	** "Magic Mike" (2012) Channing Tatum, 'R' <sup>PG</sup>											
(HBO2)	303	202	303			"Harry Potter-Chamber"	Real Time With Bill Maher 'MA' <sup>PG</sup>	** "Taken 2" (2012) Liam Neeson, Sarah Silverman: We Are Miracles 'MA' <sup>PG</sup>	** "Magic Mike" (2012) Channing Tatum, 'R' <sup>PG</sup>											
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Hunters	Hunt Int'l	Hunters	Hunt Int'l	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	House Hunters Reno	Hunters	Hunt Int'l				
(HIST)	51	25	51	32	42	101 Gadgets That Changed the World	Pawn Stars 'PG'	101 Gadgets That Changed the World	101 Gadgets That Changed the World	Ax Men "Pain in the Ax" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Ax Men "Buying the Hatchet" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	American Jungle (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	American Jungle (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	American Jungle (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	American Jungle (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	American Jungle (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>	American Jungle (N) '14' <sup>PG</sup>			
(LIFE)	24	38	24		31	Love at the Christmas Table" (2012)	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Kristin's Christmas Past" (2013, Comedy) Shiri Appleby, Judd Nelson. 'NR' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Sneaky Eyes" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>	Witches of East End "Unburied" '14' <sup>PG</sup>			
(LMN)	50	119																		

# Couple embraces world travel challenge

Peter Graulich  
For the Chronicle

In the fall of 2008 my wife, Leslye and I were discussing the evils of getting old. After traveling most of our lifetimes we wondered how much longer we would be able to continue. We both agreed that we would probably have to curtail our traveling in the future and we decided to search for what may be our final travel challenge.

A few days later, we received an invitation from Princess Cruise Lines inviting us to join them on a trip around the world departing from Fort Lauderdale on Jan. 20, 2009 for 107 days. As travel challenges go, this would be a doozie.

How does one pack for a 107-day trip? After visions of trading a breakfast from the ship for a bar of soap in the jungles of Vietnam, we decided to just take everything with us. So began an almost daily trip to Walmart to stock up on every necessity. Toiletries, medicines, snacks and wine were the order of the day. Find a coupon, run to Walmart.

What should I wear? This became a daily discussion as we tried to find a happy medium between what to wear and available space. Fortunately, the cruise followed a warm weather route with the exception of a week in Korea and Japan. So we packed all Florida weather clothing and added an extra sweatshirt. With the logistics behind us, we moved to shots and visas.

Shots turned out to be a nonevent as none were required for our travel. Visas however were completely different story as we required many of them. Visas were

*Editor's note: This is the first installment a series highlighting Peter Graulich's 107-day trip around the world.*

**COMING UP:**  
Grand Cayman and the transit of the Panama Canal.

available on the ship as we arrived at specific ports, from the cruise line in advance, or purchased from an independent visa company. We chose to purchase the more expensive visas from a specialized travel agent. We spent about \$500 each on visas, but were then ready to roll.

On the morning of Jan. 20, we loaded our four suitcases, a portable wardrobe and our 13 boxes of necessities into the car and were driven by our good friends, Joe and Barbara, to the pier in Fort Lauderdale. They waved goodbye and wondered if they would ever see us again.

Leslye and I have traveled extensively and we have been on many cruises, but never for so long, and we had no idea what to expect.

We left our belongings at the pier, boarded the ship, and were shown to our cabin on the Royal Princess. Leslye's first words upon entering the cabin were "Where are we going to put all of our stuff?" Priorities being what they were, we went to lunch.

Some information about the Royal Princes to help you better understand our experiences on board:

Firstly — She has been retired, sold and scrapped since our trip and been replaced by a mega sized Royal Princess, christened by Duchess Kate in May 2013.

The Royal Princes is a small ship — that is to say about 700 passengers as opposed to the 5000-plus on some of the newest ships. As you will see over the rest of these installments, this makes a big difference in the onboard experience.

The world cruise is divided into four segments, roughly a quarter of the trip per segment. Passengers have the option of signing up for any segment or the full-world cruise. Of the 700 original passengers leaving Fort Lauderdale, 410 of them had signed on for the full cruise. The atmosphere on a small ship is more intimate and conducive to creating long-term friendships. Also, most of the staff remains on board for the duration of the cruise. After a while, we were all on a first name basis.

Cabin choices on the Royal Princess run the gamut from sleeping in a closet in the engine room to multiroom suites. We chose a balcony cabin reasoning that with 100 warm days this would pay off. Boy did it ever.

On returning from lunch, we found our belongings piled up in our cabin. I have been married to Leslye for 20-plus years, and I know when I will be in the way. I went for coffee.

When I returned, everything was put away. With the exception of a cardboard box in the corner, the cabin looked like we lived here.

We freshened up and

then headed to deck 9 for the "Sail Away" party. At 5:30 p.m., the Royal Princes departed Fort Lauderdale, en route to our first stop at Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

We spent day two at sea, traveling about 250 miles in rain, wind and waves. We spent the day eating, exploring the ship, eating and then getting ready for our first dinner on board.

We were assigned to table 49 at the 8 p.m. seating. We meet our six fellow passengers, all of whom are taking the full cruise, and enjoying the first of many dinners. More on this later.

*Peter Graulich loves to travel. He first left the*



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**Peter and Leslye, seen during a recent trip to Cuba, embarked on a 107-day trip around the world in 2009.**

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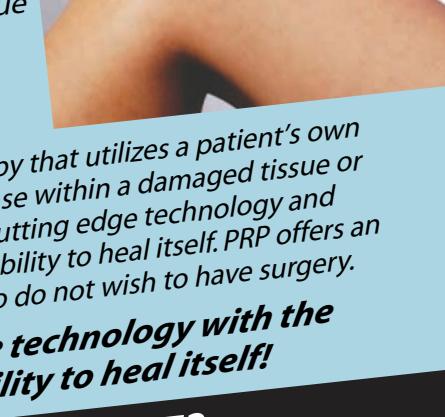
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# How TECHNOLOGY Can Simplify Your Holiday Season

## Holly jolly entertaining with ease

Time spent with loved ones is what the holidays are all about. Here are some ways your smartphone can make these occasions even more joyous:

- **Festive films and shows:** Whether you want to entertain the kids while waiting to board the plane or just want to catch your favorite holiday movie from the convenience of your phone, you can do so with ease with the Netflix app. Included with your Netflix membership, this easy app lets you download and stream thousands of your favorite television shows and movies to enjoy at any time you please.
- **Merry-making invitations:** Send out invitations to your ugly sweater party or caroling bash with unique, perfectly decorated invites with the Evite app. This helpful tool also allows you to manage guest lists and RSVP to other events in a snap.
- **Good tidings and great tunes:** The holidays would not be complete without the sounds and songs of the season filling the air. From kids' school parties to a holiday feast with family and friends, you can create your own personal holiday playlists to fit every event and mood. This unlimited access to music at your fingertips is a gift in itself.

## Festive holiday apps for kids

Let the little ones in on all the merriment with these great apps designed just for them. Just download onto your device and let your child play away while embracing the holiday spirit.

- **Gingerbread Crazy Chef — Cookie Maker**  
With ingredients for dough and plenty of fun ways to decorate, kids learn to make their own gingerbread cookies with this creative app.
- **Jolly Jingle**  
This musical app teaches the words to popular holiday songs, encouraging kids to join in on the fun by singing along.
- **Toca Hair Salon — Christmas Gift**  
Let the kids take Santa to the salon for a special haircut or dye job. Kids will have a blast giving Santa a makeover just in time for his big night.

## Holiday shopping simplified

So many gifts to purchase and so little time. Try these handy helpers to get all the gifts you need and still have time to stop and enjoy the eggnog:



- **Guesswork-free gifts:** Some apps, such as the Pickie's Best Gift Giver tool, use the Facebook likes and preferences of your gift recipients to create a list of suitable items they would love. It also combines all of these recommended items in a convenient, click-through catalog to make purchasing gifts easier. Make the shopping experience go even more smoothly by ensuring your phone has a strong, reliable signal. The zBoost SOHO cell phone signal booster kit increases signals up to 2500 square feet, making it perfect for your home or office. For more information, visit [www.zBoost.com](http://www.zBoost.com).
- **Lists you'll love:** When it comes to keeping track of presents, there's no need for pen and paper. The Christmas Gift List app allows you to create a budget for each recipient and then track gifts as they are purchased.
- **One cool countdown:** Follow the @ChristmasCount on your Twitter app for jolly updates on your favorite holiday. Besides keeping you aware of how many days you have left to shop, it also includes trivia and giveaways to keep you in the spirit.
- **See Santa save:** Ever wondered if you could get a gift at a better price? The RedLaser app allows you to search for a specific product and find its price at all retailers within the area. Its "In-store pickup" function allows you to purchase the gift directly from your phone for easy pickup and to ensure availability during those last-minute scrambles.

## FAMILY FEATURES

The advancements in technology have changed many things in our daily lives including how we celebrate the holidays. From making shopping easier to planning holiday getaways, the endless capabilities of smartphone devices have made the holidays easier and better than ever before, allowing you to save time and money all with the touch of a button.

From travel to shopping, here are some of the ways to use technology to enhance your yuletide celebrations and resolve some of the stress-inducing activities of the season.

## Taking the stress out of travel

If your holiday plans require traveling with the family, the proper planning tools are essential. Try these holiday helpers that make traveling a breeze:

- **Joyful journeys:** Need a break from the family? Want to explore the best attractions in grandpa's hometown? The Tripomatic app allows you to customize your own travel itinerary by entering the dates and location of your stay. Along with top attractions for your vacation spot, the app also pulls up an easy download of city guides so you can find the best diner, historic monument or shopping venue in town.

- **Travels by road:** If your holiday travels require a car ride, give the RoadNinja app a try. Restaurants, gas stations and other points of interest are posted for each highway exit on your route. Make sure you can access such helpful apps by ensuring you have the proper signal in your car.



- **The zBoost ZForce Cell Phone Signal Booster improves signal strength for voice and data to help you enjoy the journey.**

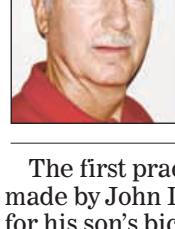
- **Plans and planes:** Keep all of your travel plans in one spot with the TripIt itinerary app. By linking to your email account, it sorts and places confirmation emails and other travel documents into the app.

- **A cheerful stay:** Whether you didn't plan far enough ahead, or your mother's house is overflowing with relatives, a peaceful hotel room is at hand with the Hotel Tonight app. By specializing in last-minute deals provided by area hotels, you end up with a luxurious room at a lower price.

# A look back at the history, importance of tires

Some of the most common equipment on your car are the tires. We all know they are there, but really don't notice them until one goes flat or the Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) light comes on to tell you there is low air pressure in one of the tires. Sometimes, the TPMS light can drive you crazy when it malfunctions and stays on for no reason. However, your tires are one of the most important safety items on your car.

Did you ever wonder how tires developed over the years into what they are today? The earliest tires were bands of iron (later steel) placed on wooden wheels, used on cars and wagons. The metal would be heated in a forge fire, placed over the wheel and quenched, causing it to contract and fit tightly on the wheel. A skilled worker, known as a wheelwright, performed this work. The outer metal ring served to "tie" the wheel segments together for use, providing a wear-resistant surface on the perimeter of the wheel. The word "tire" thus emerged as a variant spelling to refer to the metal bands used to tie wheels.



Ken McNally

## CAR CORNER

The first practical pneumatic tire was made by John Dunlop in Ireland in 1887 for his son's bicycle, in an effort to prevent the headaches his son had while riding on rough roads. Dunlop is credited with realizing rubber could withstand the wear and tear of being a tire while retaining its resilience. The development of this technology progressed over the years based on many engineering advances. In terms of materials, the vulcanization of natural rubber (making it stronger and more elastic) is credited to Charles Goodyear and an associate. Synthetic rubbers were invented in the laboratories of Bayer in the 1920s.

The materials of modern pneumatic tires are synthetic rubber, natural rubber, fabric and wire along with carbon

black and other chemical compounds. They consist of a tread and a body. The tread provides traction while the body provides containment for the compressed air. Early rubber tires were solid (not pneumatic). Today, the majority of tires are pneumatic inflatable structures comprising a doughnut-shaped body of cords and wires encased in rubber and generally filled with air to form an inflatable cushion.

It seems the new trend is "run-flat" tires that have a much stiffer sidewall and can be driven on for up to 100 miles at lower speeds to get to a repair shop. If your car has the run-flats on it, as do most of the newer Corvettes, there is no spare tire provided by the manufacturer. One of the main drawbacks of the run-flats is a stiffer ride than regular tires. There are over one billion tires produced annually in about 450 tire factories around the world.

It's an important safety precaution to check your tires periodically for wear and keep them inflated to the recommended air pressure.

**CAR JOKE:** While working on a car, a mechanic accidentally swallowed some

brake fluid. To his surprise, he quite liked the taste. The next day he decided to have another swig and enjoyed it so much that he told his friend. His friend said: "You shouldn't be drinking brake fluid. It's bad for you." But the mechanic was becoming hooked and each day increasing his intake of brake fluid. His friend became seriously concerned. "You've got to give it up," he insisted. "Brake fluid is poisonous." "Don't worry," said the mechanic. "I can stop anytime."

## Upcoming events

- Nov. 30 and Dec. 7: Cruise-in at 6 p.m. hosted by Citrus County Cruisers at Wendy's on U.S. 19 in Crystal River.

*Ken McNally is a car columnist for the Chronicle. Contact him at [ken.mcnamara@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mcnally@tampabay.rr.com) or 352-341-1165.*

## On the road:

Beginning on Dec. 7, Ken McNally and Car Corner will be featured in the Chronicle's Sports section.

# VETERANS

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

## VETERANS NOTES

### Auxiliary to serve pasta

The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Edward W. Penno Post 4864 in Citrus Springs invites everyone to a pasta dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at the post, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

Cost is \$8; children younger than 6 eat for \$4. Karaoke with Mike follows. For more information, call 352-465-4864.

### Post to serve holiday dinner

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, at the post, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon.

Donations will be accepted, but are not necessary. Everyone is welcome.

### MOC/MOCA plans dinner

The Military Order of the Cootie/Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary will serve a pasta and meatball or sausage dinner from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Leroy Rooks Jr. Post No. 4252, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando.

Advance tickets, for \$7, may be purchased at the post. Donation at the door will be \$7.50. Music will be provided after dinner.

For more information, call Paul Kimmerling, seam squirrel, at 352-795-4142 or the post at 352-726-3339.

### 40&8 to have breakfast

Citrus 40&8 Voiture 1219 welcomes the public to breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. the first Sunday each month at American Legion Post 155 on State Road 44 in Crystal River (6585 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway).

Donation is \$6 for adults; special on kids' (8 and younger) meals. Specialty drinks available for \$1.

Proceeds benefit programs of the 40&8.

### Sign up by Dec. 2 for tourney

VFW Edward W. Penno Post 4864 in Citrus Springs invites everyone to participate in a golf tournament on Saturday, Dec. 14. Sign up by Dec. 2.

For more information, call 352-465-4864.

### Auxiliary to have yard sale

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary No. 70, Inverness, will have its semi-annual yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 7.

No sales earlier than 8 a.m. Donations are gladly accepted. Call Lucy Godfrey, commander, at 352-794-3104 to drop off items or have them picked up. The post is at 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, at the intersection of Independence Highway and U.S. 41.

### Riders set Pearl Harbor run

District 7 VFW Riders will host the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Poker Run on Saturday, Dec. 7. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the last bike out at 11 a.m. and last bike in at 4 p.m.

The poker run will begin at VFW Post 7122 Floral City, 8191 S. Florida Ave. Start the run with breakfast for a donation. Cost of \$15 per poker hand includes the cost of the meal at the Ingles Post. Additional poker hands for \$10. Additional meal tickets are \$5.

Final stop and wild card will be at Ingles VFW Post 8698, at 520 State Road 40 E. Last bike in by 4 p.m.

Prizes will be given for best poker hand, second-best hand and worst hand. There will be music, a silent auction, odometer poker for a prize (read your bike odometer — best hand wins) and a 50/50 drawing.

For more information, call Roger at 352-697-1826 or email shanily1@yahoo.com.

### CCVC yard sale to be Dec. 14

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition has yard sales September through May from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, south of where U.S. 41 and State Road 44 split.

Sellers may come and set up the day before (typically Friday afternoon) and are responsible for the security of their own items overnight.

The spots are typically 15 feet by 30 feet and cost \$10.

For more information and to make reservations, call Dan at 352-400-8952.

### Celebrate new year with post

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy New Year's Eve on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at VFW Post 10087 in Beverly Hills.

Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes a prime rib dinner, a band, dancing, party favors and champagne toast. Cash bar will be available.

Tickets are on sale until Dec. 25. There will be no late sales.

For more information, call 352-464-7440.

Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.

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# Taking a new twist



AUGIE SALZER/Special to the Chronicle

**James Gilroy spent 20 years serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. His post-military career has led Gilroy and his friend, Faye Mulvey, to start a quality custom metal art business together.**

## Ex-Marine tackles post-service career in arts

**AUGIE SALZER**  
*Special to the Chronicle*

**A**fter spending most of his 20 years of military service overseas, one gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps chose Dunnellon to be his first home after retirement.

James Gilroy's godmother lives here on 30 acres and she was able to sell him 10 of those acres for his home.

"I have never lived in one place longer than three years," Gilroy said. "This is my first home. I needed someplace small and quiet, and I have peace of mind in Dunnellon."

He was a logistics chief in the Marines, making sure the equipment, transportation, food and sleep arrangements were completed for the men. He also provided security for different embassies before he officially retired in 2006.

"It was my life, just serving others," he said. "Now, I'm taking a bit of time for me."

Gilroy decided to use his G.I. Bill to attend classes at the Withlacoochee Technical Institute in Inverness. He graduated with honors and became a certified welder, auto mechanic and an auto body and paint expert with plans to open a garage for classic cars.

"If I'm going to do my things I wanted to make sure it was quality

work," he said. "I was always crafty and this was going to be an outlet for me."

But things didn't work out as he originally planned. Before actually starting school, Gilroy met Faye Mulvey and they became friends. Then, while in school, he was introduced to the plasma machine, which cuts metal with air and electricity. Everything changed.

With his new education and her knowledge of computers, they decided to start a quality custom metal art business together.

Gunnyz Metal Art was the obvious name for their new venture because of Gilroy's past and the "Z" came from hot rod lingo, which is one of his specialties.

"I was just going to have a garage when I got out of school," Gilroy said. "Instead, I sold a 1951 Ford coup to buy the machine."

The plasma machine is usually used to repair parts or to create a large number of the same object, like small metal gears, according to Gilroy. When purchased, the machine comes ready to use with their computer software.

"We didn't get the template software package that also comes with the machine because it goes out to everyone," Mulvey said. "I make my own designs and each custom piece is different and unique."

The machine Gilroy was trained on in school was not exactly the same one he purchased for the business, but he managed to make it work.

"He figured out the machine and I figured out CAD," Mulvey said about learning the computer assisted design software. "We bought the machine to do exactly what we are doing."

The process to make one of the

custom metal art pieces starts with Mulvey taking a photo of the object, then she makes adjustments through photo shop and uses graphics or CAD, then gives the finished artwork to Gilroy. Making sure all the metal pieces are connected together, he then cuts the design out of steel on the plasma machine and puts his finishing touches on it.

Gilroy buys multiple sheets of hot-rolled steel from a steel distributor. He shops around for the best price and has traveled as far as Tampa to get the best deal.

The metal has turned into many custom pieces and a lot of stock pieces of horses or birds.

"We are both creative in our own way and it shows in our work," said Mulvey of the different pieces they create. "Hot rod cars speak to him and bunnies in the garden speak to me."

Three custom signs are on display at the Blue Gator in Dunnellon. They also are working on a sign of the Masonic logo for the Masonic Lodge in Trenton. The couple made a large custom sign for a specialty auto store and then created a small business card holder to match the sign.

The cost of the metal art depends on the amount of time and materials needed to complete a custom project or an item they have on display.

"We save a lot of cost by working at home," Gilroy said. "I feel real good about our prices."

Gilroy and Mulvey display some of their pieces at the First Saturday Market in Dunnellon. For more information, visit [www.gunnyzmetalart.com](http://www.gunnyzmetalart.com).

*Augie Salzer is a correspondent for the Riverland News. Email her at Augie@ThingsInTown.com.*

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

### In Their Words

#### Tell us your story

The Chronicle features stories of local veterans.

The stories are about a singular event or moment in your military career that stands out to you. It can be any type of event, from something from the battlefield to a fun excursion while on leave.

We also ask that you provide us with your rank, branch of service, theater of war served, years served, outfit and veterans organization affiliations.

To have your story told, call C.J. Risak at 352-586-9202 or email him at [cjrisak2@yahoo.com](mailto:cjrisak2@yahoo.com). He will put together your stories and help set up obtaining "then" and "now" photos to publish with your story.

#### New veterans' pin available

Disabled American Veterans, Gerald A. Shonk Chapter 70, of Inverness announces the design and availability of this year's Citrus County Veterans Appreciation Commemorative Pin.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Honoring Our Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans," the pin is an outline of Citrus County superimposed with the Iraq Campaign and the Afghanistan Campaign service medals.

Pins are available for a donation of \$3 each and may be obtained by calling the chapter at 352-344-3464 or

John Seaman at 352-860-0123. Pins are also available at the Citrus County Veterans Service Office in Lecanto.



## IN SERVICE

### Michael J. Major

Army Pvt. Michael J. Major has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Major is the son of Frank and Theresa Major of Beverly Hills. He is a 2009 graduate of Citrus High School, Inverness.

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**VETERANS NOTES****DAV transport needs new van**

The Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network requests contributions from the public to reach a goal of \$20,000 for a van.

The van program goes to the clinic in The Villages, as well as to the VA facility in Gainesville. This service is available to all veterans each weekday, for scheduled appointments, tests and procedures.

The program uses a loaner van, which has more than 270,000 miles on it, to transport to The Villages, which is the reason for this fundraiser.

Cash donations are not accepted and it is requested that any contributions be made by check or money order made out to: DAV Van Project — with DAV van project also written in the memo section.

Mail a tax-deductible contribution to: DAV Van Project, c/o Joe Stephens, chairman, 2797 W. Xenox Drive, Citrus Springs, FL 34433, or mail it to the DAV Chapter 70: DAV Van Project/Treasurer, Gerald A. Shonk DAV Florida Chapter 70, 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, FL 34450.

## VETERANS &amp; SERVICE GROUPS

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## AMERICAN LEGION

■ Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526, email blantonthompsonPost155@gmail.com, or visit www.flPost155.org.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155. Call Unit President Barbara Logan, 352-795-4233.

■ American Legion Wall Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-3544, or email boosc29@gmail.com.

■ American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237, 4077 N. Lecanto Highway, in the Beverly Plaza. Visit www.Post237.org or call 352-746-5018.

■ Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary Unit 77, 4375 Little Al Point, off Arbor Street in Inverness. Call Commander Norm Brummett at 352-476-2134 or Auxiliary president Alice Brummett at 352-476-7001.

■ American Legion Post 166, meets at the Springs Lodge No. 378 A&F, 5030 S. Memorial Drive, Homosassa. Call Robert Scott at 352-860-2090.

■ Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225, 6535 S. Withlappoka Drive, Floral City. Call 352-860-1629.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

■ H.F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087, County Road 491, directly behind Cadence Bank, Beverly Hills. Call 352-746-0440.

■ Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-4864.

■ Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 and Ladies Auxiliary, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, State Road 200, Hernando. Call 352-726-3339, email vfw4252@tampabay.rr.com and Google VFW 4252, Hernando.

■ Dumas-Hartson VFW Post 8189, West Veterans Drive, west of U.S. 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa. Call 352-795-5012.

■ Joe Nic Barco Memorial VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. Call 352-637-0100.

■ Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Victor Houston at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.com.

■ Gilley-Long-Osteen VFW Post 8698, 520 State Road 40 E., Inglis, one mile east of U.S. 19. Call 352-447-3495.

## OTHER GROUPS

■ AMVETS William Crow Post 447, 405 E. State Road 40, Inglis, FL 34449. Call 352-447-1816; email Amvet447@comcast.net.

■ Disabled American Veterans Gerald A. Shonk Chapter No. 70, 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, at the intersection of Independence Highway and U.S. 41. Call 352-419-0207.

■ Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit No. 70. Call Commander Lucy Godfrey at 352-794-3104.

■ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 158, Crystal River, meets at the Crystal River Mall. For more information, call Duane Godfrey at 352-228-0337.

■ Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary Citrus Unit 498. Call JV Joan Cecil at 352-726-0834 or President Elaine Spikes at 352-860-2400.

■ The Korean War Veterans Association, Citrus

Chapter 192 meets at VFW Post 10087, Beverly Hills. Call Hank Butler at 352-563-2496, Neville Anderson at 352-344-2529 or Bob Hermanson at 352-489-0728.

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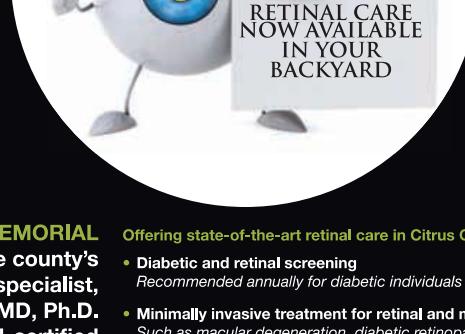
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## Georgia Southern shocks Florida 26-20

*FCS school does not complete pass in triumph*

*Associated Press*

GAINESVILLE — Georgia Southern players and coaches trickled back onto Florida Field long after the game ended.

They had cellphones in hand, ready to snap pictures of a lifeless stadium.

About an hour earlier, they emptied the Swamp in what will go down as Florida's worst loss in school history.

Kevin Ellison ran for two touchdowns, Jerick McKinnon had a huge score late and four-touchdown underdog Georgia

Southern stunned Florida 26-20 Saturday without completing a pass.

No lower-division team had ever beaten the Gators, who won their previous seven games against Football Championship Subdivision teams by an average of 45 points.

So this was a shocker, even though Florida (4-7) lost its sixth consecutive game and secured its first losing season since 1979.

"Very disappointed for our program, an embarrassment (to be) in this situation," Gators coach Will Muschamp said. "It's all disappointing. It's hard to measure it at this point."

Georgia Southern (7-4) ran for 429 yards — all of the team's offense and the most against Florida since Nebraska rolled up 524 in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

McKinnon finished with 125 yards rushing, including a 14-yard touchdown with 2:57 remaining. Ellison added 118 yards on the ground, scoring on runs of 45 and 1. Fullback William Banks also gashed the Gators, getting 94 yards up the middle. His 53-yarder on a third-and-2 play set up the winning score.

Florida had a chance to win it, thanks partly to two missed extra points.

Skyler Mornhinweg, making his second consecutive start in place of Tyler Murphy (shoulder), got the Gators in scoring territory, but his final two throws fell incomplete. He had Quinton Dunbar open in the corner of the end zone on third down from the 17, but his pass floated high. He tried to force one to Solomon Patton on the

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*Associated Press*

Georgia Southern quarterback Kevin Ellison looks for an opening past Florida linebacker Jarrad Davis, left, and Dante Fowler Jr. (6) as he gets a block from Irving Huggins (22) during the first half Saturday in Gainesville.

## Small potatoes



Bucs hit road to face Detroit

*Associated Press*

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions control their playoff picture, sharing first place in the NFC North with Chicago, a team they've beaten twice to own the potential tiebreaker.

Detroit has four of its next five games at home, including Sunday's matchup against Tampa Bay, and only one game remaining against a team that currently has a winning record.

The Lions, though, turned a great position into only a good one by blowing a four-point, fourth-quarter lead in last week's loss at Pittsburgh.

"We still own our destiny," defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh said. "We can continue to hold those reins as long as we take care of business."

If Detroit can avoid losing two straight for the first time this year against a team with a two-game winning streak, the franchise will take another step toward earning a spot in the postseason for the second time in three seasons. Perhaps even win a division title for the first time in two decades.

When Tampa Bay (2-8) plays the Lions on the road, here are five things to watch:

### Megatron meets Revis Island

Lions receiver Calvin Johnson is in a spectacular stretch of his two-time All-Pro career, heading into a matchup with Darrelle Revis, who shut him down in their only other meeting. Revis limited Johnson to a career-low-matching one reception for 13 yards, the fourth-lowest total of career, three years ago to help the New York Jets win at Detroit 23-20 in overtime. The Buccaneers signed the three-time All-Pro cornerback to a six-year, \$96 million for games like this one, having confidence in him even though he needed major surgery on his left knee early last season with the Jets.

"Is he all the way back? Probably not, but he is getting real

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Florida State running back James Wilder Jr. stiff-arms Idaho cornerback Jayshawn Jordan on a 49-yard run in the first half Saturday in Tallahassee. The No. 2 Seminoles easily rolled over the Vandals.

## No. 2 FSU has no trouble with Idaho during 80-14 home beatdown

*Associated Press*

TALLAHASSEE — Jameis Winston threw for 225 yards and four touchdowns as No. 2 Florida State broke a school record for points in a game in an 80-14 victory against Idaho Saturday.

Florida State (11-0) topped the 77 points the Seminoles scored in 1995 against North Carolina State to remain unbeaten.

The Seminoles continue to focus on football while the ongoing sexual assault investigation of Winston casts a shadow over the program. State attorney Willie Meggs said Saturday it is unlikely that a final decision will be made before Thanksgiving on whether to charge the quarterback.

The lawyer of the accuser, Patricia Carroll, claims Winston raped the victim on Dec. 7, 2012. Winston's lawyer Tim Jansen said the sex between the two was

consensual.

Florida State is now two wins from a likely berth in the BCS championship game.

The Seminoles finish the regular season at Florida (4-7), which lost 26-20 to Georgia Southern on Saturday and will be heavy underdogs against the Seminoles. Florida State should go into the Atlantic Coast Conference championship without a loss and be favored again. A trip to Pasadena for the title game is nearly within its grasp.

Winston, a Heisman Trophy front-runner, played just one series in the second half.

The Seminoles have dominated throughout the season, but 66 points was the largest margin of victory since a 69-3 win against Murray State in the 2012 season opener.

Devonta Freeman opened up the

scoring with a 60-yard run on their seventh offensive snap of the game. That was the beginning of the punishing day for a run game that posted 336 yards rushing. He had 129 yards on 11 carries as the entire backfield got loose.

James Wilder Jr. carried an entire possession on his back in the second quarter. He capped a five-play, 85-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown with 5:54 left in the second quarter. Wilder carried the ball on four of those five plays and accounted for every yard. Karlos Williams added 114 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries.

Kenny Shaw recorded his first 100-yard game of the season in the last home game of his career. He finished with 107 yards and two touchdowns on five receptions. Kelvin Benjamin hauled in two touchdowns on his three receptions and

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# Louisville advances

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UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Chris Jones scored 15 points to lead No. 3 Louisville to a 71-57 victory over Fairfield on Saturday in the Hall of Fame Tipoff Tournament.

Montrezl Harrell added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Cardinals (5-0), who extended their winning streak to 21 games, including last season's run to the NCAA championship.

Maurice Barrow paced Fairfield (1-4) with 14 points and Marcus Gilbert scored 11.

Louisville will take on No. 24 North Carolina in Sunday's championship game. The Tar Heels beat Richmond, 82-72 in Saturday's first semifinal.

The Stags stayed with the Cardinals for much of the first half and led 11-9 early on. But Louisville went on a 28-12 run to close the half and led by as many as 21 after the break.

## No. 11 Memphis 98, Nicholls State 59

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Austin Nichols scored 20 points and Joe Jackson had 18 to power Memphis to the win.

Nichols, a freshman forward, connected on 9 of 15 shots to help Memphis (2-1) rebound from a 101-80 loss to No. 7 Oklahoma State on Tuesday. Jackson went 14 of 15 from the free-throw line.

Michael Dixon Jr. added 16 points for the Tigers, while Nick King had 12 points.

Jeremy Smith had 16 points for Nicholls State (0-4), which closed out a four-game road trip to open its season.

Nicholls State had 18 turnovers and shot 36 percent from the field.

## No. 23 Creighton 82, Tulsa 72

OMAHA, Neb. — Doug McDermott scored 21 of his 33 points in the second half, and Austin Chatman had a career-high 19 for Creighton.

McDermott recorded his 16th career 30-point game. He also became the first Creighton player since Cyril Baptiste in 1969-70 to open a season with four straight 20-point games.

The Bluejays (4-0), playing as a Top 25



Associated Press

Louisville's Chris Jones brings the ball up court in front of Fairfield's Amadou Sidibe during the second half in the semifinal round of the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament Saturday at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

team for the first time this season, opened the second half on a 13-4 run to increase its 42-41 halftime lead to 55-45. McDermott had eight points during the spurt, closing the surge with two straight 3-pointers.

Rashad Smith had 21 points, Pat Swilling added 18 and James Woodard 11 for Tulsa (0-4). Shaquille Harrison, who was averaging a team-high 19.5 points, was held to seven.

## No. 24 UNC 82, Richmond 72

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Marcus Paige scored 26 points, Brice Johnson had 24 and North Carolina bounced back from its first loss of the season.

The Tar Heels (3-1) were up 66-62 with just under 4 minutes to play when Richmond's Terry Allen picked up his fourth foul. Johnson made a putback that started the run that gave the Tar Heels control of the game. A Paige 3-pointer made it 71-62 and North Carolina held on down the stretch.

Cedrick Lindsay scored 29 points for Richmond. Kendall Anthony added 13.

# Trust in world of sports is very important

**L**ife is funny. I just got to the point of raising four kids to adulthood and then — surprise — we have another. Watching my youngest 8-year-old daughter learn to play soccer reminds me when my oldest 25 year-old daughter played soccer in Arizona at the same age.

She was an outstanding runner and when she was leading the pack, dribbling the ball to score, another

girl kicked her leg attempting to bring her down and prevent her from scoring. My daughter trusted her competitors to play fair and by the rules. I was amazed how these illegal tactics started at such a young age. This example is microscopic compared to today's adult trust issues in sports.

Trust is basic to our American way of life and is particularly key in sports participation. As kids, probably in an age gone by, we learned to play by the rules. Little did we realize that one of the major reasons was to avoid damage to the health and well-being not only to ourselves but our competitors as well. Unfortunately as adults and in particular adult athletes, better known as college and pro-

essional athletes, too often the rules are forgotten.

We are trusting and dependent on doctors to present the best scenario for our care without conflict. Rarely do we think about trust in relationship to sports and athletics and in particular the relationship to physical injuries that result from breaking that trust.

Athletes must have a self-trust. Trust is a skill in which athletes let go of conscious control over movements and allow automatic execution of the skills and reactions that have been developed through training.

People may better appreciate the importance of trust in team sports. As a coach, it is critically important that the team trusts you. The team has to be able to react appropriately to instructions to fully reach their potential as athletes and to function together as a team.

Treating an athlete, a doctor is entrusted with the need to be knowledgeable in treating the sports injury from the perspective of the athlete or sportsman. The athlete trusts the doctor to facilitate a recovery in order to return to his or her sport.

The referees, umpires

and judges can only do so much to maintain the rules of the sports. Just as police officers can do only so much to maintain the rules of the road, it is trust that is incumbent on drivers to stop at red lights, not pass on the solid line or approaching hills and slow in school zones.

As athletes, we have to trust other athletes to follow the rules to avoid serious injury and possibly death. A runner, not following the rules, cut into Mary Decker's lane prematurely during her famed Olympic distance race. The resulting trip, fall and defeat in this Olympic race basically ended her top-level competitive career.

This minor disobedience of the rules had little physical impact on the runner. Direct violation of the rules such as helmet-to-helmet and spear tackling, use of cocaine and other drugs and stimulants results in serious injury by emotionally charging and intensifying the contacts.

Big running backs colliding with 200 to 300-pound defensive players traveling at 4.0 seconds for 40 yards has an impact force of thousands of pounds. Multiply the intensity of that tackle with some stimulant drugs and there is an elevated potential for disaster.

In boxing, Mike Tyson recently admitted he

broke the trust of his competitors. He admitted to being on drugs during his fights resulting in an ear being bitten off during a clinch. A pre-eminent trust in your boxing opponent is to not bite, punch you below the belt or throw a punch after the bell.

Even ultimate cage fighting has rules and the need for some level of trust between the competitors. Contrary to popular belief, the sport does have rules to which the fighters must adhere. There are 31 fouls, contestants are not allowed to strike the back of the head or spine, strike or grab the throat or gouge orbits. Fighters must wear gloves weighing between four and six pounds. Groin protectors are optional.

Trust in the rules to protect from severe injuries is crucial in this sport. Just think about it in this sport.

Baseball players are entrusted with not throwing a pitch at the batters head. Not being perfect, errant pitches occur. But if throwing at the head were purposeful and common place, the game would be pretty boring because the pitcher would become the 1,000-pound gorilla dominating the game.

At some point we hope that the trickle down theory applies to good sportsmanship by adult athletes trying to follow rules versus how to get around them. In that vein, our

young athletes might be more motivated to keep the trust and subsequently safety in their game.

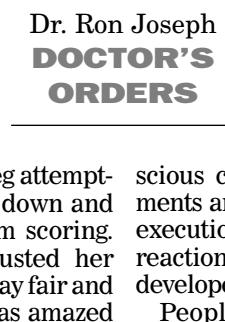
In our modern world of athletic conflict, we have replaced the shaking of the right hand from the days of knights and chivalry with trust to follow the rules to prevent athletic injuries. Athletes of every ilk face the issues

of trust every time they train or compete and in most instances are true to their endeavors.

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# Ducks loss helps Cardinal

*Associated Press*

Stanford is back on top of the Pac-12 North after Arizona did to Oregon what Southern California did to the Cardinal last week.

Though this upset was far more surprising and emphatic.

The fifth-ranked Ducks had their national championship hopes smashed by Arizona, 42-16 on Saturday as No. 10 Stanford was routing California.

The results give Stanford the Pac-12 North title for a second straight season. Oregon (9-2) might be able to get an at-large BCS bid if it can close out with a victory against Oregon State, but it's looking like a bit of a long shot now.

Oregon lost for the second time in three games. In the last three weeks the Ducks have lost to Stanford to give the Cardinal control of the division, then regained control when Stanford fell to USC, and now have given it away again.

Stanford has a chance to reach back-to-back Rose Bowls for the first time since the 1971 and '72 games.

## No. 1 Alabama 49, Chattanooga 0

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — AJ McCarron passed for two touchdowns and became No. 1 Alabama's winningest quarterback.

McCarron completed 13 of 16 passes for 171 yards before leaving one drive into the second half of his final game at Bryant-Denny Stadium for the Crimson Tide (11-0). He improved to 36-2 as a starter, breaking a tie with Jay Barker for the school mark.

McCarron and Alabama got an easy tuneup for the Iron Bowl against No. 6 Auburn to determine the Southeastern Conference Western Division champion.

The Tide produced its third shutout of the year and blocked a field goal against the FCS Mocs (8-4).

Kenyan Drake ran for 77 yards and a 13-yard touchdown with starting tailback T.J. Yeldon sitting out to rest a sprained ankle.

Christion Jones scored on a 75-yard punt return in the second quarter.

## No. 4 Ohio State 42, Indiana 14

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Braxton Miller ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns and passed for two more Saturday to lead No. 4 Ohio State to a 42-14 victory over Indiana, extending the Buckeyes' school-record win streak to 23 in a row.

The snowy victory clinched a division title for the Buckeyes (11-0, 7-0), locking up a spot opposite Michigan State in the Big Ten championship game on Dec. 7.

Carlos Hyde became the first running back to go over 1,000 yards rushing in Urban Meyer's 12 years as a head coach. He ran for 117 yards and two scores.

Ohio State's defense throttled the Hoosiers (4-7, 2-5), who came in averaging 39 points a game.

## Arizona 42, No. 5 Oregon 16

TUCSON, Ariz. — Ka'Deem Carey ran for 206 yards and four touchdowns while becoming Arizona's all-time leading rusher.

Coming off a disappointing home loss to Washington State, Arizona (7-4, 4-4 Pac-12) didn't back off the throttle of its up-tempo offense against the fast-paced Ducks.

With Carey bursting through the line to punish defenders and B.J. Denker dinking and dashing with a



Associated Press

**Stanford wide receiver Ty Montgomery dives into the end zone for a touchdown past California defensive back Kameron Jackson during the first half Saturday in Stanford, Calif.**

variety of fakes, the Wildcats jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead and kept going for their first win over a top-five team since knocking off No. 1 Washington 1992.

Oregon (9-2, 6-2) gave the Wildcats plenty of help with three turnovers and turning it over twice more on downs to end its national title hopes and, possibly, its four-year run of BCS bowls.

## No. 7 Clemson 52, The Citadel 6

CLEMSON, S.C. — Tajh Boyd threw for five touchdowns and 288 yards in the final home game of his career.

The game was more of a celebration than a contest for the Tigers (10-1), who now have not lost in 28 games against Football Championship Subdivision opponents.

Clemson didn't score on its first possession, but made it to the end zone the next five times it touched the ball. Boyd had touchdown passes of 8, 9, 19, 24 and 30 yards. He ended the game with 102 passing TDs in his career and tied the Tigers record of five passing TDs in a game for the sixth time. Three times Boyd has thrown for five scores in the first half.

Clemson outgained The Citadel (5-7) 558 yards to 172 yards.

## No. 18 LSU 34, No. 9 Texas A&M 10

BATON ROUGE, La. — Terrance Magee rushed for a career-high 149 yards and LSU's defense pulled the plug on Johnny Manziel and Texas A&M's video-game offense.

Zach Mettenberger completed 11-of-20 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns on a cold, wet and windy afternoon. Jarvis Landry highlighted his four-catch, 87-yard performances with touchdowns of 40 and 10 yards. LSU (8-3, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) piled up 324 yards on the ground and outgained Texas A&M (8-3, 4-3) in total yards, 517-299.

What was likely Manziel's only visit to Tiger Stadium was among the worst outings of his otherwise brilliant career. He passed for 224 yards and a TD, but completed only 16 of 41, was sacked twice and intercepted twice as the Aggies' road winning streak ended at 10.

## No. 10 Stanford 63, California 13

STANFORD, Calif. — Ty Mont-

gomery matched a Stanford school record with five touchdowns, scoring the first four times he touched the ball, and the Cardinal clinched a spot in the Pac-12 championship game with Oregon's loss.

Kevin Hogan threw four of his five scoring passes to Montgomery, including a 9-yard completion just before halftime that put Stanford ahead 42-13. The Cardinal (9-2, 7-2 Pac-12) bounced back from last week's loss at USC but needed No. 5 Oregon to lose one of its final two games to earn a spot in the conference championship. The Ducks lost 42-16 in Tucson, and Stanford's fans led chants of "Arizona! Arizona!"

Hogan set career highs with 329 yards passing and the five TD passes.

Cal (1-11, 0-9) lost its 10th straight to finish new coach Sonny Dykes' disappointing debut year.

## No. 12 S. Carolina 70, C. Carolina 10

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Connor Shaw passed for a touchdown and ran for a score in less than a quarter of work as South Carolina scored the most points in Steve Spurrier's nine seasons as coach.

The Gamecocks (9-2) scored on their first six possessions and surpassed their output from a 69-24 win over Troy in 2010. And it came with South Carolina resting several starters for rival Clemson next Saturday night, including defensive linemen Jadeveon Clowney and Kelcy Quarles and the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher in Mike Davis.

The Gamecocks won their record 17th straight game at home and Shaw improved to 25-5 as a starter, moving past Todd Ellis' wins mark

The news wasn't all bad for Coastal Carolina (10-2). The Chants learned before halftime they shared a Big South championship and earned the league's FCS playoff bid.

## No. 13 Michigan St. 30, Northwestern 6

EVANSTON, Ill. — Connor Cook threw for a career-high 293 yards, Jeremy Langford ran for 150, and Michigan State clinched a spot in the Big Ten title game.

Cook threw for two touchdowns. Langford ran for two scores, and the Spartans (10-1, 7-0) reached the conference title game for the second time in three years.

Langford ran 20 yards untouched for the game's first touchdown in the

second quarter. He sealed it with a 37-yard scoring run in the fourth after Kurtis Drummond picked off a short pass by Trevor Siemian, sending Michigan State to its seventh straight win and Northwestern (4-7, 0-7) to its seventh loss in a row.

## No. 19 Arizona St. 38, No. 14 UCLA 33

PASADENA, Calif. — Taylor Kelly passed for 225 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 99 yards and another score, and No. 19 Arizona State hung on in the fourth quarter to clinch its first Pac-12 South title with a 38-33 victory over No. 14 UCLA.

Marion Grice had 95 yards rushing and 72 yards receiving for the surging Sun Devils (9-2, 7-1 Pac-12), who will face Stanford in the league title game in two weeks. If Arizona State beats Arizona in the Territorial Cup game next week, the Sun Devils will host the Cardinal.

Arizona State blew most of a 22-point halftime lead over the Bruins (8-3, 5-3) and scored just three points in the second half, but its defense held UCLA scoreless on its final two drives.

## No. 15 Fresno St. 69, New Mexico 28

FRESNO, Calif. — Derek Carr threw for 527 yards and a school-record seven touchdowns in his final regular-season home game and Fresno State clinched a spot in the Mountain West title game.

Davante Adams had nine catches for 246 yards and four scores and Josh Harper added 10 for 161 and three TDs as the Bulldogs (10-0, 7-0) gained a school-record 820 yards and clinched first place in the West Division. They will likely host the conference championship game on Dec. 7 as long as they remain ahead of the Mountain Division winner in the BCS standings.

The Lobos (3-8, 1-6) lost their 15th straight game against a ranked opponent as they struggled on offense without injured quarterback Cole Gausche and running back Kasey Carrier and had no defensive answer to stop Carr and the Bulldogs' bevy of playmakers.

## No. 16 Wisconsin 20, Minnesota 7

MINNEAPOLIS — James White rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown and No. 16 Wisconsin beat Minnesota for the 10th straight time.

Jared Abbrederis had seven catches for 67 yards and a touchdown and Chris Borland recovered two fumbles and forced one to tie the NCAA record for career fumbles caused. After the game, the Badgers (9-2, 6-1 Big Ten) hoisted Paul Bunyan's Axe and used it to chop the Gophers goal post when the time ran out.

Aaron Hill returned an interception for a touchdown and David Cobb rushed for 68 yards for the Golden Gophers (8-3, 4-3). But Philip Nelson completed just 7 of 23 passes for 83 yards and the Gophers turned the ball over three times to snap a four-game winning streak.

## No. 21 Louisville 24, Memphis 17

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Teddy Bridgewater threw for 220 yards and a touchdown in what could be his final home game for Louisville.

The Cardinals used a 17-point surge over the second and third quarters to provide a cushion.

Louisville (10-1, 6-1 American Athletic Conference) seemed in control leading 24-3 before quarterback Paxton Lynch rallied Memphis (3-7, 1-5) with a 4-yard run early in the fourth quarter and a 6-yard TD pass to Jesse Milesen with 6:07 remaining.

The Tigers' defense was poised to give Lynch another opportunity but Reggis Ball was penalized for roughing punter Ryan Johnson, giving the Cardinals first down at the Memphis 29 with 2:58 left.

Louisville eventually turned it over on downs at the Memphis 6. But with no timeouts left, the Tigers gained just 17 yards before time expired.

## No. 22 Oklahoma 41, Kansas State 31

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Brennan Clay ran for a career-high 200 yards and two touchdowns and Sooners coach Bob Stoops moved past Barry Switzer for the most wins in school history.

It was the 157th victory at Oklahoma for Stoops, and it came against his former mentor. Stoops was a defensive assistant under Kansas State coach Bill Snyder from 1989-95.

Freshman Trevor Knight, filling in for the injured Blake Bell, threw for 171 yards and accounted for two TDs for the Sooners (9-2, 6-2 Big 12). He made do without running back Damien Williams and wide receiver Lacoltan Bester, who were reportedly suspended earlier in the week.

Tyler Lockett had 12 catches for a school-record 278 yards and three touchdowns for Kansas State (6-5, 4-4), which had its four-game win streak end.

## No. 25 Duke 28, Wake Forest 21

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Anthony Boone threw three touchdown passes and No. 25 Duke held on for its seventh straight win.

Brandon Connette rushed 3 yards for the go-ahead score late in the third quarter and Boone was 24 of 29 for 256 yards. The Blue Devils (9-2, 5-2 ACC) fell behind 14-0 before rallying to match the school record for victories and remain in control of the Coastal Division.

Boone threw touchdown passes covering 58 and 10 yards to Jamison Crowder and 4 yards to Max McCaffrey.

Thomas Brown returned a fumble 59 yards for a touchdown for Wake Forest (4-7, 2-6).

Tanner Price was 12 of 27 for 124 yards in his final home game with a 6-yard touchdown to Spencer Bishop and an 11-yard touchdown run. But he was intercepted by Ross Cockrell with 2:30 left.

# FSU

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# Miami stops losing streak vs. UVA

*Associated Press*

MIAMI GARDENS — Tracy Howard returned an interception 19 yards for a touchdown on the game's first snap, the first of four scores created by Miami's defense, and the Hurricanes kept their divisional title hopes alive by beating Virginia 45-26 on Saturday.

Stephen Morris passed for 214 yards and two touchdowns in his home finale for Miami (8-3, 4-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), who snapped a three-game losing streak. Dallas Crawford rushed for two touchdowns, Allen Hurns had 126 receiving yards and a score and Stacy Coley had a 62-yard touchdown catch for Miami.

David Gilbert ran a fumble back 72 yards for a touchdown in the final minutes for Miami. Both of Crawford's scores were set up by interceptions, one by Ladarius Gunter late in the first half, the other by Kacy Rodgers II in the fourth quarter.

Taquan Mizzell had two touch-



Associated Press

**Miami quarterback Stephen Morris hands off to Dallas Crawford during the second half Saturday against Virginia in Miami Gardens.**

ginia (2-9, 0-7), which has dropped eight straight overall and lost to Miami for the first time in four years. Starting quarterback David Watford completed 10 of 25 passes for 106 yards and a touchdown for the Cavaliers, but was intercepted three times, all of them getting

turned into touchdowns.

## Frost leads SMU past South Florida 16-6

TAMPA — Freshman backup quarterback Neal Burcham lead two third-period scoring drives to help SMU overcome the loss of injured starter Garrett Gilbert and beat South Florida

16-6 on Saturday night. Gilbert left with 1:21 to play in first half when he hurt his leg while attempting to slide while running the football and was assisted off the field. Gilbert, who was 19-for-23 for 138 yards and one interception, was replaced by Burcham.

Gilbert entered the game leading the nation in total offense at 405.7 yards per game. Over his previous five games, the senior was even more productive, averaging 459 yards with 17 touchdowns and just one interception.

SMU (5-5, 4-2) has won four of its past five and can become bowl eligible by winning one of its remaining two games. The Mustangs travel to Houston before finishing up at home against American Athletic Conference leader Central Florida.

Chris Dunkley had a late fourth-quarter 50-yard punt return touchdown for USF (2-8, 2-4), which has lost four straight. In addition to being ranked last in the AAC in total offense, averaging 263.7 yards per game, the Bulls were also last in scoring offense at just under 15 points per game.

Idaho managed just 59 rushing yards and threw four interceptions. Dezmon Epps finished with 126 yards on seven receptions.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL****College football scores****EAST**

Brown 48, Columbia 7  
Bryant 29, CCSU 16  
Cornell 42, Penn 41  
Dartmouth 28, Princeton 24  
Duquesne 33, Monmouth (NJ) 23  
Fordham 56, Colgate 19  
Georgetown 28, Holy Cross 21  
Harvard 34, Yale 7  
Lafayette 50, Lehigh 28  
Nebraska 23, Penn St. 20, OT  
New Hampshire 24, Maine 3  
Pittsburgh 17, Syracuse 16  
St. Francis (Pa.) 23, Robert Morris 3  
Stony Brook 24, Albany (NY) 3  
Towson 28, James Madison 17  
Villanova 35, Delaware 34

**SOUTH**

Alabama 49, Chattanooga 0  
Appalachian St. 48, W. Carolina 27  
Bethune-Cookman 29, Florida A&M 10

Boston College 29, Maryland 26  
Bucknell 35, VMI 23

Campbell 47, Davidson 14  
Charlotte 61, Morehead St. 17

Clemson 52, The Citadel 6  
Duke 28, Wake Forest 21

E. Illinois 70, UT-Martin 22  
East Carolina 42, NC State 28

FAU 55, New Mexico St. 10  
Florida St. 80, Idaho 14

Furman 27, Wofford 14  
Gardner-Webb 20, Presbyterian 13

Georgia Southern 26, Florida 20  
Georgia Tech 66, Alabama A&M 7

Howard 42, Hampton 39, 2OT

Jacksonville St. 42, SE Missouri 34

LSU 34, Texas A&M 10

Liberty 56, Charleston Southern 14  
Louisville 24, Memphis 17

Marshall 48, FIU 10  
Mercer 41, Stetson 14

Miami 45, Virginia 26

Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss. 21

Morgan St. 31, Delaware St. 26

Murray St. 34, E. Kentucky 27, OT

NC A&T 28, NC Central 0

North Carolina 80, Old Dominion 20

Northwestern St. 40, Stephen F. Austin 27

Richmond 31, William & Mary 20

SC State 17, Norfolk St. 3

SMU 16, South Florida 6

Samford 33, Elon 32

South Carolina 70, Coastal Carolina 10

Tennessee Tech 34, Austin Peay 0

Tulane 45, UTEP 3

**MIDWEST**

Bowling Green 58, E. Michigan 7  
Cent. Michigan 37, UMass 0

Illinois 20, Purdue 16  
Iowa 24, Michigan 21

Michigan St. 30, Northwestern 6  
N. Dakota St. 42, South Dakota 0

N. Iowa 28, W. Illinois 13

Notre Dame 23, BYU 13

Ohio St. 42, Indiana 14

Oklahoma 41, Kansas St. 31

S. Dakota St. 42, Youngstown St. 13

S. Illinois 31, Indiana St. 9

Wisconsin 20, Minnesota 7

**SOUTHWEST**

Arkansas St. 35, Georgia St. 33

Cent. Arkansas 49, Sam Houston St. 31

Cincinnati 24, Houston 17

Mississippi St. 24, Arkansas 17, OT

Prairie View 43, Ark.-Pine Bluff 23

UTSA 21, North Texas 13

**FAR WEST**

Arizona 42, Oregon 16

Cal Poly 42, N. Colorado 14

E. Washington 42, Portland St. 41

Fresno St. 69, New Mexico 28

Montana 28, Montana St. 14

N. Arizona 20, S. Utah 10

Stanford 63, California 13

UC Davis 34, Sacramento St. 7

Utah St. 13, Colorado St. 0

Washington St. 49, Utah 37

Weber St. 32, Idaho St. 7

Wyoming 59, Hawaii 56, OT

**No. 2 FSU 80, Idaho 14**

Idaho 0 7 0 7 — 14

Florida St. 21 21 17 21 — 80

**First Quarter**

FSU—Freeman 60 run (Aguayo kick), 9:58.

FSU—Benjamin 32 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), 5:18.

FSU—Tel Smith 79 interception return (Aguayo kick), 3:05.

**Second Quarter**

FSU—Shaw 46 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), 12:48.

FSU—Wilder 1 run (Aguayo kick), 5:54.

Id—Montgomery 15 pass from T. Davis (Rehkow kick), :41.

FSU—Shaw 20 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), :04.

**Third Quarter**

FSU—K. Williams 25 run (Aguayo kick), 14:25.

FSU—R. Green 2 pass from Maguire (Aguayo kick), 7:18.

FSU—Levenberry 78 interception return (Aguayo kick), 4:19.

Id—Lovett 14 pass from McCain (Rehkow kick), :42.

A—65,061.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—Idaho, McCain 8-39, Brown 9-37, Ologbode 1-3, Baker 2-2, Montgomery 5-(minus 1), T. Davis 10-(minus 21). Florida St., Freeman 11-129, K. Williams 10-14, Wilder 4-85, R. Green 6-32, Stevenson 2-7, Burnham 1-6, Whitfield 1-5, Winston 4-(minus 19), Team 1-(minus 23).

PASSING—Idaho, T. Davis 16-38-3-220, McCain 5-7-1-66. Florida St., Winston 14-25-0-225, Maguire 9-14-1.

RECEIVING—Idaho, Epps 7-126, Lovett 3-48, Montgomery 3-23, Podrabsky 2-24, Sannon 2-13, LaGrone 1-21, Brown 1-18, Watson 1-12, Lemke 1-1.

Florida St., Shaw 5-107, Benjamin 3-61, Greene 3-29, C. Green 2-31, K. Williams 2-17, R. Green 2-16, Wilson 2-12, O'Leary 1-13, Abram 1-9, Stevenson 1-8, Freeman 1-6.

**BASKETBALL****NBA standings****EASTERN CONFERENCE****Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
2	7	.462	—
6	9	.400	1
5	10	.333	2
3	9	.250	2½
3	9	.250	2½

**Southeast Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
10	3	.769	—
8	6	.571	2½
7	7	.500	3½
5	8	.385	5
4	8	.333	5½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
12	1	.923	—
6	5	.545	5
4	8	.333	7½
4	9	.308	8
2	10	.167	9½

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	Pct	GB
11	1	.917	—

**For the record****Florida LOTTERY**

**Here are the winning numbers selected Saturday in the Florida Lottery:**

**CASH 3 (early)**

**8 - 6 - 3**

**CASH 3 (late)**

**1 - 7 - 5**

**PLAY 4 (early)**

**8 - 8 - 6 - 3**

**PLAY 4 (late)**

**3 - 4 - 0 - 3**

**SO YOU KNOW**

- Due to early deadlines, some sports scores and lottery numbers were not available at press time.
- Find Saturday's winning numbers at [www.flalottery.com](http://www.flalottery.com) or call 850-487-7777.
- For sports news, see [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

**Friday's winning numbers and payouts:**

**Mega Money:** 1 – 24 – 30 – 35

**Mega Ball:** 12

**4-of-4 MB** No winner

**4-of-4** 3 \$2,215.00

**3-of-4 MB** 39 \$373.50

**3-of-4** 746 \$58.00

**2-of-4 MB** 1,144 \$26.00

**1-of-4 MB** 10,102 \$3.00

**2-of-4** 24,079 \$2.00

**Fantasy 5:** 3 – 5 – 22 – 24 – 33

**5-of-5** 1 winner \$225,010.09

**4-of-5** 303 \$119.50

**3-of-5** 9,780 \$10.00

**Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at [www.flalottery.com](http://www.flalottery.com).**

**On the AIRWAVES****TODAY'S SPORTS****AUTO RACING**

**11 a.m. (NBC)** Formula One: Brazilian Grand Prix race

**12 p.m. (FS1)** Lucas Oil Off Road: Las Vegas (Taped)

**1 p.m. (FS1)** Lucas Oil Off Road: Las Vegas. (Taped)

**3:30 p.m. (NBCSP)** Formula One: Brazilian Grand Prix race (Same-day Tape)

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**12 p.m. (ESPNU)** Charleston Classic third place: Teams TBA

**1 p.m. (ESPN)** Hall of Fame Tip-Off final: Teams TBA

**1 p.m. (FSNFL)** Florida International at South Carolina</

# Carolina, Miami each need wins

*Associated Press*

Carolina made a big statement with its victory over New England before a national television audience. Should the Panthers stumble today at Miami, so much of the legitimacy they gained from that win could disappear.

The Dolphins come off a win over San Diego despite all the inner turmoil over the Richie Incognito-Jonathan Martin affair, and remain firmly in the AFC wild-card race. So if anyone in the Carolinas sees this game as a slam dunk, they'd better re-evaluate.

"They are 5-5 and they are going to bring out their best football," Panthers cornerback Captain Munnerlyn said. "But I don't see us letting down. We are going to go out and play our best football. We're trying to go up, we're not trying to go down."

Carolina owns the top wild-card berth in the NFC with six weeks to go. It has won six straight with an overpowering defense and timely offense. Quarterback Cam Newton is playing as well as he did in taking top offensive rookie honors in 2011. Everything is coming together for the Panthers.

Which always can breed cockiness.

"That is one of things I've talked to the players about — everything we've done, hey, we can take a step back (with a loss)," coach Ron Rivera said. "And we don't want to. So we have to stay focused and focus in on who we're playing."

"We want to be relevant. We want to remain relevant. We want to stay in the conversation."

So does Miami, of course, and a victory Sunday would position it for a stretch run with nothing but conference games remaining.

"Obviously they've been on a roll as far as football is concerned, playing pretty well, and we're coming off a game where we feel like we can take the momentum and kind of build with it," Dolphins defensive end Cameron Wake said. "Try and make sure we have our season go in a positive direction."

Also today, it's Denver at New England, San Diego at Kansas City, Indianapolis at Arizona, Dallas at the New York Giants, Chicago at St. Louis, Tampa Bay at Detroit, Minnesota at Green Bay, the New York Jets at Baltimore, Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Tennessee at Oakland, and Jacksonville at Houston.

On Monday night, it's San Francisco at Washington.

Off this week are Seattle (10-1), Cincinnati (7-4), Philadelphia (6-5) and Buffalo (4-7).

On Thursday night, New Orleans handed host Atlanta its fifth straight loss, 17-13.

Drew Brees threw a pair of touchdown passes and the Saints (9-2) overcame a lackluster offensive showing. Brees hooked up with Jimmy Graham on a 44-yard touchdown and Benjamin Watson on a 1-yard scoring play in the first half and good enough to give the first-place Saints a sweep of disappointing Atlanta (2-9). The Falcons will have their first losing season since 2008.

**Denver (9-1)**  
at New England (7-3)

Ah, Tom Brady vs. Peyton



*Associated Press*

**Carolina quarterback Cam Newton and the Panthers need to defeat the Miami Dolphins today to keep control of an NFC wild-card spot.**

Manning. Always a high-profile matchup between two all-time greats.

Brady owns a 9-4 record against his rival, and Patriots coach Bill Belichick usually comes up with a defensive scheme that slows or even confounds Manning. But New England, plagued by injuries throughout the defense, might not have the talent to slow Denver's attack that is on a near-record pace.

"It's incredible to score points like that," Brady said of Denver, which has 398, 92 more than Seattle, the next most prolific team. "They have a lot of guys that can make plays with the ball. Everybody contributes, that's what good offenses do. The backs contribute, the tight end contributes, the receivers contribute. They're all scoring touchdowns.

"It's not like you can just go in and stop one guy. Our defense has its work cut out for us."

WR Wes Welker, who became a star in New England, returns to Foxborough after joining the Broncos this year.

**San Diego (4-6)  
at Kansas City (9-1)**

Now that the Chiefs have a loss and they can forget about that perfection distraction, they need to find a way to handle the enigmatic Chargers. San Diego has won four of the last five against Chiefs and has been playing opponents close, losing three straight by a combined 18 points.

Kansas City's opportunistic defense (NFL best with five defensive TDs and a plus-15 turnover differential) has 36 sacks, but will find it difficult to get to Philip Rivers, who has been trapped only 19 times.

**Indianapolis (7-3)  
at Arizona (6-4)**

Bruce Arians stepped in for an ill Chuck Pagano last season and won Coach of the Year in Indianapolis as an interim. He has the Cardinals job full time now, and faces the AFC South-leading Colts with an Arizona team that has won three in a row.

"It's a fairy tale, it really is," Arians said. "I hate that to get an opportunity to be a head coach we had to go through what we had to go through last year, but it was the only way ... This would have never happened without last year."

Arizona is showing some of feline lately, scoring 27 points in each of those three victories. And linebacker John Abraham has seven sacks in the last four games; his 129 career sacks are the most among active players.

Indianapolis has won its last five games against Arizona dating to 1992, when Colts QB Andrew Luck was 3.

**San Francisco (6-4) at Washington (3-7), Monday night**

The defending NFC champion Niners suddenly are in a dogfight to get a wild-card playoff berth. They trail idle Seattle by 3 1/2 games and aren't likely to make up that deficit in the NFC West.

After two straight defeats in which the offense has sputtered, San Francisco faces a weak defense that ranks 28th overall, 26th against the pass.

Much of the attention in Washington has been on whether QB Robert Griffin III was criticizing the coaches and his teammates after last Sunday's loss to Philadelphia. In the midst of a flop of a season after winning the NFC East, the last thing the Redskins need is another distraction.

**Dallas (5-5) at New York Giants (4-6)**

Now that the Giants have re-established themselves as a pretty solid team with four straight victories, they can become a challenger in the NFC East by handling up-and-down Dallas. Eli Manning has stopped throwing picks and New York's defense has awakened after that early-season slumber.

The Cowboys come off a bye but remain undermanned because of injuries. Their defense is especially vulnerable through the air — the Cowboys basically can't cover — and might need a ton of points in this one. Jason Witten has been almost unstopp-

pable by Giants with 26 receptions for 237 yards and two TDs in the last two meetings.

**Chicago (6-4) at St. Louis (4-6)**

The Bears aren't losing any sleep about Jay Cutler being sidelined with a high left ankle sprain because backup quarterback Josh McCown has passed for five touchdowns with no interceptions in four games overall. The injury-plagued defense got two sacks last week from Julius Peppers, doubling his season total, and he had a season-best 11 tackles. An active Peppers is critical if Chicago is to stay in playoff contention; it's tied with the Lions atop the NFC North.

Rams rookie Tavon Austin became first player in NFL history with a punt return of 95-plus yards and two touchdown receptions of 55 yards or longer in last game.

Bears rookie guard Kyle Long faces his older brother, Rams DE Chris Long, for the first time.

**Minnesota (2-8) at Green Bay (5-5)**

Adrian Peterson heads into his 100th career game approaching another milestone.

He needs 67 yards rushing to pass Barry Sanders for third-most yards on the ground in the first 100 games of a career, and he's 300 yards from 10,000.

The Packers have dropped three straight and won't have Aaron Rodgers back at quarterback this week. In fact, when Scott Tolzien starts for a second straight week, he will be only the third Packers QB to do so in 22 years.

Brett Favre or Rodgers has been behind center during that span. Green Bay hopes to get Rodgers back for the Thanksgiving Day game in Detroit.

**New York Jets (5-5) at Baltimore (4-6)**

Ed Reed already has made one return visit to his old stomping grounds near the Inner Harbor, with Houston. The Texans cut him, he landed with the Jets, and now is back in Baltimore. He'd better hope the rest of his defensive mates come along — they barely showed up in last week's loss at Buffalo.

And he should hope the Ravens' defense he left behind doesn't toy with rookie QB Geno Smith the way the Bills did. Baltimore has sacks in 21 straight games.

Ravens RB Ray Rice finally had a breakout last week, but New York generally is tough to run on.

**Pittsburgh (4-6) at Cleveland (4-6)**

Today's winner in this bitter rivalry can keep alive playoff hopes, although catching Cincinnati in the AFC North is a long shot.

An Ohio native, Ben Roethlisberger is 15-1 against the Browns and won his last five starts against Cleveland. He comes off a strong outing in a win over the Lions: 367 yards passing and four TDs.

Cleveland has lost 10 of the last 12 meetings at home with Pittsburgh.

**Tennessee (4-6) at Oakland (4-6)**

The Titans are playing the first of three straight road games. They are 2-2 away from Nashville and desperately need this one because the next two trips are to Indy and Denver.

Running back Chris Johnson has four TDs rushing in the last two weeks, but Oakland ranks sixth against the run.

Raiders QB Matt McGloin became the first undrafted rookie since the start of the common draft in 1967 to have TD passes and no interception in a game filling in for injured Terrelle Pryor.

**Jacksonville (1-9) at Houston (2-8)**

For those who think Houston's season can't get any worse after eight straight defeats — yes, the Texans were the division favorite heading into 2013 — a loss to the lowly Jaguars would be rock bottom.

Houston's Andre Johnson needs 10 catches to become the 15th player to reach 900. He had career highs in receptions (14) and yards (273) in his last game against Jacksonville, so it's quite possible he gets there Sunday.

## NFL Stats CENTRAL

### NFL standings

**AFC East**

**South**

**North**

**West**

**NFC East**

**South**

**North**

**West**

### Thursday's Game

New Orleans 17, Atlanta 13

#### Today's Games

Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Miami, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Indianapolis at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.

Denver at New England, 8:30 p.m.

**Open:** Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Seattle

### Monday's Game

San Francisco at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 28**

Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.

Oakland at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 1**

Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

New England at Houston, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.

Denver at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 2**

New Orleans at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.

### AFC leaders

**Week 12**

#### Quarterbacks

Att Com Yds TD Int

P. Manning, DEN 409 286 3572 34 6

P. Rivers, SAN 358 254 2989 19 8

Roethlisberger, PIT 383 247 2901 17 10

Luck, IND 347 206 2430 14 6

Locker, TEN 183 111 1256 8 4

Dalton, CIN 410 252 2954 21 15

Brady, NWE 380 223 2552 14 7

Manuel, BUF 217 127 1385 8 4

Tannehill, MIA 366 224 2474 14 11

Ale. Smith, KAN 360 209 2149 11 4

#### Scoring

Touchdowns

TD Rush Rec Ret Pts

Ju. Thomas, DEN 10 0 10 0 60

**Week 12**

#### Quarterbacks

Att Com Yds TD Int

J. Charles, KAN 186 803 4.32

# Making a run

**Gulbis tied atop LPGA leaderboard**

Associated Press

NAPLES — Natalie Gulbis got off to a rocky start and put herself in position for a great finish. That describes her year as much as her third round Saturday in the LPGA Titleholders.

Gulbis hooked a 5-iron into the water and made bogey on the par-5 opening hole, and then bounced back for a 7-under 65. That gave Gulbis a share of the lead with Gerina Piller and Pornanong Phatnum of Thailand. They each had a 67.

The leaders were at 11-under 205, though it was far from a three-player race for the richest prize in women's golf.

Stacy Lewis virtually wrapped up the Vare Trophy with a tournament-record 63. She was among those two shots behind. Michelle Wie shot 66 and was three shots behind.

**Schwartzel moves into 1-shot lead**

JOHANNESBURG — Charl Schwartzel shot a 3-under 69 to take a one-shot lead after the third round of the South African Open, the season-opening event on the European Tour.

Schwartzel moved to 15-under 201, with Morten Orum Madsen (69) and Marco Crespi (70) tied for second at Glendower Golf Club.

South Africa's Hennie Otto surged into fourth with a 65, another stroke behind.

**Kisner up by 2 at Pebble Beach Invitational**

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.



Associated Press

**Natalie Gulbis smiles after sinking a putt on the 16th hole during the third round of the CME Group Titleholders LPGA golf tournament Saturday at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples. The day ended heading into the final round with Gulbis, Gerina Piller and Thailand's Pornanong Phatnum all at 11-under par.**

— Kevin Kisner shot a bogey-free 64 at Spyglass Hill and rallied for a two-shot lead over Jason Kokrak after three rounds of the Pebble Beach Invitational.

Kisner, a PGA Tour member who won the Chile Classic in Santiago last March on the Web.com

Tour, had eight birdies en route to a 13-under 201.

Kokrak, one stroke behind Scott Brown after two rounds, had a 68 at Spyglass, and was alone at 203.

Skip Kendall, who shot a 67, also at Spyglass, was third at 204.

Chesson Hadley (67)

and first-round leader Morgan Hoffmann (70) were tied at 206.

Brown had a 73 at Pebble Beach and was grouped with William McGirt (70), Sam Saunders (68) and Martin Flores (66), who all played at Del Monte, at 207.

## FLORIDA

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final play, but two defenders broke it up.

"It's very difficult for us to create explosive plays, to get anything down the field," Muschamp said. "Just don't ever do it."

Georgia Southern, a six-time FCS champion making the move to the Football Bowl Subdivision next season, rushed the field and celebrated wildly. Players and coaches stopped long enough to pose for a team picture near the 30-yard line, and then the party really started.

They ran toward the band and eventually settled down long enough to sing the alma mater. Someone at Florida didn't want to hear it, though.

Just as the visitors got going, the hometown PA.

started blaring music louder than usual.

Nonetheless, the Eagles surely will sing all the way back to Statesboro, Ga. — and long into the night.

"There was a never a doubt in their minds," Georgia Southern coach Jeff Monken said. "We didn't play a perfect game. We put ourselves in bad situations, but nobody panicked."

Florida, which paid the Eagles \$550,000 for this game, was left to ponder Muschamp's fate.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley and school president Bernie Machen said last week Muschamp was safe, but that was before the worst loss in school history and thousands of no-shows in The Swamp.

"We're not concerned," Florida safety Cody Riggs said. "I know that a lot of people around here have Coach Muschamp's back. He's a great coach, best coach I ever had. We're not

worried about that."

The Gators won't be going to a bowl for the first time since 1990. They have one game remaining — against rival and second-ranked Florida State next Saturday — to salvage something from a forgettable season.

"The morale on this team is at an all-time low," guard Jon Halapio said. "We have a lack of leadership. We just really need to tighten up as a team."

Florida had been 15-0 against FCS teams since the divisions split in 1978.

"It's just hurt and shock," Gators linebacker Darrin Kitchens said. "Losing that type of game is embarrassing."

Florida has pinned its problems on a slew of injuries. But that excuse doesn't work against Georgia Southern, which has won three in a row and played without 19 of 65 scholarship athletes.

## BUCS

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close," Tampa Bay coach Greg Schiano said.

Revis said he's not 100 percent healthy, but Johnson said he looks good on film. "He's a lot stronger than a normal corner you would face on a regular day," Johnson said.

### Coaches questioned

Detroit's Jim Schwartz seemed to cool his potentially hot seat by leading the Lions to sole possession of first place in the NFC North. But he fired up another round of questions and criticism when a gutsy call backfired. Instead of kicking a 27-yard field goal for a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter, Schwartz called for a fake that didn't work. The Steelers scored the last two touchdowns to win 37-27.

"Y'all say whatever you want about me — don't say I'm scared," Schwartz said.

Schiano, meanwhile, might have improved his job security by leading Tampa Bay to two straight wins after starting 0-8 this year, and winning only one of 14 games dating back to his debut season. Schiano also dealt with the benching and release of quarterback Josh Freeman and a MRSA infections outbreak. "It's been real tough," he acknowledged.

### On the run

The Bucs recommitted to running more three weeks ago, and rookie quarterback Mike Glennon has benefited. He attempted between 43 and 51 passes in four starts, and lost each game. With Mike James and

Bobby Rainey filling in for the injured Doug Martin, Tampa Bay has rushed for 205, 140 and 186 yards, while Glennon has attempted 23, 21 and 23 passes.

"We had to go back to what we are, who we are," Schiano said.

Rainey, an undrafted rookie cut last month by Cleveland, rushed for 163 yards and scored three touchdowns during last week's 41-28 victory against Atlanta.

"They got big O-linemen that make holes for whoever is in their backfield," Detroit defensive tackle Nick Fairley said.

Detroit has allowed its last four opponents to average fewer than 50 yards rushing after giving up an average of 125 yards in its first six games. "It's a big matchup in the game," Schwartz said.

### Dueling defensive tackles

Detroit and Tampa Bay chose defensive tackles with back-to-back picks in the 2010 draft. Suh, selected No. 2 overall, has helped Detroit rank fifth against the run this year and he has 4 1/2 sacks. Gerald McCoy, taken one pick later, had a career-high three sacks last week to give him a career-best six this season. "Both of them have lived up to their draft status," Schwartz said.

### Action Jackson

When Glennon goes to the air, he's looking for Vincent Jackson. He leads the Bucs with 56 receptions for 827 yards and five scores. Jackson had 10 receptions for the second time this year against Falcons, with a season-high 165 yards and scored once. He has four 100-yard games this season and nine since signing with Tampa Bay as a free agent in 2012.

# Yankees near deal with McCann

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Free-agent catcher Brian McCann and the New York Yankees are about to complete a five-year deal worth around \$85 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Saturday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal wasn't finalized.

The contract is expected to include a vesting option for at least another year. The deal's completion is pend-

ing a physical.

New York hopes to get under the 2014 tax threshold of \$189 million for 2014. Not including McCann's deal, New York's luxury tax payroll so far is \$97.1 million for seven signed players next year.

Several teams have been busy since the season ended.

The Detroit Tigers sent first baseman Prince Fielder to the Texas Rangers for second base-

man Ian Kinsler in a swap of All-Stars with rich contracts, and the St. Louis Cardinals traded former World Series MVP David Freese to the Los Angeles Angels.

Philadelphia recently re-

signed Carlos Ruiz, taking another top free-agent catcher off the market.

### Cardinals trade Freese to Angels

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals have traded former World Series MVP David Freese to the Los Angeles Angels in a four-player deal.

The Cardinals also sent reli-

iever Fernando Salas to the

Angels on Friday in exchange

for outfielder Peter Bourjos and

prospect Randal Grichuk.

The 30-year-old Freese was the MVP of the 2011 NLCS and the World Series, setting a major-league record with 21 postseason RBIs. He injured his back chasing a foul ball into the stands during spring training and never hit his stride last season.

He batted .262 with nine

homers and 60 RBIs, drop-

offs from 2012 when he hit 20

homers with 79 RBIs and

batted .293.

The 26-year-old Bourjos is a career .251 hitter with speed,

stealing 41 bases in 54 at-

tempts. The 22-year-old Grichuk

was an Angels first-round draft

pick in 2009 and starred at Dou-

ble-A Arkansas last season.

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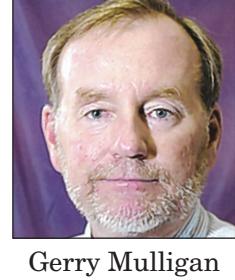


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## With holidays near, let's accentuate the positive



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

**T**here were plenty of things to be negative about this year. In the newspaper business, it's usually the bad things that end up on the front page of the paper.

As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving later this week, it's a good time to remember that there are plenty of good things going on in our community.

Here are ten things I am

thankful about:

- The Citrus County food bank is up and running. This Feeding America branch now provides food to dozens of local nonprofits and churches that in turn provide food to needy residents. The food bank collects surplus food from the major supermarkets in the county and then redistributes it through its warehouse in south Citrus

County. The food bank is efficient and thriving thanks to the leadership of a local board of directors.

- Amy Meek at United Way has given the agency new leadership and enthusiasm. Instead of just raising money for local nonprofits, the United Way is working hard to improve lives one family at a time. As the saying goes, a hand-out helps you for one day,

but a hand up gets you on your feet.

The United Way now helps individuals become contributing citizens by finding education, employment and transportation solutions one family at a time. Real progress.

- Duke Energy has been in the news for lots of tax issues in 2013, but the real positive news is that the utility wants to build a new

gas plant here. That means more jobs for the community and a new facility that will generate needed tax dollars for local government.

- And speaking of jobs, there has been some growth in the retail segment. Walmart and Publix opened new stores and Harbor Freight just opened in Crystal River. Panera Bread is

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## THE POT PROSPECTORS



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### THE PIG FARMER

Bruce King says he was a 22-year-old high-school dropout when Microsoft hired him as its 80th employee in 1986. A software engineer, he eventually left and started or acquired two other companies — telephone adult chat and psychic hotlines — but he really wanted to farm.

He found a management team to handle his business and started breeding pigs north of Seattle. After Washington legalized marijuana last fall, he looked at pot as any other crop. The potential margins were "fabulously attractive," he says. He found a farm with a 25,000-square-foot barn for a marijuana operation.

King, 50, doesn't like pot himself, but says, "If people are going to eat a stupid drug, they should eat my stupid drug." He likens it to running a psychic hotline when he's never had a reading. "You don't have to like Brussels sprouts to grow them."

### POT & PATISSERIES

Marla Molly Poiset had swapped her three-decade-old home-furnishing store and interior design business in Colorado for a life of world travel when she learned some devastating news: Her eldest daughter had leukemia.

She suspended her travels to help her daughter and family through the ordeal. She then continued her tour, attending cooking school in Paris. Poiset, 59, graduated last spring, and had an idea: "Blending my newfound patisserie skills

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**D**O-T-BONG, MARIJUANA INC., THE GREEN RUSH: CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL, THE BURGEONING LEGAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY IN WASHINGTON STATE IS DRAWING POT PROSPECTORS OF ALL STRIPES.

MICROSOFT VETERANS AND FARMERS, REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND PASTRY CHEFS,

FORMER JOURNALISTS AND LONGTIME POT GROWERS ALIKE ARE

SEEKING NEW CHALLENGES — AND FORTUNES — IN THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND SALE OF A DRUG THAT'S BEEN ILLEGAL FOR

GENERATIONS.

IN COLORADO, THE ONLY OTHER STATE TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA, EXISTING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES CAN BEGIN SELLING FOR RECREATIONAL USE IN JANUARY. BUT IN WASHINGTON, WHERE SALES ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN LATE SPRING, THE INDUSTRY IS OPEN TO NEARLY ANYONE. WASHINGTON ON MONDAY BEGAN ACCEPTING LICENSE APPLICATIONS. BY MIDAFERNOON, HUNDREDS HAD APPLIED.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Cecilia Sivertson; Bruce King; Angel Swanson; Daniel Curylo; Marla Molly Poiset; Paul Schrag; Yevgeniy "Eugene" Frid; Bilye Miller, left, and Todd Spaits; and Steve Smith.

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## TIME TO NEGOTIATE

# Citrus needs 'good faith' negotiations with Duke

A court has now ruled that Citrus County Property Appraiser Geoff Greene was wrong in his attempt to force Progress Energy/Duke to pay full property taxes on pollution control equipment at the energy site in Crystal River.

The judge ruled that state law clearly says pollution control equipment should not be assessed at full value and instead should be assessed at its salvage value.

The property appraiser has spent \$471,000 to fight the power company on a case that looked bad from the beginning. The other 66 counties in Florida taxed pollution control one way and Citrus County did it another way.

Duke is the largest taxpayer in Citrus County and the fallout from the confrontational strategy has had a devastating impact on the tax rolls of our community.

When a negotiated deal could not be found between Duke and the property appraiser on their disputed \$34 million tax bill, the power company paid \$19 million of the bill and agreed to argue the rest in court.

Duke had offered Citrus County officials \$30 million; and later offered as high as \$24 million to Greene, but the property appraiser wouldn't negotiate tax bills. Instead, he rolled the dice and looked to the court for support on his legal team's interpretation of the law.

The \$19 million payment forced the county commission to substantially raise property taxes on all other property owners in the county.

Now that the court has ruled against Citrus County, all the chest thumping anti-Duke comments from Greene and other politicians looks rather foolish.

In another aggressive response to Duke's actions, the property appraiser sent out teams to re-value the energy complex and came back with an even higher assessed value for the company's Citrus County holdings.

But Duke has already announced it is shutting down the nuclear plant and there will be at least a \$900 million reduction in value because of the over-assessed pollution control equipment.

Those close to the dispute say that Duke will soon file a lawsuit against Greene and the county to challenge the higher assessment for next year.

That means more legal costs for the taxpayers of the community and further delays in a resolution of the conflict.

As we have said from the beginning of this conflict, a negotiated settlement is in the best interest of Citrus County.

The property appraiser is listening to his legal team's position that additional court fights are needed to protect the citizens and get a fair payment from the power company. This is the same legal team that has earned \$471,000 of tax dollars in a failed fight.

Fighting a technical legal battle with populace rhetoric and emotion might work at election time, but it is far more difficult in a courtroom.

The power company, through its history as Florida Power, Progress Energy and now Duke, has been a good employer and tax payer in our community.

As the largest power company in America, Duke has a responsibility to its stockholders, ratepayers, employees and the communities it serves. The priority list is in that order and just like every other company in the country, it wants to pay lower taxes.

For decades utility officials have sat down and used formulas to agree on what fair tax should be paid. Via those negotiations, Duke has at times paid more than 25 percent of the total taxes in the county.

Before Citrus County wastes hundreds of thousands of more dollars on legal fees, we would again urge county leadership to sit with Duke and find a compromise.

This court decision should have a sobering effect on those in the property appraiser's office. Duke is the largest power company in the country and their legal counsel is the best and the brightest.

We need less bravado from our local officials and a real "good faith" effort at reopening the negotiations to find a fair tax value.

Citrus County residents are sick of public officials spending our tax dollars to fight court cases. It's time for negotiations.

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# Our Jim Crow pot laws

A startling scandal in our so-called criminal justice system is largely unnoticed by most Americans because the media in all their forms ignore it. But the American Civil Liberties Union does not.

According to a June 3 report from the ACLU, the "over-policing" of marijuana use combined with "staggering racial bias" are leading to appallingly high numbers of incarcerated black Americans:

"Between 2001 and 2010, there were over 8 million pot arrests in the U.S."

That's one bust every 37 seconds and hundreds of thousands ensnared in the criminal justice system. ... Marijuana use is roughly equal among blacks and whites, yet blacks are 3.73 times as likely to be arrested for marijuana possession" ("The War on Marijuana in Black and White: Report," aclu.org, June 3).

Citing the ACLU's grim statistics, an August report from The Economist says "blacks are almost four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession ... in some places their arrest is over eight times more likely."

"People with criminal records risk losing public benefits, being kicked out of public housing and suffering permanent gaps in employment and earning prospects" ("Waking life," economist.com, Aug. 24).

In other words, their lives could be essentially over.

The leading, continuing source of documented information on this brazen American prejudice is marijuana-arrests.com, "an online library about marijuana possession arrests, race and police policy in New York City and beyond."

The site is part of the Marijuana Arrest Research project, which examines "race, police policy, and the growing number of arrests for marijuana possession and other victimless crimes in large U.S. cities, especially New York City." The organization's co-director is Harry G. Levine, a professor of sociology at Queens College and the Graduate Center at City University of New York.

Furthermore, Levine, whom I interviewed when I was at *The Village Voice* for more than 50 years, has definitively reached a national audience in the Nov. 18

edition of *The Nation* magazine with his story, "The Scandal of Racist Marijuana Arrests — and What To Do About It."

I admire *The Nation* for publishing this extensive array of revelations, but since its circulation is not extensive, I have chosen vital parts of it here as a public service. (As I used to tell my journalism students, I sure enjoy breaking scoops, but when another source has a crucially important story, it's my responsibility to help circulate it.)

Writes Levine: "The vast majority (76 percent) of these arrested and charged with the crime of marijuana possession are young people in their teens and 20s."

"Over the last 15 years, police departments in the United States made 10 million arrests for marijuana possession — an average of almost 700,000 arrests a year."

I especially hope candidates for the presidency and Congress in 2016 hear this:

"Police arrest blacks for marijuana possession at higher rates than whites in every state and nearly every city and county — as FBI Uniform Crime Reports and state databases indisputably show."

"States with the largest racial disparities arrest blacks at six times the rate of whites. The list includes Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Nevada, New York and Wisconsin."

If you live in any of these states, do you believe this should be the American standard of justice? Do those arrested for this "victimless" crime deserve to have their lives ruined forever? If you don't think so, do you plan to organize and do anything about it — whether you are black, white or another race?

Thanks to Harry G. Levine's report, let's look at New York City, regarded by many tourists as the hippest city in America, and Chicago, which gave us the first black president:

"Since 1997, New York City alone has arrested and jailed more than 600,000 people for possessing marijuana; about 87 percent of the arrests are of blacks and Latinos."

"For years, police in New York and Chicago have arrested more young blacks and Latinos for simple marijuana posse-

sion than for any other criminal offense whatsoever."

If you are black or Latino and have gone to any of the relatively few schools that actually teach American history, do you feel — after knowing these documented facts — that you still live in an America with a Constitution that's fair to you?

Levine asks readers of all backgrounds to remember this: "Young whites (age 18 to 25), however, use marijuana more than young blacks, and government studies comparing marijuana use among whites and blacks of all ages have found that both groups use it at a similar rate."

And here we come to the most basic source of accountability for this triumph of modern-day Jim Crow: "Such dramatic and widespread racial disparities are clearly not the product of personal prejudice or racism on the part of individual police officers. This is not a problem of training or supervision or rogue squads or bad apples."

"It's a systemic problem, a form of institutional racism created and administered by people at the highest levels of law enforcement and government."

Think hard about that. This entrenched Jim Crow system has existed much longer than the Obama administration. It's far from the "new normal." So how come We The People allow this to happen in the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, it's the press having failed us. Yes, but are the great majority of American whites so distant from the lives of black and Latino parents, grandparents and siblings that they don't hear about members of these families being forever marred by criminal records?

Any American of whatever race who feels disturbed or worse, sickened, by what Harry G. Levine has spent his life revealing should read his entire article in *The Nation*. Then they should confront their elected representatives with demands that they restore the victims of these vicious, un-American Jim Crow laws to full American citizenry.

Nat Hentoff is a nationally renowned authority on the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights. He is a member of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and the Cato Institute, where he is a senior fellow.



## LETTER to the Editor

## Family touched by caring community

Dear Citrus County,

We would like to express our gratitude for your kindness and support over all these years and especially the last few weeks.

This community was so kind to send cards, bring food, include two touching and wonderful articles in the *Chronicle*, attend the visitation and service, and keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Nothing gave Preacher greater joy than to be blessed with the privilege of serving as pastor of First Baptist and Cornerstone Baptist

Church. He also cherished this wonderful community.

Inverness is a small town compared to large cities, but it has never been small in impact or influence. Preacher was so grateful to be a part of this place where he could serve, love, always be there for someone, and know them by name. He felt so loved by the people of this dear town for which we are eternally grateful. Our family would appreciate your continued prayers, as we will keep you in ours. Thank you and God bless.

The family of Dr. Babb H. Adams

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# Thou has taught me to say, it is well

"When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea bil-lows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul."

— "It is Well with My Soul," Horatio Spafford and Phillip Bliss, circa 1884.

**W**hile I try to keep all of my slices of life light and cheery, it is an unavoidable truth that at times, in every life, grief is one of the slices.

Helen Eva Hill Lynch, Sept. 21, 1931–Nov. 10, 2013.

She was an extraordinary woman: a loving wife,

the mother of five, the grandmother of 10, and the great-grandmother of 10.

I cannot begin to tell Helen's story in the 600 words I usually allow myself per column. So, in this writing, I will stick to recounting how special she was to me.

Helen was my Cheryl's mother, and for 47 of her 82 years, she was my mother-in-law. I knew her when she was a young woman and she knew me when I was a young man. Many events occurred and many years passed while we were family. After someone dies, most of us remember only the good, but with every ounce of hon-

esty I can muster, I will say as an unadorned fact that there was never a cross word between my mother-in-law and me.

Mother-in-law jokes are stock-in-trade for standup comedians, but I had no harsh words to say or uncompromising thoughts to think about mine. Helen put up with me as her son-in-law for well over half of her life and more than two-thirds of mine. We bonded quickly. She readily accepted me

as her son-in-law when Cheryl and I married even though I had so little to offer.

For almost five decades, when there was a family gathering, she and I would usually find time for a bit of one-on-one conversation. We would talk about whatever crossed our minds and, without fail, we

would talk about her

Sherry and my Cheryl. It

made no difference that I

called my sweetheart by

her formal first name and Helen continued to use the nickname she gave her baby, we both knew who we were talking about, and we always came to the same conclusion: we were both blessed beyond measure to have her as a part of our lives.

I suspect the storied bat-

tles between sons-in-law

and mothers-in-law occur

when a mother is either

unable or unwilling to see

a daughter's shortcomings.

Helen and I had no such

problems. We saw eye-to-

eye. Though we both real-

ized our girl is human, and

as such, she is bound to

have faults, neither of us

could ever see them.

Soon after receiving the news that her mother had passed, Cheryl began to sing the words of the first verse of "It Is Well With My Soul."

I then held her in my arms while we both cried.

I've been here before, and now, I will do the very best I can to help Cheryl, our children and all of the other family members, with the grief we are sharing.

And, I will take comfort in knowing that, regardless of circumstances, it is well.

Fred Brannen is an Inverness resident and a Chronicle columnist.

## Getting closer

Wednesday's paper (Nov. 14) there, Chronicle, you're getting closer about the mandate not being the law, about the vaccines you have to take so you can go to school. You haven't come right out and said it yet, just like you haven't followed up. You're printing it. You're a lot better. You're getting closer, Chronicle. I will give you kudos on that. You're getting there. You're almost there. Have a great day.

## Getting rich at boat ramp

I read the news clip in the Chronicle about the display of artifacts found during the dredging of Chazz Springs. However, one statement made was false. The writer stated the display was at the campground boat ramp. Well, it is not the campground boat ramp. The boat ramp was paid for with taxpayers' money and belongs to the residents of Citrus County. Our BOCC has allowed a private company to privatize our ramp and they charge \$7 to park your truck and trailer.

## Good call, TDC

Well, I'm happy to see in Nov. 14's Chronicle that the TDC, after its aborted hiring of Robert Marx — or rather, its attempt at hiring him — for an executive director's position that it didn't know what was going to be. I'm happy that it conceded that it must first decide what it wants from the executive.

Is that not getting the cart before the horse? It's absolutely amazing that our government officials can work in that manner.

## Love the college-mall idea

Imagine that; the Crystal River Mall as a college site. I think that's the best idea I have ever read in Sound Off in all these years. That's a great idea. All those stores could be classrooms. The internal area could be a study site. There could be kiosks with coffee and meals and different things for the students to purchase if they wanted and it would be a fabulous area. That would be wonderful for the community and I would support that 100 percent. I'd go there all the time myself just to read the newspaper and I'm sure I would take classes in creative writing, in fixing a vehicle, in all kinds of things — financial matters. It doesn't have to be college courses, just all kinds of classes that people would want to know about. We could do that. Please, commissioners, look into that.

**Editor's note:** It may be a great idea, but it's not a county commission issue. The mall is owned by a private business.

## Thanks for returned wallet

This is a big thank you to whoever sent my wallet back to me anonymously to Floral City. I won't say my name, but a big thank you to whoever sent that back to me intact. It was so much appreciated. Thank you so much. You don't know. God bless you.

## Tourism is easy

About tourism: If we already have in Citrus County Visitors and Convention Bureau, then why do we need a tourist person? Isn't that what that's all about? After you come to Citrus County and you see the manatees and you go play golf and go fishing, there is nothing else to do here.

## Thanks to Wheeler and Brown

Applause, applause to Paula Wheeler and Ken Brown. Thank you for speaking up about permits granting commercial drilling into our aquifer for private industry to bottle our water and ship it out of our county. And if that isn't enough of a slap in the face to each citizen, they sell it and we watch them pocket the profits. You go, Wheeler and Brown. Thank you again.

## No room to zoom

Raise the speed limit to 75? They have to be kidding. You get run over now.

## WINDOW

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coming to Inverness. New businesses and new jobs are happening.

Floral City is going through a renaissance of sorts and there is plenty of commercial and art activity taking place. The bike trail hub on State Road 48 is going strong and business leaders promote continued events

throughout the year. Floral City is a happening place.

Citrus County is one of the most giving places in the country. While our household average income may not be the highest, our citizens are supportive of so many different nonprofits, educational, environmental and social programs. We have a giving community — we shouldn't forget that.

The construction of County Road 486 is almost complete and

the multiyear four-laning work will end. Traffic will flow smoother and the delays will soon become a distant memory.

Joanna Castle is taking the

Citrus County YMCA to a new level with her leadership in the county. The Y is constantly expanding programs and hopes to start construction of its Citrus facility sometime in 2014.

While some branches of local government have found

reasons for conflict, the city of

Crystal River has entered a new

era of making good things happen. The city is busy expanding parks, rebuilding roads, establishing bike trails, rebuilding the old downtown area and getting ready for the opening of the Three Sisters Springs property.

A less combative leadership

team is now in place at the city council and the group is making

good things happen.

The unemployment rate has

dropped, home prices are rising

and homes are actually selling.

Our economy has lagged behind

the rest of the state and country, but it is finally coming to life.

This Thanksgiving, let's re-

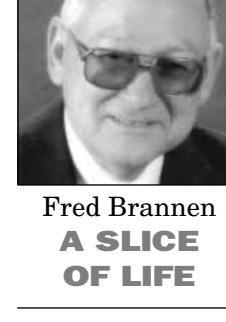
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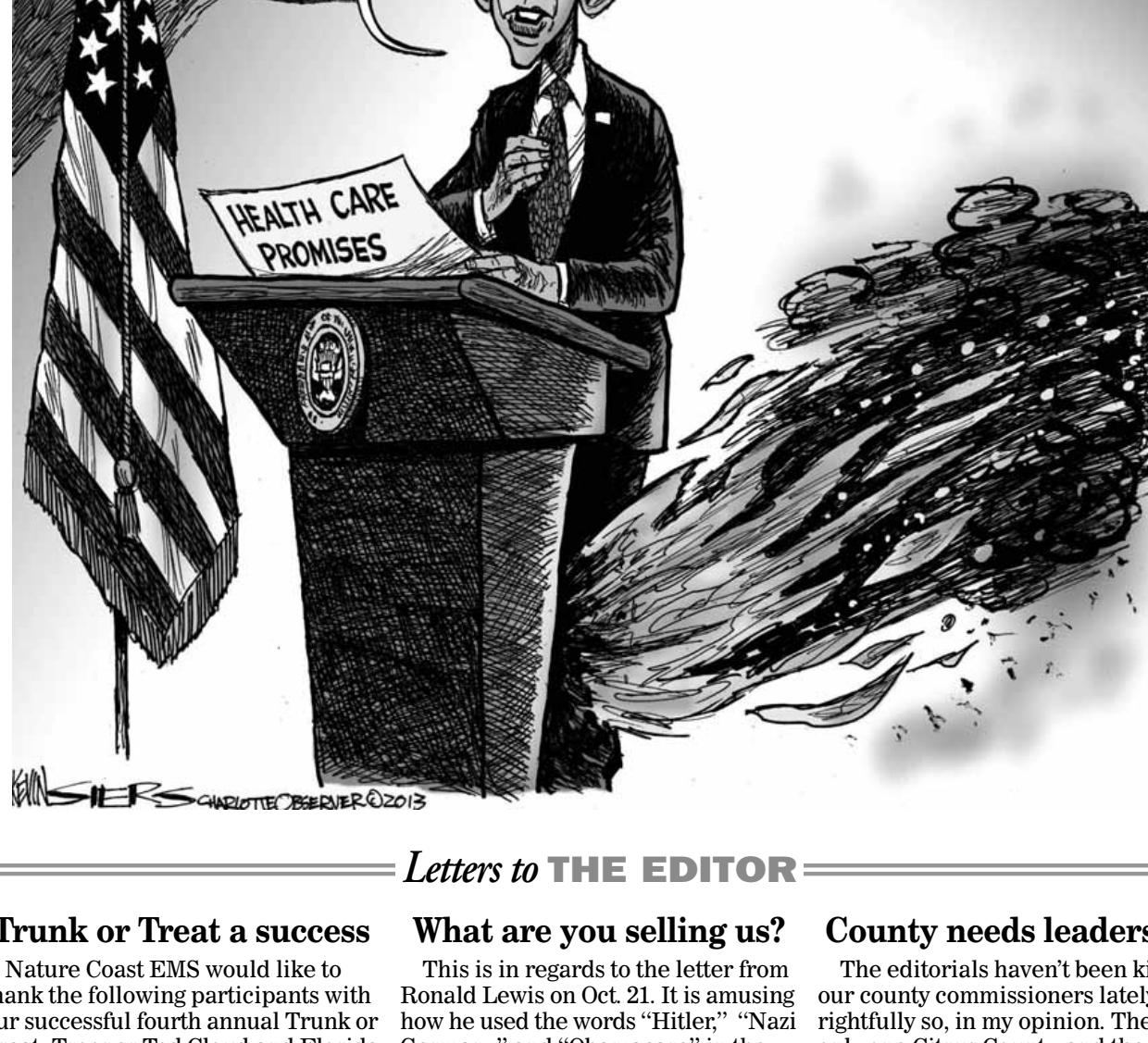
be thankful for the progress we have made. More good things can happen if people work together to find solutions and com-

mon ground.

Gerry Mulligan is the publisher of the Chronicle. Email him at gmulligan@chronicleonline.com.



Fred Brannen  
A SLICE  
OF LIFE



## Letters to THE EDITOR

### Trunk or Treat a success

Nature Coast EMS would like to thank the following participants with our successful fourth annual Trunk or Treat; Trooper Tod Cloud and Florida Highway Patrol, Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, Citrus County Sheriff's Office DARE program, Citrus County Fire Rescue, Citrus Memorial Health System, Nature Coast EMS Explorer Post 605, SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), Nature Coast Clinical Research, and Nature Coast EMS team members and their families who worked on this fun event.

We would also like to thank the Citrus County Chronicle, Citrus 95 and Fox 96.7 for their support in promoting our Trunk or Treat event.

We hope those who attended the event with their families enjoyed themselves, and look forward to an even bigger and better community event next year.

**Floyd Mead**  
clinical supervisor, Trunk or treat event chairman, Nature Coast EMS

### Enjoy, respect nature

Referencing the letter on the death of the gopher turtle, may I comment that I have been a resident for less than a year and am in awe and wonder that across my street there resides a gopher turtle who it is my privilege to see when he or she makes an appearance along the side of our street — a very gentle giant who seems to forage on the few grasses and then makes its way back into the woods. Once, fortunately, my husband was outside and the turtle was in the street. He was able to relocate the turtle before oncoming cars ran over it.

Not being used to the wildlife here, I look forward to viewing the creatures still able to exist despite what we humans have done to destroy their environment. Let us be cautious and enjoy with respect and not destroy when nature provides for us.

**Karen Mills**

Sugarmill Woods

### What are you selling us?

This is in regards to the letter from Ronald Lewis on Oct. 21. It is amusing how he used the words "Hitler," "Nazi Germany" and "Obamacare" in the same paragraph. The only thing that comes to mind is that Obama didn't lie about it wants to "fundamentally transform America." He has repeated loud and often, "if you like your insurance, you can keep it, if you like your doctor, you can keep him or her."

If "Obamacare" is so great, why are its proponents spending so much money trying to sell it to the American people? We need health care reform, but not at the expense of our freedom and liberty to choose to whom we pay for it. We have taken care of those less fortunate through our taxes and charities, but not as good of care as we do the foreign countries. About the U.S. Constitution and the law of the land, where in the Constitution does it say that the president doesn't have to enforce the part of the law he doesn't like and can exempt whomever he wants?

In my opinion, the members of the tea party are ordinary, patriotic citizens trying to block the socialist, communist factions in this government.

**Wauneta Knoop**

Floral City

### Proud of sheriff's office

I am a recent graduate of the 99th Citizens Academy. Now I understand why everyone I spoke to raved about the course. The pride, professionalism and confidence of the sheriff's office shines. I have seen the level of accountability and respect that pervades the office.

To those who criticize Sheriff Dawsy, get to know the facts. If you attend this class, you will see the people who serve us have nothing to hide. Then you, like me, will feel safer and prouder to be a citizen of Citrus County.

**Vicky Iozzia**

Crystal River

### County needs leadership

The editorials haven't been kind to our county commissioners lately, and rightfully so, in my opinion. There is only one Citrus County, and these people need to work toward a common mission. Leadership seems nonexistent. Stop bickering, have a beer, talk with each other, find common areas that we all can support. We deserve better behavior from all you "leaders."

The point is they only get together when required and could give a flip about each other instead of pooling talents, strengths and supporting commonalities and solving tough issues and intellectually looking to our future. Quit the petty political agendas and go to work.

**Harry B. Oates**

Homosassa

### True meaning of friendship

We want to thank our neighbors, Bill and Gladys Young, and Beth Fox-Worthy, for being there for us in the most horrible time in our lives.

We had to go to Connecticut for an undetermined amount of time so we could spend time with our son Garry, who was in the last stages of pancreatic cancer. Bill and Gladys were kind enough to drive us to the airport, and when we came back a month later, they were there to pick us up, and during the time we were gone, Bill made a daily morning trip to care for our cat Dougie and Beth came in the evenings to make sure he was fed, had water and clean kitty litter. She also spent time with him during her visits.

We can't thank them enough for this. That is what good friends and neighbors do. We suffered the loss of our son, but are forever grateful for these good friends, who made it possible for us to be away for a month and not have to worry about anything at home. God bless you, dear friends.

**Pete and Marie Lutsky**

Beverly Hills

# PROSPECTORS

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with medical cannabis," she says.

So she abandoned Paris for Seattle, where she's been developing recipes for marijuana-infused chocolate truffles for recreational and medical use. Her aim is to create "a beautiful package" like French chocolate or pastries for people like her daughter.

They could "ingest discreetly and enjoy life, rather than everything being in a pill," she says.

## THE 420-NINER

If legal pot is the Green Rush, Daniel Curylo has some unique credentials: He's been an actual prospector.

He helped put himself through college working for a company that flew him into northern British Columbia and the Yukon with a map, a compass and a heavy backpack. He'd pan for gold and take soil samples. Another source of income in those days? Growing and selling marijuana with a few other political science majors.

A former techie and ex-house flipper, Curylo, 41, says his background in "business development and taking risks" is perfect for the legal pot world.

He has invested \$400,000 so far. His goal? A cannabis business park northwest of Olympia that would feature his growing operation, Cascade Crops, as well as retail stores run by his mother, father and aunt.

## 'THE POSTER CHILD FOR ANTI-CANNABIS'

Angel Swanson was raised on the South Side of Chicago by a mother who warned: "If you see drugs, run."

Decades later, the businesswoman and real estate agent found herself in Washington state with a husband, seven children and a strong bias against illegal drugs —

"the poster child for anti-cannabis," she says.

That is, until one of her daughters, who had serious digestive issues and had never weighed more than 100 pounds, came home from college one day and ate a full plate of food. The girl had tried pot-laced cookies, which stimulated her appetite. Swanson lost it.

"Do you have any idea the sacrifices that have been made for you to go to college?" she remembers saying.

Swanson, 52, did some research and couldn't find a reason for her daughter not to use weed. She and her husband opened a medical marijuana dispensary, The Cannabis Emporium, near Tacoma. They now want to sell recreational pot, but hope to continue to serve patients — a challenge, since stores will be barred from trumpeting pot's therapeutic benefits.

## FROM MBA TO THC

Todd Spaits and Bilye (sounds like "Billy") Miller are more gym-and-yoga than smoke-and-cough. The couple doesn't use pot — "I much prefer a glass of scotch," Spaits says — but they say they know a good business opportunity when they see one.

The pair previously worked in online marketing in San Diego, and Spaits has a master's in business administration. Their most recent startup is skyfu.com, which helps restaurants monitor what people are saying about them on social media.

Spaits, 39, also helps judge business plan competitions and believes his skills are perfectly honed to run a successful pot store.

He and Miller, 38, who has also worked as a bartender, are excited about Washington's grand experiment. They sought advice from friends who operate medical dispensaries in California to help draw up a revenue model. They're seeking a retail license in Kirkland, east of Seattle.

## THE PATH FROM ADDICTION

It started with small doses that eased the aches of restaurant work. But over time, Yevgeniy "Eugene" Frid found

himself addicted to prescription painkillers. "It completely envelops your whole life."

He tried to quit many times, and when he finally did, he says, cannabis played a huge role — displacing the opiates with a substance much gentler on the body.

Frid, 28, quit his job doing business management and marketing for a video game company when a friend asked him to help start a medical marijuana dispensary. A Greener Today opened in Seattle in 2012 and now serves about 4,000 people.

Frid says his most gratifying work is helping patients get off opiates the way he did, so he has mixed feelings about applying for a recreational retail license. The future of unregulated medical marijuana in Washington is dim — many state officials see it as a threat to the heavily taxed recreational system. Some medical dispensary operators believe they have little choice but to convert to the recreational market.

"We don't know what's happening," Frid says.

## THE SECRET SODA

Cecilia Sivertson worked for eight years as a paralegal in the prosecutor's office for Washington's most populous county. She helped make sure people paid child support and tracked down deadbeat dads. It was a rewarding, stressful and sometimes depressing job.

After her husband died in a car accident in 2001, she decided she needed a more upbeat line of work and joined a labeling business.

Sivertson, 55, has epilepsy and arthritis in her hands. About two years ago, she says, she noticed improvement in both when she started using marijuana. Last spring, she began making products infused with cannabis oil under her "Nana's Secret" line. Her specialty is pot-infused soda — with the soda concentrate produced by a client of the labeling business.

The Alabama native says she's applying to become a licensed marijuana processor so her sodas and other items can be sold in retail pot stores.

## A FORCE FOR GOOD

Paul Schrag has a simple philosophy: He hopes to use his skills to do the most good in the world.

For a while, that meant working in journalism, enticed by its power to shape public discourse. Before being laid off in 2009, he worked as a reporter for the *Business Examiner*, a biweekly publication in Tacoma.

Nowadays, it means working in the pot industry.

The 40-year-old says he's been growing marijuana since 1999 and uses it to treat lifelong neck pain. He began working at a medical marijuana collective, where part of his job entails coming up with a marketing and public education plan to help erase any stigma associated with cannabis use.

He believes the medical and social benefits of the plant are only just starting to be understood. He plans to work as a grower's vice president of marketing, research and development, and believes his knowledge of pot and business will help.

"I'm one of those rare cats that get both," he says.

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**Location: The Meadows of Citrus Hills**

**Entrance Fee: 55.00**

**Contact Phone: C-815-621-8319**

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**Nov 30 • 9AM-4PM Ozello Civic Association**

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**Nov 30 • 9AM-1PM City of Inverness Farmers Market**

**Inverness Government Center**

**Contact Phone: 352-726-2611 Ext 1304**

**Nov 30 – Dec 30 • 11:00 am Hospice of Citrus County**

**Tree of Remembrance**

**8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa**

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**Dec 1 • 1:30PM-4PM Citrus Jazz Society Open Jazz Session**

**Catholic Charities**

**Citrus Community Outreach Center**

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Associated Press

**Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Thomas Gipson, of Atlanta, right, has his resume looked over by Ralph Brown, a management and program analyst with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during a job fair for veterans at the VFW Post 2681, in Marietta, Ga.**

# market on the rise

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER  
Associated Press

U.S. job openings and overall hiring both reached five-year highs in September, signaling steady improvement in the job market.

Total hiring increased 26,000 to 4.6 million, the highest level since August 2008.

The gain suggests employers are not only posting more jobs but are also taking greater steps to fill them.

September's total hiring is still below the roughly 5 million people who are typically hired in sturdier job markets.

The number of people who quit their jobs in September dipped from August but was still about 15 percent higher than a year earlier. People usually quit their jobs when they have another one lined up, or when they are certain they can find one. More quits is a sign of confidence in the job market.

The growth in hiring, job openings and quits points to more movement in the job market, which can create opportunities for those out of work or who are looking for another job.

It also shows that competition for jobs is easing. There were 2.88 unemployed people, on average, for each available job in Septem-

ber. That's the lowest since August 2008 and down from 7 to 1 in July 2009, just after the recession ended. In a healthy economy, the ratio is usually about 2 to 1.

Unemployment is still high at 7.3 percent. But other reports suggest the job market is healing.

Earlier this month, the government's October employment report said the economy added an average of 202,000 jobs a month from August through October. That's up sharply from an average of 146,000 in May through July.

Those figures reflect net payroll gains, which are the total number of people hired minus those who were laid off, quit or retired. The net gain can increase just because fewer workers are laid off, even if hiring is flat.

Friday's report on job openings and turnover provides more details than the monthly employment report. It was encouraging because it shows those job gains are increasing because of more hiring.

## Unemployment falls in most US states in October

Unemployment fell in 28 U.S. states last month, and employers added jobs in 34 states. The gains suggest recent improvements in the job market have occurred in most regions of the country.

The biggest job gains occurred in Florida, California and North Carolina. Kentucky, Washington state, and New Jersey lost the most jobs. Job growth was unchanged in Pennsylvania.

The unemployment rate nationally ticked up to 7.3 percent from 7.2 percent, in part because of the 16-day partial government shutdown. The shutdown caused temporary layoffs among government workers and some contractors.

Florida gained 44,600 jobs. The biggest gains were in both better-paying and lower-paying fields. Most of the gains were in construction; hotels, restaurants and entertainment; and in the professional services category, which includes accountants, engineers, and temporary workers.

— Associated Press

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Oil slips, but stays higher for the week

NEW YORK — The price of oil slipped to just under \$95 Friday but still finished the week with a gain of \$1 a barrel.

Benchmark U.S. crude for January delivery fell 60 cents to close at \$94.84 in trading in New York. The weekly increase from \$93.84 a week ago was largely due to an improving U.S. jobs picture, which would mean more drivers making the daily commute.

Brent crude, an international benchmark used to price oil used in many U.S. refineries, rose 97 cents to \$111.05 in London. Brent has risen 4 percent since Tuesday as nuclear talks with Iran have dragged on without a deal that could relieve sanctions that have kept a substantial amount of Iranian crude from world markets.

Meanwhile, gasoline prices in the U.S. are in the midst of an unusual increase for this time of year.

### World stocks up as Dow heads for close

LONDON — World stocks mostly rose Friday as the Dow was set to close at another record high, but gains were kept in check by worries the Federal Reserve will cut its monetary stimulus soon.

Asian and European markets were roiled this week by Fed minutes suggesting the U.S. central bank will start reducing its \$85 billion of monthly bond purchases.

In Europe, France's CAC 40 rose 0.6 percent to close at 4,278.53 while Germany's DAX gained 0.3 percent to 9,219.04. Britain's FTSE 100 edged down 0.1 percent to 6,674.30.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average rose 0.1 percent to 15,381.72 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.5 percent to 23,696.28. Seoul's Kospi gained 0.6 percent to 2,006.23.

— From wire reports



Bruce Williams

SMART MONEY

## Investment rewards require some risk

**DEAR BRUCE:** My wife and I are in our 80s. Our income, savings and investments provide a very nice living for us. We also own our home. We did, however, take a terrible loss back in 2008 (stocks), but have recovered most of that.

My wife and I have individual checking accounts that equal approximately \$150,000. I realize this is a terrible waste, but I feel the economy is going to crash again soon. Would you please advise me on how to invest this money wisely and still get a good rate of interest?

Since we have paid off the mortgage on our home, this gives us another \$600,000 to add to an investment. Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

— L.B., via email

**DEAR L.B.:** You ask an impossible question! You ask how to invest money wisely and get a good rate of interest, but you are afraid there is going to be a crash and you can't afford to take the risk. These are totally incompatible positions.

There are people who will tell you annuities can give you a decent return. In my opinion, there is nothing wise about that. But keeping \$150,000 in a checking account is absolutely a tragedy.

What I would do is sit down with one or two wise, carefully selected stock brokers, explain the situation and ask what they recommend. I am sure they are going to come up

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## Don't bet your shirt on a great 2014 for stocks

STEVE ROTHWELL  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't bet your shirt on a repeat performance.

That's the message from some of the nation's biggest investment firms as the Dow Jones industrial average has closed above 16,000 for the first time and the Standard & Poor's 500 index is on the cusp of its best year in a decade with a gain of 25.9 percent.

Although investment professionals still are optimistic, investors shouldn't expect such outsized gains will be repeated.

The S&P 500, the Dow and other stock indexes have risen steadily as the Federal Reserve has maintained its economic stimulus to keep long-term interest rates low, and the economy has continued to strengthen. Although economic growth hasn't been spectacular, it has been strong enough to enable companies to keep increasing

their earnings.

We asked professionals at three big money managers, T. Rowe Price, Franklin Templeton and BlackRock for their thoughts on how the stock market will shape up next year.

### ON THE OUTLOOK FOR STOCKS

A double-digit gain is not out of the question.

Many of the tail winds for the stock market are still in place, but they may start to weaken next year. Corporate earnings are strong, but profit margins could be peaking. Interest rates are still low compared to historical levels, but will likely rise gradually, particularly if the Fed starts to pull-back on its bond-buying stimulus program.

However, the biggest challenge to the stock market is that valuations have risen so much this year, says Larry Puglia, portfolio manager of T.

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### TUESDAY

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases housing starts for September and October, 8:30 a.m.; Commerce Department releases third-quarter gross domestic product, 8:30 a.m.; Standard & Poor's releases S&P/Case-Shiller index of home prices for September and the third quarter, 9 a.m.; The Conference Board releases the Consumer Confidence Index for November, 10 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases durable goods for October, 8:30 a.m.; Commerce Department releases personal income and spending for October, 8:30 a.m.

# Chamber Connection

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352-637-3310

**Joe's Family Restaurant**  
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Inverness  
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**Grumpy Gator's**  
4828 S. Suncoast Blvd.,  
Homosassa  
352-503-2064

**The Mullet Hole Tavern**  
631 N. Citrus Blvd.,  
Crystal River  
352-564-0902

## Chamber events

For more information on Chamber events, visit [CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com) or call 352-795-3149.

**Dec. 4** — Chamber Luncheon hosted by the BWA, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Citrus Hills. Sponsored by Nature Coast Bank and features motivational speaker Beth Ramsey.

**Dec. 5** — Business After Hours Mixer hosted by Citrus 95.3 at 964 S. Crystal Glen Drive, 5 to 7 p.m.

**Dec. 7** — Christmas Parade in Crystal River starts at 6 p.m. in downtown Crystal River.

**Dec. 14** — Christmas Parade in Inverness, start at noon in downtown Inverness.

**Dec. 19** — Citrus Sports & Apparel Mixer, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Crystal River Mall.

## Community events

**Nov. 28** — First Baptist Church of Crystal River annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, noon to 3 p.m. Free and open to the public, 700 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River 352-795-3367

**Nov. 30** — Thanksgiving Weekend Auction hosted by ATM Antiques & Auctions, Crystal Square Plaza 811 S.E. US 19, Crystal River, will include U.S. and foreign coins, jewelry, fine art and much more. Auction begins at 10 a.m. Some auction items available online at charliefudge.com. Call 352-795-2061 for more information.

**Dec. 3** — Dine at Chili's in Crystal River and 10 percent of your bill is donated to the Citrus County United Way. For more information, visit [citrusunitedway.org](http://citrusunitedway.org) or call 352-795-5483

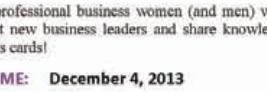
**Dec. 6** — Holiday Show: Miracle on 34th Street at Citrus Springs Community Center, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. Entertainment by the New Dawn Singers. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the community center or the Parks and Recreation office. For more information, call 352-465-7007.

**Dec. 7** — Golafapalooza Demo Day! Open to the public. Come see the latest in golf equipment, 2100 N. Terra Vista Blvd., Hernando. More information 352-746-3664.

**Dec. 7** — Food Truck Wars at Crystal River Mall. Come see more than 40 food trucks battle it out. Admission \$2, with proceeds supporting the Citrus County Fallen Heroes Monument. Live music, kids area, beer garden and much more. Check out [FoodTruckWars.com](http://FoodTruckWars.com) or call 352-364-4455.

**Dec. 11** — Stick A Fork In Cancer, 4 p.m. to close at Beef 'O' Brady's, 6738 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Fifteen percent of bill will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

## Don't miss this chance to meet your next business partner



### Business to Business Networking Luncheon

Open invitation to all professional business women (and men) who would like to expand their contact base, meet new business leaders and share knowledge. Be sure to bring an ample supply of business cards!

**DATE/TIME:** December 4, 2013

11 a.m. Networking Begins Promptly

1 p.m. Adjourn

**LOCATION:** Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

**SPONSOR:** Nature Coast Bank

**SPEAKER:** Beth Ramsey, Founder

Harness the Power Within

**TOPIC:** Twenty-One Tips to Speak Like a Pro

**COST:** \$20 Paid Registration until November 22

\$25 Paid Late Registration

**No reservations will be accepted after November 27**

**Vegetarian/Gluten-free dishes must be requested when making your reservation**

In support of "Mission in Citrus, Inc.", the BWA will be accepting non-perishable food items, personal toiletries, children's games and/or monetary donations at the luncheon.

For reservations, visit [www.citruscountychamber.com](http://www.citruscountychamber.com), click this event, click 'Register' and proceed (or contact [reception@citruscountychamber.com](mailto:reception@citruscountychamber.com)). All reservations must be paid before the event. When making your reservation, please provide your name and business affiliation. Thank you.

## Member Spotlight: The Mullet Hole Tavern



**L**ocated in Heritage Village in the heart of historic downtown Crystal River is the Mullet Hole Tavern, Citrus County's newest upscale dining restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, the Mullet Hole features fresh, local seafood. Executive Chef Randy Fixman prides himself on only using local produce and fresh, just-caught seafood. Chances are the entrée on your plate was caught within the past 24 hours by a local fishing outfit.

This restaurant prides itself on using the freshest local ingredients and providing stellar customer service in a well-dressed setting that includes historical photographs. Most of all, they enjoy creating new and unique dishes. The Mullet Hole received an honorable mention in the *Citrus County Chronicle's* Golden Fork awards and took home the Chamber's New Image Award for October — all within the first four months of operation. The Mullet Hole is open for Thanksgiving; please call for reservations.

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### Wendy's

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Wendy's Operations Manager Ethel Colden officially cut the ribbon. She was joined by ambassadors in attendance: Lisa Nash, FDS Disposal; George Bendtsen, Insurance by George; Lillian Smith, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Bill Hudson, Land Title of Citrus County; Janet Mayo, Plantation on Crystal River; Nancy Hautop, Top Time Travel; Dennis Pfeiffer, Orkin Pest Control; Jim Ferrara, Insight Credit Union; Kelley Paul, Wollinka Wikle Title Insurance; Jennifer Duca, Comfort Keepers; Mary Pericht, Cadence Bank; and Jenee Vickers, Kiddie Kampus Learning Center. Also in attendance: Chamber Board Chair John Murphy and Chamber President Josh Wooten; Citrus High School Principal Rich Hilger; Inverness City Council members Linda Bega, Jacquie Hepfer and Cabot McBride; City Manager Frank DiGiovanni; Assistant City Manager Eric Williams; Wendy's Manager Richard Hopkins, Jennifer Campbell; Citrus United Basket; Chad White; and Fred Clark.

### The Humane Society of Citrus County

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Lisa Jacobsen, president of the humane society, was joined by Vice President Karren Curtis, volunteers Cathy Tramp and Frances Gladeck, and guests Sherry Goode and Christina Dechenau. Ambassadors in attendance: Jennifer Duca, Comfort Keepers; George Bendtsen, Insurance by George; Lisa Nash, FDS Disposal; Lillian Smith, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Bill Hudson, Land Title of Citrus County; Janet Mayo, Plantation on Crystal River; Jeanne Green, Inside Citrus; Mary Pericht, Cadence Bank; Nancy Hautop, Top Time Travel; and Rhonda Lestinsky, Nature Coast Bank.

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**BUSINESS DIGEST****Barbaron to renovate golf course**

The golf course design/build and renovation specialists at Barbaron, Inc. are pleased to announce that they have been selected for the renovation of the Sugarmill Woods Golf Course in Homosassa. The renovation will include rebuilding of all fairways and tees on nine holes of the Pine course. The work will begin in June of next year. Barbaron completed the first nine holes at Sugarmill earlier this year and the course was opened in November.

Barbaron has recently completed the renovation of the Lake Venice Golf Course in Venice. The renovation included a total rebuild of the golf course adjacent to the Venice Municipal Airport.

**Shear Sisters celebrates 25 years**

Sisters Paula MacQueen and Diane Reinhart Tompetri will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Shear Sisters Salon & Spa this month. They wish to thank all of their friends/clients. It has been their pleasure serving their clients who have become like family. Some have been coming to the shop since it opened in November 1988, and some have even been patrons since their training at WTI 30 years ago.

They have celebrated birthdays, weddings, proms, homecomings, graduations and more with their clients. Says Diane, "Being in the beauty industry is a very exciting and rewarding business. We meet a lot of nice people and enjoy making clients look and feel their best. We just want to thank our clients for being the very special people they are." Adds sister Paula, "They've been 25 wonderful years. I'm looking forward to many, many more."

**Local dentist earns fellowship**

CHICAGO — At the American Academy of Implant Dentistry's 2013 annual meeting, which was held in Phoenix Oct. 23-28, Richard Swanson, DMD, of Beverly Hills, was recognized as an Associate Fellow of the Academy. As one of 618 dentists who hold this distinguished membership, Swanson is one of the leading experts in implant care. He maintains a dental practice in Beverly Hills.

To qualify for Associate Fellowship, Swanson completed a minimum of 300 hours of post-doctoral instruction in implant dentistry, performed implant cases and passed the Academy's Associate Fellow examination. This examination, which is conducted by an expert panel of implant dentists, included a written examination, a series of oral examinations and defense of three implant cases that he had completed.

The examination process measured Swanson's clinical proficiency in surgical and prosthetic dental implant techniques, in-depth knowledge of dental implants, and commitment to excellence in implant dental practice and to the American Academy of Implant Dentistry's standards for ethics and patient welfare.

**Buethe joins Oak Hill Hospital**

SPRING HILL — Oak Hill Hospital welcomes David D. Buethe, MD to its medical staff. Dr. Buethe is in practice at Suncoast Urology, 11373 Cortez Boulevard, Suite 209, Brooksville, FL 34613 and at 7614 Jacque Road, Suite A, Hudson, FL 34667. Dr. Buethe can be reached in Brooksville at 352-596-0786 and in Hudson at 727-862-8548.

Dr. Buethe received his medical degree (MD) from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He completed an internship in surgery and a residency in urology at Oklahoma University Health Science Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dr. Buethe is specially trained in urologic oncology. He completed his fellowship in urologic oncology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa.

Dr. Buethe is the only surgeon in the area who concentrates his practice in urologic oncology and he is experienced in all forms of surgery: open, laparoscopic, and most advanced surgery for complex cases using the da Vinci SI HD surgical system.

**STOCKS**

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Rowe Price's Blue Chip Growth fund. That is to say, investors have been willing to pay more for a company's future earnings, pushing up prices. The price-earnings ratio for S&P 500 companies has risen to 15 from 12.5 at the start of this year, according to FactSet.

"We still find selected stocks attractive and think that the market's OK, but I would be surprised if the market...was able to duplicate the type of gains we've had this year," says Puglia. He still thinks stocks could rise as much as 10 percent.

Conrad Hermann, a portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton says that statistics show that when the market logs an annual gain of 20 percent or more, it has been followed by another year of gains on two out of three occasions – for an average gain of 11.5 percent the next year.

**ON THE BEST INDUSTRY TO INVEST IN**

Technology companies are the big favorite.

The tech industry should benefit from rising spending in an improving global economy, says BlackRock's chief investment strategist Russ Koesterich. He also says that technology stocks are typically less sensitive to rising interest rates than other industry groups are.

Many tech stocks don't pay a dividend, making them less sensitive to higher bond yields, and with strong new products they should grow profits. That suggests if interest rates climb, tech stocks should perform better than the overall market.

Tech companies are also less richly priced than some other parts of the market, while still offering good growth prospects. Those in the S&P 500 are trading at 14.4 times their projected earnings over the next 12 months. That makes them less expensive than health care stocks, which are priced at 16.7 times expected earnings, and industrial companies, which are valued at 16.1 times earnings.

**ON A REDUCTION OF FED STIMULUS**

Investors have been obsessed with the Fed all year and the stock market's biggest setbacks have come when they thought that policymakers were poised to cut back on economic stimulus.

The S&P 500 has dropped in only two months this year, June and August. In both months investors sold stocks on concern that the Fed was about to stop its stimulus.

Instead, the central bank surprised investors in September by continuing its stimulus and now investors

**Lawmakers urge bidding for gates in airline merger**

**DAVID KOENIG**  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Four key members of Congress say that all airlines — not just low-fare carriers — should be able to bid on gates and landing rights that American Airlines and US Airways will give up after their merger.

The leaders of the House and Senate transportation committees say they're worried that unless the big airlines can bid, service between Washington and some smaller cities may be lost.

The U.S. Justice Department settled a lawsuit challenging the merger earlier this month after

American and US Airways agreed to give up gates and landing rights at several big airports, notably Washington's Reagan National Airport. Officials said those assets would go to low-cost airlines because the big, so-called legacy airlines — the biggest being United and Delta — had stifled competition.

On Friday, top Democrats and Republicans on the transportation committee released a letter that they sent to Attorney General Eric Holder urging that bidding be open to all airlines. They said that low-cost carriers don't generally fly to smaller cities, so freezing out the big airlines won't

help consumers in those places.

The settlement was widely viewed as likely to benefit Southwest Airlines and JetBlue Airways, two self-avowed low-cost carriers that have indicated interest in getting some of the American and US Airways landing rights at Reagan National.

However, Delta had also expressed interest in picking up landing rights at Reagan National and two gates that American agreed to surrender at Dallas Love Field. "We do believe that all airlines should have an opportunity to bid on the divested assets," Delta spokesman Trebor Banstetter said Friday.

**MONEY**

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with a mix of securities, possibly a few bonds, although I am a little nervous about those, and a balanced portfolio.

The fact that you took a hit in 2008 doesn't make you an orphan; lots of us did. Also, those who stayed in have recovered, as you have.

In my case, I not only recovered what I lost, but made a substantial profit in the bargain. This is indicative of the fact that historically the marketplace has always recovered.

The reality is you are not going to be around forever, and when you pass away, what difference will it make? I would sit back, make the investments as I described and live a good life. You obviously have earned it.

**DEAR BRUCE:** I know a woman who is in the process of filing for bankruptcy. She has told me she chooses not to pay her mortgage (she has a secondary house). She is self-employed and won't work more hours to solve her financial problems.

The big kicker is that she has traveled around the world this year. As a responsible, hard-working mom, I suspect that she is playing the system.

— Irritated, via email

**DEAR IRRITATED:** I can understand why you are irritated. You're being responsible, and you wonder if she is playing the system. Of course she is! She is filing for bankruptcy, which means she is not paying her bills, yet she is running around the world, spending money she should be using to retire her obligations.

Whether or not she will be approved for bankruptcy because she has two homes may be a problem, but what else is there to be said? This is an irresponsible person who is looking out for

herself and not meeting her responsibilities. If that becomes obvious, then she will be denied bankruptcy protection.

**DEAR BRUCE:** My husband, who is 60 years old, is looking to retire in two years. I retired five years ago. We have saved our whole lives and have a credit score of 849.

Our daughter, who is going through a divorce, has some money problems. Her vehicle needs to be replaced, and she will not qualify for a car loan on her own. We would like to co-sign on a car loan with her to help her out.

Can we do this without compromising our credit rating and still be OK when my husband retires? Is there anything we should do to cover ourselves?

— M.B., via email

**DEAR M.B.:** I don't have any problem with what you want to do, assuming you feel that you can afford the money. There is nothing I can see that will compromise your credit rating. The only thing is, if your daughter doesn't make the payments, you are stuck with paying the balance of the loan.

You ask if there's a way to cover yourselves. Unfortunately, that's not possible. Your daughter apparently has severe financial problems, and nobody wants to loan her money.

You're as good as gold and can easily get a loan, but you must understand that if she doesn't make the payments, you are directly on the hook.

If you don't make the payments, then your credit rating will be compromised.

**DEAR BRUCE:** I am a 61-year-old retired construction worker. I have approximately \$135,000 in my union benefit annuity. I should do a roll-over, but I'm not sure where I should re-invest. We have an adequate retirement, so we would like to place it in a very safe account.

It takes six weeks to get the money out of the account, so if something drastic was to happen and the market was to go down, my account would suffer substantially. This is why I want to move the account. The account is evaluated on the day of withdrawal.

— W.D., via email

**DEAR W.D.:** Your question asks for something that is absolutely not available unless you are prepared to give up all the interest the money could earn, and I think that would be a tragedy. If you want a very safe account, you will limit yourself to things such as CDs and certain savings accounts.

I understand you are concerned about the money not being available for six weeks, and if the market went down, you would suffer substantially. This is a possibility, but very unlikely.

If safety remains your No. 1 concern, take the money and put it into something like a five-year CD at your local bank.

You realize that you are going to earn very little money and you will also be penalized by the tax man.

You might also wish to consider tax-free municipal bonds. There have been substantial failures in municipalities around the country — Detroit is the classic example — and as a consequence, there is a certain degree of risk. But there are solid communities with little possibility of going under. You might want to consider their bonds because of the tax-free provision.

It all comes back to this business of you not wanting to take any risk. I don't think at 61 years old you should be writing off the idea of taking some risk to earn a decent return on your money.

*Send questions to bruce@brucewilliams.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.*

are getting more accustomed to the idea the Fed's efforts must end at some point. Sure, there may be a knee-jerk reaction when the Fed acts, but it won't last. Ultimately investors will see the end of stimulus as a sign that the economy is continuing to improve. Fed policymakers have also stressed that the end of stimulus will not necessarily be immediately followed by higher interest rates.

"It will be a positive signal to the market that the economy can stand on its own two feet and doesn't need this super aggressive Federal Reserve action," says Puglia of T. Rowe Price.

**ON THE BIGGEST RISKS**

Unsurprisingly, the dysfunction in Washington is still at the forefront of investors' minds. The 16-day partial government shutdown in October hurt consumer confidence and crimped economic growth. A

repeat of that political wrangling next year would likely hurt the economy again.

Stocks are also vulnerable to a sharp rise in interest rates. The market's rally from its lows in March 2009 has been underpinned by low interest rates which has made stock market returns more attractive. If bond yields were to rise suddenly the economy would suffer.

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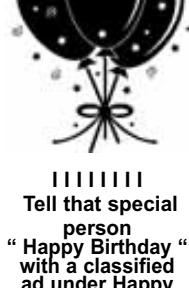
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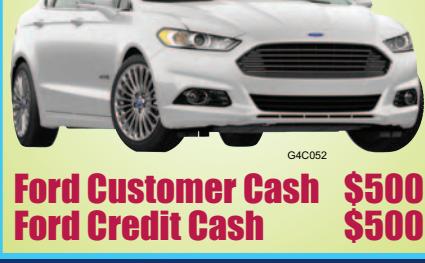
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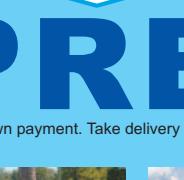
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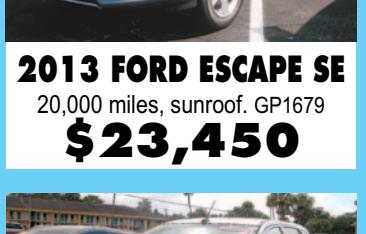
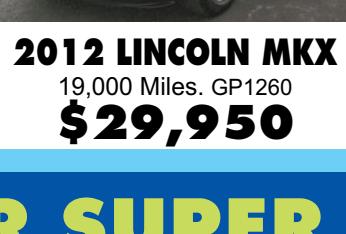
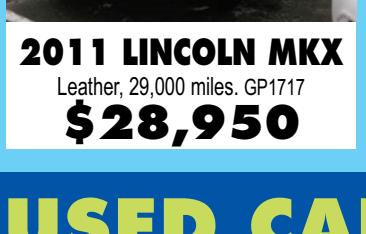
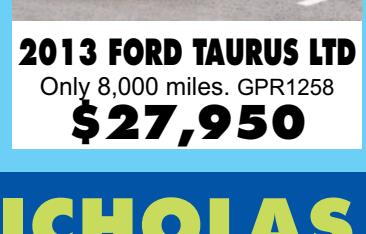
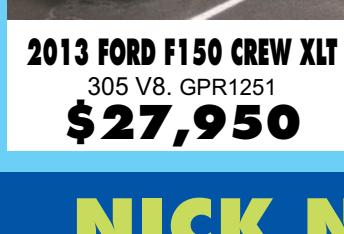
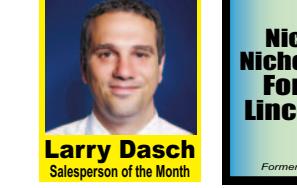
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## ONE DAY ONLY!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

FOR YOUR SHOPPING CONVENIENCE, COME SEE ALL OUR CARS, TRUCKS, VANS  
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THERE WILL BE  
**NO SALES PEOPLE,  
MANAGERS OR  
EMPLOYEES ON  
THE PREMISES.**

(ON ONE WILL EVEN BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER THE PHONES)

**THESE PRICES WILL NEVER BE REPEATED**

**THESE PRICES WILL BE HONORED ONE DAY ONLY!**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2013, FROM 9AM-8PM**

Because new models are arriving daily, management has been ordered to eliminate excess inventory/ All prices will be slashed and will be clearly posted on each vehicle. Bring a pen and paper. Write down the stock number and price. Come in as early as possible on Monday, November 25th, 2013

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# HOMEFRONT

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HOME AND GARDEN:

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A cast resin antler-shaped candelabra adds rustic interest to the Thanksgiving table without the fussiness of polishing silver. Some expert advice and helpful products can make Thanksgiving entertaining more stylish, fun and fret-free.

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- Fenced 1.5 Acres
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**3 GRAYTWIG CT. W.  
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- 3BD/2BA/2CG
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- Formal Dining Room
- Nearly 2,300 SF living
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**GREAT LOCATION - 1.69 ACRES!!!**

- 2 BR, 2 BATH & OFFICE
- Updated Wood Cabinets
- Wood Flooring
- Large Wood Deck
- Great Location
- Bonus RM in Back
- Eat-In Kitchen Area
- Fireplace
- Country Setting
- Stone Fireplace
- Updated Baths
- Storage Shed

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PRICE REDUCED!

**MLS #705034 \$219,000**

**GOLD CREST BUILT**, original owner, 3/2/2 split plan pool home on 2.78 acres. Screened entry, formal LR w/fireplace and sliders to pool, family room, eat-in kitchen, breakfast nook, large walk-in pantry, roll-out drawers, pass-through window to lanai, lots of cabinets & counter space. Master w/trey ceiling, his & hers walk-in closets, garden tub, dual sinks & vanity. Both guest rooms have walk-in closets, guest/pool bath w/skylight, ceiling fans, plant shelves, sec sys. & neutral colors throughout, large lanai w/vinyl sliders for heating or cooling. Private backyard has small pond and sitting area, shed with power, carport for extra parking & much more.

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**MLS #706774 \$99,500**

**1519 N. FOXBORO LP.  
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- 2BD/2BA/2CG Villa
- Large Eat-In Kitchen
- Split Bedroom Plan
- Great Community
- Maintenance Free
- Plus Formal Dining
- Large Master BDRM
- 2 Swimming Pools

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**PERFECT FOR HORSES**

**MLS #704480 \$259,900**

**5470 N. BUFFALO DR., PINE RIDGE**

- 3/2/2 With 2,272 Sq. Ft.
- Open Split L-shaped Plan
- Wood Burning Fireplace
- Adjacent to Horse Trail
- Solar Heated Pool w/Huge Lanai
- Barn + Storage, Fenced, Electric Gate
- Private Well & All Pastures w/Water
- Quality Built With Newer Roof, A/C

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Enter house #1040

**\$164,900**

**2012 NEW ROOF SHINGLES**

- 3/2/2.5 on 1 Acre
- 20 x 28 Screened Enclosure
- Formal Dining Room
- Security System + Built-In Safe
- Wood Laminate Flooring
- Large Eat-In Kitchen
- Large Master w/Jetted Tub + Dual Sinks
- Large Shed 12 x 16

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**MLS #702683 \$49,900**

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- NICELY Painted In/Out
- Really Cute House
- Move Right In!
- Golf Course Close By
- Next to New Carpet
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**INVERNESS POOL HOME**

2BR/1.5 BA HOME ON GOSPEL ISLAND. TILE FLOORING, GREAT ROOM, AND FORMAL LIVING ROOM AND GARAGE. COMES WITH EXTRA ADJOINING BUILDING LOT. TOTAL OF 1/2 ACRE WITH DEEDED WATER ACCESS.

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**REDUCED AGAIN!**

**MLS #M704319 \$71,900**

**MOTIVATED - BRING YOUR OFFER**

Privacy personified with this move-in ready 3/2/2 mobile on 2.3 acres. Wide open floor plan w/split bedrooms, island kitchen and lots of living area, covered back deck, two sheds & detached carport. All appliances, window treatments and some furnishings are included.

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**GULF ACCESS**

**MLS #R706078 \$205,000**

**CRYSTAL RIVER 3/2/1 WATERFRONT IN DIXIE SHORES**

Situated on a wide canal to Dixie Bay. Tiled throughout, all appliances. Neat, clean and ready to move into. Perfect winter residence, or full-time living. Priced to sell, so don't miss out.

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**PRICE REDUCED**

**MLS #706297 \$117,500**

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!**

3 Bedroom 2 Bath Country Charmer On Almost 2 Acres. Spacious Open Floor Plan, Lots Of Ceramic Tile, LR Stone Fireplace, Galley Kitchen w/Breakfast Bar & Large Breakfast Nook, Office/Den, Master Bedroom En Suite Bath, Utility/Laundry & Walk-In Storage Closet. Covered Front Porch, 20x28 Detached Garage, Fencing, Fruit Trees. Huge Grandfather Oaks! Country Living At Its Best!

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**MLS #706652 \$279,900**

**861 N. SPEND A BUCK DR.  
CLEARVIEW ESTATES**

- Beautiful 3BR/3BA/2CG Home
- Kitchen w/Breakfast Nook
- Well-Maintained
- Living & Family Room
- Lg. Lanai & Pool Area
- Landscape Care Lot

LEN PALMER (352) 212-2611  
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**MLS #706775 \$199,900**

**7696 N. LAZY TRAIL, CRYSTAL RIVER**

- Energy Efficient 3BR/2BA/3CG
- 4.87 Acres Fenced & Cross-Fenced
- Lg. Kitchen w/42in. Cabinets/Silestone Counters
- 12 x 28 Workshop
- Enclosed Lanai Area
- Well-Maintained Custom Home
- Living & Family Room
- Lg. Lanai & Pool Area
- Landscape Care Lot

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**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 12-2PM**

**MLS #704327 \$109,900**

**PRIVATE BACKYARD**

Estate sale needs settled!!! Original owner 3/2/2 home on 1/3 acre. Family room has fireplace, living room has bay window. Big eat-in kitchen. Florida room too. Big bedrooms and lots of storage. Great spot in Inverness.

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**11 JUNGLEPLUM CT. S.**

Nice 3/2/2 home located in beautiful Sugarmill Woods located in a peaceful court. The home is 1,785 square feet of living space. The home is in nice condition. Directions: U.S. Hwy. 19 to Cypress Blvd., to right on 2nd Sycamore Circle, to left on Jungleplum Ct. S. to home # 11

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Certified Distressed Property Expert

**MLS #704084 \$121,000**

**Real Estate DIGEST****Barth aims for stars at Coldwell Banker**

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With more than \$3 million in closed sales volume, she joins a select group of Realtors who have achieved this milestone in 2013.

Gitta Barth can be reached by calling Coldwell Banker Investors Realty in Inverness at 352-726-9533, or on her cell phone at 352-220-0466.

**ERA agents continue to get results**

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**Dawn Theroux** has surpassed the \$4 million mark in



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Realty.

**Gary and Karen Baxley** have surpassed the \$3 million mark in closed sales volume for 2013.

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**New agent joins team at Keller Williams**

**Keller Williams** Realty is excited to welcome aboard **Mariah Paovella** to the Citrus County Dream Team.

Mariah, director of First Impressions, has a wonderful track record of assisting clients with excellence, care and detail.

Keller Williams Realty is at 711 S. Adolph Point Lecanto.



**Mariah Paovella**  
Keller  
Williams  
Realty.

**Bortz continues to shine with Plantation Realty**

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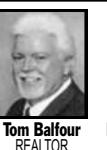
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**POOL** **2011**  
  
**3050 W. MUSTANG**  
3/3/3 702967 \$374,900

**PINE RIDGE**  
**GOLF COURSE**  
  
**5518 N. ELKCAM**  
3/2/2 706451 \$163,000

**PINE RIDGE FARMS**  
**4.77 ACRES** **2014**  
**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
**5406 N. CROSSGATE**  
3/2/3 706628 \$299,000

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**1852 W. LANDMARK**  
3/2/2 705749 \$124,900

**CITRUS SPRINGS**  
**POOL**  
  
**2047 W. PARAGON LN.**  
3/2/2 358792 \$149,900

**CITRUS HILLS**  
**1.3 ACRE**  
  
**137 N. FRESNO**  
3/2/2 701884 \$119,900

**BEVERLY HILLS**  
  
**87 S. LINCOLN**  
2/2/1 706575 \$48,900

**HERNANDO**  
**WATERFRONT**  
  
**4210 E. LAKE PARK DR.**  
2/1.5 359138 \$74,900

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**POOL**  
  
**1974 W. ALHAMBRA**  
3/2/2 705787 \$108,000

**INVERNESS**  
  
**2779 E. VENUS**  
3/2 706512 \$39,900

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**87 S. LUCILLE**  
2/2/2 703454 \$72,000

**BEVERLY HILLS**  
  
**19 N. ADAMS**  
2/1.5 704683 \$42,500

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**2435 W. ERIC**  
2/1/1 701256 \$49,900

**CITRUS SPRINGS**  
  
**2225 W. NAUTILUS**  
3/1 706303 \$49,900

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2/1/1 706595 \$56,900

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**9 N. WADSWORTH**  
3/1 704088 \$52,500

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**9459 S. KINGBIRD**  
2/1/1 705876 \$42,500

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**- FEATURE OF THE WEEK! -**  
**DUNNELLON**

This home has something for the entire family! Comfortable, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home on 4.9 beautiful acres. Updated kitchen w/newer appliances, new A/C and ductwork, security system, wood burning fireplace, huge caged pool and lanai. The Mr. will love the detached garage/workshop with 3 roll up doors and car hoist. Plenty of room for the kids to roam so bring the horses and enjoy! MLS #703985 Priced at \$299,900.

**87 S. LUCILLE**  
2/2/2 703454 \$72,000

**522 S. JACKSON**  
2/1/1 706595 \$56,900

**9 N. WADSWORTH**  
3/1 704088 \$52,500

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# How professionals assess a tree's value

## *Appraisals done for multitude of reasons*

**M**ost people enjoy trees. Homeowners plant them in their yards. I am fortunate to enjoy a heavily wooded lot with many naturally occurring as well as planted trees. Trees provide many intangible values — shade, aesthetics, habitat for birds, squirrels and other wildlife, wind and sound attenuation, prevention of soil erosion, fruit production and carbon sequestration. These are all important benefits which enhance our quality of life.

However, trees also have a tangible value — they can be appraised to determine their monetary value.

Why would someone need a tree appraised for dollar value? There are many reasons, and they include damage or loss of a tree or trees due to a lightning strike,



Eric Hoyer  
**ARBOR  
CULTURE**

vehicular damage, deliberate or inadvertent removal of a tree by a neighbor or tree service, removal of trees due to eminent domain, an IRS casualty loss, establishing an IRS basis and other reasons. As a tree appraiser, I have been involved in appraising trees for all of those reasons.

Casualty losses involve a sudden and unexpected loss of trees and are somewhat narrowly defined by the IRS. The IRS defines a casualty loss as follows: "a casualty loss can result from the damage, destruction or loss of your property from any sudden, unexpected or unusual event such as a

flood, hurricane, tornado, fire, earthquake or even volcanic eruption. A casualty does not include normal wear and

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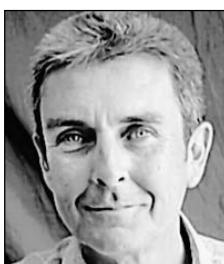
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# Matchstick jewelry box an example of prisoner handcrafts

**D**ear John: This jewelry box is made entirely of burnt matches and came off a boat from Devil's Island, French Guiana, sometime around 1946. It was possibly made by one of the prisoners there.

It is very well-crafted. Could you give me an idea what the value of this piece might be?  
— M.E., Internet



John Sikorski

**SIKORSKI'S  
ATTIC**

**D**ear M.E.: Decorative handmade prisoner of war artifacts have been of interest in the antiques marketplace for a long time. Most collectors focus on the Napoleonic Wars era, where the highest prices are paid. Most of the wood

boxes made by those prisoners were of straw, and very ornate. Collectors refer to them as "Prisoner of War Straw Work."

It is likely your box made of matchsticks was done by a prisoner, as you suspect. Potential dollar value is \$75 to \$150.

**D**ear John: I am attaching a picture of a painting and another showing the artist's name — DeFaenza. The closest I was able to find was Antonio Gentili Da Faenza

It was given to my mother by her brother in the 1970s and it came in to my possession after the passing of my parents. It

appears to be an oil on canvas and is 49 inches wide by 25 inches tall.

Admittedly, my Internet search skills are not the best. I hope you can find additional information about the artist and the painting, as well as what the value might be. Thank you for your help. — N.DiC., Internet

**D**ear N.DiC.: I was not able to find any information about

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**T**his jewelry box, purportedly from Devil's Island, is made entirely of used matches. Because prisoners often have a lot of idle time, their crafts can be quite elaborate, and there is an active collector's market for historical examples of their work.

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# ATTIC

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the artist name DeFaenza. The landscape picture is typical of the 19th century.

However, I think your painting was produced in Europe in the 20th century and likely in the 1970s. The frame also appears to be of the same 1970s-vintage, not from the 19th century. Potential dollar value is catch-as-catch-can.

**Dear John:** A short correction for your *Chronicle* HomeFront article of Oct. 27.

Mandolin Bros. is on Staten Island, N.Y., not in Yonkers, N.Y., and has been for more than 20 years. Other than that, I enjoy your articles and radio show! — F.C., Internet

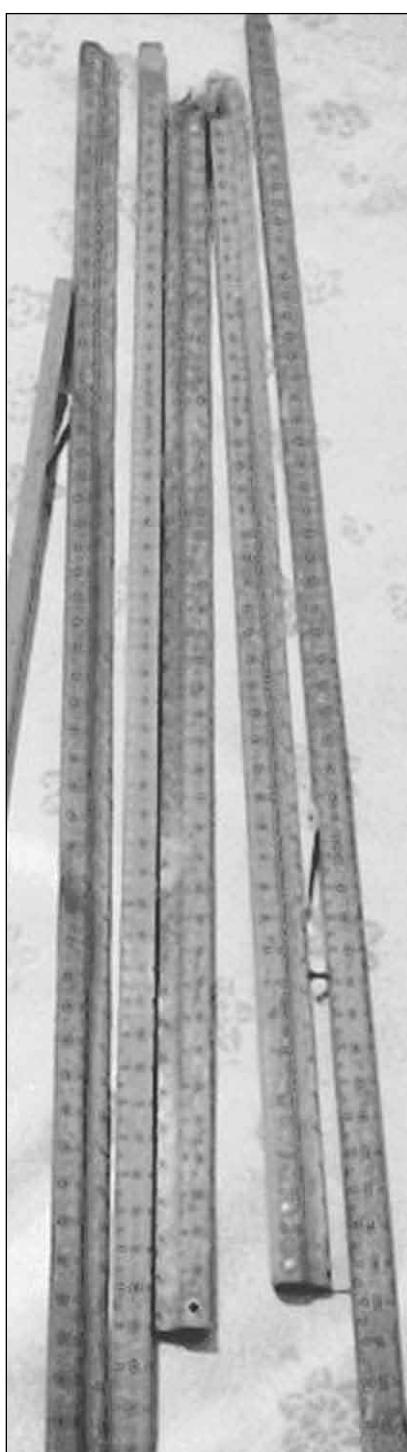
**Dear F.C.:** Good response, thank you for setting the record straight. You are correct — the Mandolin Brothers have been in Staten Island, N.Y., for 42 years. They have a sterling reputation and are purveyors to the stars in the stringed instrument world.

The company's website is [www.mandoweb.com](http://www.mandoweb.com).

**Dear John:** What are these wooden sticks? I got them from an old hotel. They are numbered sticks, some attached to each other with a metal bracket. Some have short nails all along one edge. What are they? — G., Internet

**Dear G.:** I have no idea what your wooden sticks are or were used for. Perhaps one of our readers can help us out with your question.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. He hosts a call-in radio show, *Sikorski's Attic*, on WJUF (90.1 FM) Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. Send questions to *Sikorski's Attic*, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or [asksikorski@aol.com](mailto:asksikorski@aol.com).



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**What are these mysterious sticks?  
Sikorski's Attic readers might know.**

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# Hibiscus brings panoply of tropical color

**O**n a recent trip to subtropical south Florida, where there is no possibility of frosty winter mornings. Ginger, Plu m a r i a , Plumbago, Lantana, Bouganvillea, Hydrangea, Amaryllis, and the large brightly colored "Hawaiian" Hibiscus attracted my attention.



Jane Weber  
**JANE'S  
GARDEN**

These plants were the same species as are grown in tropical, evergreen shrubs suitable for south Florida's warmer zones 10 and 11.

There are a few deciduous species frost-hardy enough for use in temperate-zone gardens in central Florida and the Southeastern states in zones 5 and 9. Expect temperate Rose of Sharon, *Hibiscus syriacus*, originally from Syria and the Middle East, to be leafless and dormant from mid-November through winter until March.

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**Florida boasts three native Hibiscus. The red-flowered Scarlet Hibiscus is found in zones 8-11.**

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle



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# JANE

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Florida boasts three native Hibiscus: red-flowered Scarlet Hibiscus, *Hibiscus coccineus*, zone 8-11; pink-flowered Swamp Hibiscus, *H. grandiflorus* and Rose Mallow, *H. moscheutos*, creamy white-flowered with dark centers. Sea Hibiscus, or Mahoe, *H. tiliaceus*, a category 2 alien invasive from Asia, is a pest plant in south Florida as far north as Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

The large-flowered, brightly-colored tropical Hibiscus, *H. rosa-sinensis*, is thought to have origi-

nated in India and Southern Asia. The Chinese have been cultivating these showy flowers and creating hybrids for centuries. In Hawaii they are considered "canoe plants" introduced by the original Polynesian voyager-settlers. Modern hybrids sold in big box nurseries may be labeled Hawaiian hybrids. Leaves are thin and glossy green, with teeth along the margins or edges.

Flower colors range from white, pink, red and orange to yellow, often with a darker or contrasting center. Single blossoms have five overlapping petals, joined at the base into a funnel-shaped tube. Double and semi-double varieties have been developed.

Buds open soon after daybreak. The flowers are exceptionally large, but only last one day, whether on the bush or picked. Each morning new flowers open. In central Florida, flowering season is from May to October. In frost-free south Florida, hybrid Hibiscus may flower year-round.

In an average year, Citrus County will get frost from November through to March. Protected microclimates near bodies of water — the Gulf, rivers and lakes — may escape

cold snaps. Zone 9a usually has 10 or more frosty mornings and perhaps a hard freeze or two each winter. Hybrid Hibiscus leaves and stems will be killed to the ground if frozen. Cover the roots several feet out from the base with a thick layer of pine needles to trap warmth from the ground and prevent cold air from reaching them. Dead, frozen parts may be cut off immediately.

Hibiscus needs a full-sun, protected location, like the south side of a

building. Soil should be well-drained, moist to wet and humus-rich. Generally pest- and disease-free, they can survive on natural rainfall and do not require fertilization. Tip prune young plants and new shoots in spring to promote bushiness. Hybrids do not set seeds, so need no deadheading.

Old and woody plants may need pruning to control height and spread. Rejuvenation pruning involves sawing out the thickest stalks and lopping

the rest in half while dormant in early spring locally. Easy-to-grow hybrid Hawaiian Hibiscus brings a tropical feeling to central Florida gardens.

**Jane Weber** is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Visitors are welcome to her Dunnellon, Marion County, garden. For an appointment, call 352-249-6899 or contact JWeber12385@gmail.com.

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# THANKSGIVING

KIMCOOK  
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Preparing a Thanksgiving feast ranks high on the entertaining stress-o-meter. Expectations, traditions and a home full of guests can make even the most seasoned host lose sleep.

But don't let the anticipatory list-making, house-fluffing and food preparing become more tiring than it needs to be. Some expert advice and helpful products can make Thanksgiving entertaining more stylish, fun and fret-free.

Kevin Sharkey, executive creative director at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, begins with a why-didn't-I-think-of-that idea:

"If you have performance anxiety about the day, what if you (threw the party) the night before or after? Sometimes I think the only reason to have Thanksgiving is to have sandwiches the next day. So have a great lunch or cocktail party instead," he suggests.

Guests are just looking for a convivial atmosphere, so don't



Tzurit Or's handmade Tatte pastry assortment — an array of fall fruit, chocolate and nut petite tarts that are a delicious way to eliminate the dessert-making chore from Thanksgiving, and also make a welcome offering to the feast.

Williams-Sonoma/  
Associated Press

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# CORNUCOPIA

A set of four Rustic Luxe linen napkins, which don't require ironing. The trend now favors leaving washed linen napery in its natural, somewhat rumpled form — meaning one less chore on the Thanksgiving to-do list.

Pottery Barn/Associated Press



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bother with fancy appetizers. As Sharkey points out, guests won't remember the homemade potato chips you slaved over; they'll remember the stressed-out you.

Serve simple things on interesting plates or in silver bowls, and it all looks special. For example, West Elm has Shanna Murray's gold-penned bisque stoneware salad plates. ([www.westelm.com](http://www.westelm.com))

Instead of a complicated bar, come up with one fun drink to serve as a showpiece, then add a few bottles of wine and sparkling water. If you're doing a casual Thanksgiving meal or a lunch, consider setting

out an interesting variety of craft beers, as well as vegetable juices and iced tea for the non-drinkers.

Better Homes and Gardens has suggestions for make-ahead nibblers such as mini gruyere puffs that can be made a month ahead and frozen, or mini meatballs in a tangy apricot sauce that can be rewarmed in a slow cooker during cocktail hour. ([www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com))

At [Realsimple.com](http://Realsimple.com), you'll find lots of make-ahead appetizers, salads, sides, breads and desserts for Thanksgiving.

If you do plan to host on Thanksgiving day, keep the menu simple.

"No one wants 14 different things. And don't be ashamed to get certain things from a store, or to ask people to bring something," Sharkey says.

**Serving everything buffet style takes another fussy component off the table, so to speak. Make sure there are comfortable places for everyone to perch with their plates, but put all the food and drinks in central locations.**

Oma Ford, executive editor at Better Homes & Gardens magazine, says she's not usually a potluck fan "but it's actually a wonderful way to approach the Thanksgiving feast. We often spend the holiday with friends who usually make the turkey and desserts and then ask all their guests to bring a side dish they couldn't live without. ... The sides are really the fun, interesting part of the meal, and with this approach none of the guests feels like they missed out on a favorite or traditional element of the feast."

Does a friend make awesome mashed potatoes? Is a relative the pie person? Do you have a nearby market that makes yummy stuffing? Ask, order and lessen your workload.

For delectable treats you can pre-order, check out Williams-Sonoma's desserts from various specialists, including Platine Bakery and Taurit Or. ([www.williams-sonoma.com](http://www.williams-sonoma.com))

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A multiple-pot slow cooker can hold stews, soups and savory vegetables. Serve-yourself beverage dispensers allow guests to refill at will. ([www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com))

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Have lots of napkins placed around the party; guests appreciate not having to hunt for one. If you're using candlelight, consider flameless pillars that can be turned on and forgotten without worrying.

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Ford suggests drawing up a game plan for entertaining, and tackling as much as possible ahead of time. "Set the table the day before, or the week before if you don't use your dining room all the time. Collect serving dishes for all the food you're making, and mark each with a slip of paper so you know where to put the green beans without having to think about it."

Pottery Barn's Design Studio blog offers a play-by-play for a successful Thanksgiving dinner; there are menus, décor options and a loose timetable on the website, [www.potterybarn.com](http://www.potterybarn.com).

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# VALUE

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tear or progressive deterioration."

The amount of the loss is the lesser of the adjusted basis of your property or the decrease in the fair market value of your property. The IRS defines the basis as "your cost, increased or decreased by certain events such as improvements or depreciation." Generally a basis is established when you take possession of a property through purchase or inheritance.

To determine the value of trees and landscape plants which suffered a casualty loss, a real estate appraiser would need to work with the tree and plant appraiser to determine the loss in fair market value.

Casualty losses for individuals are difficult to claim, as the casualty loss must exceed 10 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) as reported on your recent IRS tax return. This is found on Line 37 of your 1040 form and reflects your income before itemized deductions. Therefore, if your AGI is \$50,000, your casualty loss would have to exceed \$5,000 to even be able to file a claim for a loss.

Business casualty losses are less restrictive and do not require the loss to exceed 10 percent AGI. A good example of a business casualty loss would be a commercial timber stand destroyed by a wildfire. If the timber stand can be determined to be a business enterprise, a casualty loss can be filed. Another example would be a place of business where the trees were lost due to a hurricane or tornado. A tax specialist should be consulted prior to attempting to file such a claim.

Another situation involving the IRS can be to appraise trees, usually timber, when a property changes hands due to purchase or inheritance. The new owner may want to establish a new basis for his/her trees or timber and keep it separate from the land and/or building value of the property. Most people do not do this when purchasing or inheriting land, and it can prove to be a worthwhile endeavor later when the property is resold or damaged due to a casualty as explained above.

A more common situation for homeowners is to file a claim for

loss of trees with an insurance company. Most homeowners' insurance policies have some language regarding coverage for the loss of trees due to such things as lightning strikes or damage from a vehicle hitting a tree. Often, there is a limit of \$500 per tree; policies vary, and your insurance agent should be consulted in such a situation.

Eminent domain is another situation where trees can be appraised for compensation. A homeowner or a place of business may have some valuable trees which will be removed due to a highway expansion or other improvements. These trees can be appraised and made a part of the real estate appraisal to determine the fair market value of the condemned property.

So how does one go about determining the monetary value of trees? In general, trees are appraised based on their use. Trees in a residential or urban situation would be appraised based on their replacement cost from a nursery. If the trees are small enough to be readily replaced, an appraiser can use prices from local nurseries to determine the replacement value based on size. However, the final appraised value is depreciated from the actual replacement cost based on the condition of the tree being replaced, as well as other factors such as location and species.

Determining the value of trees larger than replacement size is more complex and is based on a "per square inch" value of the cross-sectional area of the trunk. This is known as the "basic value," which is further depreciated by the condition, location, and species of the tree.

Very large trees can have considerable value; a large diameter, healthy tree in good condition and a good location may be worth tens of thousands of dollars.

Trees in a rural or forested setting may be appraised from a timber value standpoint. Timber is purchased by weight (tons) and different species and sizes are used for different forest products such as mulch, poles, sawtimber, etc. Determining the value of a timber stand involves performing a "cruise" or inventory of the standing timber, determining the volume of the standing timber by each of the various timber products for that region, determining the market value of the timber based on re-

cent comparable timber sales in the area, and then assigning the market values for each product to the timber found on the subject property to determine the total timber value.

Such appraisals require a good deal fieldwork and market analysis to produce an accurate timber value. Sometime timber appraisals are "free-standing" and used when selling timber on the market; other times, they are provided to a real estate appraiser who "wraps" the timber value into the total value of the real estate.

Should you need your trees or timber appraised, be sure to consult your insurance company or tax specialist first to determine if an appraisal is worthwhile and beneficial. If you hire a tree appraiser, be sure to determine his or her credentials and experience. Tree appraisal is a specialty, and many arborists do not have the experience or understanding to do it properly.

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# JPMorgan inks deal, but woes may not be over

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The \$13 billion settlement that JPMorgan Chase agreed to Tuesday is the largest ever between the Justice Department and a corporation. Yet it isn't likely the end of the bank's legal troubles over the risky mortgage securities it sold before the financial crisis.

JPMorgan has several lawsuits pending against it and the mortgage businesses it bought from Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual in 2008. There's also an ongoing criminal investigation led by the office of U.S. Attorney Benjamin Wagner in Sacramento, Calif.

The bank may be negotiating or litigating for

years and has set aside \$23 billion to cover those costs. Last month, in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, it said it may need up to \$5.7 billion more.

The deal also included settlements with New York, California and other states. It was reached after months of negotiations and could serve as a template for similar settlements with other big banks. As part of the deal, JPMorgan agreed to provide \$4 billion in relief to homeowners affected by the bad loans.

JPMorgan was among the major banks that sold securities that plunged in value when the housing market collapsed in 2006 and 2007.

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# Make the right choice with mulch

*Gardeners advised to weigh different factors*

**DEAN FOSDICK**  
*Associated Press*

Compost or mulch? People often confuse the two, although each fulfills a different function in gardening.

Which one you want depends on your needs.

"Compost is used to feed crops; mulch is used to suppress weeds," said Daniel McGrath, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension. "Compost is decomposed organic matter that is gen-

## ON THE WEB

■ For more on mulches and mulching, see the Cornell University fact sheet at [www.gardening.cornell.edu/factsheets/mulch/mulchland.html](http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/factsheets/mulch/mulchland.html).

erally higher in nutrients and relatively low in carbon compared to mulch.

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DEAN FOSDICK/Associated Press

The dreaded "mulch volcano," when shredded bark is piled high against the trunk of a tree. Too much mulch mounded against a tree eventually will rot the bark, deprive the roots of oxygen, attract insects and reduce the soil's ability to dry. Instead, mulch should be spread two to four inches deep in a ring around the tree, leaving some space open near the base for water to penetrate and the tree to breathe.



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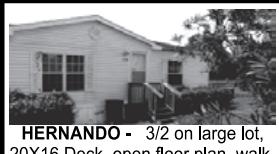
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# MULCH

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Mulch is raw, undecomposed organic matter."

Unlike compost, mulch is generally not mixed into the soil, he noted, but is applied 2 to 4 inches deep on top of the soil around a tree or shrub.

Mulch has fewer nutrients and is not meant to replace fertilizer, which should be added as a supplement.

Mulching does, however, maintain soil moisture, prevent most weed seeds from germinating and keep soil temperatures

constant around plants, said Martha Smith, an extension horticulturist with the University of Illinois.

Which kind of mulch you choose depends on what you're growing and where.

Some mulch, especially crushed rock and commercially made, color-enhanced mixtures, can beautify pathways, driveways and play areas. Good mulch is easy to apply and remove; is free of noxious weeds, insects and disease; and adds organic materials to the soil as it breaks down.

"There are different byproducts used across the U.S. based on local supply," Smith said. That

## Good mulch is easy to apply and remove; is free of noxious weeds, insects and disease; and adds organic materials to the soil as it breaks down.

includes pine needles in the South, hazelnut shells in the Northwest and buckwheat hulls in the Southeast.

Some different mulch materials from which to choose:

- Shredded bark, wood chips and shavings. Easy to spread and long-lasting, but can rob the soil of nitrogen and make land-

scape plants turn yellow. Look for "arborist chips" or ground-up tree branches that can make a good mulch and often are available for the asking from tree trimmers.

- Gravel and stones. Stone doesn't have to be replaced like organic mulches, but it is expensive and will work into the ground. Stone is great for

problem areas, though, like deep shade or in channels cut for stormwater runoff.

- Black plastic and straw. Both are commonly used in vegetable gardens and orchards. Plastics, however, prevent water from entering the soil, while straw contains grain seeds that can germinate.

- Leaves. Shredded leaves provide good insulation and weed control, although they won't allow much water to penetrate. Work them into the soil after they decompose.

- Others include newspapers (unattractive unless shredded), peat moss (inexpensive but acidic),

shredded rubber (doesn't decompose but may smell) and landscape cloth (allows water to infiltrate but must be tacked down).

Some materials to avoid:

- Grass clippings, especially any containing herbicides.

Clippings are better left on lawns where they break down quickly and return some nutrients to the soil.

- Treated wood chips, charcoal and ash — especially barbecue briquettes and coal ash — may include compounds and chemicals harmful to pets and plants.

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