



Adams revisits trash hauling agreement

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

INVERNESS — The landfill once again steamed up a discussion among county commissioners. At Tuesday's meeting of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Commissioner Scott Adams questioned the county's interlocal agreement with Hernando County for emergency landfill use. "The Ethics Commission is there for elected officials,"

Adams stated, opening a discussion about the county landfill, one of the four discussions he requested to be conducted during the meeting. "At any time you need to call them, they're there for you to make sure you're not doing wrong. They made it clear, something that I already knew and a lot of people didn't, or were using it as political issues, but it's cleared up, I think. There were some issues we were talking about on how we could save money, or something, versus what we did several weeks ago

at \$54 a ton and we did it based on a scenario at that time. Apparently, we didn't know we could do other things." The board on Nov. 19 approved an interlocal agreement with Hernando County to transfer garbage if a declared emergency temporarily shuts down



Scott Adams thinks the county can save money.



Brad Thorpe asked for guidance from commission.

either county's landfill. Adams has said the proposed tipping fees for Hernando County are excessive and the service should go out to bid. He has questioned why Marion County was not included in an interlocal agreement. County Administrator

Brad Thorpe and acting County Attorney Kerry Parsons gave the opinion that Adams would have a "potential ethical conflict" with a Marion County arrangement because Adams is one of the owners of the Heart of Florida landfill in Lake Panasoffkee where Marion County hauls its waste. However, the following week, Nov. 25, a Florida Commission on Ethics attorney stated Adams would have no ethics violation if

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\$1.18B for plant shutdown



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Managers from Duke Energy's Crystal River area nuclear plant have recently submitted their decommissioning plan to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. They now await approval to begin the process of shutting down the complex.

Duke lays out plan for decommissioning; company doesn't envision tapping customers to provide additional funds

PAT FAHERTY
Staff writer

Duke Energy has submitted its decommissioning plan for the Crystal River nuclear plant to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The selected option is expected to be completed in 2074, capping more than a century of activity on the site.

About 275 employees remain at the plant — members of the facility's decommissioning transition organization — in addition to security personnel. Additional contract workers will be brought in as needed.

Throughout the decommissioning process, plant management and staffing levels will adjust to reflect the transition.

Decommissioning cost

The estimated decommissioning cost is \$1.18 billion in current dollars. The company believes its existing nuclear decommissioning trust fund, plus the fund's future

growth — coupled with funds from the plant's nine other owners — will be sufficient to cover the decommissioning cost.

Duke is responsible for about 98 percent of costs. Analysis of estimated decommissioning cash flows indicates, at this time, no additional charges will be required from Florida customers to supplement the trust fund. However, annual analysis will be required.

The plan includes a decommissioning description, cost estimate and schedule. It also includes a management strategy for storing used nuclear fuel.

The company expects to implement tasks outlined in the decommissioning plan starting in 2014. It has also submitted the plan to the Florida Public Service Commission.

Duke Energy has selected the "SAFSTOR" decommissioning option — one of three options approved by the NRC and one chosen by several other retired U.S. nuclear plants. Under this option, the plant will be placed in

a safe, stable condition for 60 years until decommissioning work is completed in 2074.

Nationwide, several commercial power reactor operators have conducted decommissioning, with the plants currently in SAFSTOR condition.

Duke spokeswoman Heather Danenhower said radiological and environmental monitoring will continue during the entire decommissioning process to ensure safety and environmental protection.

The plant's used nuclear fuel will remain in the existing on-site fuel pool until a new onsite dry-cask storage facility is built, which is anticipated in 2019.

She said the schedule for decommissioning activities uses the 60 years allowed by NRC regulation.

"The unit will be safely and cost-effectively placed into its SAFSTOR condition by July 2015," she said. "The unit will

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Open house will address shutdown plan

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Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — To increase awareness and understanding of the Crystal River nuclear plant decommissioning plan, Duke Energy has scheduled a public open house. It will be from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the Magnolia Room at the Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

Subject-matter experts will be

available to meet with residents, hear concerns and answer questions about the nuclear plant decommissioning plan. Light refreshments will be served. Duke has also launched a decommissioning website for the plant, known as CR3, at www.duke-energy.com/CR3 to serve as an information resource for the public. The open house is a separate event

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Lawmakers working on deal to fix Medicare pay

Annual ritual of looming cuts for doctors could become thing of the past

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's that time of year again: doctors caring for Medicare patients once more face a steep pay cut. But this time Congress is pursuing a permanent fix to the annual drama that has undermined the medical profession's confidence in the nation's

premier health program. A fundamental change in the budget equation has handed lawmakers a rare opportunity to repeal Medicare's broken physician payment policy, while also freeing them from having to waive billions of dollars in impending cuts every year. Slowing health care inflation has slashed the cost of repealing

the old formula, bringing it down to \$116.5 billion over 10 years, according to the latest estimates. Democrats and Republicans on both sides of the Capitol plan to push ahead this week with a framework for a new payment policy. Although a final fix will have to wait for next year, the new approach would set up financial car-

rots and sticks for doctors to provide quality, cost-effective care to more than 50 million elderly and disabled Medicare recipients. Up to 10 percent of an individual physician's pay could eventually be linked to the doctor's performance on quality indicators.

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from the local public meeting that United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission will have to discuss the decommissioning plan and oversight process.

Duke spokeswoman Heather Danenhowe explained that submitting the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) triggers three activities:

1. Within 60 days following the submittal, the NRC will have a public meeting to discuss the decommissioning plan and oversight process.

2. Ninety days after the submittal, CR3 may begin major decommissioning activities.

3. Also 90 days after the submittal, CR3 may access 100 percent of the decommissioning fund.

The PSDAR includes a description of the planned decommissioning activities, a schedule to complete those activities, a site-specific decommissioning cost estimate and a discussion of environmental impacts. The report was submitted Dec. 2

NRC spokesperson Neil Sheehan said NRC staff members plan to have a public meeting near the plant in mid-January to receive comments on the newly submitted report. Comments may also be submitted in writing.

The staff will then continue with its review of the submittal. The NRC will conduct inspections of the facility throughout the decommissioning process, with special focus on those times when significant work — such as the removal of major components and the transfer of spent fuel into dry cask storage units — is taking place.

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NAACP asks for federal probe

Organization says Miami Gardens 'zero tolerance' policies went too far

Associated Press

MIAMI — The NAACP is asking the Justice Department to open a civil rights investigation into allegations of harassment and misconduct by officers of the Miami Gardens Police Department, with many incidents captured on a convenience store's video cameras.

NAACP officials said Tuesday the allegations include an employee at the 207 Quickstop, Earl Sampson, who was arrested 62 times for trespassing even though he was often still on the job. Numerous patrons of the store — a short distance from Sun Life Stadium where the Miami Dolphins play — have been harassed, intimidated and arrested on equally questionable grounds, according to the NAACP.

Adora Obi Nweze, president of the NAACP Florida State Conference, said a Miami Gardens "zero tolerance" policy aimed at fighting crime appears to have gone way too far.

"The problem is that in order to address the criminal element, you've got to be sure that the rights of those who are not a part of the criminal element are not being violated at the same time," Nweze told reporters.

The NAACP letter, dated Tuesday, asks Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate whether there is a "pattern and practice" of intimidation by the Miami Gardens police force, which currently numbers about 200 sworn officers in a city of more than 110,000 people. A Justice Department spokesman did not immediately

respond to a request for comment. Miami Gardens city and police officials also did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment. Miami Gardens is a predominantly African-American city along Miami-Dade County's northern border with Broward County.

The owner of 207 Quickstop, Alex Saleh, and others have also filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city, its officials and several individual police officers. According to the lawsuit, Saleh signed up a few years ago for the city's "zero tolerance" program that gives officers broad powers to act on store property — such as arresting trespassers, cracking down on alcohol drinking and doing stop-and-frisks and so forth.

After the harassment problems began, Saleh asked to stop partic-

ipating, but the officers continued their actions. Eventually Saleh installed about \$7,000 worth of video equipment to document police actions, producing 27 videotapes that are at the heart of the NAACP complaint and the lawsuit.

"We've seen this kind of pattern throughout the state from time to time over many, many years," said David Honig, special counsel to the Florida NAACP "Candidly, not documented by videotape and to this extent, ever. This is just unique."

The NAACP letter asks that federal investigators determine if any crimes have been committed and prosecute those responsible, as well as make sure the proper policies and procedures are being followed by the Miami Gardens police.

State BRIEFS

Satanists want holiday display

Satanists are among those now seeking to share "holiday" space in the first floor of the Florida Capitol with a Christian nativity scene.

The state Department of Management Services received three more applications to put up displays after approving a banner for the Freedom From Religion Foundation and an aluminum pole — made of empty beer cans — to mark the parody festival Festivus.

Ben Wolf, a spokesman for the department, said the three

latest applications remain under review.

The applications are a reaction to the nativity scene depicting the birth of Jesus Christ that was put up last week by the Florida Prayer Network. South Florida political blogger Chaz Stevens, who wants to make a point about the need for a separation between church and state, applied for the Festivus pole, which is expected to be installed Wednesday morning.

The Tallahassee Atheists have requested a 4-foot-by-5-foot sign that says "Happy Holidays" and "There are

many reasons for the season, celebrate the one that you choose."

Meanwhile, the Satanic Temple has requested space for a 5-foot-by-5-foot poster. However, it remains unclear what the group intends to display. The application says "religious symbols and images that adhere to community standards."

The temple is also asking Oklahoma lawmakers to allow it to build a monument at the state Capitol in Oklahoma City. A monument to the Ten Commandments already sits outside the government building.

— From wire reports

Hershey's truck stolen in Volusia

DELAND — The search is on for a truck stolen in Volusia county that was carrying \$120,000 worth of Hershey's chocolate.

A sheriff's office incident report said the truck's driver, Kenneth Szorosy, told the responding deputy on Sunday that he had parked it for the night at a truck center in DeLand. Szorosy said the truck was filled with an estimated \$120,000 in a variety of Hershey's chocolate. He told the deputy he did not know who may have stolen the truck.

The report said the deputy canvassed the area but didn't find the truck. The sheriff's office said Tuesday the investigation continued.

The truck belongs to Sunstate Carriers, a refrigerated truckload carrier based in Tavares.

Scott supports chief of staff

Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday expressed support for his

chief of staff, Adam Hollingsworth, after newspaper reports that Hollingsworth falsely told a former employer he had a college degree. Hollingsworth did not earn the degree until later.

"I'm just glad that Adam has a college degree, I'm proud of him for doing that," Scott said. "He's admitted he's made a mistake. He's doing a great job. He's a great friend."

When asked about whether Hollingsworth would survive the controversy, Scott replied, "He has a college degree, he's doing a great job, he's a good friend, and he's going to continue to do a good job."

The controversy began this weekend after the Times/Herald Tallahassee bureau reported that Hollingsworth during the mid-1990s told a former employer, CSX Corp., he had a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama. He received the degree in 2009. He issued a statement to the Times/Herald on Friday apologizing for what he described as a "failure in judgment."

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Citrus Springs, FL 34434

To meet the growing demand for additional affordable, clean natural gas supplies while increasing the reliability of the region's energy delivery system, Sabal Trail Transmission is planning to build a new interstate natural gas pipeline.

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- Construction of approximately 24 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Marion and Citrus Counties, Florida;
- Construction of five (5) new compressor stations in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Dougherty County, Georgia, and Suwannee, Marion, and Osceola Counties in Florida; and
- Construction of six (6) new meter stations

At the Open House, Sabal Trail representatives will be available to answer questions on the proposed facilities, land acquisition, environmental and permitting processes, construction and operation, and other aspects of the Project. Representatives from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will also be available.

The public is invited and we encourage all interested persons to attend.

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Citrus County
Utility billing
address changing

The Citrus County Utilities Billing Office and the drop box will be relocated from 2416 N. Essex Ave., Hernando, FL 34442, to 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461, on Friday, Dec. 13.

The last date for customer service representatives to accept payments at 2416 N. Essex Ave., Hernando, will be Thursday, Dec. 12. Phone services will be operational and customer service representatives will be available during normal business hours on Monday, Dec. 16.

Customers who experience service issues during non-business hours should continue to call 866-866-4382. Questions regarding this change or questions regarding accounts will be addressed during normal business hours on Dec. 13 by calling Citrus County Utilities at 352-527-7650 or by email to Bernadine.flood@bocc.citrus.fl.us.

Restaurants open
Christmas sought

The *Chronicle* is compiling a list of restaurants that will be open on Christmas Day. Representatives of restaurants can contact Rita Cammarata in the news department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at 352-563-5660.

The deadline to call to be included in the list is Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Please indicate the hours you'll be open, your telephone number and whether reservations are required.

■ Joe's Family Restaurant, 911 W. Main St., Inverness, 352-726-1688. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. No reservations.

Tallahassee

Court: Universities
can't regulate guns

A Florida appeals court ruled that universities can't enact regulations regarding guns on campus.

The 1st District Court of Appeal on Tuesday handed out a lengthy ruling against the University of North Florida. A UNF student challenged a university rule that prevents students from bringing guns to campus and storing them in their cars.

—From staff and wire reports

Correction

A story on Page C6 of Tuesday's *Chronicle*, "Music at the Museum," contained an error. Museum Concert Series jazz concert tickets cost \$20. An incorrect price was published.

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

Port authority settles lawsuit

Last-minute claim
on fees spurned

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

INVERNESS — A resident's unpaid legal bill from 2009 reared its head on Tuesday when members of the Citrus County Port Authority unanimously agreed to pay the attorney's fees in an unrelated complaint.

The port authority board was prepared to pay the sum of \$44,000 to attorney Jonathan D. Kaney Jr., who represented Bob Schweickert Jr. in a lawsuit contesting the selection process for the port feasibility study's consultant. The complaint was legally cured last year when port authority board members repeated the selection process with publicly announced vote counts. The pay-

ment of plaintiff Schweickert's attorney's fees would settle the case.

However, Kristin Y. Melton, an attorney with the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, representing Citrus Mining and Timber, a company owned by Dixie Hollins, asked the board to make the payment to Schweickert rather than his attorney, Kaney.

"The reason we're concerned about this is because, as you may know, there is a pending bankruptcy proceeding against Mr. Schweickert," Melton said. "Therefore, any payments that are obtained by him, such as attorneys' fees under settlement agreements, should be going toward the bankruptcy court, which will allocate the sums accordingly in line of his creditors."

Melton put forward the responsibility of following bankruptcy court proceedings.

"What we're concerned with here is we don't want there to be

any appearance that the port or the county is trying to circumvent any of the proceedings by the bankruptcy court under this situation because the sums are being paid directly to Mr. Schweickert's legal counsel," Melton said, "thereby essentially avoiding going to the bankruptcy court and being allocated accordingly."

In a previous legal action, Inverness resident Schweickert sought to overturn the county's 2009 comprehensive plan change to create an industrial, residential and commercial district on the former Cross Florida Barge Canal. It is not affiliated with Port Citrus. A state administrative judge ruled against Schweickert, saying he had no standing.

When Schweickert appealed the decision, Hollins joined the lawsuit by intervention. When Schweickert's appeal failed, Hollins' attorneys were awarded

their fees to be paid by Schweickert, which he has said he can't afford to do.

Port Authority Attorney Kerry Parsons said she had done due diligence and the board should go ahead with settling the case with the payment to Kaney, who was entitled to it. Parsons said she had been unable to find any documentation regarding the bankruptcy court.

"Nor have I received a court order precluding us from writing a check to the plaintiff's attorney," Parsons said.

Before the board agreed unanimously to the payment, board member Scott Adams directed remarks to Hollins.

"If you've got a beef with somebody, I don't want this county acting as an arm of you, Mr. Hollins," Adams said.

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Landmark diner thrives on 1950s

Restaurant
originally
known for
ice cream

PAT FAHERTY
Staff writer

When it comes to her business, Sabina Hugel has a simple philosophy: "I want to express myself with the food, I like to cook, I like to create different things."

Sabina's Diner is a Hernando landmark that's evolved and succeeded with consistent customer support.

Patrons have embraced the '50s theme, which starts with the roadside sign and carries through the interior décor to a soundtrack of music from that era.

"Everybody knows the sign and there is no better music than the '50s," she said. "I really like it. We have Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, everything's about oldies."

"It's always '50s here," agreed her daughter Regine. "They like it. We're kind of a family place."

While Sabina's is Hugel's first restaurant, it wasn't her first food business. She started out selling hot dogs from a cart on street corners in Miami, a single mom with two toddlers who was also trying to bring her own mother and siblings to America from Peru.

A lifestyle change brought her to Citrus County and she attended the culinary arts program at Withlacoochee Technical Institute. She ended up getting a job at a coffee shop and eventually bought the business.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

ABOVE: Sabina Hugel, owner of Sabina's Diner in Hernando, has established a restaurant that has stood the test of time. The building, near the intersection of U.S. 41 and County Road 486, used to be a Montgomery Ward store, Hugel said. **BELOW:** The diner's distinct 1950s theme is carried out from the sign out front to the décor inside. Classic '50s music plays continually. A life-size cutout of Elvis Presley greets customers when they walk through the door.

That was in the early '90s, and the diner has evolved over the years. It was initially known for ice cream.

"I wanted to get away from ice cream and have the diner known for its food," she said. "So I developed my own menu."

At first it was handwritten, photocopied and decorated with drawings by a customer. Over the years it became more professional and the variety increased as she experimented, listened to customers and added more variety. And she still carries eight flavors of ice cream.

Breakfast, especially omelets, proved to be a local favorite, as have the Benedicts. She said the trick to a great omelet is not making them in a skillet, but on the grill using fresh vegetables. She has evolved spe-



cial techniques for fresh-made burgers, pressed Cuban sandwiches, Reuben sandwiches, gyros and soups. But her customer favorite remains the home fries grilled with onions.

As her daughters became older, they took over the front end and she spends more time in the kitchen. Several large photos on the wall depict what she recalls as "her last day as a waitress, before becoming a full-time cook."

Regine still works there, in addition to going to school, while her other daughter Martine has moved on to a career in nursing.

Other than closing in the patio and adding Wi-Fi, the diner has not changed much.

"I have been here for so long — the only one around here who has survived," she said, "thanks to my customers and their ideas."

"Even though it's a small diner, I'm very proud of it," she said.



"It's provided my daughters' education."

She opened Hernando Hideaway Sports Bar in 2012. She said it's called the Hideaway because it's tucked nearly out of sight behind the diner, but regulars refer to it as Sabina's Bar.

Often after a day at the diner, she heads over to cook at the bar.

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Prepare to take on whatever adventure comes your way. Explore new avenues and meet people who share your concerns and interests. You'll have an edge over any competition with your willingness to jump in and take a chance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll attract attention with your unpredictable nature today. You may have a lot of ideas, but make sure they are practical before you brag about them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Act quickly to help friends or relatives, but don't make hasty decisions regarding an emotional situation.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your insight and knowledge, coupled with life experience, will help you bring about positive change.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Find a way to help your community. The people you meet and the things you talk about will give you something to consider.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Emotional mishaps will result if you overreact or let someone push you around.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Make an effort when it comes to your personal life as well as your appearance. Social plans should be made.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Don't share secret information. A partnership will change your life. Talk about your plans, but don't exaggerate or send the wrong message.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Refrain from overreacting, even if someone does present you with an unexpected, emotionally charged problem.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Spending time with colleagues, peers or classmates will prove enlightening. Join in the spirit of the season, but don't go overboard financially.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A cautious approach is a wise choice. Don't let anyone railroad you into making a snap decision or purchase that you aren't sure about. Problems at home must be addressed and resolved.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Stick to a budget and refrain from taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Discuss the way you feel and what you want and plan to do. Consistency will help you achieve harmony.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Make plans to get together with someone you don't get to see often. Catching up will help you make a personal decision that will have big repercussions.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pope, pop singer share MTVU award

NEW YORK — MTV's college channel has gone in two wildly different directions in naming **Pope Francis** and pop singer **Lorde** as its man and woman of the year.

MTVU said Tuesday that both figures challenged their followers with unexpected stands.

Since becoming pope, Francis has urged the Catholic Church not to become obsessed with "small-minded rules" and to emphasize compassion over condemnation in dealing with touchy topics like abortion, gays and contraception.

The New Zealand teenager Lorde released a debut single, "Royals," that puts down a culture of conspicuous consumption, and distributed it first for free.

Portrait of Austen fetches \$270,000

LONDON — A portrait of "Pride and Prejudice" author **Jane Austen** that is soon to adorn British banknotes has sold for \$270,230 at a London auction.

The watercolor by **James Andrews** was commissioned by Austen's nephew in 1869. It was sold by the Austen family and, according to Sotheby's auction house, has rarely been seen in public.

The portrait is considered a definitive image of Austen, chronicler of English country life 200 years ago. She died in 1817, at 41.

An engraving of it will appear on England's 10-pound notes by 2017.

Sotheby's said Tuesday that the watercolor was sold over the phone to an anonymous private collector.



Associated Press

Singer Pink arrives Tuesday at the Billboard Women In Music Awards at Capitale in New York.

Andrews missed live 'Sound of Music'

BURBANK, Calif. — More than 18 million television viewers watched **Carrie Underwood** perform the role of Maria last week in NBC's "The Sound of Music Live!"

But **Julie Andrews** wasn't among them.

Andrews, who starred in the 1965 Oscar-winning film adaptation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic, explained, "Alas, I did not (see it). I had a speaking engagement and I couldn't. But my kids did record it. I'll get around to it."

She attended the U.S. premiere Monday night of "Saving Mr. Banks," which depicts the battle between **P.L. Travers**, author of the "Mary Poppins" novels, and **Walt Disney**, who worked for decades to persuade the writer that the "Poppins" tales would make a fine film.

"Saving Mr. Banks" picks up the story in 1961, when the London-based Travers finally agreed to a two-week visit to Los Angeles to meet with Disney and his creative team.

Before signing over the film

rights, Travers wanted to see Disney's treatment of her source material, and quickly proved a brutal critic and difficult collaborator — shredding key decisions about the film adaptation, including casting.

The Disney-Travers battle was concluded before Andrews was deep into production.

Mike Tyson scraps UK appearances

LONDON — Former heavyweight boxing champion **Mike Tyson** has scrapped promotional appearances in London because previous convictions bar him from entering Britain.

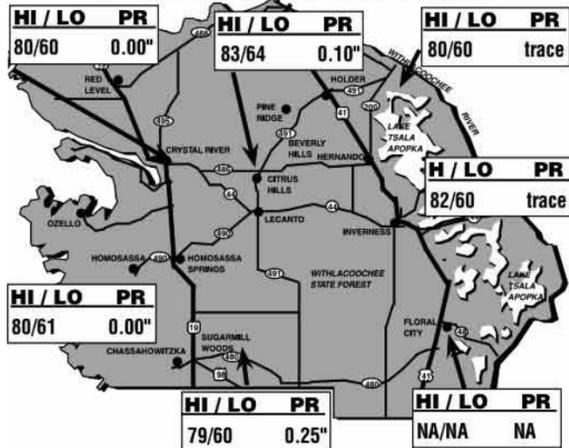
Tyson, 47, was due in London this week as part of a promotional tour for his autobiography "Undisputed Truth."

His publisher, HarperCollins U.K., said in a statement Tuesday that it had been "unaware" of recent changes to U.K. immigration law and for that reason Tyson had to reroute to Paris.

Under Britain's immigration rules, anyone sentenced to more than four years in prison is barred from entering the country.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by:

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 76° Low: 58°
Mostly cloudy Northeast wind 10 mph

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 70° Low: 45°
Partly cloudy North wind 10 mph

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 76° Low: 58°
Partly cloudy Northeast wind 10-15 mph

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TEMPERATURE*	80/67	DEW POINT	Tuesday at 3 p.m. 64.9
Tuesday	/34	HUMIDITY	Tuesday at 3 p.m. 93%
Record	73/55	POLLEN COUNT**	Today's active pollen: Chenopods, nettle, palm
Normal	76	Today's count: 5.3/12	
Mean temp.	76	Thursday's count: 5.2	
Departure from mean	12	Friday's count: 5.0	
PRECIPITATION*	0.00"	AIR QUALITY	Tuesday observed: 38
Tuesday	0.00"	Pollutant: Particulate matter	
Total for the month	0.00"		
Total for the year	51.67"		
Normal for the year	44.57"		
UV INDEX:	4		
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.14		

SOLUNAR TABLES

DATE DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
12/11 WEDNESDAY	00:01	07:21	13:44	18:52
12/12 THURSDAY	01:04	08:14	14:30	19:46

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT	5:32 p.m.
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:12 a.m.
MOONRISE TODAY	1:46 p.m.
MOONSET TODAY	1:53 a.m.

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

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TIDES

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

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka*	1:48 a.m. 0.5 ft. 1:39 p.m. 0.3 ft.	9:31 a.m. 0.1 ft. 8:19 p.m.0.2 ft.
Crystal River**	4:48 a.m. 7.0 ft. 5:09 p.m. 6.4 ft.	10:49 a.m. 0.5 ft. 11:02 p.m.0.0 ft.
Withlacoochee*	10:53 a.m. 2.4 ft. 9:52 p.m. 2.9 ft.	5:02 a.m. 0.1 ft. 4:34 p.m.1.3 ft.
Homosassa***	1:50 a.m. 0.7 ft. 2:50 p.m. 0.3 ft.	10:07 a.m. 0.1 ft. 7:59 p.m.0.1 ft.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	75	58	pc	Miami	83	71	pc
Fort Lauderdale	82	71	pc	Ocala	72	49	pc
Fort Myers	84	66	pc	Orlando	78	62	pc
Gainesville	68	45	pc	Pensacola	63	43	pc
Homestead	82	70	sh	Sarasota	82	64	pc
Jacksonville	61	47	sh	Tallahassee	65	43	pc
Key West	80	73	sh	Tampa	80	64	pc
Lakeland	81	62	pc	Verp Beach	80	64	pc
Melbourne	78	65	pc	W. Palm Bch.	81	69	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds 10 to 15 knots then. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. A slight chance of sprinkles. Tonight: North winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

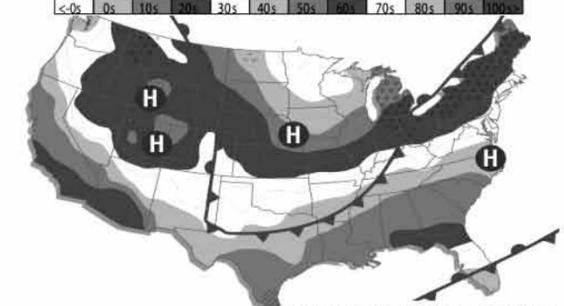
Gulf water temperature 76°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SUN	MON	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	Enter	Enter	25.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	Enter	Enter	39.52
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	Enter	Enter	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	Enter	Enter	42.20

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY

City	MON H L Pcp.	TUE H L F'cast	City	MON H L Pcp.	TUE H L F'cast
Albany	35 27 .04	29 11 fl	New Orleans	51 39 .13	59 40 pc
Albuquerque	33 13 .38	24 pc	New York City	37 33 .23	31 21 pc
Asheville	47 40 .22	49 22 pc	Norfolk	47 40 1.05	43 30 s
Atlanta	51 41 .18	55 30 pc	Oklahoma City	39 5	33 18 pc
Atlantic City	35 32 .27	34 18 pc	Omaha	28 11	12 3 pc
Austin	48 29	52 32 pc	Palm Springs	60 33	65 46 pc
Baltimore	36 32 .31	31 20 pc	Philadelphia	37 32 .27	32 20 pc
Billings	28 17 .04	28 21 pc	Phoenix	63 38	69 45 pc
Birmingham	52 35 .58	53 24 pc	Pittsburgh	30 23 .06	25 10 pc
Boise	15 4	23 17 pc	Portland, ME	34 25 .05	30 11 pc
Boston	38 32 .07	32 20 pc	Portland, OR	34 28	35 26 pc
Buffalo	32 20	24 12 fl	Providence, RI	36 29 .10	31 19 pc
Burlington, VT	37 27	28 8 fl	Raleigh	48 43 .54	49 27 s
Charleston, S.C.	75 63 .04	57 37 pc	Rapid City	31 4 .02	26 13 pc
Charleston, W.V.	34 29 .07	36 20 pc	Reno	29 3	33 14 pc
Charlotte	57 45 .28	51 28 pc	Rochester, NY	34 24	25 12 fl
Chicago	21 -6	18 -5 sn	Sacramento	51 25	54 31 s
Cincinnati	28 19 .11	31 5 pc	Salt Lake City	22 7 .02	25 9 pc
Cleveland	28 20	25 14 fl	San Antonio	53 31	55 36 pc
Columbia, SC	36 7	22 5 pc	San Diego	67 46	65 49 pc
Columbus, OH	27 20 .16	26 7 sn	San Francisco	52 34	54 45 s
Concord, NH	32 23 .06	29 9 pc	Savannah	76 61 .10	60 39 pc
Dallas	38 19	41 25 pc	Seattle	42 33	43 34 cd
Denver	46 6	39 7 pc	Spokane	27 11	28 20 pc
Des Moines	23 2	9 -1 pc	St. Louis	38 15	25 5 pc
Detroit	22 12	23 8 fl	St. Ste. Marie	13 -2 .01	11 0 fl
El Paso	49 26	53 32 pc	Syracuse	36 23	28 14 pc
Evansville, IN	33 15 .02	33 7 pc	Topeka	40 10	20 10 pc
Harrisburg	35 28 .06	29 16 pc	Washington	40 34 .35	33 22 pc
Hartford	33 26 .04	31 16 pc			
Houston	50 32 .04	56 38 pc			
Indianapolis	25 10 .02	25 2 pc			
Las Vegas	45 26	51 32 pc			
Little Rock	39 23 .02	44 21 pc			
Los Angeles	66 39	70 47 pc			
Louisville	32 22 .03	36 13 pc			
Memphis	40 25 .01	44 20 pc			
Midwaukee	20 -4	15 -3 sn			
Minneapolis	12 2 .06	-1 -5 pc			
Mobile	59 40 .14	61 36 pc			
Montgomery	55 42 .08	58 29 pc			
Nashville	42 27 .08	43 19 pc			

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 89, Immokalee, Fla.
LOW -33, Intl Falls, Minn.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	H/L/SKY	Lisbon	60/53/cd
Acapulco	87/75/pc	London	48/37/s
Amsterdam	44/35/pc	Madrid	55/26/s
Athens	59/39/s	Mexico City	69/46/pc
Beijing	44/21/pc	Montreal	26/13/pc
Berlin	48/41/pc	Moscow	17/6/pc
Bermuda	71/68/s	Paris	46/32/pc
Cairo	64/53/s	Rio	89/73/cd
Calgary	21/0/sn	Rome	60/35/s
Havana	86/68/s	Sydney	82/62/pc
Hong Kong	71/62/pc	Tokyo	57/42/pc
Jerusalem	57/51/pc	Toronto	26/21/pc
		Warsaw	33/32/s

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2013. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 11, 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; during three extravehicular activities (EVAs), they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

On this date:
In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

Ten years ago: A new second home for the National Air and Space Museum opened in Chantilly, Va., some 28 miles west of the original's home in Washington, D.C.

Five years ago: Former Nasdaq chairman Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multi-billion-dollar Ponzi scheme that destroyed thousands of people's life savings and wrecked charities. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.)

One year ago: In an act the White House called "highly provocative," North Korea used a long-range rocket to launch a satellite into orbit.

Today's Birthdays: Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 74. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 72. Actress Donna Mills is 71. Actress Teri Garr is 66. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) is 55. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 40. Actress Hailee Steinfeld ("True Grit") is 17.

Thought for Today: "A technical objection is the first refuge of a scoundrel!" — Heywood Broun, American journalist (1888-1939).

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The plan would repeal the centerpiece of the old payment formula, a 1990s budget provision that mandates automatic cuts to doctors to limit Medicare spending. It became a symbol of government dysfunction after Congress got into the habit of regularly issuing temporary reprieves. Otherwise doctors might stop accepting Medicare patients.

But restoring payments to doctors each year didn't solve the problem, because the law remained on the books. A reduction of nearly 24 percent next year is called for unless Congress acts.

Experts said the old payment formula needs to go not just because it's ineffective, but also because it encourages a costly, piecemeal approach to health care. Doctors bill for as many services as they can to maximize Medicare reimbursement, but there's no consistent focus on keeping patients as healthy as possible.

Payments to doctors account for 10 percent of Medicare spending, about \$60 billion a year. Other outpatient providers are also paid under the same system.

Not many years ago, the 10-year cost of repealing the old formula was headed into the \$300 billion range.

Now that number has declined to a point where a comprehensive fix looks cheaper than continuing to pony up billions for short-term waivers.

"These annual patches are adding up to a lot more than if we do it in one fell swoop," said David Certner, legislative policy director for AARP. "That obviously gives more momentum to make these changes."

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Doctors want a raise, not just a freeze of current

rates. That would cost money.

But the biggest cost barrier has to do with the broken payment formula itself.

In one of those bewildering twists of federal budgeting, projected "savings" from the formula's often-waived cuts are counted as if they were real, and have to be offset with actual spending reductions or tax increases.

Finding mutually acceptable offsets is a huge challenge for Camp and Baucus. Details are unlikely to emerge this week.

"Fixing the fee schedule comes at a cost and the question is how Congress will cover these costs," said Tricia Neuman, an expert on Medicare with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Some have suggested tapping projected savings from winding down the war in Afghanistan. Fiscal conservatives scoff that that's an accounting gimmick.

Another option would be to assemble financing from about \$400 billion in Medicare cuts already proposed by President Barack Obama. Congressional Republicans have made many of the same proposals themselves.

However, that list includes a gradual increase in Medicare premiums for upper-income beneficiaries and many in the middle class, a nonstarter for AARP.

Even Obama said he won't go for Medicare cuts without higher taxes on the wealthy, unacceptable to Republicans.

What's different this year, said Neuman, is that there seems to be agreement on a general strategy for replacing the old Medicare payment formula. "What's similar to previous years is the struggle to identify ways to pay for it," she added.

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remain in that state, called dormancy, until the large component removal activities begin in 2068.

"The NRC will terminate the 10CFR50 license in 2073, and the site restoration activities will be completed in 2074."

The construction permit for the plant was issued in 1968. It received its operating license and went into operation in 1977. Final reactor shutdown was in September 2009 and Duke announced the plant's retirement last February.

In March, the NRC acknowledged permanent shutdown of the power operation and permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessel.

Duke Energy Crystal River decommissioning director Terry Hobbs said all U.S. nuclear plants store used fuel on site, because the U.S. does not have a central federal repository for used nuclear fuel.

"Decommissioning the Crystal River nuclear plant will be a well-defined process with significant NRC oversight," said Hobbs. "Nuclear safety will remain Duke Energy's top priority. The plant will

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remain in a safe, stable condition, and our comprehensive emergency plan and 24/7 security force will remain in place."

Workforce needs

As for workers, he said the same skill sets apply now and in the future as when the plant was operational. "We still have plant staff there 24/7 and will for the remainder of this decade at a minimum."

The plant takes up about 27 acres at the energy complex. Radiological and environmental programs will be maintained throughout the decommissioning process to ensure

safety and environmental compliance.

According to the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) filed with the NRC, the likelihood of a large offsite radiological release that impacts public health and safety after the nuclear plant is shut down and defueled is considerably lower than the likelihood of a release from the plant during power operation. The potential radiation exposure to workers will also decrease significantly.

Subsequently, simplifying the emergency plan is one of the changes Hobbs expects as the process forward.

He said that and other changes become a challenging part of the decommissioning process because of the elongated timelines.

Phyllis Dixon, decommissioning support director, who has visited another nuclear plant already in safe storage, explained a shift in the industry in the late '90s took the national focus off of decommissioning.

Now Duke is working with the NRC, the Nuclear Energy Institute and other utilities to catch up and come up with guidance for a current approach.

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

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European probe on course for a landing on a comet

Associated Press

BERLIN — It's been likened to a parachutist trying to land on a mountaintop. Or a person attempting to leap from one speeding car to another.

The European Space Agency is planning to land an unmanned spacecraft on a comet next year in an unprecedented and exquisitely tricky mission that has been underway for almost a decade and is about to enter a critical new phase.

The agency announced Tuesday that its Rosetta probe, which has been journeying through space since its launch in 2004, will be awakened from hibernation next month and will aim to drop a lander onto the icy surface of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on Nov. 11, 2014.

The plan is different from NASA's Deep Impact mission, which used a probe to fire a projectile into a comet in 2005 and create a plume of matter for scientists to study. That was just a drive-by compared with the rendezvous the Europeans are planning.

Scientists hope that by flying Rosetta alongside the comet and sending down a barrel-size lander to collect and analyze samples, they will get an even better idea of what comets are made of and what role they played in the formation of our solar system.

"Nobody has ever done this before," said Paolo Ferri, head of mission operations at the European Space Agency.

Ferri noted that while NASA managed to land a probe on an asteroid in 2001, comets are much more volatile places because they constantly release dust and gas that can harm a spacecraft. A comet is essentially a dirty snowball; an asteroid is a rock.

To catch 67P as it orbits the sun at up to 62,000 mph, Rosetta has made several flybys of Earth, Mars and the sun, using their gravity to accelerate.

Once the spacecraft picked up sufficient speed and was on course to rendezvous with the comet, ESA put Rosetta into hibernation for more than two years to conserve energy.

This also gave engineers the time to find workarounds for two glitches that threatened the mission: a problem with two of the four reaction wheels used to turn the spacecraft, and a small helium leak that could affect the thrusters vital for its final maneuvers.

For now, scientists have a tense wait to see whether the probe wakes up as planned when its alarm clock goes off at



Associated Press

An artist's drawing represents the Rosetta orbiter deploying the Philae lander to comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. The European Space Agency has set a tentative date for the first landing of a spacecraft on a comet. ESA said the Rosetta probe will wake up from hibernation Jan. 20 before chasing down comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. If all goes according to plan, Rosetta will launch a lander onto the surface of the comet on Nov. 11, 2014.

5 a.m. on Jan. 20.

The spacecraft will be about 500 million miles from Earth at the time, and signals will take 45 minutes to travel each way.

If all goes according to plan, Rosetta will begin searching for 67P — a lump of rock and ice about 2.5 miles in diameter that is invisible to the naked eye.

By November, Rosetta will have drawn up alongside the comet and found a suitable place for the lander, called Philae.

The cylindrical lander — which is roughly the size of a chemical drum, at 3.3 feet by 2.6 feet — will gently glide down to the surface and latch onto the comet with a harpoon, to prevent it from drifting off into space because of the icy lump's weak gravity.

Using drills, Philae will dig up samples and analyze them with its on-board instruments.

Researchers hope to gain fascinating insights, because comets have remained largely unchanged since our solar system formed.

Backcountry skier survives avalanche in Utah gully

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — An avalanche that was caught on video dragged a backcountry skier into a Utah ravine and buried her in snow, but the woman survived because she deployed a special air bag and other skiers were able to quickly dig her out, witnesses said Tuesday.

Joe Campanelli was using his iPhone to record the sun-splayed Wasatch mountains Monday when the skier descended into a steep gully filled with loose snow in Grizzly Gulch, a short distance from the Alta ski area east of Salt Lake City.

"That is not a good slope to ski," Campanelli said while recording. Moments later, the slope breaks and he said, "You're in a slide, bud!"

Campanelli abruptly stopped recording to help rescue the skier. His friend, Aaron Rice, told The Associated Press he used an avalanche beacon and a probe to find her location, then shoveled her out with help from others. She was buried in several feet of snow.

"She was breathing, talking," Rice said Tuesday. "She said, 'Thank you. I can't believe you got here so quickly.' She was completely shaken up."

The woman was swept about 100 feet down the

gully at an angle approaching 40 degrees, according to a report on the Utah Avalanche Center's website. It happened in an area where ski patrol members don't do any avalanche control work, such as triggering slides before they can occur naturally and hurt someone.

It was the first time this season that a person was rescued from an avalanche in Utah, and the woman is lucky to be alive and uninjured, said Bruce Tremper, director of the Utah Avalanche Center. He said Utah

averages about four avalanche fatalities a year.

The skier's descent into the gully was so steep and short that her air bag had little time to work at keeping her above the roiling snow. Still, it might have kept her from getting buried longer, and under much deeper snow, officials said.

The woman pulled a ripcord on an air bag-equipped backpack — a European-style safety device that is becoming more common in the Rocky Mountain backcountry.

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Obituaries



Perkins Gaillard Jr., 78
DUNNELLON

Perkins G. Gaillard, Jr., 78, of Dunnellon, Fla., died Dec. 7, 2013. A funeral service is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Fero Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

David Gailliot, 60
INVERNESS

David A. Gailliot, 60, of Inverness, Fla., died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, at Hospice of Citrus County Care Unit in Inverness. David was born Feb. 26, 1953, in Pasadena, Calif., the son of Joseph and Carrie Gailliot. He grew up in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. He moved to Inverness in 1990 from Victorville, Calif. David met his wife, Rebecca, and was married in 1996. He was a deli manager for Publix for 15 years before retiring in 2005 to begin a new career as an operating unit buyer for Seven Rivers Regional Hospital where he was currently employed. David was a spirited NASCAR fan, enjoyed motorcycles and loved going fishing with his friends.

David was preceded in death by his twin brother, Steven Gailliot, and his mother, Carrie Gailliot. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Rebecca Gailliot; three daughters, Sarah, Melanie and Melissa; father, Joseph Gailliot; sister, Betty (Bob) Myers; brothers, Sidney Redwine, James (Nancy) Gailliot and Allen Gailliot; several grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; Kay and Lloyd Herbert; many friends at Seven Rivers Regional Hospital and Publix; and his dogs, Remy and Lacey. Family and friends will gather at Heinz Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013. A memorial service for Mr. Gailliot will begin at 11 a.m.

Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Irma Roldan, 84
PORT RICHEY

Irma Roldan, 84, of Port Richey, Fla., died Dec. 9, 2013. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, with a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Fero Funeral Home. Interment is in Florida National Cemetery.



William Madden, 70
BEVERLY HILLS

William J. Madden, 70, of Beverly Hills, Fla., passed away Nov. 23, 2013. He was born May 22, 1943, in Toledo, Ohio. William served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1969. He was a big Auburn Tigers fan. Bill loved spending time with his Jack Russell "Baby Girl" and his grandchildren. He also liked spending time with his neighbors and his friends on the city bus, which he would ride to the Walmart in Inverness where he would sit and talk to people for hours.

Survivors include his wife, Wykneil Madden of Beverly Hills; daughter, Joan Birchfield of Pell City, Ala.; sons, John Madden of Tallahassee and Martice Madden of Gainesville; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, William S. Madden.

A celebration of life will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at 29 New York Blvd., Beverly Hills. Many thanks to Hospice of Homosassa and Lecanto. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice.

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Mario Romano, 79
CITRUS SPRINGS

Mario R. Romano, 79, of Citrus Springs, Fla., died Dec. 7, 2013. A memorial service of remembrance is at noon Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, at Fero Funeral Home.

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For the RECORD

Domestic battery arrests

William Brugger, 54, of Beverly Hills, at 8:03 p.m. Dec. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. No bond.

Steven Key, 28, of Inverness, at 7:05 p.m. Dec. 9 on felony charges of domestic battery by strangulation and tampering with a witness or informant. No bond.

Other arrests

Bennie Skaggs, 29, of Floral City, at 2:06 p.m. Dec. 9 on felony charges of grand theft and burglary to an unoccupied structure. According to his arrest affidavit, Skaggs is accused of burglarizing 41 Beverage in Floral City on July 29, and stealing cigarettes and beer. He was also charged with another felony grand theft and burglary pertaining to a Nov. 5 home burglary in Floral City where an Emerson television and a chain saw were stolen. According to the arrest reports, Skaggs' fingerprints were found at both scenes. He was already incarcerated at the Citrus County Detention Facility at the time of his arrest. Bond \$10,000.

Mark Ingram, 27, of North Amelia Earhart Point, Crystal River, at 6:35 p.m. Dec. 9 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of sale of marijuana. According to his arrest affidavit, Ingram turned himself in to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. Bond was denied.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Burglaries

A commercial burglary was reported at 9:05 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the 6800 block of N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando.

A residential burglary was reported at 12:17 p.m. Dec. 9 in the 7800 block of W. Chelsea Court, Homosassa.

A residential burglary was reported at 4:02 p.m. Dec. 9 in the 3500 block of E. Ruby Lane, Hernando.

A vehicle burglary was reported at 5:53 p.m. Dec. 9 in the 2800 block of Forest Drive, Inverness.

A residential burglary was reported at 12:20 p.m. Dec. 8 in the 9300 block of N. Days End Path, Crystal River.

A residential burglary was reported at 10:05 p.m. Dec. 8 in the 5800 block of S. Bennett Point, Homosassa.

Thefts

An auto theft was reported at 9:47 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the 7000 block of W. Grant St., Homosassa.

A grand theft was reported at 10:48 a.m. Dec. 9 in the

ON THE NET

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

Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

4900 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

A larceny petit theft was reported at 12:18 p.m. Dec. 9 in the 6000 block of N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando.

A petit theft was reported at 4:11 p.m. Dec. 9 in the 1900 block of N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

A grand theft was reported at 4:38 p.m. Dec. 7 in the 300 block of N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

A larceny petit theft was reported at 7:38 p.m. Dec. 7 in the 1900 block of N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

A petit theft was reported at 10:08 p.m. Dec. 7 in the 3500 block of S. Dover Terrace, Inverness.

An auto theft was reported at 10:54 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the 9800 block of W. Arms Drive, Crystal River.

A grand theft was reported at 11:31 a.m. Dec. 8 in the 2500 block of W. Mesa Verde Drive, Beverly Hills.

A grand theft was reported at 12:35 p.m. Dec. 8 in the 1500 block of Druid Road, Inverness.

A grand theft was reported at 5:06 p.m. Dec. 8 in the 100 block of Linder Drive, Homosassa.

A petit theft was reported at 6:03 p.m. Dec. 8 in the 1900 block of N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

A grand theft was reported at 6:10 p.m. Dec. 8 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

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business with his landfill was conducted as the result of a sealed bid and he formally disclosed his conflict.

"Here's the issue for me," Thorpe responded. "I would like direction from the board on the regionalization issue of solid waste for Citrus County."

Thorpe said he and Commissioner Dennis Damato had met with Adams' business partner, Charlie Dean Jr., to discuss regionalization, where several counties use one central landfill. Thorpe said he had been in touch with a consultant and an attorney to discuss the county's long-term landfill options.

Operational issues, such as mandatory collection, would need to be addressed, Thorpe said. Currently, Citrus County allows residents to self-haul waste to the landfill and offers a comprehensive recycling program. The county also does not franchise waste haulers, meaning several waste-hauling companies can operate on the same roads.

Damato put forth a motion to direct Thorpe to look at long-term solid waste options, but Thorpe was concerned about Adams' role in the process.

"I can't make a rational decision debating a commissioner that's in the business with me," Thorpe said.

Parsons had further questions about Adams' role on the board if the county were to have a contract with his company, such as whether Adams would have to step down during approval of the consent agenda because payments would be agreed to.

"If we were to do this process, I would hopefully

work with the commissioner to get something formally in writing to go through every scenario," Parsons said.

Adams left the dais for the vote on the motion to instruct Thorpe. Meek said he would not support the motion as it had no backup and he wanted to do his own research first. Damato withdrew the motion and put forward another directing Thorpe to put the issue on a future agenda. All four commissioners voted in favor and Adams returned to the chamber.

Adams also opened discussions about Duke Energy, County Road 491 widening and the decision by the ethics commission.

Adams maintained he was still against the continuing litigation against Duke, although Parsons read into the record a statement from County Property Appraiser Geoffrey Greene asking the board to be aware that discussion "could be detrimental to the mediation process."

Greene was sued by the

utility regarding his assessment of its local holdings. The county is not a party to the lawsuit.

On the subject of County Road 491, the board agreed to give Thorpe direction to set up a public workshop regarding scope of work and costs.

Not one of the commissioners wanted to discuss the ethics subject again. Commission Chairman John "JJ" Kenny declared it a "dead issue."

Kenney announced his Chairman's Agenda that sets out particular goals to be reached during that commissioner's term as chairman.

First, Kenney asked Commissioner Joe Meek, last year's chairman, if he would like to see any items on his agenda continued. Meek responded that he would like to see the board continue to build relationships with the governments of the two cities, Inverness and Crystal River, and continue making economic development a priority.

Kenney said he will work on building a new

animal shelter. He also wants to get the public more involved in the county's work by conducting more workshops and adding information to the county's website.

Kenney said he wants to start the budget process early again this year. Priorities will include road resurfacing and the springs initiative.

The board agreed by a 4-1 vote, with Adams voting against, to use the uniform method to levy, collect and enforce next year's non-ad valorem special assessments to provide fire protection services and facilities, storm water services and facilities and roadway maintenance, improvements and services.

Parsons said the ordinance was a "placeholder" to allow the board to set up municipal services benefit units to fund road paving and would not impose fees without going through the public hearing process.

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Women make pay gains, but gaps still seen

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Young American women are increasingly likely to receive pay nearly equal to their male counterparts, with earnings at 93 percent of men, a new study finds. Still, those women remain as pessimistic as their mothers and grandmothers regarding gender equality.

A report for release Wednesday by the Pew Research Center paints a mixed picture.

While women under 32 now have higher rates of college completion than men that age, the analysis of census and labor data shows their hourly earnings will slip further behind by the women's mid-30s, if the experience of the past three decades is a guide.

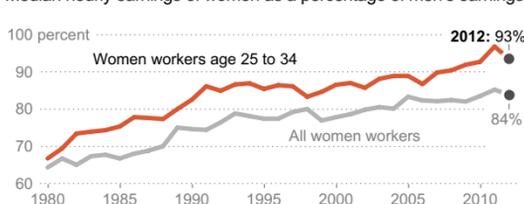
That widening gap is due in part to the many women who take time off or reduce their hours to start families. Other factors cited in the report are gender stereotyping, discrimination, weaker professional networks and women's hesitancy to aggressively push for raises and promotions, which together may account for 20 to 40 percent of the pay gap.

In all, 75 percent of women ages 18-32 say the U.S. needs to do more to bring about equality in the

A narrowing workplace pay gap

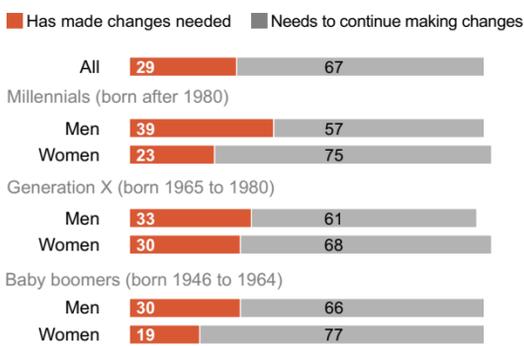
Women — particularly those under 35 — have made wage gains in the past three decades but still lag behind men.

Median hourly earnings of women as a percentage of men's earnings



PEW SURVEY ON WORKPLACE EQUALITY

Q: Has the country made the changes needed to bring about equality in the workplace or does it need to continue making changes?



NOTE: "Don't know/Refused" answers not shown.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center

workplace, a percentage similar to baby boomer women ages 49-67 and higher than other age groups. Some 57 percent of young men answered that way.

Even so, just 15 percent of young women say they have been discriminated

against because of their gender:

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Key findings on the gender pay gap and attitudes toward workplace equality, according to a new report from the Pew Research Center:

- About 75 percent of women ages 18-32 say the U.S. needs to do more to bring about equality in the workplace, compared to 57 percent of young men.
- Among workers ages 25 to 34, women's hourly earnings were 93 percent those of men. That ratio is up from 67 percent in 1980 and at the highest in government records dating back to at least 1979. Across all age groups, the median hourly wage for women was 84 percent as much as men, up from 64 percent in 1980.
- About 59 percent of young women say that being a working parent makes it harder to advance in a job or career compared to just 19 percent of young men.
- Fewer younger women than young men aspire to become a boss or top manager — 34 percent say they're not interested vs. 24 percent of young men.
- About 60 percent of young women say if a man and a woman are doing the same work, the man generally earns more; only 48 percent of young men agree.
- Women with college degrees are far more likely to say it's easier for men to get top executive jobs in business and government, 71 percent compared to 50 percent of their male counterparts. Among women who don't have college degrees, only 47 percent thought men held an advantage.
- Just 15 percent of young women say they have been discriminated against because of their gender.

young women is entering the labor force near parity with men in terms of earnings and extremely well prepared in terms of their educational attainment," said Kim Parker, associate director with the Pew Social & Demographic Trends Project. "They feel empowered in many ways, yet when they look at the workplace, they see it as a 'man's world' with the deck

stacked against them.

"They think that men earn more than women for doing the same job and that it's easier for men to get top executive jobs than it is for women," she said.

Women are increasingly moving into higher career positions both in government and business. They make up nearly half the workforce, and the share of women in managerial

and administrative occupations is nearly equal to that of men — 15 percent compared to 17 percent. Another landmark came Tuesday, when General Motors picked Mary Barra, a 33-year company veteran, as the first female head of a major U.S. car company. Still, women currently hold just 4.5 percent of Fortune 1000 CEO positions, the Pew report said.

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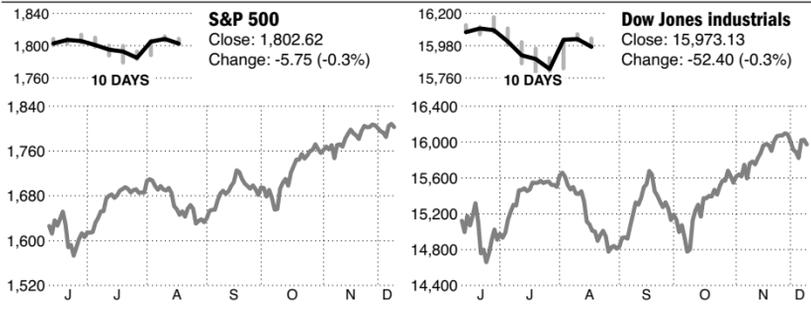
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NextEra Energy	NEE	67.75	89.75	82.84	-1.27	-1.5	▼▼▲	▲▲▲	+19.7	+25.1	18	2.64		
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	6.24	23.10	8.73	+3.0	+3.6	▲▲▲	▲▲▲	-55.7	-53.6	dd	...		
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Time Warner	TWX	46.48	70.77	66.61	+1.12	+1.7	▲▲▲	▲▲▲	+39.3	+42.3	17	1.15		
UniFirst Corp	UNF	70.63	105.76	99.14	-2.13	-2.1	▼▼▲	▲▲▲	+35.2	+42.7	17	0.15		
Verizon Comm	VZ	41.50	54.31	49.05	-5.2	-1.0	▼▼▲	▲▲▲	+13.4	+16.3	69	2.12		
Vodafone Group	VOD	24.42	38.33	37.99	-1.6	-0.4	▼▲▲	▲▲▲	+50.8	+53.5	1.61e			
WalMart Strs	WMT	67.37	81.37	79.08	-8.7	-1.1	▼▲▲	▲▲▲	+15.9	+13.2	15	1.88		
Walgreen Co	WAG	35.77	60.93	56.60	-0.6	-0.1	▼▼▲	▲▲▲	+52.9	+60.2	22	1.26		

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

PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.80 percent Tuesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

The price of oil settled above \$98 per barrel for the first time since October. It was the seventh gain for crude in the last eight days. Prices for gold and other metals also rose.



MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	TOTAL RETURN 1YR	3YR	5YR
American Funds	BalA m	24.05	-0.05	+19.4	+20.1	+12.8	+14.4
	CapIncBuA m	57.86	-1.12	+12.6	+12.9	+9.5	+12.1
	CpWldGrIA m	44.41	-0.14	+21.6	+23.4	+10.7	+14.6
	EurPacGrA m	48.36	-0.04	+17.3	+19.5	+7.1	+14.0
	FnlInvA m	51.45	-0.12	+27.2	+28.5	+14.1	+17.5
	GrthAmA m	44.54	-0.09	+29.7	+31.3	+14.7	+17.7
	IncAmerA m	20.40	-0.04	+15.9	+16.4	+11.5	+14.7
	InvCoAmA m	38.41	-0.12	+28.9	+29.9	+14.1	+15.9
	NewPerspA m	38.55	-0.12	+23.3	+25.2	+11.8	+17.1
	WAMutInvA m	39.53	-0.15	+28.5	+29.0	+16.3	+16.0
Dodge & Cox	IntlStk	42.34	-0.15	+22.2	+26.9	+8.2	+16.5
	Stock	163.79	-4.42	+36.0	+37.8	+17.3	+19.4
Fidelity	Contra	100.47	-0.09	+30.7	+31.8	+15.0	+18.6
	LowPriStk d	49.58	+0.01	+31.8	+34.3	+16.7	+22.5
	Fidelity Spartan	500IdxAdvgt	64.14	-0.20	+28.9	+29.8	+15.7
FrankTemp-Franklin	IncomeA m	2.38	-0.01	+12.3	+13.4	+10.0	+16.6
	FrankTemp-Templeton	GIBondA m	13.12	-0.01	+1.4	+2.8	+5.0
Harbor	GIBondAdv	13.08	...	+1.6	+3.0	+5.3	+9.7
	Intlnstl	69.88	-0.35	+12.5	+15.2	+7.4	+14.3
Oakmark	Intl I	26.34	-0.04	+25.8	+32.2	+12.5	+20.6
	EqtyInc	33.11	-0.10	+26.8	+28.1	+14.7	+16.4
Vanguard	GrowStk	50.97	-0.52	+34.9	+37.0	+16.7	+22.1
	500Adml	166.86	-0.04	+28.9	+29.8	+15.7	+17.5
	500Inv	166.83	-0.53	+28.8	+29.6	+15.6	+17.3
	MultInvAdml	13.74	+0.02	-1.5	-2.7	+4.4	+5.9
	PmcpAdml	98.61	-0.33	+36.8	+37.3	+16.7	+19.1
	STGradeAd	10.75	+0.01	+1.2	+1.3	+2.7	+5.6
	Tgtet2025	15.77	-0.03	+16.0	+17.1	+9.9	+13.7
	TotBdAdml	10.64	+0.02	-1.6	-1.9	+3.5	+5.0
	TotIntl	16.47	-0.04	+12.1	+15.5	+5.1	+12.6
	TotStlAdm	45.63	-0.15	+29.8	+31.0	+15.7	+18.5
TotStlxd	45.60	-0.16	+29.6	+30.8	+15.6	+18.4	
Welltn	Welltn	39.11	-0.02	+17.7	+18.0	+11.8	+14.0
	WelltnAdm	67.55	-0.05	+17.8	+18.0	+11.8	+14.1
WindsIAAdm	65.80	-0.21	+27.6	+28.2	+15.9	+17.1	

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

StoryStocks

Stock indexes fell modestly Tuesday, knocking the Standard & Poor's 500 index down from its record high. It was the first drop for the index in three days, and eight of the 10 sectors that make up the S&P 500 fell. The sharpest drops came from utility stocks.

General Motors

Close: \$40.40 ▼ -0.50 or -1.2%
Mary Barra will be the next CEO of the automaker, the first female chief executive ever to lead a major U.S. auto company.



Vol.: \$2.5m (1.5x avg.) PE: 13.7
Mkt. Cap: \$56.11 b Yield: ...

PVH

Close: \$131.87 ▲ 4.44 or 3.5%
The buyout of Warnaco helped push quarterly profit up 17 percent for the owner of the Tommy Hilf and Calvin Klein brands.



Vol.: 2.7m (3.0x avg.) PE: 44.6
Mkt. Cap: \$10.76 b Yield: 0.1%

AutoZone

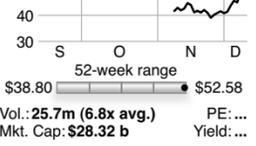
Close: \$471.86 ▲ 14.52 or 3.2%
The auto parts retailer added new stores, which helped boost its quarterly profit 7 percent and comparable store sales rose.



Vol.: 965.3k (3.4x avg.) PE: 17.0
Mkt. Cap: \$16.06 b Yield: ...

Twitter

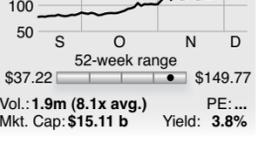
Close: \$51.99 ▲ 2.85 or 5.8%
Wall Street likes the social network's "tailored audience" advertising technology and shares have risen 25 percent this week.



Vol.: 25.7m (6.8x avg.) PE: ...
Mkt. Cap: \$28.32 b Yield: ...

Icahn Enterprises

Close: \$132.67 ▼ -15.86 or -10.7%
After a 200 percent jump so far this year, the billionaire's investment vehicle announces the sale of 2 million shares.



Vol.: 1.9m (8.1x avg.) PE: ...
Mkt. Cap: \$15.11 b Yield: 3.8%

Stocks lower after hitting record

OPINION

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

▶ "A man who permits his honor to be taken, permits his life to be taken."
Pietro Aretino, March 25, 1537

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SAD COMMENTARY

Sheriff's office sends strong message

Each time law enforcement officers pin on their badges, it is a visible reminder of the special trust placed in them by their fellow citizens to enforce the law with the utmost professionalism and integrity.

Recently, four Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies, whose years of service with the agency ranged from less than four years to 13 years, violated this special trust, resulting in the loss of their jobs.

Three of the four deputies resigned rather than face termination for falsifying documents for off-duty work never performed. The surrendering of their integrity and the jeopardizing of their futures for the sake of some nominal, ill-gotten financial gain is certainly a sad commentary for these trusted public servants of the law.

The fourth deputy was fired outright for gross misconduct related to his relationship with an 18-year-old woman, despite past warnings to refrain from contact with her. His unpardonable willingness to place his desires above moral character and personal trust certainly merited his termination.

To its credit, the CCSO's leadership confronted the vi-

olation of trust by the four deputies rather than closing ranks or sweeping it under the rug like organizations often do to escape public embarrassment.

By confronting the violation of trust by these four deputies, the CCSO's leadership has sent a strong message to both the members of the agency and the public it serves that any unprofessional conduct that breaches the public trust will not be tolerated.

Although Sheriff Jeff Dawsy commented that the breach of trust by these four deputies was "an embarrassment to his agency and the citizens it serves," the leadership's decisive action to hold them accountable and to adopt corrective action to assure professional standards are upheld strengthens public confidence in the agency.

Since every human organization unfortunately has its "bad apples," Sheriff Dawsy is correct in saying that he can't guarantee officer misconduct will never happen again. Nevertheless, the public should never let the disreputable actions of a few tarnish those who protect and serve our community 24/7 with professionalism, integrity and courage.

THE ISSUE:

Four deputies lose jobs.

OUR OPINION:

Trust is indispensable.

Obamacare impossible to defend

In April, the Real Clear Politics average of polls showed that 47 percent of Americans opposed Obamacare, while 41 percent supported it — a 6-percentage-point edge for opponents of the president's health care law, which at the time was still months away from implementation.

The latest average of polls, less than two months into the law's rollout, shows 57 percent opposing Obamacare, with 38 percent supporting — an enormous 19-point gap between opponents and supporters.

The two numbers explain why Republicans made little progress when they tried to warn Americans about Obamacare. For years, GOP warnings about Obamacare were about something that had not yet arrived. People had not experienced it, did not have friends who had experienced it and didn't fully understand what it was. Many tuned out the Republican alarms.

Now that has changed. Millions of Americans are unhappy with what they have experienced under Obamacare — canceled policies, higher premiums and sky-high deductibles. They are also much more likely to believe predictions of future problems. They've seen what has already happened and now know it can get worse.

So how can it get worse? So far, Obamacare has upended the individual market for health insurance, which covers about 10 million people. The next step, according to the respected health care analyst Robert Laszewski, will likely come in the small-employer market, meaning businesses with anywhere between two and 50 employees. That covers

about 45 million people.

"Obamacare is impacting the small-group insurance market in many of the same ways as the individual health insurance market," Laszewski writes. Under Obamacare, the small employers who offer their workers health coverage will be "required to comply with the same essential benefit mandates, age rating changes, and pre-existing condition reforms the individual market faces. That means essentially all small-group policies cannot continue as they are — they have to be discontinued."

When the individual market began to roil, Obamacare's defenders were quick to point out that it was a relatively small part — about 5 percent — of the total U.S. insurance market. The assurance was that everyone else would either be unaffected by Obamacare or benefit from the new law.

It now looks like that will not be the case. In the small-group market, Laszewski predicts many employers will use a feature in the law that allows them to keep their current plans for about a year. But then: "They will likely increase employee premiums and deductibles to keep the wolf from the door for maybe another year." And after that: They will "hope for a rescue party." Not a particularly encouraging scenario for those 45 million people in the market.

And that is why there is more and more talk about Obamacare's "winners" and "losers." It has become impossible to defend President Obama's promise that his health care scheme would make the system work "better for everybody." It's also impossible to defend his claim that Obamacare would "cut the average family's premium by

about \$2,500 per year." And now even Americans who receive health coverage through their jobs are growing worried that Obama's if-you-like-your-coverage-you-can-keep-it promise, proven false for millions in the individual market, will prove just as false for them.

So the unavoidable truth is that Obamacare will hurt millions of Americans; the only question is how many. And that has caused some observers to take new note of the law's basic structure. "The redistribution of wealth has always been a central feature of the law," writes *The New York Times'* John Harwood. "Throughout the process, (the law's authors) knew that some level of redistributing wealth — creating losers as well as winners — was inescapable."

The problem is, President Obama and his Democratic allies neglected to tell the public. And now, when the bad news about Obamacare piles up day after day, none of it sounds like what Obama promised.

It's taking a toll on the president's ratings. In a recent CNN survey, just 40 percent said they believe Obama "can manage the government effectively." But much more importantly, it has entirely changed the way people view Obamacare.

In the three and a half years between March 23, 2010, the day Obamacare was signed into law, and Oct. 1, 2013, the day its implementation got underway, millions of voters, no matter what doubts they might have had, thought it best to give Obamacare a chance to work. That's why they didn't respond to the GOP's dire warnings. But now, they've seen what Obamacare can mean in their lives. And they won't be buying any more promises.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for *The Washington Examiner*.



Byron York
OTHER VOICES



LETTERS to the Editor

No trust in survey

Can the results of the survey on trust that concludes "Americans don't trust each other anymore" be trusted (*Chronicle* Dec. 1)? I don't think so. The questions in the survey were either poorly posed or designed to elicit a desired response.

I believe most people would answer yes to the statement "most people can be trusted." But the question was not asked alone or against the obvious alternative of "most people cannot be trusted." Instead the alternative was a statement that "you can't be too careful." Even if one thinks the vast majority of people can be trusted, one still needs to be careful to avoid being taken advantage of by the unscrupulous minority. So "yes" is a reasonable answer to both questions — but not one that was an option in the survey.

The experiences of Pennsylvania farmer Dennis Hess, who runs an unattended farm stand

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on the honor system, attest to the honesty of most people. My own life experiences have also shown that most people are trustworthy. Wouldn't it be depressing to go through life believing that most people you interact with cannot be trusted?

Louis Pulgrano
Citrus Hills

Merry Christmas

As we approach yet another Christmas, let us all be thankful for what we have and very importantly — let us remember all the warriors who did not live to see all the Christmas seasons they should have.

Merry Christmas from the staff at Sharkhunters.

Harry Cooper

Love the headline

I enjoy the newspaper very much and think your coverage of our local events is very good.

I have found your feature article headlines eye-catching and clever. Your "best yet" is "Here There Be Dragons," that appeared on the front page, Nov. 17. Kudos to the author. "Expecting news," on Dec. 1's cover is good, too. "Dragons," however, made my day!

Jeannine Love
Lecanto

Dragging down Adams

Here it is, Tuesday (Nov. 26). I'm reading the Sound Off again, "Krieger has it right." The commissioners have the right and they the obligation to ask questions. They are elected officials to protect the residents of this county. That's why we elect them. And then down here, "Meek on target," you had to put, "Nothing like the stress Scott Adams brings about in making others feel they're going to hell in a hand basket." Boy, this paper sure has things screwed up. If you couldn't print something good about Joe Meek without putting something bad about Scott Adams, it would be a miracle. Why don't you just get on with it and quit all this political ba-ha that you're doing. I don't know ... You print something that is good about one person, but you had to drag another down ...

Tougher for women

This is regarding the (Nov. 26 Sound Off) on "Unfair treatment" of men. What about unfair financial treatment of women? Women pay more for

blouses than men pay for their shirts. Men get better quality. Many women I know buy men's clothing just to have something better. Also, in the same beauty shop down the road, women are charged \$7 more for a haircut than the man is in the same building. This is unfair.

Permits expensive

Why are they charging so much for permits in order for people to improve their property? It looks like they would want people to improve and they should be encouraging it.

Give me a break

Oh, come on. You think everybody's got "Stupid" written across their heads? Four refineries all broke down and have production problems at the same time? Oh, come on. It's all about greed.

Get rid of those boards

Sell the Citrus Memorial hospital. Get rid of both of these feuding boards that are way too expensive and stumbling blocks. Even if the county commissioners do get some money out of it, sell that hospital.



LETTERS to the Editor



Sunny Cooter says thank you

At the conclusion of a very successful 10th annual Great American Cooter Festival...

house Pub, Little Italy and the McLeod House Bistro and volunteers Mary and Bob Krueger...

This event would not be possible without the support of many great year-long sponsors...

Also, the staff of the city of Inverness went above and beyond the call of duty...

None of the Cooter contests would have been possible without the help of our fantastic judges...

Our Cooter Culinary Crawl rocked 80 of Inverness' finest patrons...

of Rustic Ranch and Beth Greco-Smith of McLeod House Bistro. More than 100 competed in the Cooterween contest...

Lastly, we would like to thank our Cooter Idol contestants, our Cooter Queen court, and all our Miss Cooter contestants...

Thank you again. We look forward to your continued support.

Sunny Cooter city of Inverness

Found his angels

I talked with Nancy Kennedy about the angels

in our county in February. I found out I had rectal cancer, 64, no insurance, I asked the creator of all to help me...

I have met the best medical people (angels) in Citrus. Surgery on May 6 removed the mass, four months to heal...

I want to thank all these people and also give back to the community by helping people who find out they have cancer...

John C. Haffkoss Inverness

What is the leftist agenda?

Re: "EPA has gone too far," by Earl Ehley, Dec. 1 First of all, this question must be asked of the letter writer: What, ex-

actly, is a "leftist agenda?" And how is it that you see the EPA as being such a detriment to industry?

There's no doubt that having a functional and thriving manufacturing and industrial base is essential to a good economy...

Another question must be asked: how is the Obama administration curtailing the second amendment?

I've been to recently. Aren't reasonable regulations something that industry needs, as well? Rules and standards that assure people and communities are being protected...

Are you aware that the EPA was responsible for the inception of the Clean Water Act, which was responsible for assuring that clean, safe drinking water was made available...

Again, how is that a "leftist agenda?" Or tug-gish tactics?

Ronald Thuemler Tampa

Sound OFF

Stay in bike lane

Here we go with the bicyclists and the motorists again. First of all, the bicyclists are given a bike lane. That means they should stay in that bike lane...

Not recycling

I've been recycling my newspapers and junk mail, but starting tomorrow I will add my bags to the garbage pickup...

Thanks for removing critter

A great big thank you to the young officer from the sheriff's department who came out and removed the dead opossum off the road...

Becky's Cafe advertisement with menu items like Baked Ziti and Baby Back Ribs.

The We Care Food Pantry 3rd Annual Online & Live Auction advertisement.

Honda of Crystal River advertisement for Christmas Celebration, featuring motorcycles and parts.

Smiles on Citrus Dentistry advertisement for Dr. Jennifer Lee, DMD.

The Crystal River Mall advertisement for the holiday season, featuring gifts and Santa.

Honoring Mandela

Obama hails former South African president as "last great liberator" at memorial service

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Amid cheers and song for the prisoner who became peacemaker, President Barack Obama energized tens of thousands of spectators and nearly 100 visiting heads of state Tuesday with a plea for the world to emulate Nelson Mandela, "the last great liberator of the 20th century."

Obama's eulogy was the rhetorical highlight of a memorial service in which South Africans celebrated Mandela's life with singing and dancing, often during dignitaries' speeches. They also booed their own president and were chided by a top government official who said: "Let's not embarrass ourselves."

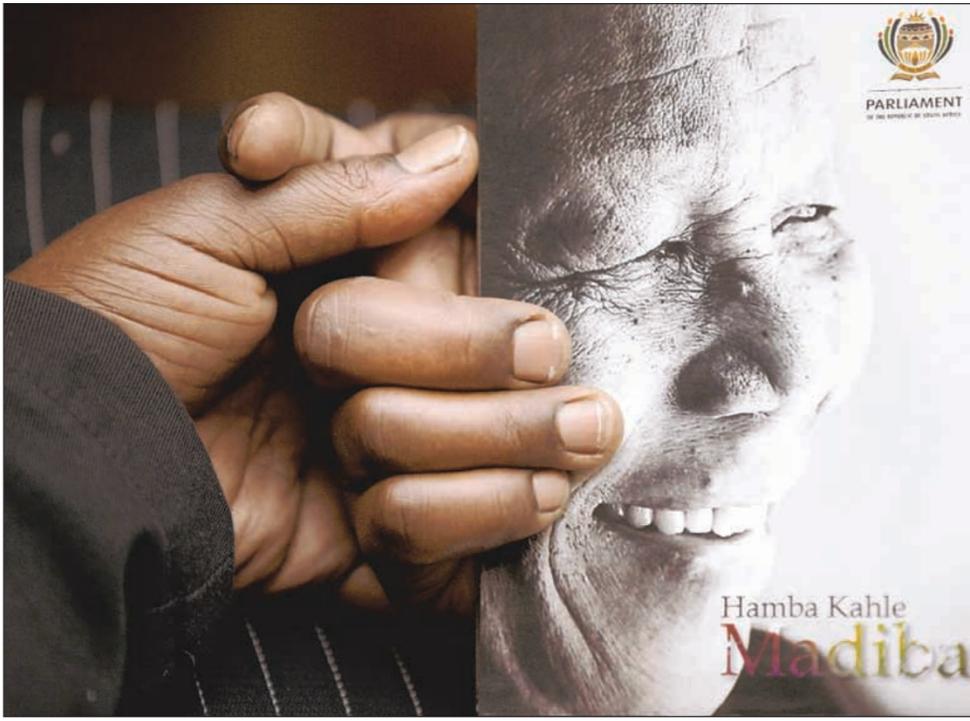
Lashing rain lent a freewheeling aspect to the memorial, with people taking shelter in the stadium's wide hallways, where they sang anti-apartheid anthems from the 1970s and 1980s. Foul weather kept many away, and the 95,000-capacity stadium was only two-thirds full.

Obama implored people to embrace Mandela's universal message of peace and justice, comparing the South African leader to Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Lincoln. Mandela spent 27 years in prison under a racist regime, and promoted forgiveness and reconciliation when he was finally freed.

"We will never see the likes of Nelson Mandela again," Obama said. "But let me say to the young people of Africa, and young people around the world — you can make his life's work your own."

He hailed Mandela, who died Thursday at 95, as the unlikely leader of a movement that gave "potent voice to the claims of the oppressed and the moral necessity of racial justice."

"Born during World War I, far from the corridors of power; a boy raised herding cattle and tutored by the elders of his Thembu tribe, Madiba would emerge as the last



A man holds the official program ahead of the memorial service for former South African president Nelson Mandela at the FNB Stadium in the Johannesburg, South Africa township of Soweto

great liberator of the 20th century," Obama said, referring to Mandela by his clan name.

Obama, who like Mandela became the first black president of his country, said he was inspired by Mandela as a student. The speech was greeted with thunderous applause, and many heads of state and other foreign dignitaries gave a standing ovation.

Obama pointed out that "around the world today, men and women are still imprisoned for their political beliefs, and are still persecuted for what they look like, or how they worship, or who they love."

Among the heads of state and government were some from countries like Cuba that don't hold fully democratic elections. On the way to the podium, Obama shook hands with Cuban President Raul

Castro, underscoring a recent warming of relations between their countries.

“ You can make his life's work your own. ”

President Barack Obama speaking at the Nelson Mandela memorial service on Tuesday.

Other attending leaders criticized for their human rights records were Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, Equatorial Guinea's Teodoro Obiang Nguema and Gambia's Yahya Jammeh.

In contrast to the wild applause given to Obama, South African President Jacob Zuma was booed. Many South Africans are unhappy with Zuma because of state cor-

ruption scandals, though his ruling African National Congress, once led by Mandela, remains the front-runner ahead of elections next year.

Mandela's record after he was elected in the first all-race elections in 1994 has faced some criticism, most of it indirect because he is such a revered figure.

He did not push for major restructuring of the economy, fearing it could alienate whites who still control most of South African industry. Today, the country struggles with economic inequality, though Mandela's moral stature sets him far apart from his successors.

"Mandela was a very humble man, and he gave himself to the world. He sacrificed time with his family for us and for me. It is a privilege to be here, it is a humbling experience," said 35-year-old Dipolelo Moshe, who works

for a marketing company.

She had a South African flag draped over her shoulders and carried a big photo of Mandela as she stood in line at the stadium.

Rohan Laird, the 54-year-old CEO of a health insurance company, said he grew up during white rule in a "privileged position" as a white South African and that Mandela helped whites work through a burden of guilt.

"His reconciliation allowed whites to be released themselves," Laird said. "I honestly don't think the world will see another leader like Nelson Mandela."

A dazzling mix of royalty, statesmen and celebrities was in attendance.

Thabo Mbeki, who succeeded Mandela as president, got a rousing cheer as he entered the stands. French President Francois Hollande and his predecessor and rival, Nicolas Sarkozy, arrived together. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon waved and bowed to spectators.

Mandela's widow, Graca Machel, and his former wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, gave each other a long hug before the ceremonies began.

Actress Charlize Theron, model Naomi Campbell and singer Bono were among the celebrities paying final tribute.

Symbolically, Tuesday was the 20th anniversary of the day when Mandela and South Africa's last apartheid-era president, F.W. de Klerk, received the Nobel Peace Prize. De Klerk, a political rival who became friends with Mandela, was also in the stadium.

In his Nobel acceptance speech at the time, Mandela said: "We live with the hope that as she battles to remake herself, South Africa will be like a microcosm of the new world that is striving to be born."

After Tuesday's memorial, Mandela's body will lie in state for three days at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, once the seat of white power, before burial Sunday in his rural childhood village of Qunu in Eastern Cape Province.



U.S. President Barack Obama shakes hands in the rain with Cuban President Raul Castro on Tuesday at the FNB Stadium in Soweto, South Africa, at a memorial service for former South African President Nelson Mandela. The handshake between the leaders of the two Cold War enemies came during a ceremony that focused on Mandela's legacy of reconciliation.



A woman waves a South African national flag Tuesday ahead of the memorial service for former South African president Nelson Mandela at the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Nation BRIEFS

Lawyer hopes sand death judgment highlights safety

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An attorney for the family of a New Mexico woman who died in 2002 when a tractor-trailer struck her car and buried it in sand said he hopes an \$80 million judgment awarded to his clients will result in real consequences for trucking companies.

District Judge Shannon Bacon entered the judgment Monday to the estate of 48-year-old Laura Miera of Albuquerque and her husband and daughter. It includes \$60 million in punitive damages against Albuquerque Redi-Mix and others.

Miera had just dropped off her daughter at school when the semi hit her vehicle. Miera was pinned in her car while sand poured on her.

Counselors, teachers and students on their way to the

Bundle up



A pedestrian covered up as snow falls on Tuesday in New York. Parts of the Northeast were under a winter weather advisory, with two to four inches of snow expected.

school frantically tried to dig her out.

Missing adults, children found alive in Nevada

RENO, Nev. — A member

of a search team on Tuesday found a couple and four young members of their families who had been missing in the frigid mountains of northern Nevada since Sunday, authorities said.

The people were taken to Pershing General Hospital after they were found in good condition.

Aircraft and crews on the ground were searching for James Glanton, 34, his girlfriend Christina McIntee, 25, their two children Evan and Chloe Glanton, and Shelby Fitzpatrick and Tate McIntee, a niece and nephew of Christina McIntee. The children ranged in age from 3 to 10.

Overnight temperatures in the nearby town of Lovelock dipped to 16 degrees below during the search. Officials said the group had gone to the Seven Troughs area to play in the snow.

Authorities said about 200 people had joined the search.

—From wire reports

World BRIEFS

Gunmen abduct Syrian human rights lawyer

NABEK, Syria — Masked gunmen abducted a leading Syrian human rights lawyer and three other prominent activists in a rebel-held Damascus suburb Tuesday in a new sign that al-Qaida linked militants who have joined the fight against President Bashar Assad are trying to silence rivals in the opposition movement.

Razan Zaytouni, one of the most outspoken critics of President Bashar Assad as well as Islamic militants who have gained increasing sway over the fight to oust the government, was seized along with her husband and two other colleagues from her office in Douma.

No group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, but Zaytouni herself had publicly blamed al-Qaida linked

Reflection



A ferris wheel is reflected Tuesday in a permanent water installation near a plaza decorated for Christmas in Nice, southeastern France.

rebels for kidnapping activists and colleagues said she had received indirect threats from extremists in recent days.

Two French troops die disarming C. African rebels

BANGUI, Central African Republic — Gunmen fatally shot two French soldiers in Central African Republic's volatile capital, officials said Tuesday, underscoring the enormous challenges of a new French military intervention in its former colony that includes disarming thousands of rebels accused of attacking civilians.

President Michel Djotodia condemned the attack on the French forces and blamed former leader Francois Bozize, whom he ousted from power in March, for creating the turmoil now being unleashed on the streets of Bangui. More than 500 people have been killed in the capital since Thursday and some 100,000 forced from their homes, aid officials say.

—From wire reports

■ The Lightning had a tough go of it Tuesday night against the Capitals./B4



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Kanawall has eyes on gold at state



Citrus junior strong heading into 2014

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

Samantha Kanawall is going to seek some gold this February in Kissimmee.

She might end up with silver or bronze, but gold would be such a nice piece.

The 17-year-old Citrus High School weightlifter is out to win a state title. She would be the first Citrus County girl lifter to win a state title since the FHSAA sanctioned the sport.

She took a sixth-place medal last February and that just whetted her appetite for more.

The Meriden, Conn., native had a bench press of 180 pounds and a clean and jerk of 160 pounds at state. That

Citrus junior Samantha Kanawall was a state placer as a sophomore in February and has her eye on a state title in 2014.

Special to the Chronicle

gave her a total of 340 pounds.

Kanawall said she probably needs to get a 400-pound total to win the gold medal.

Her coach believes she can do it. "She's just strong," Citrus coach Tia Nelson said. "She's an athlete."

She also plays volleyball, track and flag football.



Samantha Kanawall

She also manages a 3.3 grade point average and intends to attend college after graduation.

She said she wants to become an athletic trainer.

At the first meet, Nov. 19, Kanawall became a member of a Citrus High "300 Club." She had a 155-pound bench press and a 145-pound clean and jerk for a 300-pound total. Anna Venero (199) and Hannah Evans (169) also hit the 300-pound mark to join the club.

Kanawall is lifting in the 183-pound class but would like to cut weight so she could lift in the 169-pound class.

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CR lifter Nadal overcomes hatred of gym

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

Layne Nadal said she really doesn't like going to the gym, but she does like building up some muscle.

The Crystal River senior has found a way to deal with that problem.

The lifelong Citrus County resident is on the Crystal River High School girls weightlifting team.

The objective for Nadal is to make herself stronger for softball. She wants to be able to make her outfield throwing arm stronger and hit with more power.

If she happens to be good enough to qualify for a trip to the FHSAA state meet February in Kissimmee, that's okay too.

A souvenir medal wouldn't hurt her feelings either.

Her coach, Randy Owens, doesn't

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UF rocks Jayhawks

Gators extend home win streak to 21 games

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Scottie Wilbekin scored a career-high 18 points, Dorian Finney-Smith added 15 and No. 19 Florida held on to beat No. 13 Kansas 67-61 on Tuesday night.

The Gators bounced back from a buzzer-beater loss at No. 9 Connecticut last week and extended their home-winning streak to 21 games. The latest victory came in the Big 12-SEC Challenge and surely will be meaningful when the NCAA tournament seeds are settled in March.

Wilbekin, who injured his right ankle against the Huskies eight days ago, made 7 of 12 shots and added six assists.

Freshman Andrew Wiggins led the Jayhawks (6-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds — his first double-double and both career highs. Kansas has lost two straight.

The Gators (7-2) went on a 21-0 run and led by as many as 18 points in the first half, but Kansas made it 60-55 on Wiggins' 3-pointer with 55.8 seconds remaining. It was his second 3 in the final 1:20.

Florida closed it out from the free-throw line — barely.

The Jayhawks fouled center Patric Young down the stretch, and the big man missed all of his free throws. It got even more dicey for the Gators when Casey Prather, one of Florida's top free-throw shooters, missed two with 22 seconds remaining.

Jamari Traylor hit two on the other end, cutting Florida's lead to 65-61 with 10.9 seconds left. Florida freshman Kasey Hill ended any chance of a comeback by draining two free throws.



Florida center Patric Young goes for two from under the basket as Kansas center Joel Embiid is unable to block the shot during the first half Tuesday in Gainesville. The No. 19 Gators held on for a 67-61 victory over the No. 13 Jayhawks.

Associated Press

Panthers complete sweep of CR

Lecanto girls run away with weightlifting meet

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

LECANTO — It was the third straight week for the Lecanto High School girls weightlifting team to host Crystal River in a meet at the Panthers cafeteria.

The outcome wasn't very different from the first two, as the Panthers completed the three-meet sweep, winning 75-13 over the Pirates.

Lecanto's Breanna Johnson thought that she didn't add any weight to her totals. She had a bench press of 130 pounds and a clean and jerk of 125 pounds for a 255-pound total.

"I've done better," she said.

Her competition in the 139-pound class, Danielle Gomez of Crystal River, found the third time wasn't great either. She was third with a 105-pound bench, a 95-pound clean and jerk and a 200-pound total.

"I improved at practice but today wasn't my day," she said.

In the 119-pound weight class, Lecanto's Andrea Van Quelef won the class with a 230-pound total. She had a 105-pound bench and a 125-pound clean and jerk.

Competition may have helped Crystal River High senior Laynee Nadal. She was second in the weight class with some of her best lifts. She had a 105-pound bench and an 110-pound clean and jerk for a 215-pound total.

Crystal River coach Randy Owens is grateful for the progress he sees in his girls.

"The girls are getting better," Owens said. "They are doing really well. Laynee Nadal at 119 had personal bests today. She has a chance to qualify for state."

"All our freshmen are getting better and better. That includes Shonisha Brooks, Rebecca New, Claire Redrick, Bridget Spiddle, Madison Pateracki, Haley Cole-

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Despite loss, Seahawks still top AP power rankings

Broncos hold down second spot

Associated Press

The Seattle Seahawks are still the clear favorite in leading the Associated Press power rankings, with commanding home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs there for the clinching with a couple of wins.

The San Francisco 49ers served notice, though, that they haven't disappeared. Thus, after a grind-it-out NFC West division victory by the 49ers over the Seahawks on Sunday, the top of the NFL is a little

more crowded.

After two straight weeks as a unanimous first choice by the 12-member panel of media regularly covering the league, the Seahawks (11-2) received 10 first-place votes this time. The Denver Broncos (11-2) got the other two and came in second, in results released on Tuesday.

ESPN analyst Herm Edwards and ESPN.com reporter Jeff Legwold switched their first-place selections this week.

"Everyone needs to stop saying Peyton Manning can't play in the cold. The Broncos scored 51 points," Edwards wrote of Denver's lopsided win over the Tennessee Titans, the third 50-point game of the season by

Manning and the Broncos.

The Seahawks lost their unmatched hold on the NFL's best record. Only 43 points separate them from the 49ers (9-4), who were fifth.

"Still may be the most balanced team the league has to offer at the moment," Legwold said.

The New Orleans Saints (10-3) moved back up two spots to third after a decisive victory over division foe Carolina. The New England Patriots (10-3) were fourth, following their third comeback win from a double-digit deficit in a row. Doing so again without star tight end Rob Gronkowski will be a difficult feat.

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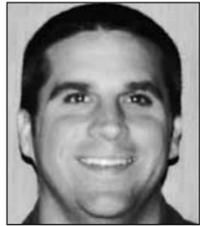
Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch and the Seattle Seahawks are ranked No. 1 in the AP NFL power rankings.

Associated Press

It's all in the grip

This month I would like to discuss one of the most important and overlooked pieces of equipment — the grips on your clubs, which are just as important as the type of ball you play and having properly fit clubs.

There are two main factors that need to be taken into con-



Herb Hurley
HERB'S HINTS

sideration when deciding on grips. The first one is the type of grip. There are many different types, but the basics are a wrap grip, a cord grip, a velvet grip and composite grip. The second is the size of the grip.

When choosing what type of grip you want on your clubs, you must first try some out. Every grip is different in the way it feels in your hands. Some are tacky, some are rough and some are soft. The grip you choose is based completely on your personal preference.

who does not wear a glove, you might like a cord grip or composite grip that gives you a little more grip on the club. Other golfers like a softer grip, such as Winn grip that provides a little more cushion at impact. Again, it all comes down to what feels best in your hands. My suggestion is to go to your local golf store and check out all the different types.

The second key factor and the most important is the size of the grip. Most amateur golfers have grips that are too big for their hands. The only golfers who should have larger grips are those golfers with either really, really big hands or such bad arthritis that they cannot close their hand.

A good test is to check to see if you can make a fist. If you can make a fist, then you do not need larger grips for arthritis. To check for proper grip size, grip the club and check to see if the tips of your fingers are lightly touching the palm of your hand. If your fingers are digging into your hand or your palms are covering your fingertips, then the grips are too small. If there is a gap between your fingertips and the palm of your hands, then the grip is too large.

A properly-sized grip will have your fingertips lightly touching the palm of your hands and al-

lows your hands to work together, helping to create a proper release of the golf club. When the grip is too big, it restricts the release and can produce a slice.

Now that you have the type of grip and the proper size grip, you must maintain your grip. Most golfers clean their club heads, but most do not clean their grips. You want to clean your grips about once a month in order to remove the oils that are deposited on them from our hands. This oil can cause a grip to lose its tackiness and will also cause them needing to be replaced more often.

The last factor I want to address in relation to grips is how often you should change them. I bet most of my readers right now are thinking, "change my grips?"

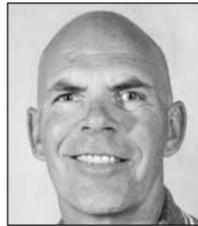
I am sure that most of you have not changed your grips since you bought your clubs. A good rule of thumb is that you should change your grips as many times a year as the amount of times you play golf a week. For example if you average playing golf twice a week, then you should change your grips twice a year.

For more information, please contact me at 352-382-5996 for a lesson at Southern Woods or Sugarmill Woods.

See you on the links.

Check out the Sony Open in Key Biscayne

Over the past couple of weeks, several people have asked us about the Sony Open professional tennis tournament in Miami. It's actually in Key Biscayne, but for marketing purposes around the world it's in Miami. From experience we can say this is one of the most friendly tournaments on the professional circuit, and an additional bonus for Floridians; it is in our own backyard.



Eric van den Hoogen
ON TENNIS

In 2014 the tournament will be held from March 17 to 30, with the first two days being qualifying rounds. The location of the event is Crandon Park Tennis Center on Key Biscayne. A typical day at the event is divided into a day and night session, with separate tickets needed for each. Day sessions start at 11 a.m., night sessions at 7:30 p.m.

For information and ticket pricing, call 1-800-725-5472 or 1-305-442-3367, visit the website at www.sonyopentennis.com or email tickets@imgworld.com.

There is also a way to see matches for free — by becoming a volunteer for the event. You have to work a certain amount of sessions in order to qualify for two free tickets for five different sessions. You could apply to be a courtesy driver, helping people to find their seats, to just mention a few. Go to the sonyopentennis.com website and click on the volunteer link.

Citrus Area Senior Ladies 3.0-3.5 Tuesday League

The results for Dec. 3: Sugarmill Woods def. Riverhaven, 3-2; Pine Ridge vs Meadowcrest, 2-2; Crystal River vs Citrus Hills, 2-2.

To play in this league, a player must be at least 50 years of age or older, with a 3.0-3.5 rating. The league is always looking for players to sub for teams. For information, email chairwoman Willy Pouderoyen at pouderoyen@tampabay.rr.com or 382-3157.

Thursday Morning Citrus Area Doubles League

The results for Dec. 5: Tennis Bratz def. Bicentennial Babes, 6-4; Sugarmill Oakies vs Skyview Advantage, 4-4; Pine Ridge Fillies vs Skyview, 4-4.

Chris Jarzyna/Brenda Spafford won, 6-4, 6-3; Myrt Thomas/Tana Hubbard won, 6-1, 6-4; Kelley Reynolds/Karen Cushing lost, 6-4,

6-2; Barbara Martin/Marilyn Butler lost, 6-3, 6-0.

In this league one point is awarded per set won.

For information, contact chairwoman Patsy Giella at patsytennis@aol.com

Ladies on the Court

The results for Dec. 5: Mary, Marta, Margot.

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

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

The Friday Senior Ladies Doubles 3.0-3.5 League

The results for Dec. 6: Riverhaven vs Pine Ridge Citrus Hills, 3-3; Bicentennial Park def. Meadowcrest, 4-0.

All players must be at least 50 years of age with a 3.0-3.5 rating. Players cannot be both a member of a team and a sub.

For information, contact chairwoman Linda Frankum at 795-3861 or lfr234@hotmail.com.

USTA Leagues

The complete schedule for the 2014 USTA League season is as follows:

Adult 55+: Saturdays from Jan. 4, 2014 to March 10, 2014.

Adult 65+: Tuesdays and Fridays from Jan. 4 to March 10.

Mixed 40+: Fridays and Sundays from Jan. 4 to March 10.

Adult 40+: Fridays through Sundays from March 7 to May 19.

Mixed 55+: Saturdays from March 7 to May 19.

Adult 18+: Fridays through Sundays from April 11 to July 7.

Mixed 18+: Fridays through Sundays from June 27 to Sept. 8.

Combo 50+: Saturdays from Sept. 5 to Nov. 30.

Combo 18+: Fridays and Sundays from Sept. 12 to Dec. 15.

The deadline for the first leagues, the Adult 55+, Adult 65+ and Mixed 40+ is set for Dec. 14.

If you have any questions for information in our District 4 (south) call or e-mail Leigh Chak at 352-572-7157 or vacocala@gmail.com or ustaflorida.com.

Tournaments

Jan. 19-20, 2014: JCT (Junior Circuit Tennis) Tournament of Champions at Sugarmill Woods/Oak Village Tennis Complex. More information can be found on the JCT site on Facebook or contact: Judy Jeanette at 352-232-0321 or by e-mail jeanette3saj@aol.com.

Jan. 25-26 2014: Simon Toffe-gaard Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament to be held at Delta Woods in Spring Hill. For information go to the nctf.usta.com site.

Sharing the wealth

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Wanting to return among the elite in golf, Graeme McDowell mapped out a plan last fall. He figured out how many ranking points he would need to get back into the top five in the world.

And he went about it the right way. It started with his win at the World Challenge a year ago. He won at Hilton Head on the PGA Tour. He won the World Match Play Championship and the French Open on the European Tour. He was third at World Golf Championships in Doral and Shanghai.

"I've got to say, I got pretty close to that target that I set myself," McDowell said.

Little did he know how much the target would be moving in an extraordinary year for golf.

McDowell ended last year at No. 15 in the world. Now he is all the way up to No. 12.

"I wasn't really factoring on how many great players around me were going to have incredible seasons," McDowell said. "So making an impact in that top 10 in the world has been very difficult to do this year because you just get so many guys playing incredibly well."

Call it bad timing for McDowell, and happy days for golf.

Rarely has the golf season — men and women — felt so rewarding for so many players.



Associated Press

Tiger Woods won the vote as the best player on the PGA Tour.

Perhaps that explains why Tiger Woods could win five times — more than any other player in the world — capture the PGA Tour money title and the Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average, and then listen to people discuss the definition of player of the year and whether he is worthy without having won a major.

Woods won the vote as the best player on the PGA Tour.

He is used to playing under a different set of standards, a victim of his own success. Anyone else with five trophies from the courses where he won — Torrey Pines, Doral, Bay Hill, TPC Sawgrass and Firestone — and there wouldn't be a debate.

But this wasn't just any other year.

Adam Scott became the first Australian to win the Masters, and along the way earned redemption from blowing the British Open nearly nine months earlier. He had the outright lead on the back nine at the British Open this year before faltering. A month later, he won The Barclays during the FedEx Cup playoffs, arguably one of the strongest fields of the year with the tour's top 125 players who are all on form.

When he finally went home to show off his green jacket, Scott won the Australian PGA Championship and the Australian Masters.

Local LEADERS

BRENTWOOD

Dec. 3, Brentwood Tuesday Ladies League results.

Final Team Standings	
First	121.0
Penny Magliano, Jane Vandenberg	
Second	120.0
Nancy Poisson, Claire Lindley	
Third	100.5
Dianne Joyner, Kay Fitzsimmons	
Final Individual Standings	
First	61.0
Penny Magliano	
Second	53.5
Claire Lindley	
Third	50.5
Nancy Poisson	
Low gross	46
Kay Fitzsimmons, Penny Magliano	
Low net	32
Kay Fitzsimmons, Claire Lindley	
Chip-ins:	
No. 7	Glenora Hilton
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Rozanne Young
No. 4	Claire Lindley

Dec. 7, Brentwood Farms Golf: Saturday Morning Scramble results.

First	Jack Coyne, Jane Coyne, Winstin Timmons, Frank Hughes
Second	Ruth Doring, Russ Doring, Dick Sherman, Margaret Roberts
Third	Bob Staker, Mona Evans, Steve Leonard, Jim Pearson
Second	6 under (tie breaker): Steve Leonard, Mona Evans, Steve Arola, Bob Staker
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Steven Leonard
No. 4	Andy McKenny
Be sure to sign up for next Saturday, come alone and meet new people or bring a partner. For information on the scramble, call the Pro Shop at 352-527-2600.	

Dec. 10 results for the Men's Nine Hole League at Brentwood Golf Club.

Low net scorers:	
Bill Collier	35
Gene St. Don	35
Jesse Lewis	36
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Frank Hughes
No. 4	Gene St. Don
All ages or ability are welcome to join in for a friendly round of nine holes of handicap golf. We get the round of golf out of the way early every Tuesday morning because we know you have a lot going on. We play at Brentwood Golf Course. The league starts with sign-in at 7:15; tee time is at 7:45 a.m. For in-	

formation, call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800 or email new216@tampabay.rr.com.

CITRUS HILLS

On Dec. 4, the Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association on the Oaks Golf Course played "In the Bucket."

First	-23
Larry Jones, Paul Rosenow, Frank Kosidlak, Dick Olsen	
Second	-18
Charlie Haire, Bill Lindsey, Chuck Hanner, John Balais	
Third	-16
Bob Miller, Bob Nave, Don Morrison, Henry Huntsberry	
Fourth	-14 MOC
Ron David, Bob Sarno, Bob Fabrie, Don Gatz	
Fifth	-14
Bob Kohm, Al Burgun, Bob Stone, Harold Cipollone	

CITRUS SPRINGS

On Dec. 5, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played a 4-man scramble.

First	66
Harvey Jenkins, Don Gonczy, Bob Hunt, Leon Smith	
Second	68
Bob Manecky, Ed Starling, Woody Miner, Bill Mannex	
Third	68
Mike Jarman, Dave Balas, Walt Norton, Rocky Marziani	
Fourth	70
Jerry Feher, Ralph Spitznogle, Bob Malloy, Jack Williamson	
Closest to the pins:	
Nos. 4 & 8	Jack Williamson
No. 11	Dave Balas
No. 14	Jerry Feher
No. 16	Harvey Jenkins

Dec. 6, Points Quota "Chicks with Sticks" results.

Marj Sibley	+4
Ginny Hearn	+3
Carol Lanzillo	+3
Linda Miller	+2
Dody Stuart	+1
Closest to the pin:	
No. 4	Mary McConnell
No. 8	Lois Bump
No. 11	Marj Sibley
No. 16	Carole Seifert
"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Carole at 352-746-2082 or Jan at 352-344-9550.	

EL DIABLO

Results of the Dec. 1 Quarterly Medal format game.

Men	
1st gross	76
Ken Bruner	
2nd gross	79
Paul Langevin	
1st net	72
Mike Fitzpatrick	
2nd net	74
Craig Brown	
Ladies	
1st gross	85
Juanita Emrich	
1st net	71
Terry Hrobuchak	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 3	Paul Langevin
No. 6	Mike Fitzpatrick
No. 13	Paul Langevin
No. 15	Marnie Florio

Dec. 2 results of the 9 Hole Mixed Scramble format game.

First	23.88
Ric Dias, Dave Whitacre, Jack Durden, Kaye Cansler	
Second	24.25
Bob Marino, Kevin Gompers, Mike Pombier, Hattie Townsend	
Third	24.63
Doc Freer, Jerry Finner, Dayle Montgomery	
Fourth	25.50
Pete Palmer, Bart, Ed Stup, Darlene Gompers	
Fifth	25.87
Jon Townsend, Jim Bancroft, Bob Johnson, Debbie Marino	
Sixth	27.63
Dave Gollobin, Roger & Cookie Long, Bob Montgomery	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 13	Ric Dias
No. 15	Bob Johnson
No. 16	Ric, Dave, Jack, Kaye
Birdie points (tied with 7):	
Bob, Kevin, Hattie, Mike	
Ric, Dave, Jack, Kaye	

LAKESIDE

Dec. 5, LakeSide Ladies Points Quota League results.

Patsy Delp	+11
June Goyette	+5
Dody Stuart	+4
Arlene Elwell	+3
Pam Atkinson	+2
Jean O'Brien	+2
Mary McConnell	+1
Closest to the pin:	
Nos. 2 & 8	Marcie Marcus

No. 13 Jan Kominski
No. 15 Jean O'Brien
LakeSide Ladies PQL plays every Thursday morning at LakeSide Golf & Country Club in Inverness. No dues or membership are required. Call Jan at 352-344-9550 for details.

PINE RIDGE

On Dec. 4, the Pine Ridge LPGA played "Throw Out 4 Holes."

Babe Zaharais Flight	
First	14
Diane Guindon	
Second	18
Sharon Denman	
Patty Berg Flight	
First	17
Zona Doane	
Second	19
Margie Ebbert	
Julie Inkster Flight	
First	18
Mary Hayes	
Second	19
Mary Beth St. Bernard	
Nancy Lopez Flight	
First	19
Maud Gloddy	
Second	19
Kay Krieger	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 1	Mary Hayes
No. 3	Lorraine Palazzolo
No. 7	Lisa Wahba
Zona Doane	
Birdies:	
No. 3	Lorraine Palazzolo
No. 7	Lisa Wahba

Saturday, Nov. 30, 18-Hole Points results.

D. Patel	+10
B. Pridemore	+6
B. Ruane	+5
R. Jarzyna	+4
D. Stickney	+3
G. Pappas	+3
D. Pfannenstain	+3
Sunday, Dec. 1, Sunday Swingers - Mixed Group "Alternate Shot Format" results.	
First	
Donis Osburn, Dwight Brown	
Second	
Ann Marie Lohr, Bob Walsh	
Third	
Trudy Smith, Lucia Crosby	
Fourth	
Vivienne Walsh, Ray Osburn	
Fifth	
Lillian Brown, Carl Kenny	
Sixth	
Betty Holton, Wayne Bolle	
Seventh	

Gail Bolle, Ed Lohr
Eighth Nancy Sullivan, Sue Espinoza

Monday, Dec. 2, 9-Hole Points results.

J. Carnahan	+5
M. Russ	+4
D. Patel	+3
B. Struck	+3
G. Abel	+3
Wednesday, Dec. 4, "Breakfast Club" - Ladies 9-Hole "Back Nine - Points" results.	
Carolyn McNeil	+7
Vivienne Walsh	+6
Lillian Brown	+6
Cathy McGillis	+6
JoAnne St. Jean	+6
Accurate drive:	
No. 11	JoAnne St. Jean

7 RIVERS

Dec. 5 results for the 7Rivers MGA "Individual Low Net" game.

Flight 1	
First	66
Dick Hayden	
Second	70
Will Tripp	
Flight 2	
First	70
Paul Mantey	
Second	71
Paul Collins	
Flight 3	
First	63
Dick Van Poucker	
Second	70
Joe Muscaro	70

SOUTHERN WOODS

Dec. 4, Southern Woods Men's Golf Association Team Points Quota game results.

First	+19
Rod Fortune, Ken Leo, Brian Hadler, Glenn Harwood	
Second	+8
Doug Martin, Robert Boal, Mike Bury, Bill Englebrecht	
Third	+8
Frank Siemetkowski, Tai Um	
Fourth	+5
Ron Pavlak, Ben Lee, Dan Martinko, Bob Chadderton	
Fifth	+4
Jim Hackett, Russ Fortune, Paul Thompson, Mike Theodore	
Fifth	
Steve Ley, Al Turska, Tom Venable, Bill Long	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 4	Russ Fortune
No. 8	Jim Hackett
No. 17	Tai Um

SUGARMILL WOODS

On Dec. 3, the Sand Blasters Men's Group played team point quota.

First	+11
Paul Angelo, Jim Cottrell, Dave Hornbeck, Bob Verkennes	
Second	+10
Gary Osborne, Jack Winner, George Lentowicz, Sam Hunt	
Third	+8
Al Turska, Chuck Reeb, Frank Vanzin, Rich Perry	
Notable rounds:	
George Lentowicz	84
Dale Vaughn	+9
Jack Winner	+8

FOOTBALL

Late Monday Bears 45, Cowboys 28

Table with columns for team, score, and quarter. Includes game details for Bears vs Cowboys.

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Table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. NFL standings for AFC East (continued).

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB. NBA standings for Eastern Conference Atlantic Division.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

Florida Lottery advertisement featuring a parrot logo and winning numbers for CASH 3, PLAY 4, and MEGA MONEY.

On the AIRWAVES

Today's Sports section listing various games including Men's College Basketball, NBA, College Football, Golf, Hockey, and Soccer.

Prep CALENDAR

Today's Prep Sports section listing various prep games for boys and girls in basketball, soccer, and weightlifting.

Large table listing various prep sports teams and their records across different divisions like Western, Northwest, Pacific, and Central.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hurricanes pour in the points against Lake Weir

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was below zero. Dallas (7-6) fell a game behind Philadelphia in the NFC East.

Trumbo, Anderson dealt as winter meetings pick up

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The Bears (7-6) retired Hall of Famer Mike Ditka's number at halftime and pulled even with Detroit in the division race on a night when the wind chill factor

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"It's something that I love and something that I'm good at," she said. "What motivates me is the whole family that we have. We are kind of competing with each other to do best."

NADAL

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care what motivates her. He's just happy to have her pumping iron. "She's a great girl," Owens said. "She's a hard worker. She's a hustler. She is a three-sport athlete (volleyball also). She knows what it takes to compete."

SEAHAWKS

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"The defense has been plagued with injuries and now Gronk is gone," wrote Pat Kirwan of CBSSports.com. "The only QB in the NFL that can keep this team winning is Tom Brady. This is the biggest test of his career."

found that many guys admire her success.

"It's actually more credit and props," she said. "It's more like keep what you're doing. Some guys are like that's pretty embarrassing. I need to hit the weight room more."

She remembers when the feeling she had when she had that medal. "Mostly excitement," she said. "I was actually thankful. It showed all more hard work."

versity in Miami and Savannah College for Arts and Design.

She said she wants to eventually become involved in the creative part of advertising.

For now, though, she is pushing some iron and competing in the 119-pound class.

"I hate going to the gym. I can't do this by myself. Coach Owens is kind of a motivator."

She said that former teammate Emily Laga beat her out for a chance at the state meet last year. Laga was 15th at state last year and has graduated.

A trip to Kissimmee would be just delightful for the former cheerleader. It would make it easier for her to go to the gym in the future.

"What has happened to the Colts?'" wrote NBC analyst Tony Dungy of the team he used to coach.

The Arizona Cardinals (8-5) were 11th and the Baltimore Ravens (7-6) and Chicago Bears (7-6) tied for 12th. Creeping up the rankings again were the Jacksonville Jaguars (4-9) who were a unanimous last-place team two months ago. They're 25th now.

"No one in the AFC is hotter," wrote Rick Gosselin of the Dallas Morning News. The Ravens, Broncos and Patriots have also won four of their last five games, like the Jaguars.

The Houston Texans (2-11), headed for the first pick in the draft next spring, fired coach Gary Kubiak last week and were the consensus 32nd-place team, the only padding at the bottom for the reeling Washington Redskins (3-10).

Said Ira Kaufman of the Tampa Tribune: "Whether it's a firing or a resignation, Mike Shanahan is toast."

WEIGHTS

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man and India Langlot." Lecanto coach Bob LeCours thought he'd start seeing what Panthers would be contenders in February.

"A lot of the younger kids are at a plateau," LeCours said. "I think we finally realize where we are at. Now, we are going to see the workers continue on."

"Cheyenne Atkins (101 class) had a successful performance with a 175 total. Amanda Meyers (110 class) is getting stronger at 180. Andreanna (Van Quelef) (119 class) pumped up to 230 today.

"We have a battle between Sonja (Meigs) and Amanda (Caruluzzo). (Caruluzzo had 215 pounds total and Meigs had 205 pounds in the 129-pound class.) It's nice to see Breanna (Johnson) get back. She went up 20 pounds in the past few weeks. We are working to get her around 260 pounds total, which should be the magic number (for state qualification). It should put her in striking distance. We are pretty happy with that."

Individual results

- 101
1. Cheyenne Adkins (L) 80-95-175; 3. Bliss Mercuri (CR) 75-80-155.
110
1. Amanda Meyers (L) 85-95-180; 2. Emily Hellstern (L) 70-90-160.
119
1. Andreanna Van Quelef (L) 105-125-230; 2. Laynee Nadal (CR) 105-110-215.
129
1. Amanda Caraluzzo (L) 100-115-215; 2. Sonja Meigs (L) 110-95-205; 3. Madison Holton (CR) 60-60-120.
139
1. Breanna Johnson (L) 130-125-255; 2. Sydney Holstein (L) 105-115-220; 3. Danielle Gomez (CR) 105-95-200.
154
1. Gail Skaates (L) 125-100-225; 2. Monique Meigs (L) 110-9105-215; 3. Jessica Davis (CR) 75-85-160.
169
1. Wanwisa Forges (L) 100-115-215; 2. Amber Hopkins (L) 95-120-215; 4. Madison Pateracki (CR) 85-80-175.
199
1. Kalena Carey (L) 75-70-145; 2. Kaitlyn Behnen (L) 75-70-145.
Unlimited
1. Harrison Mancke (L) 110-125-235; 2. Shaneisha Brooks (CR) 110-80-190.

Wrong end of score



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning center Valtteri Filppula comes off the ice with the help of an official, after taking a high stick to the face in the first period Tuesday against the Washington Capitals in Washington.

Tampa Bay edged 6-5 in shootout by Washington, Ovechkin

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin scored four goals, including the equalizer with 32.4 seconds left in regulation, and the Washington Capitals rallied to beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-5 in a shootout Tuesday night.

Ovechkin increased his NHL-leading total to 26 goals and became Washington's career leader in power-play goals, scoring twice with the extra man to pass Peter Bondra, who had 137.

Nicklas Backstrom had a goal and four assists for the Capitals.

Martin St. Louis and Tyler Johnson each had a goal and two assists for the Lightning.

Sabres 2, Senators 1, SO

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Zemgus Girgensons scored the tying goal in the second period and added a score in the 10th round of a shootout to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a 2-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

Ryan Miller made 35 saves for the Sabres, who snapped a three-game losing skid. Matt Moulson, Brian Flynn and Steve Ott also scored for Buffalo in the shootout.

Milan Michalek scored Ottawa's goal and Robin

Predators 4, Rangers 1

NEW YORK — Nick Spaling and Rich Clune scored first-period goals, and seldom-used backup Carter Hutton made 28 saves as the Nashville Predators snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the New York Rangers 4-1.

Hutton (5-3-1) made his first start since Nov. 10 and his third appearance in that span as the Predators try to get by while Pekka Rinne (hip) is out. Marek Mazanec went 0-4-1 in the previous five games.

Matt Hendricks made it 3-1 just 2:38 into the third, knocking in a loose puck from in front, with Clune earning an assist. Paul Gaustad scored an empty-net goal with 1:06 left and added two assists.

Blue Jackets 5, Devils 4

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Nick Foligno scored the game-winning goal with 91 seconds left when Ryan Johansen's shot went in off his skate, giving the Columbus Blue Jackets a 5-4 victory over the New Jersey Devils.

Cam Atkinson had two goals and two assists, Brandon Dubinsky had a goal and

three assists and Matt Calvert also scored for the Blue Jackets, who have won their last four at home.

Damien Brunner scored twice and Travis Zajac and Michael Ryder also had goals for the Devils.

Kings 6, Canadiens 0

MONTREAL — Rookie Martin Jones made 31 saves for his second shutout in as many games, and six Los Angeles players scored in the Kings' 6-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Jordan Nolan, Anze Kopitar, Alec Martinez, Tyler Tofoli, Jake Muzzin and Justin Williams scored for the Kings, who won their fourth straight.

Carey Price made 12 saves on 16 shots for the Canadiens before being replaced by Peter Budaj, who stopped 12 of 14 shots.

Panthers 3, Red Wings 2, SO

SUNRISE — Brad Boyes scored the winning goal in a shootout to lift the Florida Panthers over the Detroit Red Wings 3-2.

Aleksander Barkov also scored in the tiebreaker for Florida, which has won three of four overall and two in a row against the Red Wings. Tomas Tatar scored for De-

troit in the shootout but Tim Thomas stopped shots by Daniel Alfredsson and Gustav Nyquist.

Nick Bjuggstad and Sean Bergenheim had goals in regulation for Florida.

Blues 2, Jets 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Kevin Shattenkirk scored a power-play goal at 16:58 of the third period to give the St. Louis Blues a 2-1 win over the Winnipeg Jets.

Bryan Little scored early in the third for the Jets, who outshot the Blues by an 8-2 margin in the first period.

Four of those came during the Jets' one power play late in the period. Great saves by Brian Elliott kept the puck out of the St. Louis net.

Blackhawks 6, Stars 2

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp scored twice, extending his domination of the Dallas Stars, and the Chicago Blackhawks cruised to a 6-2 victory.

Brandon Saad also scored two goals for Chicago, which has won three of the four games between the teams. One victory was in a shootout.

Sharp has four goals and four assists against the Stars this season. In his last eight games versus Dallas, he has eight goals and seven assists.

College Basketball BRIEFS

Men

No. 11 Kentucky 70, Boise St. 55

LEXINGTON, Ky. — James Young scored 17 of his 21 points in the first half and No. 11 Kentucky used solid defense to hand Boise State its first loss, 70-55 on Tuesday night.

Outrebounded by 15 in losing to No. 14 Baylor last Friday, the Wildcats (8-2) bounced back by dominating the Broncos (8-1) 43-27 on the glass. Kentucky held the nation's No. 2 offense 37 points below its average, limiting Boise State to 8-of-35 shooting in the second half and 22 of 69 overall (32 percent.)

Kentucky 7-footer Willie Cauley-Stein had a lot to do with that, matching his career high with nine blocks.

Julius Randle had 17 points and 11

rebounds for the Wildcats, while guards Aaron and Andrew Harrison each scored 13 points and combined for seven rebounds.

Kentucky's 27-of-51 shooting helped deny Boise State its first 9-0 start.

No. 20 Gonzaga 80, West Virginia 76

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Przemek Karnowski scored a season-high 19 points, Kevin Pangos added 18 and No. 20 Gonzaga came from 10 points down to beat West Virginia 80-76.

Gary Bell Jr. added 15 points and Sam Dower scored 11 for Gonzaga (9-1), which won its fifth straight since a Nov. 25 loss to Dayton in the Maui Invitational.

Pangos had 11 points in the final 6 minutes as Gonzaga rallied from down 53-43, its only double-digit deficit this

season.

The Bulldogs held West Virginia (6-4) to one field goal over a 7-minute stretch late in the game.

Eron Harris led the Mountaineers with 23 points while Juwan Staten added 17 and Terry Henderson 15.

Women

No. 23 Gonzaga 70, Wisconsin 55

MADISON, Wis. — Senior point guard Jazmine Redmon scored 15 points, one shy of her career high, as No. 23 Gonzaga pulled away from Wisconsin in the second half Tuesday night for a 70-55 win.

Danielle Walters scored eight of the final 13 points for Gonzaga (8-1), which won its sixth straight, when she stepped in after Redmon picked up her fourth foul.

— From wire reports

NBA CAPSULES

Pacers 90, Heat 84

INDIANAPOLIS — Roy Hibbert scored 24 points and Paul George had 15 of his 17 points during a second-half rally to lead the Pacers past Miami 90-84 Tuesday night in a matchup of the Eastern Conference's top two teams.

Indiana improved its league-best record to 19-3 and extended its lead to three full games by beating Miami at home for the fourth straight time.

LeBron James led the Heat with 17 points, 14 rebounds and six assists but had only three baskets and nine points over the final 36 minutes. Miami has now lost three of five.

Thunder 101, Hawks 92

ATLANTA — Kevin Durant scored 30 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder won for the 11th time in 12 games, holding off the Atlanta Hawks 101-92.

Shelvin Mack scored 17 points off the bench to lead an Atlanta comeback but finally cooled off at the end.

Coming off an impressive 118-94 home victory over Indiana, the Thunder had more trouble on the road against the Hawks. But the result was the same: another Oklahoma City victory, despite a tough night for Russell Westbrook. He was held to 14 points on 6-of-21 shooting.

Paul Millsap led the Hawks with 23 points.

Nets 104, Celtics 96

NEW YORK — Deron Williams scored a season-high 25 points in his return to the lineup, Brook Lopez added 24, and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Boston Celtics 104-96 in the first matchup for Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett against their former team.

Garnett had 11 points, just his third time in double figures this season, and grabbed nine rebounds. Pierce finished with four points and seven rebounds in his first appearance off the bench in six years after making a quick recovery from a broken right hand.

Avery Bradley scored 22 points and Jeff Green had 19 for the Celtics, who have been competitive after trading away two of their most important players from their 2008 NBA championship team. Boston had a three-game winning streak snapped and its Atlantic Division-leading record fell to 10-13 record.

Cavaliers 109, Knicks 94

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving scored 37 points and Jarrett Jack added 17 points, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 109-94 win over the sinking New York Knicks.

Irving added 11 assists. The All-Star point guard had 12 points in the third quarter, when the Cavs outscored the defenseless Knicks 33-20 and pulled away. Tristan Thompson added 12 points and nine rebounds as Cleveland won its fourth straight at home.

Carmelo Anthony scored 29 and Amare Stoudemire 15 for the Knicks.

Spurs 116, Raptors 103

TORONTO — Manu Ginobili scored 16 points, Tony Parker had 15 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Toronto Raptors 116-103.

Tim Duncan scored 14 points and Aron Baynes had a career-best 14 as the Spurs overcame a 14-point first quarter deficit to win their sixth straight over the Raptors, improving to 26-9 all-time against Toronto.

Danny Green had 14 points for the Spurs, while Marco Belinelli had 12 and Patty Mills 11.

DeMar DeRozan scored 19 points and Amir Johnson had 19 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors.

Timberwolves 121, Pistons 94

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kevin Love had 26 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 121-94 rout of the Detroit Pistons.

Love only played 30 minutes, sitting out the fourth quarter with the big lead.

Nikola Pekovic and Kevin Martin added 18 points each for Minnesota.

Brandon Jennings had 20 points for Detroit, but Greg Monroe and Andre Drummond were held to a combined total of 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Bucks 78, Bulls 74

CHICAGO — John Henson had 25 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Chicago Bulls 78-74.

Brandon Knight added 19 points and 10 rebounds for Milwaukee, which had dropped three of four. O.J. Mayo was just 2 for 12 from the field, but had seven assists and made a couple of big plays in the fourth quarter.

— From wire reports

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Chloe Kaufmann (left) is a student in Melissa Alling's Freshman Composition class at the College of Central Florida and also a senior at Lecanto High School. Alling is particularly proud of Chloe and her outstanding essay she wrote about the effects of having a classmate murdered.

Remembering her friend

Lecanto High School senior writes of Jessica Lunsford's death

Nancy Kennedy
 Staff writer

LECANTO

Every once in a while a teacher gets a student who shines.

For Melissa Alling, freshman composition instructor at the College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus, that student is Chloe Kaufmann, who is also a senior at Lecanto High School.

Alling had given her class an assignment to write a personal essay and include the elements of audience, purpose and thesis.

Chloe remembered a girl from her third-grade class at Homosassa Elementary School — Jessica Lunsford.

It's been more than eight years since Jessica's death, but her classmates still remember; her death impacted them, too.

"When grading assignments, I rarely give 100s, and her essay was one of them," Alling said. "The essay was very well written, but the topic was arresting. It was an example of an essay that really went beyond the assignment."

"So many students think of these papers as a drag," she said. "Chloe took it and did something with it, and I think she deserves recognition for writing something so profound that could help other people. Plus, Jessica's family might appreciate that she still remembers her classmate."

Chloe, who hopes to attend the University of Texas after graduation, said Jessica's death is still remembered and is sometimes talked about among the students who knew her.

"We were just kids," she said.

2005

By Chloe Kaufmann

On February 23, 2005, a nine-year-old went missing out of her bedroom in the middle of the night. Her father went out with a friend and returned home the following morning to get ready for work. He heard his daughter's alarm clock go off continuously, went into her room to check on her, and found that she was missing. A massive search was held for the little girl, Jessica, which drew attention nation-wide for the next three weeks.

Rumor was that she had attended church and ran away from there. Then we heard that her mother, who lived in another state, had taken her. It was even reported that Jessica was caught on a gas station surveillance film with her mother in Ohio. It was all false, of course.

A sex offender by the name

of John Couey was illegally living in a mobile home across the street from her, disobeying his previous parole. John claimed he entered the Lunsford home through a door that was left unlocked, and he took Jessica, keeping her in his closet for several days. Nearly a month later, the search for the little girl was discontinued when her body was found buried in a shallow grave under the porch of a home, less than 150 yards from her own, where John was residing. That very day, March 19th, heartbreak was spreading throughout the country.

Now, imagine it happening to a classmate, a close friend ... It hits pretty hard, doesn't it? That's how 2005 was for me.

At the time of the tragedy, we were in third grade. Jessica and I were in the same elementary class, and merely a month before her disappearance, my mother chaperoned us on a field trip to Universal Studios. We had a close bond at our school, and her murder struck harder than we could bear to handle.

Never could a group of third-graders expect to see so many law enforcement officers in a single vicinity. One by one the reporters and investigators

pulled students out of class for questioning, knit-picking of every little detail they possibly could. When I was called in, the only thing I could do was bluntly blurt out the question, "Is she ever coming back?" Of course they told me yes, but I knew she wasn't.

When it was discovered that she had passed, class couldn't be continued as normal. Work wasn't being completed. Attendance was poor. And for the kids who did attend class, counselors were brought in. As far as my home environment, news stations were blocked on my television so I couldn't watch the reports. Newspaper delivery was put to a halt, which to this day still doesn't come. And on top of that, I was absolutely terrified to sleep in my own bed for almost a year. Some kids couldn't fathom that she was veritably gone; others grasped it, but felt unsafe, like me.

As a nine-year-old, the murder of a friend is a great deal to take in. It made it nearly impossible to see the good in anyone. A part of my childhood was taken away from me as well as from my classmates. I try to repress the thought of the murder itself, but the memory of Jessica will always remain.

5 ways to help children reach their full potential

Courtnie Erickson
 FamilyShare

Your children can become anyone they want to be, the possibilities are endless. As a parent, you recognize your children's strengths and can see their potential. But while young, they may only see the barriers and roadblocks standing in their way. They do not see their full potential and they do not believe they have what it takes to be successful. Luckily, you can help. Here are five suggestions for helping your children reach their full potential and achieve success in their lives.

1. Provide opportunities.

When your children attempt new things, they find hidden talents. They find activities that they enjoy and skills that become valuable throughout their entire lives. Provide opportunities for your children to find these talents, skills

and passions. Let your children try new sports, extracurricular activities, jobs, classes and more. Be encouraging and helpful as they try to find things they love to do. However, be smart about what activities and classes your children choose to try. Too many activities at once can become overwhelming and stressful and will most likely result in a quitter instead of an achiever.

2. Praise your child.

Let your children know when you are proud of them. Let them know when they do something right. Your praise and recognition means a lot to a child. It can build them up, even when they have low confidence and self-esteem. When children receive praise, they are more likely to continue trying because they want their parent's approval. Praise is a way to encourage and a way to help boost up your child's confidence and self-worth.

3. Support your child's decisions.

Your children are individuals. They have their own loves and passions and they won't always choose hobbies, sports, activities and even careers that you choose. Be supportive of your child's decisions. Your support shows your love and your willingness to assist them in whatever activities they pursue. When you don't show that support, your children will have a more difficult time finding activities they enjoy and want to continue. When challenges and failure come along, your child will be more likely to quit and give up than push forward and reach his or her potential.

4. Teach commitment.

If you want your child to succeed, you must teach him what it takes to be committed. Teach your children to be committed to the activities, classes and jobs they decide to pursue. Let children try

new opportunities but encourage them to see the activity through and not quit in the middle of the event. When children learn to be committed, they become valuable assets to their future employers, family members, neighbors and friends.

5. Set goals together.

When your child is a goal-oriented individual, he is more willing to reach his potential. Set goals with your children to motivate and drive them. You can even use incentives and be their own personal cheerleader as they learn to set goals and what it takes to accomplish them.

No matter who your child is, he has much potential. Children have the ability to accomplish things that may seem out of reach, they may just need a little help. Be there for your children and watch them achieve their full potential.

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Give the gift of learning this holiday season

As the holidays approach, we all are thinking of what to get that special person on our list. A gift certificate for a course or program could go a long way in making someone happy. I invite you visit our website, www.wtionline.cc, to see the many courses and programs we offer. There are both day and evening classes available.

As director of WTI, I get asked to give an opinion on a number of things. As a result, I give a lot of advice. So my holiday gift advice follows, and feel free to re-gift this as many times as you like to family and friends.

One thing I think we all have learned during this time of the poor economy is that people need to be adaptable. As the county progresses toward economic recovery, more and more jobs will become available. In all likelihood, the jobs that become available are not going to be exactly like the job you left. Here are some key points to keep in mind to be eligible for re-employment.

First, know how to locate information and identify specific information. Read books, trade journals and magazines. Visit websites, talk to people and take a class. Information is available from many sources. You need to access those sources to keep up with the changes in technology. You want to be able to move into those jobs that have been restructured.

Next, being competent in reading, writing, computation, oral communication and listening skills are very valuable skills to have and to maintain. These skills enable the worker to articulate ideas or solutions to problems. Time and time again I see people become so emotionally involved in an issue that they do not listen to what is being said by others. Or a person is so eager to start doing a task they do not listen to the instructions given by the employer. Listening as well as speaking are two very important skills to continually develop.

The employers return on investment is paramount. In other words, employers pay good wages to their workers. In return, they expect the employee to contribute to the profitability of the business. In addition to doing the job you were hired to do, you need to be proactive in looking for ways to improve a process, improve a product or add a service that will lead to more customers or sales.

Develop a strong self-concept. Possessing strong communication skills, along with reading, math and computation skills will enhance your self-concept. When a person has a strong self-concept and is willing to learn from every day experiences, they can better handle whatever comes their way during the work day.

All of the aforementioned skills are a good combination for teamwork.

Lastly, once you get the job, learn how the organization works. Accepting responsibility and being part of the team are two important qualities in every worker.

The workplace is becoming very technical and very complex, but the basic skills for success have changed very little over the years.

I wish all my readers a happy and safe holiday.



Crystal River Middle School

Special to the Chronicle

Crystal River Middle School hosted a food drive for Daystar Life Center. Each year, the school collects needed food for the less fortunate in our county. The children and their families come together to support the hungry. Pictured are the students carrying out the hundreds of pounds of food collected.



Citrus High School

Special to the Chronicle

On a recent Saturday, the Citrus High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Inverness and the Saint Leo University Rotaract Club, worked together on a joint project to plant six magnolia trees at Rotary's Camp Florida to provide shade around the basketball court. Rotary's Camp Florida is a 21-acre nonprofit facility that caters to children with special needs and challenges. The project was made possible by a \$1,000 Service Learning Faculty Fellow award from Saint Leo University last year to Inverness Rotary immediate past President Dr. Eloy Nuñez, who teaches at St. Leo.

SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTESTS OFFERED

CF scholarships available for honors students

The College of Central Florida is awarding full- and partial-tuition scholarships to full-time students interested in taking honors classes at the Citrus campus.

A major component of CF's Honors Institute, the Community of Scholars Honor Program offers incoming high school graduates two-year tuition scholarships, currently valued at \$3,000 per academic year, while offering partial scholarships to those who currently attend CF.

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

Typically, a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 is needed to qualify for the Community of Scholars, although applications for those with a slightly lower GPA

may be considered in some cases. Students must maintain a 3.3 GPA to retain scholarship eligibility.

The Citrus Campus is located at 3800 S. Lecanto Highway in Lecanto. To learn more about the honors program and to apply for scholarships, email honors@cf.edu, or call CF Honors Institute Director Andrew Jenkins at 352-746-6721, ext. 1263.

Nature Coast festival offers scholarships

Nature Coast Festival Music Inc. will award two scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to two promising musicians from Citrus, Pasco or Hernando counties.

Applicants must be a high school senior in Citrus, Pasco or Hernando county, who will be enrolling in a college-level music program.

An audition CD and paper application must be submitted to the scholarship committee prior to Jan. 31, 2014.

If awarded a scholarship, the winner must be available to perform a classical or sacred music selection for at least one Nature Coast Festival Music concert during the spring of 2014. The recipient must also provide his/her own accompanist or be available to rehearse with the Nature Coast Festival Music accompanist prior to the concert.

For more information or an application, email naturecoastfestivalmusic@rocketmail.com, or call Jeanmarie Seabaugh, president of Nature Coast Festival Music Inc., at 352-556-8549.

Scholarship winners will be chosen and notified during the last week of February 2014.

American Legion offers contest

■ All Citrus County students in grades nine through 12, whether they are in county high schools or are home-schooled, are invited to participate in the American Legion Post 155 Oratorical Contest.

The annual contest offers scholarships at the local, district, state and national levels for the winners as they progress through the competition. The purpose of the contest is for high school students to develop a better understanding and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution.

All contestants must be younger than 20 on the date of the national contest, and enrolled in grades nine through 12 in a high school or state-accredited home school. They must be U.S. citizens or lawful residents of the county.

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WTI announces upcoming spring courses

Withlacoochee Technical Institute announces that the winter/spring 2014 Community Schools Courses are now open for enrollment.

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Spanish, navigate Microsoft Excel or explore the Secrets of Cruising. Learn to paint in one of our Watercolor or Oil Painting classes along with learning how to use that new digital camera.

To learn more about the Community School Courses call WTI at 352-726-2430 ext. 4360 or visit www.wtionline.cc.

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CF to present international film series

The College of Central Florida International Film Series will present "Quartet," a 2012 mix of comedy and drama.

The Great Britain film will be shown Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd., and at 7 p.m. in Building 8, Room 110, at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

Directed by Dustin Hoffman, "Quartet" is set at one of England's most scenic estates for retired musicians. The film centers on four opera singers in the midst of preparing for an annual event with the arrival of an unexpected new resident and

guest. The 98-minute film is rated PG-13.

At the Appleton, viewers pay museum admission unless they are a museum member or a patron of the CF International Film Series.

Series membership is \$15 for individuals, \$25 for dual membership and includes a bonus film each year. For information about membership, call 352-873-5808. The viewing is free at CF.

For more information on the International Film Series, contact Joe Zimmerman at 352-854-2322, ext. 1233, or visit www.cf.edu/foundation/events/events/.

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duties and obligations of a citizen to the government. It must be original in content and must not be longer than 10 minutes or less than eight minutes. Assigned topics must be no less than three minutes or more than five minutes, and could be any of the following: Amendments 1, 4, 13, or 21.

For more information, contact oratorical chairman Charles Haffenden at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, FL 34429. Contest dates, all at 1 p.m. at the post, are: run-through, Saturday, Jan. 4; post contest, Saturday, Jan. 11; and district contest, Sunday, Jan. 26.

Citrus Macintosh Users Group Club scholarship deadline nears

The deadline for the Citrus Macintosh Users Group Club's 2013-14 scholarship application is Jan. 14.

This year, CMUG is prepared to award scholarships, a minimum of \$500 each, to graduating seniors — one per school — at Citrus, Lecanto and Crystal River high schools. Academy of Environmental Science seniors, including home-schooled students attending the academy, will compete with applicants from their home district.

Students interested in applying should get applications from their school guidance department. For more information, call Buzz Fredrickson at 352-341-4392.

Spot Kid's Club offers free tutoring in after-school program

The Spot Kid's Club offers free tutoring at its after-school enrichment program that provides help with homework assistance, tutoring, computer labs, reading and math clubs, mentorship, leadership skills, outdoor activities, arts and crafts to students in kindergarten through seventh grade.

Free tutoring is available to local families who qualify. Applications can be picked up at 405 S.E. Seventh Ave., Crystal River. Tutoring scholarships will be given to students on a first-come, first-served basis. Any family receiving free or reduced-price lunch automatically qualifies. Applications must be completed and returned to The Spot with proof of free or reduced-price lunch.

These scholarships have been made possible by Kids Central Inc. and from the Department of Children and Families.

Space is limited. The program runs the entire school year, from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. On scheduled early dismissal days, the hours will be 12:30 to 6 p.m. Bus transportation from Crystal River Primary and Middle School is available to The Spot.

Call 352-794-3870 for more information.

Patriots Pen Essay Contest offered

The Harry F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087 of Beverly Hills sponsors the **Patriots Pen Essay Contest**, open to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students and gives them a chance to win cash awards at the local, regional and state levels; the top 46 national winners all receive at least \$500. The first-place award is currently \$5,000, plus an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the winner and a parent or guardian.

This year's essay theme is "What Patriotism Means to Me." Essay length is 300 to 400 typewritten words.

SAR sponsors Americanism poster contest

Each year the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution sponsors an Elementary School Americanism Poster Contest. The objective of this contest is to help teachers to create interest and enthusiasm among students in third, fourth and fifth grades in the history of the War for American Independence. Cash awards are available at each level of the contest. The theme for the 2013-2014 contest is "Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox." Citrus County elementary school teachers interested in utilizing this program should call Norman Freyer at 352-382-2657 or nrfburger@aol.com.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute is offering a new **online course**, "Using Social Media in Business."

The course teaches participants how to use five popular social media platforms — Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest and Google+ — to grow and promote their businesses.

New sessions of each course run every month. They last six weeks, with two new lessons being released weekly (for a total of 12). The courses are entirely Web-based, with comprehensive lessons, quizzes and assignments.

A dedicated professional instructor facilitates every course.

For more information, call WTI at 352-726-2430 ext. 4360.

On Jan. 2, the new GED (General Education Development) test will be released. The 2014 GED will be administered by computer only and will be updated to reflect the Common Core Educational Standards required of high school graduates.

Those who have taken the current GED test but not passed all five parts, have until the end of 2013 to pass or they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new GED test in order to receive their high school credential.

For more information, call Withlacoochee Technical Institute at 352-726-2430, or go online to www.wtionline.cc/ged.html.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute is offering the online course "Introduction to JavaScript."

Participants will learn to use JavaScript to add interactivity to their Web pages by adding features such as buttons, picture carousels and collapsible panels. They'll also learn how to use jQuery, the immensely popular "write less, do more" JavaScript library.

The course is part of WTI's growing catalog of more than 300 instructor-facilitated online courses. Through well-crafted lessons, expert online instruction, and interaction with fellow students, participants in these courses gain valuable knowledge at their convenience. They have the flexibility to study at their own pace combined with enough structure and support to complete the course. And they can access the classroom 24/7 from anywhere with an Internet connection.

For more information, call

UPCOMING CLASSES

WTI at 352-726-2430 ext.

4360 or go online to www.wtionline.ed2go/html.

Classes are open to all, but may fill or be cancelled if not enough students are registered.

For more information about classes, call class registrar Anne at 352-212-4671.

CRUG Computer Club is always looking for guest speakers and instructors; contact CRUG secretary Karin via www.crug.com or 352-382-3650.

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

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

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

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

The second program, Reading Pals, pairs teens and younger children together. Teens read storybooks aloud to one or two younger children at a time.

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

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

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

Classes and times are:
● 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. — New Beginners (ages 4 to 7).
● 5:30 to 6:15 — Competitive team class.
● 6:15 to 7 p.m. — Solo

competitive class.

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

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

Children in kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to come be a part of **The Spot Kids Club** from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Spot Family Center, 405 S.E. Seventh Ave., Crystal River. Bus service is provided from Crystal River Primary and Middle schools.

The program features educational fun, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, computer lab, homework support, personalized reading and math tutoring, and learning adventures.

Healthy snacks are provided. Groceries are available on Fridays to families who qualify. Registration is required (free if you qualify). If you receive free school lunch, you automatically qualify. Sign-up space is limited. Applications are available at The Spot.

For more information, call 352-794-3870 or visit www.TheSpotFamilyCenter.org.

The YMCA has a new program for the 2013-14 school year. With the partnership of Homosassa Elementary School, the Y will start **before- and after-school child care** for children in kindergarten to fifth grade.

Child care hours will be available from 6:30 to 8:50 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m., and financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information or to register, visit www.ymcasuncoast.org or call Tracy Crooks at 352-628-2953, ext. 4161.

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

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

The tour website is www.eftours.com/1366896 to register for Epstein's group or

www.eftours.com/1367131 to register for Beck's group.

The website link includes pricing information and the itinerary.

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

The benefits of volunteering include personal development, health and wellness, building relationships and having a community connection.

Volunteers are currently needed in the areas of coaching, program assistants, special events and office administration. All volunteers must undergo a background screening.

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

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

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

For more information, call Amy Stonestreet at 352-270-8841 or Lane Vick at 352-621-9225.

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CR Health & Rehab plans Holly Jolly party

Crystal River Health & Rehab invites everyone to its second annual Holly Jolly Christmas from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Santa will be on hand to visit and receive letters, and there will be hot dogs, music and games and cookie crafts.

The free event will be at Crystal River Health & Rehab, 136 N.E. 12th Ave. and State Road 44 West. For more information, call 352-795-5044.

Poker Run to benefit Jessie's Place Sunday

Heads & Tails Lounge, at 9211 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, will sponsor a benefit Poker Run for Jessie's Place on Sunday. Sign in at Heads & Tails at 10 a.m. Kickstands go up at 11 a.m. The benefit begins at noon with \$10 poker hands.

Stops are: first, Sandtrap; second, Mike's Friendly Pub; third, High Octane; fourth, Pub 44; and finally, back to Heads & Tails Lounge for the fundraiser and party.

There will be raffles, an auction and 50/50 drawing. Barbecue will be served for \$5. The Flat Top Steel Band will perform.

For more information, call Chrissy at 352-642-3429.

Fishing club invites new members

The Trout and Redfish Club of Homosassa is looking for new members for the upcoming year.

Members fish for trout and redfish only. All tournaments are held the second Friday of the month with weigh-in at 3 p.m. Live or cut bait is not allowed; artificial only.

There are no meeting or social event requirements, only an opportunity to fish competitively and meet a good group of fishermen.

For more information, call Bob at 352-382-5045 or 352-220-2199.

Preserve Friends to gather today

Friends of the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the WGP, 1001 Old Rock Road, Yankeetown.

Vic Doig, fire management officer with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, will present "Fire Management at the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge: Burning for Critters!" His presentation will focus on the beneficial effects of wildland fire on native habitats and wildlife.

The presentation is free; the program will take place in the Ellie Schiller Education Center.

For information and directions, visit www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Taco



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Sweet Taco was adopted, but returned because though they loved him, they didn't realize how active puppies can be. He is a precious, lively and playful Chihuahua. Taco loves to play with other dogs and will seriously try to tell them not to leave. If you want a Chihuahua puppy, he is adorable. Adopt A Rescued Pet Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions, so can only adopt to the Citrus County area. Call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name and for a return call. All veterinary care is up to date. Check www.adoptarescuedpet.com for more pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

Zumba with CASA

Proceeds from lively event will raise money for emergency shelter, services

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is planning a ZUMBATHON charity event to raise funds for CASA's shelter and programs for the victims of domestic violence.

The money raised will help fund the emergency shelter and enhance the level of services provided to assist the victims.

CASA plans to provide a fun, entertaining event all while exercising to Latin rhythms under the direction of professional Zumba instructor Anna Oliviero. Attendees will be entered to win one of several initial consultation weight-loss packages from Dr. Scott Redrick at the Medical Weight Loss Center in Crystal River. There will also be a grand prize drawing for a free three-month membership at Dynabody Fitness Club in Inverness.

Citrus County residents and businesses

What is Zumba?

Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness class that combines Latin and international music and dance movements, using fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body in an aerobic/fitness fashion to achieve a balance of cardio and muscle-toning benefits.

The cardio-based dance movements are easy-to-follow steps that include body sculpting, which targets specific muscle groups, as well as the most important muscle of the body, the heart.

The best part about Zumba is that you do not have to know how to dance to succeed. Zumba's party-like atmosphere is non-intimidating, so it provides the perfect atmosphere for group training.

are needed to make the event a success. A donation for admission will help pay

New mascot needs moniker

Citrus County Speedway seeks kids' help to come up with name

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Speedway revealed its new mascot at the Inverness Grand Prix recently.

But the mascot needs a name and the Speedway needs the help of children age 13 and younger to come up with a good one.

Youngsters may submit their mascot name ideas, along with their name, age, address and phone number, to info.citruscountyspeedway@gmail.com or via Twitter at @citrusmotor.

The top three contestants will be notified via phone and invited, along with their families, to the track on Feb. 1.

All three children will receive a prize for their entries and the overall winner, as decided by audience applause, will also receive a trophy and

will be named Junior Pit Crew for the races that evening.

Deadline for entries is Jan. 29.

For more information, email Sherry Goode at sherry.citruscountyspeedway@gmail.com.

Sherry Goode, marketing director at the Citrus County Speedway, introduces the track's new mascot recently at the Inverness Grand Prix. Citrus County Speedway is conducting a contest for children to name the new mascot. The contest is open to kids ages 13 and younger, and entries will be accepted until Jan. 29.

Special to the Chronicle



Homework help at Boys & Girls Club

Kids from Forest Ridge, Central Ridge elementary can participate

Special to the Chronicle

All students are invited to participate in an optional Homework Help Program at the Central Ridge Club.

Students are expected to work with staff, junior staff and outside tutors for 30 minutes Monday through Thursday on their school homework.

Parents are expected to arrange their schedules so the students can attend the

■ The program involves 30-minute tutoring sessions for students with staff and volunteers.

program, which will be held during Power Hour (3:15 to 3:45 p.m. for Group A and 4 to 4:30 p.m. for Group B).

Parents are expected to share school report cards with staff and, if appropriate, ask their child's teacher at Forest Ridge Elementary or Central Ridge Elementary for any

study materials their child requires.

Students will be provided with a weekly tally at 50 cents per day every Friday until they accumulate a \$5 gift card for Walmart, McDonald's or another store selected by staff with input from parents. Gift cards will also be distributed

each Friday.

Guidelines for this program require the children to be present every day. Additionally, if the child does not study during the homework time, they will be removed from the program.

The program is paid for by Nature Coast Affordable Housing Corp., an all-volunteer nonprofit that supports the Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club.

Not everyone so jolly during holiday season

It is a documented fact that the big holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas can produce feelings that are not jolly.

What can be done to chase away these "not OK" feelings? If we believe words can wound, then we must also believe words can heal and our own actions can help chase away holiday unhappiness.

One of my favorite authors, Dr. Jerry Jampolsky, has written several books on this subject, one of which is titled "To Give is to Receive." This simple theory can be difficult to put in practice, in that, he says, many of us go through life expecting to get something, when true happiness and fulfillment are found in giving. This giving can be in the form of intangibles: friendliness, thoughtfulness, the gift of time and so forth.

I'm going to suggest that perhaps, sometimes with effort, you can fill your



Marilyn Booth

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own empty places with kindness to others that can take so many forms, even a cheery "good morning" to your neighbor, accompanied by a smile. We can then take this one step further, and ask that biblical question, "Who is my neighbor?" For this season, my hope is you will receive some insight and comfort through these simple words.

Traditionally, NAMI Citrus has taken a Christmas break, due to all the activities

swirling around us. Actually, we are not on break, as the board will continue to meet and our Warm Line remains in operation at 352-341-2273.

Big things are in store as we strive to grow and better serve the community: We are actively planning a local website and, best news of all, will soon announce time and date for our long-awaited "Family to Family" classes early in the new year.

Our general meeting will be the second Monday in January at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on County Road 486. We will announce this again early in January.

NAMI-Citrus wishes you all a blessed and fulfilling holiday season.

Marilyn Booth is a member of the Board of Directors of NAMI Citrus, of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.

■ Multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.



The Mini Page

Betty Debnam, Founding Editor and Editor at Large



Star-Spangled Skies

Constellations Light Our Way

For thousands of years, the night skies have sparkled with reminders of magical creatures. Ancient people told stories about the patterns they saw in the stars. These star patterns are called **constellations**.

To learn more, The Mini Page talked with an expert from the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Starring the real stars

Different cultures made up different stories to go with the same star patterns. For example, a row of three bright stars shines especially brightly in the winter night sky. To the ancient Greeks, these stars looked like the belt worn by a mighty hunter named Orion (uh-RIE-uhn) in one of their **myths** (miths), or stories. The constellation containing these stars is called Orion.

Other cultures have seen those same three stars as being the rod of Jacob from a Bible story, a yardstick, a wand, the three magi from the Bible story about Jesus' birth, or the three Marys in Bible stories.



The best time to view Orion is during the winter. In early December at 8 p.m., it will just be rising in the east. Look north to find the Big and Little Dippers.

Star qualities

A **star** is a big ball of gases crammed together in a cloud. The gases are mostly hydrogen, with a small amount of helium.

New stars are formed when the pressure of the gases and dust gets so great that the heat at the core of a cloud reaches millions of degrees.

The star begins to shine when the hydrogen atoms are **fused**, or joined together, to form helium atoms.

Reaching for the stars

In some cultures, such as ancient China, people did not make up stories to go with the star patterns. Star patterns with no stories attached are often called **asterisms** (AS-tuh-ri-zums).

Asterisms are usually smaller patterns than constellations. For example, the Big Dipper is an asterism inside the bigger constellation Ursa Major, or the Big Bear. Orion's belt is an asterism in the constellation Orion. Sometimes, "asterism" is just another name for "constellation." Both mean groupings of stars that can be seen as a design from Earth.



The three stars making up Orion's belt are blue supergiant stars. They are hotter and much larger than the sun. This photo was made of several photos put together.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are watching the stars away from the lights of the city. See if you can find:

- exclamation mark
- question mark
- peanut
- snowman
- shovel
- sock
- apple
- number 3
- chicken
- horse
- dog
- heart
- teapot
- tooth
- letter L
- word MINI
- strawberry
- snake



Rookie Cookie's Recipe White Bean Chicken Soup

You'll need:

- 4 (15-ounce) cans great northern beans
- 8 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 3 cups salsa verde* (green sauce)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- toppings: chopped avocado, crushed tortilla chips, sour cream, grated Monterey Jack cheese

What to do:

1. Drain and rinse cans of beans.
2. Place all ingredients except toppings in a large soup pot.
3. Heat until just boiling; reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Top with chopped avocado, crushed tortilla chips, sour cream and cheese.

*Salsa verde can be found in the Mexican food section of your grocery store. You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



Meet Jeffrey Friedberg



Jeffrey Friedberg has joined with more than 40 musicians to produce the CD "15 Songs Every Kid Should Know (and Will Love!)." The music covers many styles, including Cajun, jazz, Irish, African drumming, Cuban, soul and folk.

Jeffrey is the leader of the Bossy Frog Band and a music therapist. He worked as a jazz saxophonist in a band on a cruise ship. He later went back to college to become a music therapist. He used music to help kids and adults who were ill or had special needs. He began writing his own songs for kids.

Jeffrey grew up in New York City. He said: "I remember the moment I fell in love with music! The fourth-grade music teacher came into our classroom to demonstrate all the instruments that we could choose from. . . . When she picked up a shiny alto saxophone and leaned back and started to blow, I was hooked! It was magical. . . . It was then and there that I knew what I was going to do with the rest of my life!"

Photo by Mike Anonewitz, LUSH Photography

Starring: Ancient Greeks

Starring Greek myths

Today, astronomers from all over the world use the names that the ancient Greeks gave to constellations. In 1925, the International Astronomical Union decided to keep the names used by so many for so long.

To make things easier, modern astronomers have divided the whole sky into 88 regions. Each region contains one constellation. These regions in the sky are somewhat like our country borders here on Earth.

The borders are jagged, like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. They have different shapes so they can include all the parts of the constellations, such as the tail of the Big Bear or the whole dragon in the constellation Draco.



The Big Dipper is easy to spot in the sky. It forms part of the constellation Ursa Major, or the Big Bear. The dipper's handle makes up the bear's tail. The Big Dipper is a common star pattern that is described in many cultures. For example, the English call it "the Plough," or plow.

Dancing with the stars

The shapes ancient people saw in star patterns don't usually make sense to us today. For example, we wouldn't see a hunter's belt when we saw three stars in a row. We might see a lightsaber, though.

The best way to find constellations is to look for shapes that make sense to us.

Ancient Greeks were stellar!

More than 2,000 years ago, the ancient Greeks invented an early computer to calculate the movement of the stars, planets and constellations. This device, the Antikythera Mechanism, was made up of a complicated series of gears.

In 1902, divers discovered pieces of this machine in a shipwreck off the Greek island of Antikythera (AN-tee-kuh-THEER-uh).

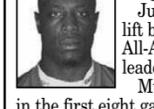
Since then, experts have built working models of it, including one from Lego blocks.



Experts X-rayed the Antikythera Mechanism to see how it works.

Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Justin Houston



Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 1-12-89 Weight: 258 Hometown: Statesboro, Ga.

Justin Houston gives the Kansas City Chiefs a big lift by knocking opponents down. The former Georgia All-American is a defensive demon at linebacker and a leader of the Chiefs' sack attack.

Muscling past blockers, Houston recorded 11 sacks in the first eight games this season. A third-round draft pick in 2011, he has rapidly risen to NFL stardom. He won the Chiefs' top rookie award in 2011 and last season was a Pro Bowl selection.

Houston, who also enjoys video games, studying football film and instructing at camps, is known for his humility as well as his hitting. He's a team-first player, and a chief reason Kansas City is having a big season.

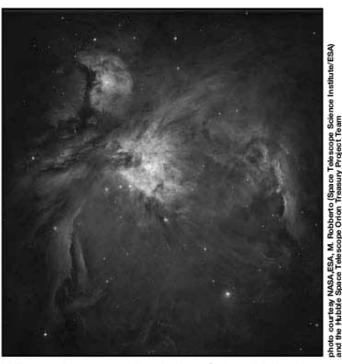
Stars in Our Eyes

Star signs

Early travelers used stars and constellations to help them find their way. Modern spacecraft also use the stars to navigate.

Constellations helped ancient people plan their year. They noticed that different constellations were visible at night during different times of the year.

Ancient people used these apparent changes to help them figure out when to perform certain tasks, such as planting crops. For example, ancient Mayan people watched for the spring constellations to predict the return of the rains.



When photographed, the Orion Nebula looks like a fuzzy, bright cloud.

Star search

Modern people can use constellations to locate objects in the universe. For example, the star-forming region closest to Earth is called the Orion Nebula.

From Earth with the naked eye, the nebula looks like the brightest star in Orion's sword. It is not actually one star, however, but a region with about 1,000 young stars.

Astronomers have given all the stars within a constellation certain **coordinates** (ko-OR-duh-nuts), or numbers that tell a position. That way, they can tell where objects are in connection with other items.

Seeing stars

Clear winter nights when the moon is dark are the best times to view the stars. The best stargazing is out in the country, away from city lights.

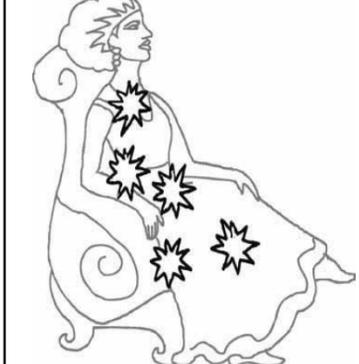
Stars are always in the sky, but we do not see them during the day because the sun shines so brightly that it blots them out.

As the Earth moves around the sun, we get different views of constellations. If the Earth did not move, we would see the same sky night after night. Each constellation has a time when we can see it best, when it is highest in the sky. For example, the Square of Pegasus is most visible during the autumn.



The constellation Square of Pegasus.

Next week, The Mini Page is about stained glass.



The constellation Cassiopeia (KAS-ee-uh-PE-uh) looked like an Ethiopian queen from Greek mythology. She is sitting on an upside-down throne. To us, the constellation looks like a W.

Look through your newspaper for stories and pictures about the night skies.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Casey:** What do you call the messiest constellation?
- Charlie:** The Big Diaper!
- Carrie:** How can we see constellations up close?
- Cory:** Climb up the star-case!
- Clinton:** What did the last star in orbit receive?
- Candy:** A constellation prize!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Constellations TRY 'N' FIND

Words that remind us of constellations are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ASTERISM, ASTRONOMERS, BEAR, BELT, BIG, CONSTELLATIONS, COORDINATES, DIPPER, GAS, GREEKS, LITTLE, MYTH, NIGHT, ORION, PATTERNS, PEGASUS, PLOUGH, SKY, STARS, WINTER.

WHAT STARS CAN YOU SEE?

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

- On the Web:**
- airandspace.si.edu
 - bit.ly/1aTCuXE
 - bit.ly/HuKQZ
 - bit.ly/1gcZFZf

- At the library:**
- "Find the Constellations" by H.A. Rey
 - "Constellations: A Glow-in-the-Dark Guide to the Night Sky" by Chris Sasaki

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Wednesday Evening December 11, 2013. Includes sub-headers for C, B, D/I, F, H, and program titles like 'The Sing-Off', 'Jeopardy!', 'The X Factor'.

Bridge section containing a hand layout with cards (North, South, West, East) and a dealer's vulnerable status. Opening lead: ♠ Q.

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Elizabeth Gaskell, a 19th-century English novelist and short-story writer, said, "How easy it is to judge rightly after one sees what evil comes from judging wrongly!"

At the bridge table, how easy it usually is to see the winning line after going down from playing wrongly.

This deal is a good example of that. West leads the club queen against four spades. How should South proceed?

A less experienced player follows "rules" and has trouble spotting when they are not appropriate. Here, declarer would see nine trumps and think "nine never" — do not finesse for the queen; instead, play for the drop.

Let's analyze this deal without using rules. If spades are 4-0, especially if West has them all, South is in difficulty. But if the trump split is more favorable, he is sitting prettier.

It is time for an avoidance play. After winning the first trick, declarer should play a spade to dummy's ace and follow with a spade to his jack.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble puzzle section with a grid of letters and a cartoon illustration of a man and woman reading a newspaper.

Answers to the Jumble puzzle: LUMPP, DEYES, KRUNSH, DEAGAN.

- ACROSS 1 Ecuador capital 6 Southern drink 11 Caught some rays 12 Exile 13 Made after taxes 14 Hobbled 15 Non-earthling 16 Festive occasion 17 Secluded valley 18 Fly catcher 19 No different 23 Slow run 25 City near Canton 26 Work the soil 29 Fiery crime 31 Stuffed animal 32 Elec. unit 33 Entice 34 Tijuana Mrs. 35 Boombox issue 37 Suits to -- 39 Wharf 40 Almost-grads 41 Smidgens 45 Client mtg. 47 Basketball move 48 Off- (awry) 51 Lamppoon 52 Like sheep 53 Jaguar cousin 54 Kent or Gable 55 Driver's choice

Crossword puzzle grid with letters and numbers. Includes the answer 'WEDSIR' for 22 Down.

Dear Annie: I was married to a verbally abusive narcissist for 10 years. Two separations and three counselors later, I decided to leave him.

I recently met someone who makes me believe there are good people out there. But my soon-to-be ex and my brother have been screaming from the rooftops that I am a cheater.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

counselor regularly. But every week, my ex or my brother contacts me and tries to make me feel like a terrible person for leaving.

I bent over backward for this man for years, but he always has to "win." Due to my brother's badmouthing me and my unwillingness to fight, my parents barely speak to me.

I hope my parents someday will warm up to the new man who treats me so well. I have given up on my brother. Meanwhile, my ex keeps telling me how he is doing "the right thing" by letting my children see me.

well, but it is a condescending and insensitive thing to say. Instead of giving hope or comfort, it says that my terminal diagnosis isn't that big of a deal.

Dear Counting: We could write a book about all of the inappropriate comments that people make when confronted with awkward or difficult situations.

Dear Annie: "Not Lonely in Virginia" said she has trouble making friends. When she added, "I suspect it may have to do with reading body language, I can't interpret the signals," it sounded like Asperger's.

I was in a relationship with a man with Asperger's, and I didn't have a clue about this syndrome. It was devastating. I read everything I could and now understand it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com.

WANT MORE PUZZLES? Look for Sudoku and Wordy Gurdy puzzles in the Classified pages.

Peanuts



Garfield



Pickles



For Better or For Worse



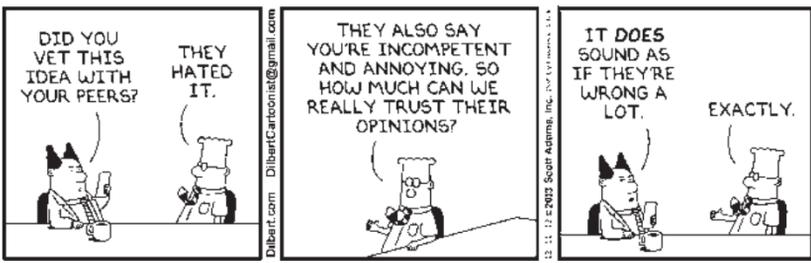
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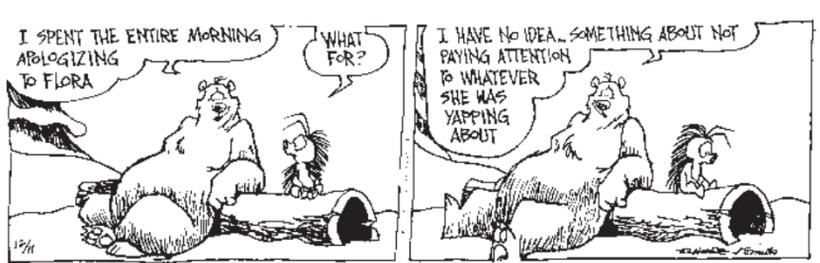
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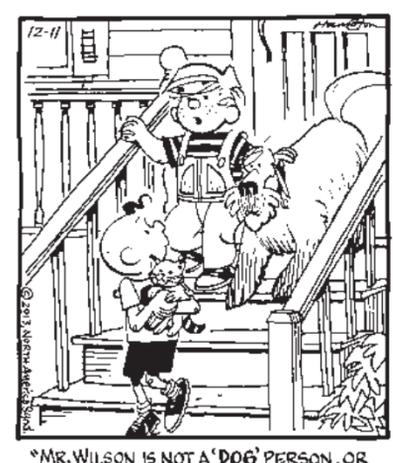
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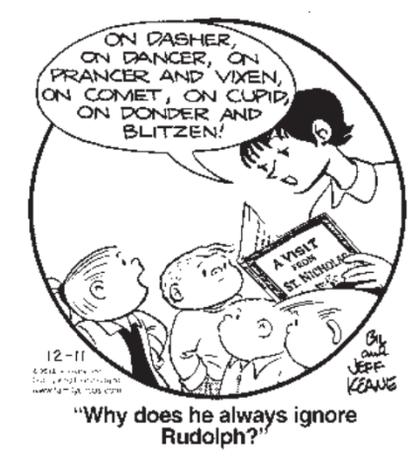
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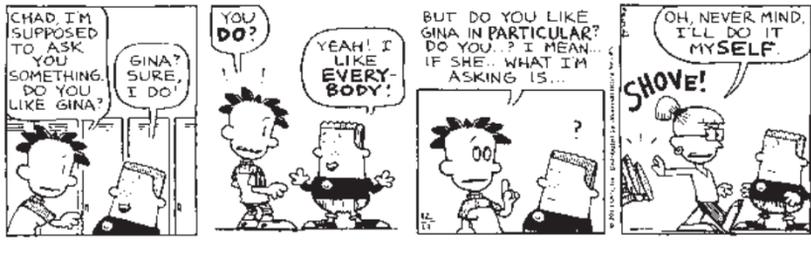
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

TODAY'S CLUE: M sientra 1

"JAYZ SHF JXBC KA YZ: CAG'K FAH KNBGP FAH'DZ KAA AVC KA JBGS DALP 'G' DAVV? B JXBC: FAH'C UZKKZD LNZLP TBKN YBLP RXSSZD." — LNZD

Previous Solution: "I want to be a child doctor ... how do you call it, pediatrician? Do I like kids? No, not really." — Model Adriana Lima (c) 2013 by NEA, Inc., dist. by Universal Uclick 12-11

Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.

- Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
 - "The Best Man Holiday" (R) 1:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
 - "Delivery Man" (PG-13) 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
 - "Frozen" (PG) 1:45 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.
 - "Frozen" (PG) In 3D. 4:20 p.m. No passes.
 - "Homefront" (R) 1:55 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:55 p.m.
 - "Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m. No passes.
 - "Last Vegas" (PG-13) 1:25 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
 - "Out of the Furnace" (R) 1:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 - "Thor: The Dark World" (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m. No passes.
- Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377
 - "Delivery Man" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
 - "Frozen" (PG) 4:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
 - "Frozen" (PG) In 3D. 1:15 p.m. No passes.
 - "Homefront" (R) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
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Visit www.chronicleonline.com for area movie listings and entertainment information.

Spot Santa needs help

Children in most need are ages 10 to 15 years

Special to the Chronicle

The Spot Family Center will host its 10th annual Christmas Jam on Dec. 23 and Dec. 24. The two-day event with food, fun, gifts and live entertainment is free.

Each day has a different theme and an encouraging message.

Registration begins both days at 5:30 p.m. and closes promptly at 7 p.m. On Christmas Eve, wrapped gifts will be

distributed. All participants must be registered and present to receive a gift. Parents or guardians must attend to register their child and children must be present. A full dinner will be served to everyone both nights.

Donations of toys and gifts for children are still needed. Drop-off locations are:

- Crystal River: The Spot Family Center, Advanced Family Hearing, Blackshears Aluminum, Citrus Equipment,

- Nature Coast Bank, Advanced Health Dr. Horn, Crystal River Church of God, ERA Suncoast Realty, Nails by Angela, Sandy's Barber Shop, Natalia's Pizza & Pasta, Signature Dental, Old Florida Bank, GTE Financial Bank, Scrap & Stamp in Crystal River Mall and TLC Rehab.

- Hernando: Nature Coast Bank and TLC Rehab.
- Inverness: Dynabody Fitness Club, TLC Rehab, Inverness Court House and Love

Chevrolet. Beverly Hills: Backyard Pool and Spa and Pinch a Penny Pool & Spa.

■ Homosassa: Twisters Design Studio.

Financial contributions may be made for the event by sending a check payable to: The Spot Family Center, P.O. Box 2046, Lecanto, FL 34460

To designate a business as a drop-off location, volunteer to help or for more information, contact Evelyn Vissicchio, program director; at 352-794-3870 or evthespot@yahoo.com.

Visit on the Web at www.thespotfamilycenter.org.

NEWS NOTES

Find last-minute plants, crafts at club

The Inverness Club will host a Last-minute Christmas Craft and Plant Sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the clubhouse, 518 Ella Ave.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 352-344-8477.

Hospice offers holiday bereavement help

Those who are apprehensive about the holidays due to a death of a loved one or friend may find help through HPH Hospice. As the holiday season nears, many people feel sorrow, anguish and even dread.

HPH Hospice will host a 90-minute workshop at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1071 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

The workshops will be facilitated by Paul Winstead, LMHC and bereavement specialist.

Call 352-527-4600 for information.

Mended Hearts to have holiday party

The Citrus County Chapter of Mended Hearts will have its annual holiday party at 10 a.m. Friday in the Gulf Room at the historic Citrus High School (old red brick building).

Members and guests are asked to bring something festive to eat. Also bring unwrapped toys for charity (female members for girls, male members for boys).

Mended Hearts is a national nonprofit support group that includes heart patients, spouses, caregivers, health professionals and others helping patients with emotional recovery from heart disease. The public is welcome to all meetings.

For more information, call Millie King at 352-637-5525 or cardiovascular services at 352-344-6416.

BH Shuffleboarders to get together

The Beverly Hills Shuffleboard Club will have a holiday get-together at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Applebee's in Inverness.

All members are urged to attend. Bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to an organization. The group will also decorate a Christmas tree beginning at noon that day at the Lake Beverly Park. Games will begin at 1:30 p.m.

CREST Kickball Championship winners



Special to the Chronicle

The winning team of the CREST Kickball Championship recently won all five games under the direction of Coach John Cope. Team members are Chris Martin, Danyelle Ulloa, Rio Lumapas, Jason West, April Vincent, Denise Denick, Dave Rice, Beth Rice, Jake Rice and Zeke Rice.

NEWS NOTE

Holiday shopping in relaxed atmosphere

Come enjoy leisurely holiday shopping at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market, open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday at Lake Beverly Park, 77 Civic Circle. The market is

in the heart of Citrus County, next to Lake Beverly.

Produce will be available from Camilo's Market and about 15 other vendors will be present to tempt visitors with their arts and crafts and other healthy living products. Christmas is right around the corner, so this is an opportu-

nity to look into affordable, interesting gifts.

Rudy's Ribs will be present to provide lunch. Rudy Stobierski dishes up pulled pork barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers. For dessert or take out, they offer cottage-industry homemade pies.

Flea market vendors are also welcome. For more information about becoming a vendor (including flea market items) at \$5 per market day, call Bonnie Larsen at the Beverly Hills Civic Association from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 352-746-2657.

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ALL Weekend

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Lost Cat Small, white face, with collar, female Crystal River school (352) 220-9496

Lost female, Gray Cat, very shy Idaho Street Beverly Hills (352) 746-7610

Lost Gold 2 Tone Gold Earring Beall's Inverness, or Belk Lindsey Crystal River (352) 527-1434

LOST MALE CAT Large, gold w/ brown spots, last seen on Dec 6th in the vicinity of Forest Ridge and Honeylocust. REWARD (352) 746-1895

Lost white gold Vintage 30's neckless, in March 2013 in or around Inverness area. Fine chain. Pendant has gold filigree with frosted glass and a diamond in the middle. It was in a small box with plastic lid. I just discovered that it is missing, and that was the last time I had it in my possession. If you found it or know of anyone who has it, please contact me. This is a family heirloom. Owner devastated. Reward. 637-2193

UPDATE Large Anatolian Shepherd Male, cream, Bk ears & nose, chipped, 100lbs lost on 4/26/13 in Near Duval Is Road Floral City, Seen Several times in Floral City. REWARD OFFERED (352) 220-2540

YORKIE Male, 5 lbs. Blue & Gold w/ long legs. Lost on Duval Island 11/23. \$300 Reward for safe return (352) 398-6774

Found

FOUND Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet, in front of Belk in Crystal River, please call to identify (352) 489-7214

Women's Leather Jacket Found in Park in Crystal River on Dunklin. 352-634-0812

Announcements

FREE REMOVAL Would like to thank all of Citrus County for your patronage in 2013. I will be fully operational again starting Jan 6, 2014. I want to wish you all a safe & joyous holiday season. See you in 2014

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Personals

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