



NEWS BRIEFS

Former teacher sentenced for child porn

A former longtime middle school teacher was sentenced to 15 months in

prison Tuesday by Judge Richard "Ric" Howard on child pornography charges.



Joseph Balint

Joseph Michael Balint, 63, of Pine Drive, Sugar Mill Woods, was facing 11 felony counts of possession of pornography.

Authorities said Balint had downloaded child pornography on his computer at home. Balint, who is a 35-year veteran of public education, including the past 23 years at Crystal River Middle School, abruptly resigned his position in November 2012.

He was arrested on Jan. 17, 2013, and charged.

None of his activities occurred at school.

Balint spent seven years in Palm Beach County before being hired in 1985 as a Lecanto High School social studies teacher. He was dean of students at LHS for three years before moving to Crystal River Middle School in 1990.

Inverness council votes to relax blue law

After Tuesday's Inverness City Council meeting, those who want to order a Bloody Mary at brunch or buy a six-pack of beer before 1 p.m. on Sundays in the city of Inverness are one step closer to being able to do so.

Councilman Ken Hinkle was the lone opposing vote.

Mayor Bob Plaisted also expressed his opposition.

"We all talk about how we want to leave the city better than when we got here, and I'm not sure how changing an alcohol law to provide more time for people to drink is going to make the city better," Plaisted said.

"Passing this ordinance allows our proprietors, people who pay taxes, to be at a competitive level with other businesses in Citrus County," said Councilman Cabot McBride.

The ordinance now goes to the mayor for his signature.

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Sell the jail? Not so fast

Commission OKs process for property sales; no consensus on detention center

CHRIS VAN ORMER Staff writer

INVERNESS — County commissioners agreed Tuesday to draft some rules giving them more control over selling public properties, but drew back on looking at the best means to sell the county detention facility.

Members of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners

(BOCC) split the proposed motion because they said they would like to do more research before discussing the sale of the jail. That gave them two motions instead of one: The first to start the ordinance-writing procedure to sell property and the second to look at the advantages and disadvantages of selling the county detention facility.

County Administrator Brad Thorpe said the situation was

raised when the current leaseholder of the county jail, Corrections Corporations of America (CCA), approached the county with a question about purchasing the facility and then contracting with the county to house prisoners. Thorpe said he would ask the board for direction because, without a county ordinance setting the guidelines for a sale, the county would be guided by Florida

Statute 125.35(1)(a) that directs a sale to the "highest and best" bidder through a competitive process.

A county ordinance would codify and clarify the sale process, according to acting County Attorney Kerry Parsons.

"What this ordinance does is it establishes a place where anyone

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Get ready for the 'good stuff'



Courtesy of Southwest Florida Water Management District

This aerial photo shows the expanse from King's Bay, in the foreground, to the Gulf of Mexico with the Crystal River running between the two water bodies. As the crow flies, the bay is only about 3 miles from the Gulf, creating a delicate balance between freshwater, where eelgrass can flourish, and brackish and saltwater environments.

Water district wants to replace Lyngbya with eelgrass at Hunter Springs

CHRIS VAN ORMER Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER One of many chores in cleaning up King's Bay is to decrease the amount of muck and encourage new aquatic grass growth.

In the new year, Hunter Springs will be planted with freshwater eelgrass in a project that involves the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Duke Energy.

Seagrasses occur in shallow and sheltered coastal waters anchored in sand or mud bottoms

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ON THE NET

WaterMatters.org/Springs.



Rock Star Vallisneria is shown in a greenhouse environment with Lyn Gettys. These are some of the actual plants that will be used in the mariculture grow-out pond, provided by Duke Energy to the water district with the goal of fostering seagrass to facilitate the health of King's Bay.

Foundation: Beaty stays

Board offered to drop lawsuits if CEO resigned

MIKE WRIGHT Staff writer

INVERNESS — Ryan Beaty will remain in charge at Citrus Memorial hospital as long as foundation board members have any say.

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation on Monday soundly rejected demands by the Citrus County Hospital Board that Beaty resign as chief executive officer in return for dropping two lawsuits against the foundation.

"Mr. Beaty's employment remains as is," foundation attorney Clark Stillwell said, following an hour-long closed-door meeting with foundation

members to discuss the settlement offer.

Instead, foundation members reverted to their position that they will not approve a letter of intent with Hospital Corporation of America until pending lawsuits are dismissed.

Foundation chairwoman Sandy Chadwick said the foundation has decided, however, to place its total emphasis now on developing the letter of intent, or LOI, leaving lawsuit details for later.

"The people of Citrus County are over it," Chadwick said Tuesday, refer-



Ryan Beaty Citrus Memorial CEO.

ring to litigation discussions. "We're tired of it. The idea of getting rid of Mr. Beaty is — I can't think of a tactful way to describe it."

CCHB attorney Bill Grant said Tuesday that, absent Beaty's resignation, the hospital board will not dismiss lawsuits until a definitive agreement is signed with HCA.

"If he stays, he stays," Grant said. "We are not going to dismiss the lawsuits until the closing. If that's their position, we're at loggerheads."

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Sheriff's office Twittercasts night patrol shift

Set to become regular feature

A.B. SIDIBE Staff writer

Lindsay Blair had 140 characters at each turn Monday evening to share with her Internet audience a running commentary about the goings-on during a patrol sergeant's shift — and she was not disappointed.

The inaugural night of the sheriff's office's Tweet the Beat effort turned out to be a ready-

made torrent of the mundane — responding to accident scenes, false alarm reports of crimes that didn't happen — to the hair-raising chase and arrest of a fleeing drug suspect.

"It was pretty action-packed," said Blair, who is a spokeswoman with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. "Our main goal was to engage the community and reach

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Courtesy Key Training Center

Residents of the Key Training Center's Contento Cottage, from left, include Alfred Jordan, Fred Everett, Betty Jean Daniel and Charlene Skidmore, with Shelly Hillsman in the foreground. They, along with cottage resident Dorothy Cole, not shown, spend the year purchasing gifts to donate to Toys for Tots.

Key Center clients bring Christmas cheer

Special to the Chronicle

From the outside, it looks like an ordinary house with lights on a traditional Christmas tree sparkling through the front window.

But Contento Cottage was designed and built in 2008 for those men and women at the Key Training Center with developmental disabilities who require wheelchairs for mobility. The halls are wider, the countertops are lower, the bathrooms are equipped with the safety bars, and the floors are made to endure the constant wheelchair traffic from the five residents.

Inside, the men and women who live at Contento Cottage were grinning from beneath their red and green felt elf hats, surrounded by almost 200 toys of all shapes and sizes.

Dorothy Cole, Betty Jean Daniel, Fred Everett, Shelly Hillsman, Alfred Jordan and Charlene Skidmore have been on a mission since the day after Christmas last year. Each month they have taken their own money and shopped for the gifts to give to Toys for Tots. They stored them in closets, stuffed them in boxes and stacked them in cabinets, watching the gifts mount as they each contributed to the project.

Sometimes they went to Walmart, other times they traveled to Dollar General or Family Dollar. They clipped coupons and searched for sales, proud of their shopping expertise and even more excited about the number of toys



Contento Cottage resident Fred Everett shows off a toy he's certain will make a youngster smile on Christmas.

they were able to accumulate throughout the year.

"They are our Christmas spirit," said Contento resident manager Dawn Cruz, who is joined by eight full- and part-time staffers. "We all want to be the ones to go Christmas toy shopping with them each month. It's like Christmas never goes away, it is always here with us."

Each resident of Contento Cottage faces severe medical obstacles. Not only are there mobility issues to deal with, but each has his or her own disability and challenge. Yet at Christmas, they agree not to ask for help for themselves, but to help others.

"We love the children," said Fred as he clutched a

dump truck. "We want them to know we love them."

The toys will be picked up by Paul Pilny, Citrus County's Toys for Tots coordinator, and then distributed to local boys and girls who, without help, might not have gifts this Christmas season.

"You tell us who doesn't have a toy," cried out Charlene, "and we will get them a toy. No one should be without a present on Christmas day."

Her Contento family applauded in agreement.

"We are so proud of them," said Cruz, fighting to keep the tears from falling. "They teach us every day more about giving than most people ever understand."

Zimmerman's former attorney unfazed by state bar inquiry

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The attorney who helped get George Zimmerman acquitted of murder charges said Tuesday that he expects an ethics inquiry opened by the Florida Bar will find nothing wrong in how he handled a defense fund and social media during the case.

Mark O'Mara said on his website that the in-

quiry was opened before the trial when his office contacted the bar for advice on how it should go about managing the fund and website it set up to assist it in Zimmerman's second-degree murder case in the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

The issue was deferred until after the trial and O'Mara said he is "certain that matter will be closed

shortly, and that the conclusion will suggest that we handled these new and novel approaches in an appropriate and ethical way."

Florida bar spokeswoman Francine Walker said in an email that the complaint was at the "staff investigation level" and that she couldn't provide further information due to confidentiality rules.

TWEETS

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the residents in a different way. It is a learning tool to help residents understand what the deputies go through."

She said the Twitter event, which simultaneously posted her tweets through Facebook and Instagram, was a learning experience for her and others in the agency about how to engage people through social media.

Blair said gauging from the public response, Monday's tweet exercise was a success.

She said anywhere between 20 to 50 people were following the tweets at any given time.

"Some were tweeting to thank us and there were 60-plus retweets," Blair said. Retweets occur when someone who was following the sheriff's office picks up the tweet, or message, and resends it to their friends.

From the start, Blair, who was riding with Sgt. Bobby Lambert, had to respond to a vehicle accident on Dunnellon Road. "Semi vs car on Dunnellon Road. Making sure traffic is able get by," Blair tweeted during the initial hour of the ride-along.

A couple of hours later, Blair and Lambert were on the lookout for people suspected of theft from the Publix on County Road 486. Then they were darting to a possible home invasion in Beverly Hills — oops, false alarm. Shortly thereafter, Lambert made arrests in the thefts at Publix.

"At least two arrested in the Publix thefts that occurred less than an hour ago," Blair tweets.

Blair and Lambert headed to Publix to return some inventory recovered from the arrested suspects.

About five hours into the ride-along, Lambert observed an SUV driver roll through a stop sign. He followed the vehicle briefly, but the driver, Kenneth Lee Marshall, 23, accelerated and the chase



Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Bobby Lambert shows off his uniform pant leg after a drug suspect led him on a chase, both in a vehicle and on foot, through Beverly Hills on Monday. Lambert was shadowed by agency spokeswoman Lindsay Blair during the inaugural Tweet a Beat effort launched by the sheriff's office.

was on, according to his arrest affidavit. Marshall reportedly bailed from the vehicle and a foot-chase ensued, ending in his arrest. Lambert ripped the left pant leg of his uniform during the pursuit.

Marshall was eventually charged on five counts, including resisting an officer with violence, possession of a controlled substance, and fleeing and eluding. His bond was \$8,500.

"That was a little scary," Blair said. "This guy actually turned off his lights during the chase," she said.

Blair said the agency plans on having these virtual tweet events every month — one with law enforcement and the other with fire and rescue.

"I think internally, morale-wise this is a really good thing. A lot of the patrol deputies are excited about sharing with the residents what they do," Blair said.

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CMHS

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Both the foundation and Citrus County Hospital Board met for nearly three hours Monday night

to discuss details of the letter of intent, a non-binding document that sets the stage for due diligence by HCA and, eventually, a final contract.

HCA is proposing to pay \$140 million up front for a 50-year lease.

The two boards covered just a few letter-of-intent topics Monday. They agreed to meet again Jan. 10.

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Around the
COUNTY

**Walking tour
 scheduled for Friday**

Beginning Friday, Dec. 20, the Citrus County Historical Society will provide escorted walking tours, lasting approximately 90 minutes, of the historical highlights of Inverness.

This tour includes moderate walking levels.

Participants will learn about the history of Inverness while experiencing the small-town charm of the area.

The tour begins shortly after 10:15 a.m., starting from the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in downtown Inverness.

Reservations are required. The cost is \$5 per person, and \$2 per child younger than 16. All proceeds go directly to the Citrus County Historical Society.

Tours will be held on the third Friday of each month through April 2014, and may be increased in frequency each month depending on interest.

Group size is a maximum of eight persons per tour, and no more than one child younger than 16 per adult, making for a maximum of four children younger than 16 per tour.

For reservations, call Karl Seidman, tour escort, at 352-344-1531.

**Restaurants open
 on Christmas**

The *Chronicle* is compiling a list of restaurants that will be open 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 today.

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

■ Boat House Restaurant, 1935 Southeast U.S. 19, Crystal River, 352-564-9636. Open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Reservations recommended.

■ Hernando Hideaway Sports Bar, 2404 N. Florida Ave., Hernando, 586-4168. Open noon to 2 a.m.

■ Ike's Old Florida Kitchen, 6301 Riverside Drive, Yankeetown, 352-447-4899. Open noon to 6 p.m. Reservations recommended.

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

■ Oysters, 606 Northeast U.S. 19, Crystal River, 352-795-2633. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations accepted at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

■ Rustic Ranch, 104 U.S. 41, Inverness, 352-726-7333. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations recommended.

■ Sabina's Diner, 2400 N. Florida Ave., Hernando, 637-1308. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. No reservations.

■ Samantha's Café, 7103 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200), Hernando. Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Yanni's Restaurant, 3297 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, 352-503-6853. Open noon to 8 p.m.

**Landfill taking
 Christmas trees**

Eligible Citrus County residents may recycle natural, live Christmas trees at the Citrus County Central Landfill, free of charge during the months of December and January only. Trees must be cleaned of all decorations, lights and artificial snow.

Artificial trees brought to the landfill for disposal will be charged standard solid waste/trash rates.

For more information about landfill hours, call 352-527-7670 during weekday office hours or go to the county's website at www.bocc.citrus.fl.us. Click on "Departments," then "Public Works," then "Solid Waste."

—From staff reports

Deadline approaching

Supporters of medical marijuana amendment have until Feb. 1 to gather support

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Supreme Court isn't the only challenge facing a petition drive to put a proposed medical marijuana constitutional amendment on Florida's 2014 ballot.

Organizers have until Feb. 1 to gather 683,189 voter signatures. As of Tuesday, 162,866 signatures had been certified.

Still, John Morgan of the Morgan & Morgan personal injury law firm thinks there's a good chance a

final push will get the effort he's organizing over the top.

"It better, or I'm paying a lot of money for nothing. I'll be wanting a recount," said Morgan, who expects he'll personally spend \$2 million on the petition drive before it's over. As of the end of last month, \$1.3 million has been spent on the effort — about \$1 million out of Morgan's pocket.

Organizers gathered nearly 100,000 petitions last week, bringing the total to nearly 700,000.

Now it's a matter of building a cushion to account for invalid signatures. About a quarter of the signatures on the petition won't be valid because people signing aren't registered to vote in Florida, Morgan estimates.

Even if he gets the signatures, Morgan still has to worry about whether the Supreme Court approves ballot summary language that could let voters decide whether to allow marijuana use for medical reasons. Attorney General

Pam Bondi is challenging the wording, saying voters will be misled into approving widespread use of medical marijuana. Proponents say voters will clearly know they are deciding whether doctors can use their expertise on whether to prescribe the drug for debilitating conditions.

The court heard arguments earlier this month. It will not rule on whether it approves of medical marijuana, but rather whether the 74-word ballot summary

is misleading or not. Citizen initiatives are limited to 75 words when summing up a proposed constitutional amendment.

Morgan said he's taken on the cause because he's seen the benefit of using the drug.

"I've seen it work twice. I saw it work with my father 20 years ago and I see it work with my brother every single day," said Morgan, whose father had esophageal cancer and whose brother is a quadriplegic.

Association changing focus



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

As Patrina Ritter of Regions Bank looks on, Marshall Earnest, incoming president and one of the charter members of the Greater Inverness Olde Towne Association (IOTA), presents members with plans for the future of the organization Tuesday. The breakfast meeting was at Beef 'O' Brady's in Inverness.

Greater Inverness area organization has a new president, a new name

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

INVERNESS — What began in 1994 with a handful of downtown Inverness merchants has evolved into a 63-member organization that extends beyond the city limits.

The Greater Inverness Olde Towne Association, or IOTA, today encompasses the area covered by all of the Inverness zip codes — 34450, 34451, 34452 and 34453.

"There are about 800-plus businesses in that area right now," said incoming IOTA president Marshall Earnest.

Earnest is the longtime owner of Earnest Mail Consulting Corp. and IOTA past president. He is also one of the organization's charter members.

"We started back in '94," he

said. "Walt Connors called a meeting at the old Cockadoodles with Ted Stauffer, myself, Judy (Van Dermark). I was president for four years then."

Tuesday's breakfast meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's in Inverness began with Earnest and IOTA outgoing president Bill Cato presenting a check for \$300 to Billie Lombardo, volunteer outreach coordinator for Citrus County Animal Services. The money came from the proceeds from the recent IOTA K-9 Carnival.

"That's our main event of the year," Earnest said.

He went on to say that IOTA is looking at a few changes coming up, such as a name change and a role change.

"The name change is the biggest thing," he said. "We're planning to keep IOTA as initials, because we're so well

known. So, for a while we'll be known as 'IOTA doing business as Inverness Business Leaders,' but that's still in the works. Our role is also changing."

In the past, IOTA has sponsored downtown Inverness events — Music on the Square, July 3rd fireworks, craft shows and car shows, Octoberfests and safe Halloween trick-or-treating with downtown merchants.

Earnest said the city of Inverness has progressively taken the lead in the planning of events, especially since Sharon Skeele-Hogan was hired as full-time events director.

"They've got the budget and big-dollar sponsors and backing, something we've always had a hard time getting," he said. "Our objective, our role now, is to work with them on

events where they need our help.

"Our main focus is to concentrate on promoting local businesses and working together to keep everything local," he said.

Outgoing president Bill Cato said, "With the city in a position to bring in big-money events, IOTA members have the opportunity to help steer the direction of what you think this organization can do and where you want it to go to try to help small and large businesses here in the greater Inverness area."

For more information about IOTA, find it on Facebook by searching for Inverness Olde Towne Association.

Contact Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 or nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

County sports study expected in January

PAT FAHERTY
Staff writer



Pat Faherty
 assistant county administrator.

Results of the Citrus County Sports Athletic Complex Feasibility Study are scheduled to be released next month.

Cathy Pearson, assistant county administrator, informed the Tourist Development Council at its December meeting that the study is about 65 percent complete and will be presented in January.

The study is by C.H. Johnson Consulting of Chicago. Pearson said the firm had completed market analysis and is in the survey stage. She said it has confirmed a significant shortage of indoor sports facilities and a need for larger facilities.

The process has included schools, the College of Central Florida, Little League and the Citrus County Builders Association.

When it was initiated, Pearson said the end result would provide a plan as to what the county should be focusing on, what assets it is missing or whether it is even ready for a sports facility.

The study was to analyze available locations and facilities, including the future YMCA and the Flying Eagle Preserve.

Proposals for the study were

originally requested last May, coinciding with an effort to increase sports tourism. C.H. Johnson came in with a low bid of \$41,500. The study was delayed when it had to be rebid, with the same results.

A 2007 feasibility study for the proposed YMCA determined the county could support a 44,000-square-foot facility with athletic fields, an indoor-heated pool and fitness center.

While the current study has been in progress, sports tourism efforts have increased, largely through the efforts of the Park and Recreation Department and new interim tourism director Adam Thomas.

Clearwater-based Sports Facility Advisory, which helps communities plan and manage new and existing sport facilities, said the

growth of sports tourism and the related potential financial impact can provide the opportunity to participate in an economic boom.

"Sport tourism benefits host cities by providing economic benefits as a result of sales in hotel fees, food and beverages, admission fees for tournaments, use of transportation and other spending at the facilities," said Dev Pathik, company founder and chief executive officer in a news release.

"The end result being that different types of income are generated for the community, providing for an increase in spending, jobs and conservation of the local environment."

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — If you can separate the personal from the professional this year, you stand to gain quite a bit. Your brain will be fertile, but you must not allow your ideas to make someone else rich.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Expand your horizons and mingle with people who can provide you with new information and mental stimulation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Put in the extra time at work to make financial gains. Discuss your career plans with your partner or co-workers so that everyone knows what's going on.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Expressing your thoughts and ideas will impress your friends. Be sure to eliminate any bad habits that have managed to creep into your life.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take care of any nagging health concerns in order to avoid being inconveniently out of commission in the future.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — A good friendship could develop into a serious romantic partnership. Although this is a time to welcome change, stability is a possibility if you are careful about making plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Focus on making money as well as taking care of your responsibilities at home.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Personal changes will have a favorable effect on your appearance. Now is the time to entertain as well as to be entertained.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Be cautious while traveling. Stay in control of your emotions and don't allow them to interfere with your work.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your generosity will result in financial loss or family difficulties. Someone near to your heart may try to control you. It's time to weigh the pros and cons of this connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The opportunity is likely for romance through a work associate. Evaluate the situation carefully before you proceed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Overindulgence will result in frustrating issues with your weight. Make plans that involve physical activity. Someone you love will feel neglected.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Focus on peripheral tasks. This is not the time for you to take center stage. This is a good date to change your living arrangements or to investigate some real estate deals.

ENTERTAINMENT

Nirvana, Kiss, Peter Gabriel headed to Rock Hall

NEW YORK — Nirvana, Kiss and Peter Gabriel will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next year.

The Rock Hall announced Tuesday that Daryl Hall and John Oates, Linda Ronstadt and Cat Stevens also will be inducted April 10 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Artists are eligible for induction 25 years after their first release. Nirvana received a nomination in its first year of eligibility and next year the band will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its debut, "Bleach." The induction comes 20 years after frontman Kurt Cobain committed suicide at age 27.

"For once ... I'm speechless. From the basements, to the dingy clubs, to the broken down vans, to ... the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame," former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, now the frontman for Foo Fighters, said in a statement Tuesday. "I'd like to thank the committee not only for this induction, but also for recognizing Nirvana for what we were: pure rock and roll."

"Thank you most of all to Kurt Cobain," bassist Krist Novoselic said in the statement issued on behalf of Nirvana. "And to everyone who's kept rock music going strong for 60 years and counting."

Peter Criss, Kiss' original drummer and vocalist, said the band changed rock forever by raising the bar for live performances.

"We were four guys from New York City who brought Barnum & Bailey into rock and roll," he told The Associated Press. Criss last toured with the band in 2003 and hopes to be asked to perform



Associated Press

Actress and animal activist Pamela Anderson, center, and Sam Simon, producer of "The Simpsons," left, attempt Tuesday to deliver a letter and a million-dollar check to end the annual commercial seal hunt to the closed office of the Canadian Sealers Association in St. John's, Newfoundland. Canada's East Coast seal hunt, which occurs annually from mid-November to mid-May, is the largest in the world, killing an average of 275,000 harp seals annually.

with the other three founding members at the induction ceremony at New York's Barclays Center.

Also at the ceremony, The Rolling Stones' manager Andrew Loog Oldham and the late Beatles manager Brian Epstein, will receive Ahmet Ertegun awards, a non-performing honor. And Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band will get the award for musical excellence.

N.W.A., one of the 16 nominees announced in October, did not make the cut. The iconic rap group includes Dr. Dre, who has launched successful solo albums and is the producer behind Eminem, 50 Cent and Kendrick Lamar.

More than 700 Rock Hall voters determined the 2014 class.

The 29th annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be open to the public.

Tickets go on sale next month. The event will air on HBO.

NBC plans miniseries sequel to 'The Bible'

NEW YORK — NBC is bringing viewers more of the Good Book.

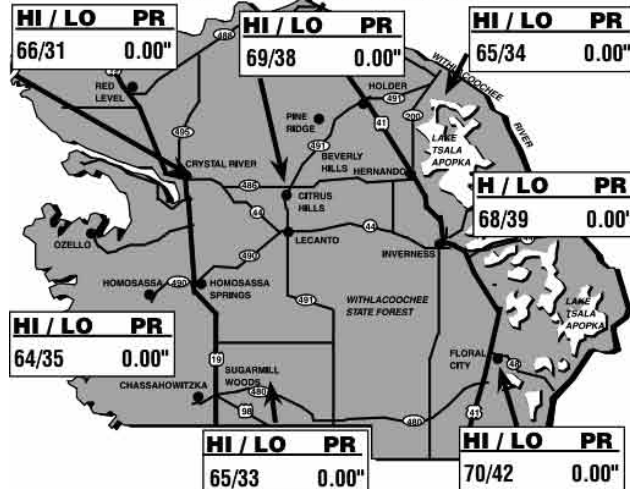
The network says it will film the 12-hour miniseries "A.D." as a follow-up to the miniseries "The Bible" that aired on the History channel earlier this year from producers Mark Burnett and Roma Downey.

The network says "A.D." is projected to air on NBC in spring 2015.

No cast has been announced. "The Bible" was an unexpected hit on History, premiering last March to an audience of 13.1 million viewers.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	66	48	s	Miami	78	65	s
Fort Lauderdale	76	63	pc	Ocala	66	39	s
Fort Myers	75	52	pc	Orlando	68	48	s
Gainesville	64	36	s	Pensacola	63	57	s
Homestead	76	62	s	Sarasota	71	49	pc
Jacksonville	62	39	s	Tallahassee	64	32	s
Key West	76	67	pc	Tampa	70	48	pc
Lakeland	72	45	pc	Verp Beach	71	54	pc
Melbourne	70	53	pc	W. Palm Bch.	75	62	s

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: North winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Tonight: Northeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

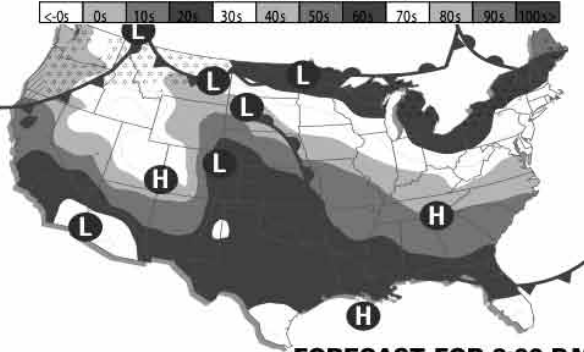
Gulf water temperature **64°**
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LAKE LEVELS

Location	TUE	MON	Full
Withlacochee at Holder	28.75	28.81	25.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.51	39.61	39.52
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.61	39.63	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.26	40.28	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. WEDNESDAY

City	TUE			WED			TUE			WED			
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	
Albany	9	-5	.21	32	20	pc	New Orleans	62	37	.01	66	52	s
Albuquerque	58	30		56	34	pc	New York City	32	25	.18	36	27	pc
Asheville	62	26		45	26	s	Norfolk	61	39		44	30	s
Atlanta	62	37		54	34	s	Oklahoma City	65	37		64	43	pc
Atlantic City	45	27	.10	37	25	pc	Omaha	42	28		48	20	pc
Austin	74	36		69	53	pc	Palm Springs	79	51		78	50	pc
Baltimore	37	31		38	26	pc	Philadelphia	35	25	.05	34	28	pc
Billings	49	24		46	2	pc	Phoenix	82	47		76	49	pc
Birmingham	63	31		56	34	s	Pittsburgh	34	25	.06	29	22	pc
Boise	27	19		34	25	pc	Portland, ME	14	-6		31	16	sn
Boston	26	9	.08	33	26	pc	Portland, OR	40	36		44	30	fl
Buffalo	27	5	.12	29	23	fl	Providence, RI	23	9	.03	34	24	pc
Burlington, VT	14	-11		23	19	pc	Raleigh	60	35		48	28	s
Charleston, S.C.	67	41		58	34	s	Rapid City	44	22		53	5	pc
Charlotte, W.V.	46	30	.06	38	26	pc	Reno	38	17		52	20	cd
Charlotte	64	32		52	30	s	Rochester, NY	28	-4	.11	32	12	fl
Chicago	33	16	.06	34	32	pc	Sacramento	64	37		64	39	f
Cincinnati	36	29		37	31	pc	Salt Lake City	27	14		35	20	f
Cleveland	28	21	.08	29	24	pc	San Antonio	72	36		70	53	pc
Columbia, SC	42	24		56	40	pc	San Diego	75	56		62	53	f
Columbus, OH	34	27	.01	30	27	pc	San Francisco	57	46		54	47	pc
Concord, NH	13	-13	.01	30	12	pc	Savannah	68	37		60	35	s
Dallas	70	35		68	52	pc	Seattle	44	40		44	30	fl
Denver	62	28		65	33	pc	Spokane	44	25		35	21	sn
Des Moines	38	24		48	23	pc	St. Louis	41	25		54	39	pc
Detroit	27	14	.11	30	24	fl	St. Ste. Marie	18	10	.17	23	16	fl
El Paso	65	30		65	41	pc	Syracuse	17	-3	.17	30	23	fl
Evansville, IN	40	29		46	32	pc	Topeka	51	21		61	38	pc
Harrisburg	28	19	.03	34	22	pc	Washington	40	35		40	31	pc
Hartford	13	-2	.21	33	21	pc							
Houston	70	35		72	58	f							
Indianapolis	27	20		37	32	pc							
Las Vegas	66	44		65	44	pc							
Little Rock	68	34		61	42	s							
Los Angeles	82	58		72	51	pc							
Louisville	45	34		45	36	pc							
Memphis	61	38		60	42	s							
Milwaukee	34	15	.04	31	30	pc							
Minneapolis	33	18		36	11	pc							
Mobile	65	31		63	44	pc							
Montgomery	62	28		61	36	s							
Nashville	59	37		48	31	s							

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; dr=drizzle; f=fair; h=hazy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy. Weather Central, LP ©2013

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CITY	H/L/SKY	WED	WED
Acapulco	87/75/s		59/48/r
Amsterdam	46/37/r		44/41/pc
Athens	53/42/r		51/30/f
Beijing	35/17/pc		Montreal 8/4/pc
Berlin	46/32/cd		Moscow 35/33/sn
Bermuda	66/64/r		Paris 50/44/cd
Cairo	62/46/s		Rio 80/69/pc
Calgary	39/8/cd		Rome 57/35/pc
Havana	78/68/pc		Sydney 80/64/s
Hong Kong	55/48/r		Tokyo 50/42/r
Jerusalem	57/42/pc		Toronto 24/19/sn
			Warsaw 42/26/pc

Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2013. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

On this date: In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 2011, the last convoy of heavily armored U.S. troops left Iraq, crossing into Kuwait in darkness in the final moments of a nine-year war.

Ten years ago: A jury in Chesapeake, Va., convicted teenager Lee Boyd Malvo of two counts of capital murder in the Washington-area sniper shootings (he was later sentenced to life in prison without parole).

Five years ago: A U.N. court in Tanzania convicted a former Rwandan army colonel, Theoneste Bagosora, of genocide and crimes against humanity for masterminding the killings of more than half a million people in a 100-day slaughter in 1994. (Bagosora was sentenced to life in prison, but had his sentence reduced in 2011 to 35 years.)

One year ago: Two bank robbers pulled off a daring escape from downtown Chicago's high-rise jail by scaling down 17 stories using a makeshift rope. (They were later recaptured.)

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 86. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 70. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 67. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 63. Comedian Ron White is 57. Actor Brad Pitt is 50.

Thought for Today: "No one worth possessing can be quite possessed." — Sara Teasdale, American author and poet (1884-1933).

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For the RECORD

Arrests

■ **Michael Bloom**, 27, of South Jeffrey Street, Beverly Hills, at 10:16 a.m. Dec. 16 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of a controlled substance. Bond was denied.

■ **Paul Lajeunesse**, 20, of Hernando, at 9:41 a.m. Dec. 16 on a felony charge of aggravated child abuse. Bond was denied.

■ **Lacey Bethel**, 29, of Townsend Boulevard, Brooksville, at 12:33 p.m. Dec. 16 on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and introduction of contraband into a detention facility. According to her arrest affidavit, Bethel is accused of being in possession of approximately 1.4 grams of methamphetamine while incarcerated at the Citrus County Detention Facility. Bond \$15,000.

■ **Karen Price**, 48, of Southwest 52nd Circle, Ocala, at 7:10 p.m. Dec. 16 on a felony charge of felony burglary with battery. According to her arrest affidavit, Price is accused of forcing her way into a Beverly Hills home and using physical force by shoving two residents of the home in the chest. After driving away from the scene, Price was detained by

deputies and also charged with driving under the influence. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests and did poorly. Tests of her breath showed her blood alcohol concentration was 0.254 percent and 0.252 percent. The legal limit is 0.08 percent. Bond \$25,500

■ **Christopher Leonard**, 27, of Fargo, North Dakota, and **Jessica Holloway**, 26, of East Wacker Street, Hernando, at 8:04 p.m. Dec. 16 on misdemeanor charges of retail petit theft. According to their arrest affidavits, the pair is accused of shoplifting numerous small items, valued at \$29.03, from the Hernando Public and Dollar General. Bond was set at \$500 for Leonard and \$250 for Holloway.

■ **Kenneth Marshall**, 23, of South Fillmore Street, Beverly Hills, at 8:59 p.m. Dec. 16 on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and fleeing or eluding law enforcement, along with misdemeanor charges of knowingly driving with a suspended license, resisting an officer without violence and possession of cannabis. According to his arrest affidavit, Marshall is accused of making multiple turns and speeding in an effort to avoid being pulled over. He later left his vehicle and began running on foot, cutting through multiple yards

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.

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

■ The Sexual Predator Unit is responsible for tracking all registered sexual offenders and predators in the county. Click on the Sexual Offender Information link on the CCSO website.

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and jumping a fence. Once detained, officers found a plastic baggie containing mdma, or ecstasy, commonly referred to as "molly," along with a cannabis cigarette. Bond \$8,500.

■ **John Hoskinson**, 25, of East Lake Nina Drive, Inverness, at 9:32 p.m. Dec. 16 on an active Palm Beach County warrant. According to the arrest affidavit, Hoskinson turned himself in at the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. Bond \$3,000.

■ **Leila Beville**, 49, of North Nina Terrace, Crystal River, at 11:03 p.m. Dec. 16 on a felony charge of selling or possession with intent to sell a designer drug, and two misdemeanor charges of drug paraphernalia. According to her arrest affidavit, Beville was stopped for a faulty headlight. A K-9 unit alerted to possible drugs, and 1.09 grams of methamphetamine, along with a digital scale, and a glass pipe were found. Bond \$11,000.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Burglaries

■ A commercial burglary was reported at 8:46 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the 9400 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 11:57 a.m. Dec. 16 in the 6300 block of W. Orange Lane, Crystal River.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 6 p.m. Dec. 16 in the 4300 block of W. Tomahawk Drive, Beverly Hills.

Thefts

■ A petit theft was reported at 12:07 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the 400 block of S. U.S. 41, Inverness.

■ A petit theft was reported at 2:36 p.m. Dec. 16 in the 1400 block of N. U.S. 41, Inverness.

■ A petit theft was reported at 6:36 p.m. Dec. 16, in the 2600 block of N. Forest Ridge Blvd., Hernando.

Vandalism

■ A vandalism was reported at 12:23 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the 600 block of N.E. 3rd Ave., Crystal River.

SALES

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who wants to buy real property or personal property from the county can look at it and know exactly what the procedures are," Parsons said.

Parsons also clarified that she was not looking for instruction about the actual sale of the jail at this point.

"I'm just looking to bring back to you all what the pros and cons of selling the detention facility would be," Parsons said.

Commissioner Scott Adams lost no time in putting forth his position that he did not want to sell the jail.

"They have lost every county except us," Adams said about CCA. "There's a reason Hernando County took their jail back. There's a reason Bay County ... there's a few things you don't sell. I'd hate to take this money and spend it on something it shouldn't be when this is an asset that typically a community needs and with CCA losing all their other contracts. I believe, if I'm not mistaken, we're the only county left in the state of Florida."

Parsons replied that was why she was requesting to research what the pros and cons of selling the jail to anyone would be.

Adams continued, "In my opinion, it would be insane to sell our jail. In fact, when we look at the numbers, it would probably be more profitable for the sheriff to take it back over because they are making profit with the federal money coming in. It's actually something that subsidizes the county jail, where it wouldn't cost the county taxpayers."

Parsons said that would be part of her research. First, she asked for a mechanism to sell any of the properties, and second to weigh the pros and cons of selling the jail.

Thorpe said he told CCA not to make an offer because the county did not have a mechanism to fairly judge it. Parsons said an

ordinance would establish a competitive process.

Adams was concerned that the mechanism would give CCA the ability to make an offer, but Parsons said the ordinance would be limited to the competitive process.

"You can always say no," Thorpe responded.

Adams said he could not support the ordinance with the jail tied to it. Commissioner Joe Meek then broke the proposed motion into two parts.

Commissioner Dennis Damato explained what he knew about CCA's relationship with Hernando County.

"The problem really wasn't as much with CCA as it was with the contract monitoring of CCA," Damato said. "The person who was monitoring that did not do a good job and they wound up with a problem costing them millions of dollars."

Citrus County has had an excellent experience with CCA, Damato said.

Damato suggested looking at county-owned real estate as a broad-scope issue, with economic impacts to the county of each sale. The use of the proceeds also would have to be determined within the ordinance, Damato said. Could the proceeds be cash only or land swaps

and cash, would the county hold the mortgage or would the replacement of buildings be involved?

Damato suggested that proceeds be used for capital improvements and structured projects of more than \$50,000 that have a full public benefit.

"I don't think I would ever vote for selling a property and putting that money into the general fund," Damato said.

Commissioners voted unanimously for Parsons to bring back a proposed ordinance, but the motion to consider the advantages and disadvantages of selling the jail passed by 4-1, with Adams voting no.

■ The public hearing for the five-year capital improvement schedule was postponed to a later meeting.

■ The board agreed to set a public workshop about the County Road 491 Corridor Project at 5:01 p.m. Jan. 14 to cover discussions about the Comprehensive Plan, the project alignment, the map presentation, the current capital improvement plan including cost estimates and funding, the project timeline and the economic benefits.

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Obituaries

Jolene McCallum, 71
HOMOSASSA

Jolene McCallum, 71, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, at her home under the loving and tender care of her husband and children after a brief illness. A native of Akron, Ohio, she moved to this area in 1987. She was born Jan. 7, 1942, to Michael and Mary (Deckard) Benik. She was married to the love of her life, Grafton T. "Pete" McCallum on Jan. 7, 1961, and they enjoyed more than 53 years together.

Surviving are their daughters, Kelly Ewers (Mark) of Bellville, Ohio, Tracy Branch (Johnny) of Fuquay Varina, N.C., Danelle Baker (Greg), Dunnellon, Melissa McCallum (David Ash), Crystal River; and their son, Patrick McCallum, Pensacola; grandchildren, Taylor, Kyle, Jerry, Jennifer, Brianna, Chris, Maranda, Garrett, Duncan and Kenzie; great-grandchildren, Emily, Kendall, Hayden, Samantha, Drew, Logan, Shelby and "Sweet Cheeks" Cheznie; her husband's brothers and sister and their spouses; and her BFF, Judy Carbaugh. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Benik; her mother-in-law, Arlene McCallum; and her sister-in-law, Sandy McCallum.

Jolene was known for her love of her family and her co-workers. She retired after 18 years of service from the Walgreens in Homosassa, where she was the head of the cosmetics department. She was a member of Al-Anon and will be remembered as a friend to many in AA. She loved crocheting and there have been countless babies swaddled in her blankets, hats and booties. She also loved cooking, taking trips to Biloxi and going on cruises.

There will be a visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, and a celebration of life by her family and friends at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at Wilder Funeral Home in Homosassa. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Jolene's honor. www.wilderfuneral.com.

Eileen Galazka, 89
LECANTO

Eileen M. Galazka, 89, of Lecanto, Fla., passed away Dec. 16, 2013, in Inverness under the care of Hospice of Citrus County. Born April 27, 1924, in Ottawa, Ontario, to George and Maud Edith (Nicol) Chequer, Eileen moved to Citrus County from New Brittan, Conn., as a winter resident in 1993 and became a permanent resident in 1998. She was a retired executive secretary and a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Lecanto.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, with Pastor Lane of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto. Burial will be at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Brown Funeral Home and Crematory, Lecanto, www.brownfuneralhome.com.



William Obermeier Sr., 89
HOMOSASSA

William F. Obermeier Sr., 89, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at Hospice House in Lecanto. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., and formerly of Erial, N.J., he was born Oct. 7, 1924, to William G. and Johanna (Redmond) Obermeier; one of two children. Mr. Obermeier was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran from 1943 to 1946, serving in the Pacific and African theaters. He was a 35-year employee of the Reading/Conrail Railroad, serving as a car inspector; and also as a volunteer firefighter with the Erial, N.J. Fire Department. He moved to Homosassa 25 years ago from New Jersey. Bill, as he was known to many, loved hunting and pursued this passion, especially in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Mr. Obermeier was a parishioner of St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church, Homosassa; a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and served in the Citrus County Crime Watch in Homosassa. In his later years, he resided in the loving care of his oldest son Bill and his wife Dee in Sugarmill Woods while battling Alzheimer's disease.

In addition to his son, Bill Obermeier Jr. (wife Dee) of Homosassa, he is survived by son, Frank Obermeier (wife Carol), Magnolia, N.J.; daughter, Dolores DiMona (husband Nicholas), Beverly Hills; and son, Carl Obermeier (wife Barbara), Erial, N.J.; grandsons, Bill (wife Mary), Bluffton, S.C., Jim, Hudson, Michael (wife Deserea), W. Palm Beach, Frank, Wilmington, Del., Ron (wife Toni), Moorestown, N.J., Brian, Somerdale, N.J., Mark, Erial, N.J., Scott (wife Natalie), Williamstown, N.J.; 17 great-grandchildren; four nephews; and five nieces. Mr. Obermeier was preceded in death by his wife Dolores in 1980 and a sister, Claire Civatte.

A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church, Homosassa, with the Rev. Ronald Marecki officiating. Friends will be received at Wilder Funeral Home from 9 to 10:15 a.m. followed by Patriot Guard Riders escort to St. Thomas. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's research or Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. www.wilderfuneral.com.

Alberta Holstein, 77
INVERNESS

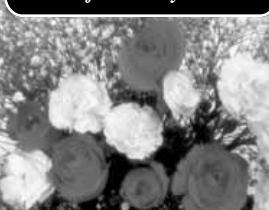
Alberta S. Holstein, 77, Inverness, Fla., died Dec. 16, 2013, at Tampa General Hospital. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

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Diane 'Dee' Obermeier, 67
HOMOSASSA

Diane "Dee" Obermeier, 67, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, at Florida Hospital at Connerton, Land O' Lakes, Fla. A native of Koppel, Pa., she was born Aug. 28, 1946, to Frank and Marian (Pietrandrea) Tavern, one of four children, and moved here 25 years ago from Stonybrook, Long Island, N.Y. Her professional career included positions with the Athletic Association of Three Village School District, Stonybrook, N.Y.; a sales and marketing representative of Holiday Inn, also of Stonybrook, N.Y.; as well as a permitting specialist for the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, a position from which she was retired.

Dee, as she was known to many, was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will always be

remembered for her love of family, friends and her 175 boxes of Santas. She is survived by her husband of more than 20 years, William F. Obermeier, Homosassa; her children, Kathi Maranga (husband Glen), David Venghaus, Bill Obermeier (wife Mary), Kurt Venghaus (wife Nancy), Ken Venghaus (wife Kirsten), Michael Venghaus and Michael Obermeier (wife Deserae); brother, Frank Tavern (wife Dee); brother, Pat Tavern; sister, Mary Jane Novotny (husband Don); and grandchildren, Shelby, Daniel, Catie, Emily, Destini, Michael Jr., Kurt and Alden.

Friends will be received from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, where a service of remembrance will be conducted at 11 a.m., with Chaplain Larry Strickland officiating. Interment will be private. www.wilderfuneral.com.

Judy Pickett, 78
CRYSTAL RIVER

Judy Jorgensen Pickett, 78, died Dec. 17, 2013, surrounded by her family at Hospice of Citrus County in Lecanto, Fla. She was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 15, 1935. She was married to W.L. (Bill) Pickett in Copenhagen Aug. 4, 1955, and became a citizen of the United States in 1958 at Manhattan, Kan. From that time, she traveled to Germany, California, New York, Panama and Indiana while a military family. She was manager of the Fourth Estate recreation area — sponsored by the Indianapolis (Ind.) Star and News for its employees — for 22 years before her retirement in 1995. She and her husband moved to Crystal River at that time. She was a former member of the board of directors at Crystal River Village.



She is survived by her husband of 58 years; daughters, Carole Frank of Windsor, Colo., Patti Robinson of Lancaster, Texas, and Roberta Burford of Indianapolis; and son, William J. Pickett of Loxley, Ala.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Torben, in Copenhagen. A visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, where a funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Linda Hammond, 65
HOMOSASSA

Linda Delores Hammond, 65, of Homosassa, Fla., died Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, at her home under the care of her family and Hospice of Citrus County. Private cremation arrangements are under the care of Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory Crystal River.

Death ELSEWHERE

Harold Camping, 92
DOOMSDAY MINISTER

OAKLAND, Calif. — The California preacher who used his evangelical radio network and thousands of billboards to broadcast the end of the world has died at age 92.

Family Radio Network marketing manager Nina Romero said Harold Camping died at his home on Sunday. She said he had been hospitalized after falling.

Camping was a retired civil engineer who first predicted the Rapture would happen in September 1994. When Judgment Day didn't come to pass, he blamed it on a mathematical error.

After his second failed prediction in May 2011, the preacher again revised his prophecy, saying he had been off by five months.

Camping said he felt so terrible after the cataclysmic event didn't occur in October 2011 either that he took refuge in a motel.

Family Radio Network said in its statement that he is survived by a wife of 71 years.

—From wire reports

Swimmer wins first place, gives trophy to rival

JUPITER — One of Florida's best young swimmers earned a first-place trophy at a recent meet — and gave it to his rival.

Joshua Zuchowski competed Dec. 7 with the Jupiter Dragons at the Santa Claus & Holiday Spring Invitational in West Palm Beach.

The 9-year-old boy won first place, but he gave the trophy to his friend and rival, 10-year-old Reese Branzell, who swims with the Lake Lytal Lightning. Reese is another top swimmer in the state, but has been ill with a bone infection for weeks and could not compete in the meet.

Reese told WPBF-TV that hours after the meet, Josh sent him his trophy with a note reading: "I won this trophy for you today, and I hope to see you back in the pool."

"I miss Josh and I miss all the friends on my team," said Reese. "Being at the hospital was very hard. I feel like I'm missing out on a lot of stuff, and I wish everything could go away and I could get back in the pool."

Josh said no one made him give his trophy to Reese.

"It's because I felt bad for him," Josh said. "I talked about it with my parents, and they're teaching me to be a good sport. So I'm just trying to do what they taught me."

Man ticketed for trying to trade gator for beer

MIAMI — Florida wildlife officials said a man tried to trade a live alligator for beer at a Miami convenience store.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino said the man received a citation for illegally capturing and trying to sell the gator.

Pino told WTVJ-TV that the man trapped the 4-foot-long gator at a nearby park and brought it to the store. When he proposed to trade the animal for a 12-pack of beer, the store clerk called authorities.

NASA orders urgent spacewalk repairs at station

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA has ordered up a series of urgent spacewalks to fix a broken cooling line at the International Space Station.

Station managers decided Tuesday to send two American astronauts out as soon as possible to replace a pump that contains a bad valve. It's a big job that will require at least two or three spacewalks. The first is scheduled for Saturday.

The spacewalks are taking priority over the launch of a supply ship from Virginia. The delivery had been scheduled for this week, but is now delayed until January.

Half of the station's cool-

ing system shut down last week. The six-man crew had to turn off nonessential equipment, including science experiments. While the astronauts are safe, NASA wants the system back up to full strength, in case of another failure.

Deputies: Jealous man shot at co-worker's car

DEERFIELD BEACH — A Florida Walmart employee faces charges after officials say he shot a co-worker's car window because she won an employee-of-the-month award.

Sonia Diogene told Broward Sheriff's deputies that Willie Mitchell became angry after she received the award and started harassing her, saying he had helped her numerous times and that he deserved the recognition.

As the two argued about their workload, Mitchell grew angry. Diogene told her supervisor that she felt threatened by Mitchell after he repeatedly said, "I'm gonna show you," according to an arrest report. Witnesses told authorities they tried to calm Mitchell down during the argument.

A Dec. 1 surveillance video showed Mitchell pulling alongside Diogene's car, shooting out a window and driving away. Diogene was not in the car at the time but told investigators she found the damage when she went out to her car on her lunch break.

"It definitely seems unusual for someone to be upset to the point that they would fire a shot into someone else's vehicle just because this person received an award," sheriff's spokeswoman Keyla Concepcion said. "He felt obviously that it was unjust for her to receive this award."

Mitchell is charged with discharging a firearm from a vehicle. Jail records did not show whether he had an attorney.

School named for Klan leader to be changed

JACKSONVILLE — Students at a Florida high school named after an honorary Ku Klux Klan leader said they are happy that their school will soon be renamed.

Students at Nathan B. Forrest High School in Jacksonville said it's high time for the Confederate general's name at the majority black school to be removed. That will happen next year after a new name is selected.

School Superintendent Nikolai Vitti said students voted overwhelmingly in a survey to remove the school because of Forrest's history as a slave trader and historical reports of his order to kill 300 captured black Union soldiers.

The Duval County School Board voted 7-0 on Monday to change the name.

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State lawmakers to take up flood insurance issue

Associated Press



State Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, left, and state Rep. Larry Ahern, R-Seminole, answer questions Wednesday during a news conference in Clearwater, about a new legislative proposal regarding flood insurance.

CLEARWATER — Two Tampa Bay-area legislators said Tuesday that they are proposing a bill to give Florida's homeowners relief from rising flood insurance premiums.

State Sen. Jeff Brandes and Rep. Larry Ahern said during a news conference that the bill would allow private insurance companies to offer flood insurance policies to Florida homeowners.

The Biggert-Waters Act, which was passed last year, removes federal subsidies from properties in flood zones. FEMA says the phase-out of subsidies will affect fewer than 20 percent of flood policyholders nationwide — but many of those policies are in Florida, state officials said.

Florida, and Pinellas County in particular, are heavily affected by the rate hikes because there's a significant number of homeowners living in homes located in low-lying areas.

About 1.1 million homeowners nationwide — or 1 in 5 in the program — have received taxpayer-subsidized rates and the government has financed about 60 percent of losses on their properties. Most people can retain the subsidies but can't pass them along to people buying their home, a restriction that's especially burdensome to lower-income older homeowners seeking to sell their houses.

Many mortgages written in Florida require flood insurance.

"Congress has turned the American dream into a nightmare," said Brandes.

Tuesday's news conference was held at the Pinel-

las County Association of Realtors, a group that is concerned about the rate hikes because subsidized policy benefits extended to current homeowners can't be passed along to prospective buyers.

"We've lost numerous sales," said real estate agent Shirley Madden of Treasure Island. "It's affected everyone."

And it's not just residential home sales, Madden added. Her company was going to buy a new building in the Gulf front beach community, but backed out of a deal because the flood insurance rate would have been too expensive.

The Tampa Bay area, Miami-Dade and Lee counties are all uniquely affected by the flood insurance rate increases because of the number of subsidized plans in those areas.

Horror stories of flood insurance rate hikes have dominated Tampa Bay-area media. The Tampa Bay Times recently reported on a Pinellas County couple who bought a home last July for \$628,000. The couple was under the impression that

their flood insurance bill would be about \$4,300 annually, but because they bought the home after the Biggert-Waters act was passed, the insurance subsidy was not grandfathered in.

The couple's flood insurance premium stands to increase 900 percent, to \$44,000 a year, the paper reported.

Brandes cited this case during the news conference, and said that allowing private insurers to offer flood policies to Floridians will "relieve the nightmare that has become the federal flood insurance program."

Brandes and Ahern said that the bill, if passed, will make it easier for private insurance companies to begin writing flood insurance policies in Florida.

Report: Fla. has highest insurance rates in nation

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Floridians are paying the highest homeowner insurance rates in the nation even though the state has not been hit by a hurricane in nearly a decade.

A national report released this week shows the average premium for most Florida homeowners is \$1,933 a year, or nearly twice the national average of \$978. Five of the six states with the highest rates are along the Gulf of Mexico.

The report by The National Association of Insurance Commissioners is based on 2011 rates and includes for the first time premiums paid by customers of Citizens Property Insurance. The state-created Citizens is the largest insurer in the state with more than 1 million policyholders.

Florida's insurance rates have been steadily going up for the last several years even though the state has not been hit by a hurricane since 2005. State regulators have continued to approve rate increases this year, although there are signs rates may finally be stabilizing.

Chief Financial Officer

Jeff Atwater, who has complained that insurance rates in the state should be coming down, said he's not surprised by Florida's top ranking.

Atwater has asked Florida's top insurance regulator to give a detailed report about why most insurers in the state are not lowering their rates since reinsurance costs — one of the biggest expenses for companies — has been declining.

Insurance Commissioner Kevin McCarty was supposed to deliver the report this week, but has asked to delay presenting his findings until mid-January.

"I think people need to be informing the industry that we are watching and we have high expectations that the people of the state of Florida will begin to benefit from cost savings," Atwater said Tuesday.

Louisiana had the second-highest rates, followed by Texas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Alabama.

The report breaks out

homeowners insurance by various types of policies, but found the average premium of \$1,933 for the main kind of multi-peril homeowner policy that is the most commonly purchased in Florida. That same report found that the average premium for insurance purchased by condominium owners in Florida was \$804 — or nearly twice the national average.

The report also lists the 10 costliest catastrophes in U.S. history, which include five hurricanes that struck Florida — Andrew, Charley, Wilma, Ivan and Hurricane Katrina.

Katrina hit Florida before it slammed into Louisiana and Mississippi and was the most expensive catastrophe.

Some in the industry have contended that there are legitimate reasons for the current rates in Florida.

Joseph Petrelli, president of the ratings agency Demotech, wrote Atwater last month and said some insurers have purchased more reinsurance protection as the cost has gone down. He also said that overall repair costs continue to mount.



Jeff Atwater Florida's chief financial officer.

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GRASS

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as part of the food chain and ecosystem. They provide fishing grounds, wave protection, oxygen production and protection against erosion, as well as holding 15 percent of the ocean's carbon storage.

Seagrass is preferable to muck in freshwater areas.

One of the largest seagrass beds in the nation, second only to Florida Bay, lies just off the county's coast in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We estimate we have about as much as 400,000 mat acres of seagrass out there, so it's a huge resource both for commercial fisheries and also recreational fisheries," said Chris Anastasiou, chief environmental scientist with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, speaking last week to the Chronicle's editorial board. "Any of you who enjoy scallops know that it's really important for that as well."

While fighting algae blooms from nitrate and phosphorus loading in freshwater areas, the district plans to replenish Vallisneria eelgrass, starting with a project in Hunter Springs.

"We're working with Duke Energy right now at the mariculture center, which is where they traditionally grow fish," Anastasiou said. "They have partnered with us and are letting us basically use their facilities to grow the grass. Last week, we just started what we would call a sea bank experiment."

The water district observed the conditions after the Kings Bay Rotary Club led by Art Jones started its "One Rake at a Time" project in 2011 to scoop out manually a slimy material called Lyngbya that stifles aquatic ecosystems with dense, floating mats.

"The question that we were asking is: When you remove that algal layer, what comes back? Is there anything in the sediment that brings back vegetation?" Anastasiou asked.



Courtesy of Southwest Florida Water Management District

Rock Star Vallisneria plants are being nurtured at the Duke Energy grow-out pond.

"What we've seen based on some of the work that the Rotary did last March where they removed some of the algae to the left of the swim area — we're actually starting to see some re-growth of some good vegetation."

The result gave the water district hope of good sea bank underneath the sediment, allowing new growth of eelgrass without having to start from scratch.

"The hope is that we're going to see vegetation come back on its own," Anastasiou said. "What we will do is augment that with that Vallisneria eelgrass, the good stuff."

Anastasiou will get "the good stuff" from Lyn Gettys, assistant professor of agronomy and aquatic and wetland plants with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. She calls

her eelgrass variety "Rock Star," because it will grow anywhere.

Gettys developed a technique to grow Vallisneria eelgrass using coconut coir material.

"If you've ever seen ditches dug on the side of the road, they use this dark material to kind of help erosion to grow grass to keep the banks stable," Anastasiou explained. "Gettys is using the same material to grow these aquatic grasses, so we're working with her to implement the same technique in Hunter Springs."

The water district is confident that the project will replace the bad stuff with the good stuff as part of the program to restore the health of King's Bay.

"We have a really good shot at getting these grasses established because we've been doing work for the last 10 to 15

years in King's Bay on different techniques and the state of the science has advanced tremendously," Anastasiou said. "Technology has advanced and just our knowledge base of what works and what doesn't."

The new year will see the beginning of the project.

"This January is when we've got scheduled to get our first flush of plants from the Fort Lauderdale center," Anastasiou said. "We'll be transplanting them in the pond at Duke Energy. Ultimately, what we intend to do is have a facility there that will be growing grass perpetually. It will be available for not just us but for others to use. So if the Rotary has a project or the city has a project, we want to have that grass to be a one-stop shop for them."

When it was pointed out that the water district would bring a new salad bar to the manatee herd — that hundreds of sea cows would munch on the good stuff — Anastasiou had the answer:

"In the short term, we've had a company build us these cages: round, 3-foot diameter, stainless cages that stand about 28 inches," Anastasiou said. "You basically put that on top of the mat, on top of the sod, because that's what you are essentially doing — planting the sod."

The round cages would be weighted down with sandbags along the perimeter to prevent manatees from pushing them over. That part would be a trial-and-error program.

"This is a pilot project because the method has never been used before,"

Anastasiou said. "We don't want to go at it like gangbusters and find out we should have done something different, so we're going to try it out this spring with these cages."

If results are good with the cages, the project may move on to techniques used by cattle ranchers with land-based bovine herds.

"If we see good results, ultimately what we'd like to do is fence areas contingent on permitting," Anastasiou said. "The concept is to manage the herd by allowing these grasses to lay fallow. If you are familiar with how cattle ranchers operate, they move the herd around to let the grasses lay fallow. We think that might be a viable managing approach to get these grasses re-established."

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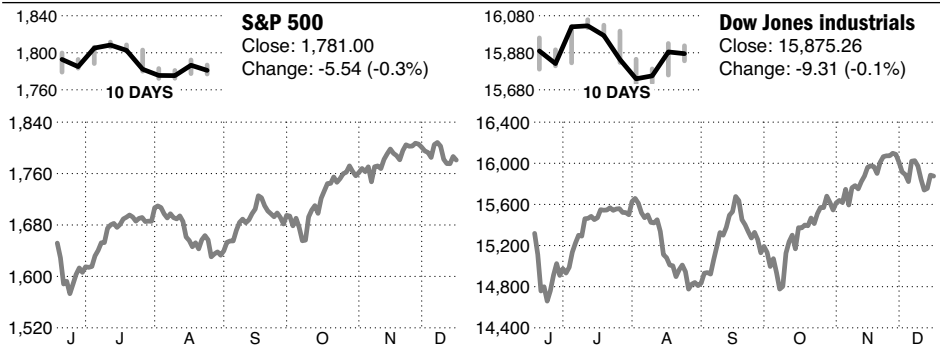
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Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.83 percent Tuesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table with columns: PRIME RATE, FED FUNDS, YEST, 6 MO AGO, 1 YR AGO.

Commodities

The price of oil edged lower Tuesday as traders monitored new data on U.S. crude and refined oil stockpiles. Metals were mostly lower, led by palladium. Crops were mixed.



Table listing commodity prices for Fuels, Metals, and Agriculture with columns: COMMODITY, CLOSE, PVS., %CHG, %YTD.

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Stocks slip as Fed starts stimulus discussion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobody wanted to stick their neck out on Tuesday. The stock market edged slightly lower as the Federal Reserve started a two-day policy meeting that may herald the beginning of the end for its economic stimulus.

Few expect that the Fed will announce that it plans to pare back, or 'taper,' its huge bond-buying program after its meeting wraps up on Wednesday. However, good news on the U.S. economy this month, including a blockbuster jobs report, and a budget deal in Washington appeared to have increased the likelihood of a change.

"It's just the taper drama, that's really all the market seems focused on," said Dean Junkans, CIO for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "The chances of them doing something tomorrow are higher than they were a month ago."

Major stock indices fell, but just slightly. The Standard & Poor's 500 index eased five points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,781. The Dow Jones industrial average crept down nine points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,875.26. The Nasdaq composite edged lower by five points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,023.68.

Eight of the ten industrial groups in the S&P 500 declined, led by phone companies. Materials stocks and technology companies edged higher. A couple of big companies bucked the downward trend after pledging to hand more cash to stock holders.

Boeing rose \$1.16, or 1 percent, to \$135.88 after the plane maker increased its stock buyback program by \$10 billion and raised its dividend 52 percent. 3M climbed \$3.73, or 3 percent, to \$131.39 after raising its dividend by 35 percent. The company also forecast solid earnings next year.

Stocks have surged this year as the Fed kept buying \$85 billion in bonds every month to hold down long-term interest rates. As well as boosting the economy, that stimulus has made stocks a more attractive investment compared to bonds.

The only setbacks for the market this year have come when investors were nervous that the Fed was about to cut back its stimulus. The S&P 500 index dropped 1.5 percent in June when Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke outlined a potential exit for the Fed from its stimulus strategy. The index fell 3.1 percent in August when investors thought that the policy would change in September.

Instead of worrying about the market's immediate reaction to the Fed's announcement on Wednesday, investors should focus on the positive backdrop for stocks, said Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist at Charles Schwab.

The economy is improving, companies are investing more, and earnings are forecast to grow at a steady rate, ensuring there will be demand for stocks. "Dips that we get are not going to be terribly severe," Sonders said.

Google's top searches peer into society's mindset

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Death, devices and celebrity drove the quest for more information on Google's search engine this year.

Three of the world's four fastest-rising search requests on Google were triggered by the deaths of famous men. Former South African President Nelson

Mandela, who died earlier this month, occupied the top spot, followed by "Fast & Furious" movie star Paul Walker, who died in a Nov. 30 car crash. "Glee" TV series cast member Cory Monteith, who died of a drug overdose in July, ranked fourth in an annual retrospective released Tuesday.

The iPhone 5S, the latest upgrade in Apple's most

popular product line, finished third in Google's rankings. The Top 10 was rounded out by the "Harlem Shake," a song that inspired a procession of amusing dance videos, at No. 5; "royal baby" Prince George, the heir to England's throne, at No. 7; and North Korea, whose saber-rattling has become a source of international tension, at No. 10.

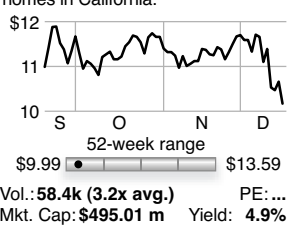
StoryStocks

The S&P 500 fell modestly Tuesday, as investors wait to see whether the Federal Reserve will slow its stimulus for the economy. The Fed began a two-day policy meeting, and many economists expect it to hold steady on its \$85 billion in monthly bond purchases.

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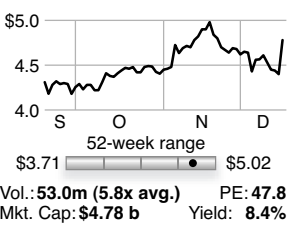
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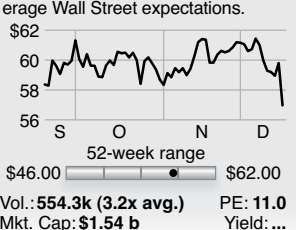
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▶ "Ballots are the rightful and peaceful successor to bullets."
Abraham Lincoln, July 7, 1861

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NOT VOTER FRIENDLY

Absentee ballot ruling needs to be rolled back

One has to wonder what they were thinking in Tallahassee when Gov. Rick Scott's hand-picked Secretary of State Ken Detzner announced recently that completed absentee ballots could no longer be dropped off at early vote sites.

It sounds like a solution in search of a problem — and this wouldn't be the first time. Remember the voter purge Scott initiated just prior to the 2012 elections and the shortened early vote periods — both ostensibly to combat voter fraud, but both primarily successful in making it more difficult for eligible voters to cast their ballots.

ballots at early vote sites and drop boxes for years. Voters will not be happy with the change that causes them the inconvenience."

Although Gill noted "there's been a tremendous amount of push-back on it" she said she's in a "wait and see" mode. Apparently she and colleagues statewide are hoping that the ruling will be rolled back during the 2014 legislative session, ahead of next year's elections.

THE ISSUE:

New state ruling that early vote sites are not approved for absentee ballot drop-off.

OUR OPINION:

Another solution in search of a problem.

About 30 percent of Citrus County's registered voters cast absentee ballots in the 2012 general election, a rate slightly higher than the state's 28 percent.

There was immediate, negative reaction to Detzner's pronouncement. The Pinellas County supervisor of elections, deep in preparations for a January special election, told Detzner she would not follow his directive. A détente of sorts was reached for the January election, with Detzner noting her security measures at staffed drop-off and early vote sites and acknowledging he would not pursue legal action "at this time."

Many Citrus County voters with absentee ballots have shown they'd rather hand in the ballots at convenient early vote sites than drop them in the mail. Whether it's the cost of a stamp or distrust of the mail system is immaterial. The point is that turning in absentee ballots at early vote sites — which are governed by state election laws and staffed by trained, sworn employees — must remain an option for voters.

Elections officials in other Florida counties have also expressed dissatisfaction. Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill told a reporter, "From a practical standpoint, the voters have been dropping off their voted

This should not be a "wait and see" issue. Voters and county elections officials statewide need to put some muscle behind the "push-back" to Gov. Scott, Secretary of State Detzner and legislators on this one.

Obama's epiphanies about governing

WASHINGTON The education of Barack Obama is a protracted process as he repeatedly alights upon the obvious with a sense of original discovery. In a recent MSNBC interview, he restocked his pantry of excuses for his disappointing results, announcing that "we have these big agencies, some of which are outdated, some of which are not designed properly".



George Will
OTHER VOICES

"We've got, for example, 16 different agencies that have some responsibility to help businesses, large and small, in all kinds of ways, whether it's helping to finance them, helping them to export. ... So, we've proposed, let's consolidate a bunch of that stuff. The challenge we've got is that that requires a law to pass. And, frankly, there are a lot of members of Congress who are chairmen of a particular committee. And they don't want necessarily consolidations where they would lose jurisdiction over certain aspects of certain policies."

The dawn is coming up like thunder as Obama notices the sociology of government. He shows no sign, however, of drawing appropriate lessons from it.

Big government is indeed big, and like another big creature, the sauropod dinosaur, government has a primitive nervous system: Injured in the tail, that fact could take nearly a minute to be communicated to the sauropod brain.

Obama, of whose vast erudition we have been assured, seems unfamiliar with Mancur Olson's seminal "The Rise and Decline of Nations," which explains how free societies become sclerotic. Their governments become encrusted with interest groups that preserve, like a fly in

amber, an increasingly stultifying status quo. This impedes dynamism by protecting arrangements that have worked well for those powerful enough to put the arrangements in place. This blocks upward mobility for those less wired to power.

Obama, startled that components of government behave as interest groups, seems utterly unfamiliar with public choice theory. It demystifies and demystifies politics by applying economic analysis — how incentives influence behavior — to government. It shows how elected officials and bureaucrats pursue personal aggrandizement as much as people do in the private sector. In the public sector's profit motive, profit is measured by power rather than money.

Obama's tardy epiphanies do not temper his enthusiasm for giving saurotop government ever-deeper penetration into society. He thinks this serves equality. Actually, big government inevitably drives an upward distribution of wealth to those whose wealth, confidence and sophistication enable them to manipulate government.

The day before Obama shared with MSNBC his conclusion that big government defends its irrationalities but is insufficiently big, his speech du jour deplored today's increasing inequality and distrust of government. He seems oblivious to the mutual causations at work.

Of course Americans distrust one another more as more and more factions fight one another for preferential treatment by government. Of course government becomes drained of dignity, and becomes corrosive of social cohesion, as it becomes a

bigger dispenser of inequality through benefits to those sufficiently clever and connected to work its levers.

Obama correctly says that not only do we "tend to trust our institutions less," we also "tend to trust each other less." Of course there are parallel increases in distrust: Government's dignity diminishes as government grows to serve factions of those sophisticated at manipulating its allocation of preferences. Social solidarity is a casualty of government grown big because it recognizes no limits to its dispensing of favors.

Obama's speech denounced "trickle-down ideology" and deplored growth that "has flowed to a fortunate few." But the monetary policy he favors — very low interest rates, driving money into equities in search of higher yields — is a powerful engine of inequality. Since the Dow closed at 7,949 on Inauguration Day 2009, it has doubled, benefiting the 10 percent who hold 80 percent of directly owned stocks. The hope is that some of this wealth will trickle down.

Suppose there were not 16 government agencies "to help businesses, large and small, in all kinds of ways." Suppose there were none. Such barnacles on big government institutionalize the scramble for government favors; these agencies are a standing incitement to bend public power for private advantage. Hence they increase distrust of government, diminish social solidarity and aggravate the most indefensible inequality — that driven by government dispensations.

Obama's solution to the problem of the 16 is to "consolidate" them, replacing 16 small subtractions from good governance with one big one. Progressives consider this progress.

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Not too smart

Frightening and irresponsible. What a joy it is to see the beautiful lights displayed at Withlacoochee Electric. How frightening and irresponsible was the driver of a car that stopped dead on (State Road) 44 in the left-hand lane in the pitch-black night to view the lights. We were behind that driver and very grateful to be away from him or her. It would be a blessing if that person retired their license. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Support for roosters

There was an article in last week's Chronicle ... where a father has an autistic boy and he has chickens because they keep the child's interest. For some reason, animals bring autistic children out of themselves. The county or city wants to put an end to it. There's another advantage to having chickens if you have a rooster. The rooster's a great alarm clock. You don't have to worry about the electricity going out at night.



Parade great

A great big wow to the participants and volunteers of the Citrus Springs parade. Kudos to the parade committee, who worked diligently and tirelessly to put the parade together. Long Island Santa, hope you were there.

Holly jolly speed trap

To all those who travel on Holly Street above and beyond the 30 mph speed limit, I'd like to say this to you: 'Tis the season to get caught speeding. Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

Excuse for gas price hike unbelievable

A Chronicle article of Nov. 26, reported that the spike in gas prices from \$3.15 to \$3.49 — an increase of 11 percent — was the result of production problems at four refineries.

Who in the world would believe that? Not one, but four refineries, with problems at the same time during one of the busiest travel days of the year!

Even if you were to accept that excuse, why would that cause gas prices to rise? It could cause a shortage of gas, but an increase in prices, what is the reasoning there? There apparently is an oil industry rule that says, if demand increases prices rise, if demand decreases prices rise, and now if refineries have problems, prices rise.

When I was in school, the rule was "the greater the volume (demand), the lower the cost." What's changed?

Last night, ABC news reported that Florida has the highest average gas price on the East Coast. Good going Florida!

As a senior citizen, for the better part of my life diesel fuel was cheaper than gasoline

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gallon at times) even though it is cheaper to refine and is used by almost the entire trucking industry.

When is enough enough?

Ken Yates
Homosassa

Are we acting Christ-like?

This holiday season wouldn't it be lovely if we didn't have to listen to some people vent anger at others just because they say Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas? I've seen many a store clerk reprimanded by some arrogant customer because Merry Christmas wasn't said. I would think if you profess to be a good Christian, you would remember that this is the time for peace, love and good will. Several years ago bracelets with WWJD were the big thing and so I suggest (notice I said suggest, not command) that those people who think they have the right to berate others should ask themselves if their behavior qualifies as Christ-like.

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NATION BRIEFS

Playing



Associated Press

Everest, a 6-month-old Snow Leopard cub, top, plays in the snow with his mother, Sarani, at the Brookfield Zoo in the Chicago suburbs. Everest and Sarani, along with father, Sabu, can be seen in the zoo's "Big Cats" exhibit.

Archbishop steps aside, denies touching minor

MINNEAPOLIS — The head of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is stepping aside from public ministry after an allegation that he touched an underage male.

Archbishop John Nienstedt denies the allegations, but is removing himself from ministry pending an investigation.

The archdiocese said the incident allegedly occurred in 2009 after a confirmation ceremony. Nienstedt is accused of inappropriately touching an underage male on the buttocks during a group photography session.

The archdiocese learned of the allegation last week and instructed the person who brought it forward to go to police.

In a letter posted Tuesday on the archdiocese website, Nienstedt said the allegation is "absolutely and entirely false." He said he hopes the investigation will be thorough and quick so he can return to work.

Blind man, guide dog struck by NYC subway

NEW YORK — A blind man who was hit by a New York City subway train said his guide dog tried to save him from falling on to the tracks when he lost consciousness.

Cecil Williams told The Associated Press from his hospital bed that he was holding onto his black Labrador, Orlando, when he fainted Tuesday morning. They both tumbled down onto the tracks from the platform at 125th Street.

The 61-year-old Williams said the next thing he remembers is someone telling him to be still.

The motorman had slowed the subway cars so Williams and his dog were not badly injured. Both were taken to a hospital.

Williams said the 10-year-old dog saved his life. Police said the lab is a certified guide dog.

Gunman kills himself, 1 other at Reno hospital

RENO, Nev. — A gunman opened fire at a hospital campus in Reno on Tuesday, killing one person and wounding two others before turning the weapon on himself.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety said the wounded victims were in surgery and one of them is a doctor.

Police initially said the gunman shot four people before killing himself, but they later said he wounded two people and killed another before committing suicide.

Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Gail Powell said the wounded doctor is a woman but she had no more information about the identity of the victims or the gunman.

—From wire reports

Snowden seeks asylum in Brazil

Says NSA's indiscriminate spying 'collapsing'

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden wrote in a lengthy "open letter to the people of Brazil" that he's been inspired by the global debate ignited by his release of thousands of NSA documents and that the agency's culture of indiscriminate global espionage "is collapsing."

In the letter, Snowden commended the Brazilian government for its strong stand against U.S. spying.

He wrote that he'd be willing to help the South American nation investigate NSA spying on its soil, but could not fully participate in doing so without being granted political asylum, because the U.S. "government will continue to interfere with my ability to speak."

Revelations about the NSA's spy

programs were first published in the *Guardian* and *The Washington Post* newspapers in June, based on some of the thousands of documents Snowden handed over to Barton Gellman at the *Post* and to Brazil-based American journalist Glenn Greenwald and his reporting partner, Laura Poitras, a U.S. filmmaker.

The documents revealed Brazil is the top NSA target in Latin America, with spying that has included the monitoring of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff's cellphone and hacking into the internal network of state-run oil company Petrobras.

The revelations enraged Rousseff, who in October canceled an official visit to Washington that was to include a state dinner. She's also pushing the United Nations to give citizens more protections against spying.

In his letter, Snowden dismissed U.S. explanations to the Brazilian

government and others that the bulk of metadata gathered on billions of emails and calls was more "data collection" than surveillance.

"There is a huge difference between legal programs, legitimate spying... and these programs of drag-net mass surveillance that put entire populations under an all-seeing eye and save copies forever," he wrote. "These programs were never about terrorism: they're about economic spying, social control, and diplomatic manipulation. They're about power."

Brazilian senators have asked for Snowden's help during hearings about the NSA's targeting of Brazil, an important transit hub for trans-Atlantic fiber optic cables that are hacked. Both Greenwald and his domestic partner, David Miranda, spoke before the Senate, and Miranda has taken up the cause of persuading the Brazilian government to grant political asylum to Snowden.

Miranda said he received Snowden's letter directly from the former NSA analyst via "secure means." Snowden lives in Russia on a temporary one-year visa.



Edward Snowden

World BRIEFS

Silhouette



Associated Press

A full moon rises Tuesday behind the statue of St. John of Matha, one of the 140 statues that top the colonnade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

Casualties overwhelm hospitals

BEIRUT — Hospitals in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo are overwhelmed with casualties, an international aid group warned Tuesday, as government warplanes blasted opposition areas of the city as part of a withering three-day air assault that has killed more than 100 people.

The intensified air campaign, which one activist group in the city called "unprecedented," suggests President Bashar Assad's government is trying to crush opposition in the contested city, Syria's largest, ahead of an international peace conference scheduled for late January in Switzerland.

Tuesday marked the third consecutive day that Aleppo has been hit by deadly government airstrikes.

Indian official: Diplomat's arrest in NYC barbaric

NEW DELHI — The arrest and alleged strip search of an Indian diplomat in New York City escalated into a major diplomatic furor Tuesday as India's national security adviser called the woman's treatment "despicable and barbaric."

Devyani Khobragade, India's deputy consul general in New York, is accused of submitting false documents to obtain a work visa for her Manhattan housekeeper. Indian officials said she was arrested and handcuffed Thursday as she dropped off her daughter at school, and was kept in a cell with drug addicts before posting \$250,000 bail.

A senior Indian official confirmed reports that she also was strip-searched, which has been portrayed in India as the most offensive and troubling part of the arrest.

Her U.S. attorney said he didn't know if she was strip-searched. Federal authorities said they were looking into the arrest.

Libya: We'll allow quizzing of Lockerbie suspect

LONDON — Libyan Justice Minister Salah Margani said his government will allow U.S. and British investigators to question Abdullah al-Senoussi, Gadhafi's notorious spymaster, over the Lockerbie bombing.

The former intelligence chief is accused of complicity in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which 270 people died.

Libyan intelligence officer Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, who died last year, is the only person convicted in the attack, but many questions surrounding the bombing, who ordered it, and how it was carried out remain unanswered. If Libya were responsible for the atrocity, al-Senoussi could be a critical source of information.

Margani told Britain's ITV News on Tuesday that it was "the intention" to allow investigators to question al-Senoussi.

—From wire reports

End in sight



Associated Press

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada takes a break Tuesday from the Senate floor on Capitol Hill in Washington after a bipartisan budget compromise cleared a procedural hurdle, advancing past a filibuster threshold on a 67-33 vote that ensures the measure will pass the Democratic-led chamber no later than today and head to the White House to be signed into law.

Year-end agreement: Budget heads to final passage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Year-end legislation to ease Congress' chronic budget brinkmanship and soften across-the-board spending cuts moved to the cusp of final passage Tuesday, a rare display of Senate bipartisanship that masked strong Republican complaints about slicing into military retirement benefits.

The measure is expected to clear the Senate and go to President Barack Obama for his signature today, marking a modest accomplishment at the end of a year punctuated by a partial government shutdown, a near-default by the U.S. Treasury and congressional gridlock on issues ranging from immigration to gun control.

"This bipartisan bill takes the first steps toward rebuilding our broken budget process. And, hopefully, toward rebuilding our broken Congress," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who negotiated

the compromise with Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis. The first major test of that is likely to come in February, when Congress faces a vote to raise the government's debt limit.

Tuesday's vote to send the measure toward final approval was 67-33. But even as it was advancing, Republicans vowed that the requirement for curtailing the growth in cost-of-living benefits for military retirees under age 62 wouldn't long survive. The Democratic chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, has said the panel will review the change, estimated to trim some \$6.3 billion in benefits, early next year.

"This provision is absolutely wrong; it singles out our military retirees," protested Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., at a news conference shortly before the vote.

By late afternoon, the bipartisanship had faded as Republicans ratcheted up their criticism and maneuvered for political

gain. A proposal aimed at removing the retirement provision failed on a near party-line vote of 46-54. Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan of North Carolina, who faces a difficult challenge for reelection, was the only senator to switch sides.

Rather than reaching for a so-called grand bargain to reduce long-term deficits, lawmakers decided to reduce across-the-board cuts already scheduled to take effect, restoring about \$63 billion over two years. The legislation includes a projected \$85 billion in savings elsewhere in the budget.

Because spending would rise immediately but many of the savings would take place later in the decade, deficits would increase as a result of the measure for the current budget year and the two that follow. Over the 10-year period, the legislation measure shows a \$23 billion cut in red ink — a trifle compared with the government's overall debt of more than \$17 trillion and rising.

Russia to buy \$15B in Ukraine bonds

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin upped the stakes Tuesday in the battle over Ukraine's future, saying Moscow will buy \$15 billion worth of Ukrainian government bonds and sharply cut the price of natural gas heading to its economically struggling neighbor.

The announcements came after Putin held talks in Moscow with Ukrainian President Viktor

Yanukovich, who is facing massive protests at home for his decision to shelve a pact with the European Union in favor of closer ties with Moscow.

Economic experts say Ukraine desperately needs to get at least \$10 billion in the coming months to avoid bankruptcy.

While Putin sought to calm the protesters in Kiev by saying that he and Yanukovich didn't discuss the prospect of Ukraine joining the Russian-

dominated Customs Union, the sweeping Kremlin agreements are likely to fuel the anger of demonstrators who want Ukraine to break from Russia's orbit and integrate with the 28-nation EU.

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said after the Kremlin talks that Russia would purchase \$15 billion in Ukraine's Eurobonds starting this month.

Putin emphasized that Russia's decision to buy the Ukrainian bonds wasn't contingent on that govern-

ment freezing any social payments to its citizens — a clear jab at the International Monetary Fund, which has pushed Ukraine to reduce spending as a condition for providing a bailout loan.

Putin said the Russian state-controlled gas monopoly, Gazprom, will cut the price that Ukraine must pay for Russian gas deliveries to \$268 per 1,000 cubic meters from the current level of about \$400 per 1,000 cubic meters.

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Four 'Noles named first-team All-Americans

Winston adds distinction to Heisman win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tackle-machine linebacker, a tackle-busting running back and one of the most disruptive defensive tackles in the country made return appearances on The Associated Press All-America team. Alabama linebacker C.J. Mosley, Arizona running back Ka'Deem Carey and Arizona

State defensive tackle Will Sutton were selected to the first team for the second straight season.

The All-America teams were released Tuesday and selected by a panel of AP college football poll voters.

Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston from Florida State added All-American to his resume after a spectacular redshirt freshman season. Heis-

man finalists Andre Williams from Boston College and Northern Illinois' Jordan Lynch also made the first team. Williams joins Carey in the backfield and Lynch, the dual-threat quarterback, was chosen as an all-purpose player.

Carey, a junior, is second in the nation in rushing after leading last year, but said he thinks he's a better player now. "I worked hard to improve my

speed and strength in the off-season while keeping my speed," Carey said. "I put on 10 pounds of weight and I think that's helped my durability. I also wanted to be a better blocker away from the ball. Blocking for our quarterback and our receivers is key to our system and it's important that I do my part even when I'm not carrying the ball." Mosley, a senior, was the lead-

ing tackler for a defense that ranked fifth in the country in yards allowed per game. Sutton, a senior, was named Pac-12 defensive player of the year for the second straight season. Winston, a landslide Heisman winner last week, is joined on the first team by three Florida State teammates — center Bryan Stork,



Jameis Winston
Florida State quarterback.



Bryan Stork
Florida State center.



Lamarcus Joyner
Florida State cornerback.



Roberto Aguayo
Florida State placekicker.

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Eye of the storm



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Jasmin Pryor of Citrus gets set to bench press 90 pounds in the 101-pound division Tuesday in Inverness against Citrus County rival Lecanto.

Citrus claims seven of 10 classes in girls weightlifting win over Lecanto

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

INVERNESS — When the crowd started screaming Tuesday at the Citrus High-Lecanto High girls weightlifting meet in the Citrus High weight room, it didn't affect Anna Venero too much.

The Citrus High School lifter just did a bench press of 155 pounds and a clean and jerk of 150 pounds for a 305-pound total, which won her the 183-pound class.

Others around her got excited as the 'Canes won their 24th straight meet in a 53-37 victory over the Panthers.

Venero did have a personal best in the clean and jerk but she had a best of a 165-pound bench press at an earlier meet.

"It wasn't my best," Venero said. "This is like any other meet. They are our rivals. They have a lot of good people in the lower weights."

Another Citrus lifter, Hannah Evans, won the 169-pound class with a 320-pound total. She had a bench of 165 pounds and a clean and jerk of 155 pounds.

If Venero and Evans can hit 300 pounds or more at the sectional qualifier, both

should be headed for the state meet.

Lecanto's Breanna Johnson was feeling more of the rivalry than Venero. Johnson won the 139-pound class with a 135-pound bench, a 130-pound clean and jerk and a 265-pound total.

"It's (the meet) still a big deal," Johnson said. "It makes us get more motivated."

Johnson had her personal best at the recent Disparti Invitational. She had a bench of 140 pounds, a clean and jerk of 130 pounds and a 270-pound total.

"Disparti showed me where I am in the state of Florida," Johnson said. "It was my best effort."

She placed third at the Disparti on Friday at River Ridge High School.

Lecanto's Andreaanna Van Quelef had a personal best clean and jerk with a 125-pound effort in the Citrus-Lecanto meet. She won the 119-pound class with a 110-pound bench and a 235-pound total. Her sister, Summer, was second with 205 pounds.

"I am very, very happy," Lecanto High head coach Bob LeCours said. "We won three weight classes. Cheyenne Atkins (101)

was tied for first but lost on weight. I am very happy with 139 down. We are shallow. We don't have a lot of depth. We have a lot of freshmen in the upper classes. It's a good way to end (2013)."

The Citrus coach was impressed with the Panther girls.

"Lecanto is doing much better," Citrus head coach Tia Nelson said. "They have a good group of girls. They did quite well."

Lecanto takes 12th at Disparti Invitational

Out of 18 teams, the Panthers took 12th at the meet at River Ridge High on Friday, Dec. 13.

Charlotte won with 54 points and River Ridge was second.

Johnson was third in her weight class and Andreaanna Van Quelef was sixth in the 119-pound class. She had a 105-pound bench press and a 125-pound clean and jerk for a 230-pound total.

This meet was like a preview for the state meet, which is in February in Kissimmee.

Team Scores: Citrus 53, Lecanto 37

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Panthers pound West Port in rout

The Lecanto girls soccer team enjoyed a 7-0 defeat of West Port on Tuesday night.

Stephanie Bandstra had two goals and an assist to pace the Panthers, while Danielle Van Quelef, Hannah Herber, Jessica Ray and Shannon Fernandez each scored once.

Also for Lecanto, Lexi Moore added a goal and an assist, Ashlyne Van Cleef notched two assists and Emma Van Cleef had an assist.

Megan Houpt made three saves for the Panthers.

Lecanto (9-7-1, 4-4) plays St. Francis Catholic on Friday.

'Canes can't solve district foe Hudson

The Citrus girls soccer team suffered a 7-0 loss at Hudson on Tuesday evening.

For the Hurricanes, Elizabeth Rinaldi made 8 saves in the loss.

Citrus (8-9-2 overall, 7-6-2 district) host Crystal River for the Breast Cancer Awareness Game at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Pirates drop close one to Bears

The Crystal River boys soccer team fell 3-1 to Brooksville Central on Tuesday night.

AJ Bass scored the Pirates' lone goal, while goalkeepers Kyle Kidd (6 saves) and Aaron Molinero (2 saves) manned the net for Crystal River.

The Pirates (3-11, 3-10) host Citrus on Thursday.

LHS hosting alumni basketball game

The Third Annual Lecanto Basketball Alumni Game will take place at Lecanto High School at 2 p.m. on Dec. 22. If you are interested in playing, please call 352-362-0011.

The fee to play is \$25 per player, which includes a jersey and your name in the program.

CRHS baseball team hosting golf tournament

The Crystal River High School baseball program is hosting a golf tournament Jan. 11, 2014 at Skyview Golf & Country Club.

The tournament — which begins with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start — is a four-person scramble with prizes for the first, second and third-place teams.

There will also be a silent auction, as well as closest to the pin and longest drive contests.

Each individual is \$75 and individuals can also sponsor a hole for \$100. Four golfers and a hole sponsor costs \$350, a \$50 discount.

For more information, contact Don Kidd at donkidd18@yahoo.com or 352-212-1395.

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.

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

— From staff reports

Improbable path to celebrity for Miami DB

Associated Press



Associated Press

Miami safety Michael Thomas, center, is cheered as he leaves the field Sunday after his Dolphins defeated the New England Patriots. Thomas intercepted a pass intended for New England Patriots wide receiver Austin Collie to clinch the 24-20 win.

DAVIE — Among all of the Miami Dolphins, idle tackle Jonathan Martin knows the team's new celebrity safety the best, because they played together in college.

So when Michael Thomas made a game-winning interception in his NFL debut and found himself mobbed by teammates who didn't even know his name, Martin was quick to send a congratulatory text message, coast to coast and Stanford alum to Stanford alum.

"That means a lot," Thomas said Tuesday. "Jonathan was one of my best friends at Stanford. I looked up to Jon."

Thomas said Martin's still rooting for Miami, despite his

allegations of daily harassment by teammates that prompted him to leave the team in October. The bullying scandal threatened to sabotage the season, but instead the Dolphins (8-6) have gone 5-2 since Martin went home to California, and they'll clinch a wildcard playoff berth if they win their final two games.

Low on star power, the Dolphins are winning thanks to a broad cross-section of contributors, none more improbable than Thomas.

"Michael Thomas, the new superstar," coach Joe Philbin said Tuesday.

Undrafted out of college, Thomas joined the Dolphins

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NBA BRIEFS

Trail Blazers 119, Cavaliers 116

CLEVELAND — Damian Lillard made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds remaining, lifting the Portland Trail Blazers to a 119-116 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Lillard had a career-high eight 3-pointers while scoring 36 points. The 2013 NBA Rookie of the Year also had a fadeaway jumper as time expired to give Portland a 111-109 overtime victory over Detroit on

Sunday. Kyrie Irving's bid for a tying 3-pointer bounced off the back of the rim at the buzzer. Irving and Dion Waiters scored 25 points apiece for Cleveland. LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 15 rebounds for Portland.

Lakers 96, Grizzlies 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kobe Bryant scored 21 points in his sixth game of the season, and the Los Angeles Lakers closed out a four-game road trip

with a 96-92 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies. Pau Gasol added 21 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who were coming off a 114-100 loss at Atlanta on Monday night. Nick Young had 18 points, and Jodie Meeks finished with 13. Zach Randolph had 18 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for Memphis. **Bobcats 95, Kings 87** CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba

Walker scored 24 points and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Sacramento Kings 95-87, snapping a three-game losing streak. Gerald Henderson added 20 points and reserve Ramon Sessions scored 16 for the Bobcats, who went 8 for 17 from 3-point range. Walker also had five assists in his 10th game with at least 10 points. DeMarcus Cousins had 30 points and 17 rebounds for Sacramento. — From wire reports

Men's Top 25 Fared

- Tuesday**
1. Arizona (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southern U., Thursday.
 2. Syracuse (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. High Point, Friday.
 3. Ohio State (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Delaware, Wednesday.
 4. Wisconsin (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Prairie View, Saturday, Dec. 28.
 5. Michigan State (9-1) beat North Florida 78-48. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
 6. Louisville (9-1) vs. Missouri State. Next: at Florida International, Saturday.
 7. Oklahoma State (10-1) beat Delaware State 75-43. Next: vs. No. 20 Colorado, Saturday.
 8. Duke (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. UCLA, Thursday.
 9. Villanova (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Rider, Saturday.
 10. UConn (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Wednesday.
 11. Wichita State (10-0) at Alabama. Next: vs. North Carolina Central, Sunday.
 12. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern State, Wednesday.
 13. Oregon (9-0) vs. UC Irvine. Next: vs. BYU, Saturday.
 14. North Carolina (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.
 15. Memphis (7-1) vs. No. 16 Florida. Next: vs. Southeast Missouri State, Saturday.
 16. Florida (7-2) vs. No. 15 Memphis. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.
 17. Iowa State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. George Mason, Sunday.
 18. Kansas (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
 19. Kentucky (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Belmont, Saturday.
 20. Colorado (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
 21. Gonzaga (10-1) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
 22. UMass (9-0) did not play. Next: at Ohio, Wednesday.
 23. Missouri (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
 24. San Diego State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Utah, Wednesday.
 25. Iowa (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sunday.

Women's Top 25 Fared

- Tuesday**
1. UConn (11-0) beat No. 2 Duke 83-61. Next: vs. No. 21 California, Sunday.
 2. Duke (10-1) lost to No. 1 UConn 83-61. Next: vs. Albany (N.Y.), Thursday.
 3. Tennessee (10-0) beat Tennessee State 94-43. Next: at No. 6 Stanford, Saturday.
 4. Notre Dame (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Sunday.
 5. Kentucky (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Duke, Sunday.
 6. Stanford (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Tennessee, Saturday.
 7. Louisville (11-1) beat Ball State 105-67. Next: vs. No. 11 Colorado, Saturday.
 8. Maryland (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Saturday, Dec. 28.
 9. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Wednesday.
 10. South Carolina (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 North Carolina, Wednesday.
 11. Colorado (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Louisville, Saturday.
 12. LSU (9-1) beat Florida Gulf Coast 69-46. Next: at N.C. State, Friday.
 13. Oklahoma State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Thursday.
 14. North Carolina (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 South Carolina, Wednesday.
 15. Iowa State (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Saturday, Dec. 28.
 16. Georgia (11-0) beat Lipscomb 81-46. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
 17. Penn State (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Alcorn State, Sunday.
 18. Purdue (6-2) did not play. Next: at Green Bay, Wednesday.
 19. Nebraska (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota, Saturday.
 20. Oklahoma (6-3) did not play. Next: at Fairfield, Wednesday.
 21. California (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Sunday.
 22. Iowa (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Drake, Saturday.
 23. Syracuse (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Niagara, Thursday.
 24. Florida State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Friday.
 25. Gonzaga (9-2) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.

Lightning prevail

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Valtteri Filppula scored twice in the final 3 minutes of regulation and then converted in the shootout to rally the Tampa Bay Lightning past the New York Islanders 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Nikita Kucherov also connected in the shootout as the Lightning handed New York its sixth straight loss at home.

Filppula scored his second third-period goal off a scramble with 3.8 seconds left to force overtime. He also scored at 17:07 to cut New York's lead to 2-1. He has 12 goals on the season.

Flyers 5, Capitals 2

PHILADELPHIA — Jakub Voracek scored two goals and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Washington Capitals 5-2.

Mark Streit, Wayne Simmonds and Matt Read also had goals for the Flyers. Alex Ovechkin and Eric Fehr scored for Washington.

Two days after blowing a 4-1 third-period lead at Washington in a 5-4 shootout loss, the Flyers rallied to win their seventh consecutive home game.

Blackhawks 3, Predators 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Duncan Keith scored a goal and added an assist to lead the Chicago Blackhawks to a 3-1 win over the Nashville Predators.

Patrick Kane and Nick Leddy also scored for Chicago, which has won five of six.

Shea Weber scored for the Predators.

Canadiens 3, Coyotes 1

MONTREAL — Max Pacioretty scored twice in the third period to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-1 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes.

Carey Price stopped 26 of 27 shots for Montreal and Andrei Markov also scored in the third period.

Mikkel Boedker scored for the Coyotes and Mike Smith made 26 saves.

Pacioretty scored the winner at 13:18 of the third, netting his 13th of



Associated Press

The Tampa Bay Lightning's B.J. Crombeen and New York Islanders' Matt Martin exchange punches on the ice in the second period Tuesday in Uniondale, N.Y.

the season by shooting the puck into traffic in front of Smith's goal. The puck ricocheted off defenseman Michael Stone's skate and into the net.

Sharks 4, Blues 2

ST. LOUISIS — Joe Pavelski scored the first of three straight goals by San Jose, and Antti Niemi stopped 20 shots to lead the Sharks to a 4-2 win over the St. Louis Blues.

San Jose completed a season sweep of the Blues, winning all three games by a combined 16-7. St. Louis has lost two in a row after winning eight of 11.

Marty Havlak, Brent Burns and Matt Irwin added goals for the Sharks, who led 3-0 after 22 minutes. Niemi improved to 18-6-6.

Wild 3, Canucks 2, SO

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jason Pominville slipped a shot past Roberto Luongo's glove in the third round of a shootout to lift the Minnesota Wild to a 3-2 victory over Vancouver, ending the Canucks' winning streak at seven games.

Luongo made 30 saves, including 14 in the third period and overtime, and stopped Zach Parise to open the shootout. Mikko Koivu, who had two assists for a team-high 20 this season, hit the crossbar with his shot before Pominville scored. Ryan Kesler's

last-chance attempt for the Canucks sailed wide right.

Josh Harding stopped shots by Mike Santorelli and Chris Higgins in the shootout and made 29 saves to win for the fifth time in his last six starts. The Wild improved to 14-3-2 at Xcel Energy Center, where Luongo fell to 3-9-3 in his career.

Ducks 5, Red Wings 2

DETROIT — Sami Vatanen had a goal and an assist and the Anaheim Ducks used a four-goal first period to extend their winning streak to six games with a 5-2 win over the Detroit Red Wings.

Nick Bonino, Jakob Silfverberg, Corey Perry and Saku Koivu also scored for Anaheim. Andrew Cogliano had three assists and Jonas Hiller made 16 saves.

Tomas Jurco got his first career goal and Daniel Cleary scored for Detroit, which has lost its past six (0-4-2).

Panthers 3, Maple Leafs 1

TORONTO — Tomas Fleischmann, Sean Bergenheim and Brad Boyes scored and the Florida Panthers topped the slumping Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1.

The Panthers won their fourth straight game and won for the sixth

USTA tennis league playoffs ongoing

We are going to assume that in the first round of USTA leagues and in the ones to follow in the rest of 2014, we will have several local champions. Positive thinking is half the battle.

For those teams and players that are actually on their way to Daytona, take note of some important information about the dates that these champions will have their sectional tournaments in 2014 and early 2015.

Adult 65+ 4/11-13.
Adult 55+ 4/25-27 and 5/2-4.
Mixed 50+ 5/16-18.
Adult 40+ 7/11-13 and 7/18-20.
Adult 18+ 8/8-10 and 8/15-17.
Mixed 18+ 9/26-28 and 10/10-12.
Mixed 55+ 11/21-23.
Combo 50+ 12/12-14.
Combo 18+ 1/9-11(2015) and 1/16-18(2015).

Make sure you forward these dates to your teammates and get them on your calendar, physically, as a reminder and motivator to the goal you are working towards, good luck.

Citrus Area Senior Ladies 3.0-3.5 Tuesday League

The results for Dec. 10: Citrus Hills def. Sugarmill Woods, 3-2; Riverhaven vs Meadowcrest, 2-2; Pine Ridge def. Crystal River, 4-0. 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. 12: Tennis Bratz def. Skyview Advantage, 6-2; Sugarmill Oakes def. Bicentennial Babes, 5-4; Skyview def. Pine Ridge Mavericks, 5-4.

Sue Barry/Linda Lademann won, 6-1, 6-1; Nelva Polich/Ann Finnin won, 6-3, 6-3; Ginger Privat/Linda Wallace lost, 6-2, 6-4; Sue Conaty/Karen Hejl lost, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

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. 12: No scores reported.

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. 13: Meadowcrest def. Citrus Hills, 4-0; Bicentennial Park def. Riverhaven, 3-2.

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 lfira234@hotmail.com.



Special to the Chronicle

The Skyview Tennis Center's 7.5 men's combo team won the state championship last week in Daytona Beach. The 50-and-over team was captained by Paul Hibbard and had to win district play before it moved to the 2013 Florida Section 7.5 championship round in Daytona. This is the first team from Citrus County in many years to win sectional competition. Pictured above from left are Jerry Boley, Larry Gray, Sunil Gandhi, Eric Abel, Hibbard, Shea Monroe, Mike Tringali and Leo Maric. Not pictured are Marty McMahon, Bruce Payne and John Nagle.

USTA Leagues

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

- Adult 55+: 1/4/14 - 3/10/14 Saturday.
- Adult 65+: 1/4/14 - 3/10/14 Tuesday, Friday.
- Mixed 40+: 1/4/14 - 3/10/14 Friday, Sunday.
- Adult 40+: 3/7/14 - 5/19/14 Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- Mixed 55+: 3/7/14 - 5/19/14 Saturday.
- Adult 18+: 4/11/14 - 7/7/14 Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- Mixed 18+: 6/27/14 - 9/8/14 Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- Combo 50+: 9/5/14 - 11/30/14

Saturday.
Combo 18+: 9/12/14 - 12/15/14 Friday, Sunday.

The deadline for the leagues is three weeks before the starting date. After that date you can still add players to your team.

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 ustafloida.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 jjeanette3saj@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.

Febr. 8-9, 2014: Tenth Annual Crystal River Open Tennis Tournament at Crystal River High School. The event offers doubles only.

For more information or to sign up please contact one of the following people

Cindy Reynolds at 352-697-3222 or ReynoldsC@citrus.k12.fl.us
Sally deMontfort at 352-795-9693 or deMont@embarqmail.com
Eric van den Hoogen at hoera@juno.com.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	4	0	.714	369	311
Miami	8	6	0	.571	310	296
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	246	367
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	300	354

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	338	319
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	326	355
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	221	399
Houston	2	12	0	.143	253	375

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	5	0	.643	353	274
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	296	277
Pittsburgh	6	8	0	.429	321	332
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	288	362

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Denver	11	3	0	.786	535	372
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	399	255
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	343	311
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	295	393

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	364	349
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	393	385
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	251	357
Washington	3	11	0	.214	305	434

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	359	270
Carolina	10	4	0	.714	328	208
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	258	324
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	309	388

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	406	391
Green Bay	7	6	1	.536	353	362
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	362	339
Minnesota	4	9	1	.321	363	425

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	12	2	0	.857	380	205
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	349	228
Arizona	9	5	0	.643	342	291
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	316	324

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Game

San Diego 27, Denver 20

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 48, Philadelphia 30
Atlanta 27, Washington 26
San Francisco 33, Tampa Bay 14
Seattle 23, N.Y. Giants 0
Chicago 38, Cleveland 31
Indianapolis 25, Houston 3
Buffalo 27, Jacksonville 20
Miami 24, New England 20
Kansas City 56, Oakland 31
Carolina 30, N.Y. Jets 20
Arizona 37, Tennessee 34, OT
St. Louis 27, New Orleans 16
Green Bay 37, Dallas 36
Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 20

Monday's Game

Baltimore 18, Detroit 16

Sunday, Dec. 22

Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23

Atlanta at San Francisco, 8:40 p.m.

Late Monday

Ravens 18, Lions 16

Baltimore	0	9	3	6	— 18
Detroit	7	0	3	6	— 16

First Quarter

Det.—Bush 14 run (Akers kick), 10:57.

Second Quarter

Bal.—FG Tucker 29, 12:49.
Bal.—FG Tucker 24, 2:32.
Bal.—FG Tucker 32, :00.

Third Quarter

Bal.—FG Tucker 49, 8:00.
Det.—FG Akers 40, 1:49.

Fourth Quarter

Bal.—FG Tucker 53, 8:06.
Det.—Fauria 14 pass from Stafford (pass failed), 2:21.
Bal.—FG Tucker 61, :38.
A.—64,742.

	Bal	Det
First downs	18	19
Total Net Yards	305	349
Rushes-yards	21-90	28-119
Passing	215	230
Punt Returns	1-24	4-26
Kickoff Returns	2-60	2-38
Interceptions Ret.	3-21	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-38-0	18-34-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	1-5
Punts	5-48.0	5-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	8-89
Time of Possession	27:35	32:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Baltimore, Rice 12-56, Pierce 7-21, Flacco 2-13. Detroit, Bush 17-86, Bell 9-24, Stafford 2-9.
PASSING—Baltimore, Flacco 20-38-0-222. Detroit, Stafford 18-34-3-235.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, J.Jones 6-80, T.Smith 4-69, M.Brown 4-31, Dickson 3-10, Pitta 2-24, Rice 1-8. Detroit, Johnson 6-98, Burleson 4-51, Pettigrew 2-23, Bush 2-15, Bell 1-23, Fauria 1-14, Riddick 1-6, Durham 1-5.

NFL Playoff scenarios

AFC

Denver — clinched playoff spot
Indianapolis — clinched AFC South
Kansas City — clinched playoff spot
DENVER
Clinches AFC West and first-round bye with:
— Win and Kansas City loss
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win and Kansas City loss and New England loss or tie

NEW ENGLAND

Clinches AFC East with:
— Win or tie, OR
— Miami loss or tie
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win and Cincinnati loss or tie and Indianapolis loss or tie, OR
— Tie and Cincinnati loss and Indianapolis loss

CINCINNATI

Clinches AFC North with:
— Win and Baltimore loss or tie, OR
— Tie and Baltimore loss
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win and Miami loss or tie, OR
— Tie and Miami loss

BALTIMORE

Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win and Miami loss and San Diego loss or tie

For the record

Florida Lottery

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



CASH 3 (early)

6-8-5

CASH 3 (late)

3-6-8

PLAY 4 (early)

7-0-0-4

PLAY 4 (late)

6-5-9-2

FANTASY 5

3-6-18-19-36

MEGA MONEY

18-37-39-42

MEGA BALL

15

MEGA MILLIONS

8-14-17-20-39

MEGA BALL

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Monday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 7-15-16-20-34

5-of-5 1 winner \$211,303.13

4-of-5 253 \$134.50

3-of-5 8,439 \$11

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN, SUN) Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat
7 p.m. (FSNFL) Utah Jazz at Orlando Magic
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) Chicago Bulls at Houston Rockets
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat (same-day tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Texas at North Carolina
7 p.m. (ESPNU) North Carolina State at Tennessee
8 p.m. (FS1) San Francisco at St. John's
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Stanford at Connecticut
9 p.m. (ESPNU) LSU at Texas Tech

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1 p.m. (ESPNU) NCAA Division III, First Semifinal: North Central at Mount Union (taped)

GOLF

8 p.m. (GOLF) Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge (taped)

NHL HOCKEY

8 p.m. (NBCSPT) Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. (FS1) FIFA Club World Cup Semifinal: Raja Casablanca vs CA Mineiro

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

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

No local events scheduled.

MIAMI

Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win and Baltimore loss and Cincinnati loss

NFC

Seattle — clinched playoff spot

SEATTLE

Clinches NFC West and home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs with:
— Win or tie, OR
— San Francisco loss or tie

NEW ORLEANS

Clinches NFC South and first-round bye with:
— Win
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Arizona loss, OR
— Tie and San Francisco loss or tie, OR
— Tie and Arizona tie, OR
— San Francisco loss and Arizona tie

CAROLINA

Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win, OR
— Tie and Arizona loss, OR
— Tie and San Francisco loss, OR
— Arizona loss and San Francisco loss

SAN FRANCISCO

Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win, OR
— Arizona loss, OR
— Tie and Arizona tie

PHILADELPHIA

Clinches NFC East with:
— Win and Dallas loss or tie

CHICAGO

Clinches NFC North with:
— Win and Detroit loss or tie and Green Bay loss

AP All-America team

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE
Quarterback — Jameis Winston, redshirt freshman, 6-foot-4, 229 pounds, Florida State.
Running backs — Andre Williams, senior, 6-0, 227, Boston College; Ka'Deem Carey, junior, 5-10, 196, Arizona.
Tackles — Jake Matthews, senior, 6-5, 305, Texas A&M; Cyrus Kouandjio, junior, 6-6, 310, Alabama.
Guards — Cyril Richardson, senior, 6-5, 340, Baylor; David Yankey, senior, 6-5, 313, Stanford.
Center — Bryan Stork, senior, 6-4, 300, Florida State.
Wide receivers — Brandin Cooks, junior, 5-10, 186, Oregon State; Mike Evans, sophomore, 6-5, 225, Texas A&M.
Tight end — Jace Amaro, junior, 6-5, 260, Texas Tech.
All-purpose player — Jordan Lynch, senior, 6-0, 216, Northern Illinois.
Kicker — Roberto Aguayo, redshirt freshman, 6-1, 203, Florida State.

DEFENSE

Ends — Michael Sam, senior, 6-2, 255, Missouri; Jackson Jeffcoat, senior, 6-5, 250, Texas.
Tackles — Aaron Donald, senior, 6-0, 285, Pittsburgh; Will Sutton, senior, 6-1, 288, Arizona State.
Linebackers — Anthony Barr, senior, 6-4, 248, UCLA; C.J. Mosley, senior, 6-2, 238, Alabama; Ryan Shazier, junior, 6-2, 230, Ohio State.
Cornerbacks — Darqueze Dennard, senior, 5-11, 197, Michigan State; Lamarcus Joyner, senior, 5-8, 190, Florida State.
Safeties — Cody Prewitt, junior, 6-2, 220, Mississippi; Deone Bucannon, senior, 6-1, 198, Washington State.
Punter — Tom Hornsey, senior, 6-3, 210, Memphis.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE
Quarterback — Johnny Manziel, sophomore, Texas A&M.
Running backs — Tre'Mason, junior, Auburn; Bishop Sankey, junior, Washington.
Tackles — Cameron Erving, junior, Florida State; Taylor Lewan, senior, Michigan.
Guards — Gabe Jackson, senior, Mississippi State; Xavier Su'a-Filo, junior, UCLA.
Center — Gabe Ikard, senior, Oklahoma.
Wide receivers — Sammy Watkins, junior, Clemson; Davante Adams, sophomore, Fresno State.
Tight end — Eric Ebron, junior, North Carolina.
All-purpose player — Ty Montgomery, junior,

Stanford.
Kicker — Anthony Fera, senior, Texas.

DEFENSE

Ends — Vic Beasley, junior, Clemson; Shilique Calhoun, sophomore, Michigan State.
Tackles — Timmy Jernigan, junior, Florida State; Kelcy Quarles, junior, South Carolina.
Linebackers — Trent Murphy, senior, Stanford; Khalil Mack, senior, Buffalo; Chris Borland, senior, Wisconsin.
Cornerbacks — Justin Gilbert, senior, Oklahoma State; Jason Verrett, senior, TCU.
Safeties — Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, junior, Alabama; Ahmad Dixon, senior, Baylor.
Punter — Drew Kaser, sophomore, Texas A&M.

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE
Quarterback — A.J. McCarron, senior, Alabama.
Running backs — Carlos Hyde, senior, Ohio State; Ameer Abdullah, junior, Nebraska.
Tackles — Jack Mewhort, senior, Ohio State; Gregory Robinson, sophomore, Auburn.
Guards — John Urschel, senior, Penn State; Ryan Groy, senior, Wisconsin.
Center — Reese Dismukes, junior, Auburn.
Wide receivers — Allen Robinson, junior, Penn State; Jordan Matthews, senior, Vanderbilt.
Tight end — Austin Seferian-Jenkins, junior, Washington.

All-purpose player — Odell Beckham Jr., junior, LSU.
Kicker — Jeff Budzien, senior, Northwestern.
DEFENSE
Ends — Marcus Smith, senior, Louisville; Jeremiah Attaochu, senior, Georgia Tech.
Tackles — Ra'Shede Hageman, senior, Minnesota; Leonard Williams, sophomore, Southern California.
Linebackers — Shayne Skov, senior, Stanford; Max Bullough, senior, Michigan State; Denicos Allen, senior, Michigan State.
Cornerbacks — Ifo Ekpre-Okolmu, junior, Oregon; Vernon Hargreaves III, freshman, Florida.
Safeties — Jimmie Ward, senior, Northern Illinois; Ty Zimmerman, senior, Kansas State.
Punter — Austin Rehkow, freshman, Idaho.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Signed RHP Shunsuke Watanabe to a minor league contract. Released the contract of RHP Chris Carpenter to Yakult (Nippon) for cash.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Albers on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Steve Tolleson on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived S Sean Cattouse.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed P Kevin Huber on injured reserve. Signed P Shawn Powell.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed LB Justin Durant on injured reserve. Released RB George Winn from the practice squad. Re-signed LB Ori'e Lemon from the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Agreed to terms with DE Jeremy McIncey.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed LB Pat Angerer on injured reserve. Agreed to terms with RB Shaun Draughn. Signed G Zach Allen to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed WR Cecil Shorts and G Will Rackley on injured reserve. Signed C Patrick Lewis from Cleveland's practice squad. Signed G Drew Nowak from the practice squad. Signed DE D'Aundre Reed to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Released S D.J. Campbell. Claimed DB Jallil Brown off waivers from Indianapolis.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released RB Joe Banyard.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released K Garrett Hartley.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed CB Corey Webster on injured reserve. Signed WR Julian Talley from the practice squad. Signed RB Kendall Gaskins to the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Placed LB LaMarr Woodley on injured reserve. Signed LB Jamaal Westerman.

Looking to 2014

Westwood ends a year of change

Associated Press

This has been a season of big change for Lee Westwood, and his debut last week in the Shark Shootout was an example.

He typically is on the other side of the world this time of the year, having won the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa in 2011 and 2012, and the Thailand Golf Championship two years ago. But this marks one year since Westwood moved his family from England to Florida to take it easy on the jet lag and allow for more practice in warm weather.

He ended the year without a win anywhere in the world.

Westwood, a two-time Order of Merit winner on the European Tour, attributed his results to change, though that entails more than location. He also began working with Sean Foley. He had a new caddie for most of the year until reuniting this month with Billy Foster.

Asked what held him back this year, Westwood chalked it up to the "lack of continuity."

"So many changes, re-



Associated Press

Graeme McDowell and his father Kenny will be partners in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February.

ally," he said as he headed into the final month of his season. "It's impossible to quantify the effect that has. Starting with a new coach, changing tours, changing caddies the end of last year, all of it has an effect."

He also said there were struggles with consistency in his swing. Westwood had a close call at Quail Hollow, and he had the lead going into the final round of the British Open, which was won by Phil Mickelson more than anyone lost it.

Father & son

Except for having the 54-hole lead and contending at the British Open, one of the best moments for Lee Westwood this year was playing with his father in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Graeme McDowell will experience that in February.

McDowell and his fa-

ther, Kenny, will be partners at Pebble Beach. It's the first time they have been there since 2010, when McDowell won the U.S. Open and his father said to him on the 18th green that Sunday, "You're something, kid."

Asked for his favorite memory of his father, McDowell went back to his roots in Northern Ireland when he was too young to play the Dunluce course at Royal Portrush. "Until you're 15 years old or have a 15-handicap, you play the Valley Course," he said. "I remember sneaking out with my dad on a summer's evening on the Dunluce course when I was not eligible to be out there, sneaking out there for a few holes one summer evening and feeling like I was literally at Augusta National. Those are special times."

Overseeding, frost delays are staples of winter golf

The winter months are upon us and, as golfers, we experience a few noticeable changes that the weather brings to the golf course. The first noticeable change is the overseed to the golf course. Overseeding is the application of rye seed on the golf course in anticipation of cold weather.

Why is there a need to overseed the Bermuda grass?

Bermuda grass thrives in warm weather. Bermuda grass will go into a dormant stage when the temperature is 32 degrees and below. In its dormant stage, the grass appears brown in color and looks dry or dead. Golfers do not like the playing conditions when the Bermuda grass is dormant. Old-school superintendents mostly agree that dormant grass is actually ideal conditions for playing golf. But you and I like green growing grass — hence the need to overseed.

Overseeding can be an expensive endeavor as seed prices vary from year to year. Some courses

overseed the rough, fairway, greens and tees. This is referred to as wall-to-wall.

Most courses in our area overseed fairways, greens and tees. It is less expensive to not overseed the rough areas. And when the cold weather kicks in, the rough goes dormant and turns brown; it gives the

course a contrasting look with green fairways surrounded by brown rough. Our winters in Citrus County vary from year to year, but we do get a number of cold wintry days when the nighttime temperature drops below freezing. A clear sky and little or no wind will create the frost crystals on the blades of grass and we experience a "frost delay."

On a busy winter day — and the days are short — a frost delay is a golf operator's worst nightmare. Typically when there is frost, the day warms up and we shed layers of warm clothing by late morning.

What does it mean to be in a frost delay?

7 Rivers Golf & Country Club superintendent Richard Herber states that

when the turf is frozen, the blades of grass can be damaged when carts and maintenance equipment drive over it. Superintendents must first wait for the sun to rise and temperatures to rise above freezing. Once the sun is up and the temperature is up, he can turn the sprinklers on to help melt the ice crystals formed on the grass.

Once this is done, he can get his equipment out without any damage. And this is why we have frost delays. Golf carts and footprints break the grass blade, which damages and can kill the grass.

Next time the weatherman predicts cold temperatures, do not assume there will be a frost delay. Windy conditions or cloud cover will prohibit the moisture on the plant to accumulate. Watch out on those cold, clear windless nights.

And don't be surprised when you arrive for your 11 a.m. tee time in your short sleeves and the temperature is moderate — the course may be running behind a few minutes because of earlier frost delay.

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Marion Walker
MOVE WITH MARION

Local LEADERS

HOLE-IN-ONE

On Dec. 13, Chad Virgin aced the 8th hole at Twisted Oaks Golf Club. Virgin used an 8 iron to score the hole-in-one from 152 yards out. Witnesses to the shot were Dieter Kieseler, Denny Brinker and C.H. Crockett.

BRENTWOOD

Dec. 14, Brentwood Farms Golf: Saturday Morning Scramble results.

First	22.75
Jack Coyne, Jane Coyne, Wilson Timmons, Bob Day	
Second	24.75
Vaughn Thornton, Jim Del Pozzo, Bud Riegner	
Third	27.75
Dennis Ronk, Frank Hughes, Chuck Boho	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Steve Areno
No. 4	Wilson Timmons

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. 12 results for the Sunday Scramble at Brentwood Farms Country Club.

First	3 under (won tiebreaker)
Joe Goyette, Don Oslance, Don Henderson	
Second	3 under
Bob Staker, Jim Pearson, R.J. Caslanga	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Lou Degenerro
No. 4	Caroline Poole

Dec. 16, Monday Men's Point Quota Group results.

First	+4
Bob Staker	
Second	+2
Freddy Krattiger	
Third	+1
Franz Duttwiler	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Bob Staker
No. 4	Franz Duttwiler

Dec. 17 results for the Men's Nine Hole League at Brentwood Golf Club.

Low net	36
Jesse Lewis, Dick Emberley, Frank Hughes	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 2	Horst Templin
No. 4	Chuck Boho

Due to the next two Tuesdays, our next league will be played on Jan. 8. 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 information, call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800 or email new216@tampabay.rr.com.

CITRUS HILLS

WOMEN

On Dec. 3, the Citrus Hills Ladies Golf Association participated in the monthly qualifying round for the end-of-year Ace of Aces Tournament. This month's qualifiers by flights are:

Flight 1	
First gross	79
Kay Close	
Second gross	82
IvaLee Lawrence	
First net	64
Pat Laskowski	
Second net	67
Marti Jones	
Flight 2	
First gross	90
Cindy Rhee	
Second gross	94
Barbara Hirnyk	
First net	69
Sherry Robertson	
Second net	(tie) 72
Mary Bodenheim, Sue Burgun	
Flight 3	
First gross	90
Deniece Gatz	
Second gross	92
Helen Clayton	
First net	67
Sharon Fowler	
Second net	70
Virginia Romiti	
Flight 4	
First gross	101
Gladys Kean	
Second gross	103
Diane Halloran	
First net	69
Henny Feldberg	

Second net 70

Cathi Smith

Birdies:
No. 5 Jackie Dziekan

No. 5	Marilyn Campbell
No. 5	Barbara Shipman
No. 13	Brenda Lindsey
No. 11	Sue Burgun
No. 13	Sherry Robertson
Nos. 3 & 14	Kay Close
Nos. 2 & 8	Sharon Fowler
Nos. 3 & 12	Cindy Rhee

CITRUS SPRINGS

MEN

On Dec. 7, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played team points.

First	160
Rick Hancock, Bob Hunt, Jack Williamson, John Lycke (blind)	
Second	143
Jerry Feher, Dave Balas, Harvey Jenkins, Rocky Marziani	
Closest to the pins:	
No. 4	Jack Williamson
Nos. 8, 11 & 14	Pete Clutter
No. 16	Harvey Jenkins

On Dec. 10, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played 1-2-3.

First	119
Harvey Jenkins, Emil Colletti, Dave Balas, Don Gonczy	
Second	131
Bill Curry, Walt Norton, Leon Smith, Bob Malloy	
Closest to the pins:	
No. 4	Bob Hunt
No. 8	Pete Clutter
No. 11	Carryover
No. 14	Don Gonczy
No. 16	Dave Balas

On Dec. 12, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played 1 best ball on holes 1-6, 2 best balls on 7-12 and 3 best balls on 13-18.

First	122
Rick Hancock, Don Gonczy, Walt Norton, Sonny Cavalier	
Second	129
Dave Balas, Russ Woodworth, Emil Colletti, Rocky Marziani	
Third	130
Pete Clutter, Glen Robertson, Woody Miner, Emil Colletti (blind)	
Fourth	131
Bill Curry, Doug Sirmons, Jack Williamson, Bill Mannix	
Closest to the pins:	
No. 4	Don Gonczy
No. 8	Carryover
No. 11	Dave Balas
No. 14	Rick Hancock
No. 16	Bill Curry

On Dec. 14, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played 2 best balls on even and 3 best balls on odd.

First	148
Bob Manecy, Bob Hunt, Russ Woodworth, Rocky Marziani	
Second	150
Bill Curry, Harvey Jenkins, Dave Balas, Leon Smith	
Third	154
Don Gonczy, Barry Bullington, Mike Jarman, Glen Robertson (blind)	
Closest to the pin:	
No. 4	Pete Clutter
No. 8	Bob Geci
No. 11	Don Gonczy
No. 14	Bill Curry
No. 16	Pete Clutter

On Dec. 17, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played individual low net.

White Tees	
First	73
Pete Clutter	
Second	74
Don Gonczy	
Third	76
Rick Hancock	
Fourth	77
Bob Geci	
Yellow Tees	
First	64
Leon Smith	
Second	68
Rocky Marziani	
Third	70
Bob Malloy	
Fourth	73
Russ Woodworth	

Closest to the pin:

No. 4	Harvey Jenkins
No. 8	Jack Williamson
No. 11	Carryover
No. 14	Bob Geci
No. 16	Mike Feltner

On Dec. 13, Points Quota "Chicks with Sticks" results.

June Goyette	+8
Lois Bump	+5

Ginny Hearn +2

Jan Kominski +1

Closest to the pin:

No. 4	Marcie Marcus
No. 8	Carole Seifert
No. 11	June Goyette
No. 16	Carole Seifert

"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Ladies are also welcome to play on Thursdays in a points quota league at Lake-Side G&CC. Call Jan at 352-344-9550 or Carole at 352-746-2082 or for more details.

IG&CC

On Dec. 3 and 10, the Inverness Golf & Country Club played a two-week "Eclectic Tournament," using the best score on each hole out of 36 holes.

Low gross	82
Nancy Purcell	
Low net	54
Dee Knox	
2nd low net	56
Ruth McGuckin	
3rd low net	61
Nancy Bennett	
Birdies:	
No. 14: Dee Knox & Ruth McGuckin	
Chip-ins:	
No. 2	Lavera Sasser
No. 7	Jean Neil
No. 18	Bev Black

LAKESIDE

Dec. 12, LakeSide Ladies Points Quota League results.

Arlene Elwell	+4
Carole Seifert	+3
Linda Miller	+2
Patsy Delp	+1

Closest to the pin:
No. 2 Jan Kominski
No. 15 Carole Seifert

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. 11, the Pine Ridge LPGA played a "Low Net" game.

Babe Zaharais Flight	
First	24
Diane Guindon	
Second	26
Lisa Wahba	

Patty Berg Flight	
First	18
Margie Ebbert	
Second	22
Betty Klinger	

Julie Inkster Flight	
First	21
Mary Hayes	
Second	22
Barb Lamb	

Nancy Lopez Flight	
First	19
Kay Krieger	
Second	19
Maud Gloddy	

Closest to the pin:	
No. 1	Barb Lamb
No. 3	Betty Klinger
No. 7	Margie Ebbert
No. 9	Lisa Wahba
No. 6	Norma Hedin

Birdies:	
No. 8	Margie Ebbert
No. 1	Rainey Hart
No. 3	Betty Klinger
No. 9	Lisa Wahba

PLANTATION

Thursday, Dec. 5, 9-Hole Points results.

B. Pridemore	+7
J. Guska	+3
E. Hogan	+1

Saturday, Dec. 7, 18-Hole Points results.

D. Stickney	+6
J. Hartson	+6
B. Ruance	+5
J. Linn	+4
R. Jarzyna	+4

Dec. 8, "Sunday Swingers" Mixed Group "3, 2 and 1" game format results.

First	
Pepita & John Park,	
Kathy & George McGillis	
Second	
Carol Garvin, Mike Cokus,	
Lanie & Tom Cooney	
Third	
Euna & Greg Quimby,	
Ruth Zaring, Ed Lohr	
Fourth	
Brenda Ferrel, Connie Ciresoli,	
Fran & Sue Doering	
Fifth	

Gail & Wayne Bolle,

Doris &Ray Osburn

Sixth

Ed & Julie Hogan,

Bill McIntyre, Dee Vanbebber

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

P. Kobel	+5
B. Sizemore	+2
B. Reynolds	+1
K. Mast	+1

7 RIVERS

Winners for 7 Rivers two-week Eclectic game on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11:

Flight 1	
First	58
Carol Biedscheid	
Second	64
Kathy Carver	

Flight 2	
First	67
Kay Koebocke	
Second	71
Nancy Haydon	

Flight 3	
First	56
Diane Keck	
Second	61
Sheila McLaughlin	
Third	64
Joan Burnett	

Birdies:	
No. 17	Kathy Carver
Chip-ins:	
No. 17	Kay Koebocke
No. 10	Diane Keck

Niners two-week Eclectic game results.

Flight 1	
First	34
Dotty Roung	

Flight 2	
Second	37
Nikki Sennott	

On Nov. 27, the Southern Woods Men's Golf Association played "Best 2 Net Balls."

First	-19
Frank Nolan, Tai Um,	
Frank Siemietkowski	
Second	-16
Al Turska, O.J. Klimm,	
Dan Pera	
Third	-15
Steve Ley, Mike Taylor,	
Bob Chadderton	

Dec. 11 results of the Southern Woods MGA Shootout.

Flight 1	
First	
Steve Ley	
Second	
Rod Fortune	
Third	
Carl Pedersen	
Fourth	
Dan Santero	
Fifth	
Ken Moody, Frank Nolan	

On Dec. 11, the Southern Woods MGA Shootout.

Flight 1	
First	
Doug Martin	
Second	
John Doyle	
Third	
Mike Taylor	
Fourth	
Phil Jasper	
Fifth	
Al Mayer	
Sixth	
Jim Hackett	

Holiday safety tips

Christmas is a time for celebrating holiday traditions, spending quality time with family and friends and giving to others. But festivities can quickly become time-consuming, and safety might be overlooked. Keeping your child safe will help maximize your holiday enjoyment — no one enjoys seeing their child in the emergency room for tripping over lights, ingesting toxic decorative plants or putting out their eyes.

Here are some pointers from safekids.org to help keep your children safe during the holidays:

Decorate your tree with your kids in mind.

Kids are curious and will want to play with the ornaments on the tree, so you might as well prepare. Move the ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks towards the top of the tree. That makes room at the bottom for the ones that are safer for young kids.

Water the tree regularly.

Natural trees look beautiful and smell great, but if they're not watered regularly, needles can dry out and pose a potential fire hazard. Make sure your tree has plenty of water by checking it regularly.

Check the lights.

Lights are one of the best parts of holiday decorating. Take a look at the ones on your tree and in and around your home for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets.

Blow out candles and store matches out of reach.

Keep holiday candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and don't forget to blow them out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.

Make a habit of placing matches and lighters in a safe place, out of children's reach. Avoid novelty lighters or lighters that look like toys.

Keep harmful plants out of reach.

Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep those that may be poisonous out of reach of children or pets. This includes mistletoe berries, holly berry and Jerusalem cherry. In a poison emergency, call the national Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.

Find the perfect toy for the right age.

Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game this holiday season.

It's worth a second to read the instructions and warning labels to make sure the gift is just right. Before you've settled on the perfect toy, check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards.

Keep button batteries away from young kids.

Keep a special eye on small pieces, including button batteries that may be included in electronic toys. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.

Don't forget a helmet for new bikes or other toys.

If your child's heart is set on a bike, skateboard or scooter this holiday season, be sure to include a helmet to keep them safe while they're having fun.

Prevent spills with pot handles.

Kids love to reach, so to prevent burns from hot holiday food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge.

Engage older kids in cooking.

Teach older, responsible kids how to cook safely. Teach them never to leave the kitchen while they're using the stove or oven. Instruct older kids to use oven mitts or potholders to remove items from the oven or stove and teach them how to use a microwave safely.

Check your car seat before holiday travel.

Seventy-three percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your car seat. It takes only 15 minutes. If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, certified child passenger safety technicians are able to help or even double-check your work.

Use booster seats.

Safety in the car goes beyond your little ones. Kids who have outgrown a forward-facing harness seat are not ready for a seat belt or front seat yet. They are safest in a booster seat that enables the adult seat belt to fit properly. Even when children have graduated from booster seats, they should remain in the back seat until they reach the age of 13.

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Special-needs pets need love and a little bit of care

Special to the Chronicle

Special-needs kitties — handicapped felines — may be different, but they can still bring the same love and joy into your life as a cat without limitations. Perhaps they aren't "special needs" pets, but simply special ones because they have overcome their disabilities.

Felines that have special needs often come with disabilities such as blindness, deafness or lack of a limb. Usually cats like these do not need medicine on a regular basis, but their handicapped status does need to be taken into account. And of course, they need the normal amount of love and attention.

There is one tip, however, to living with these special felines:

"For these cats' safety, they should be indoors-only kitties," said Mary Alice Bauman, a long-time volunteer at the Humanitarians of Florida's Hardin Haven. "Being outdoors they may over-compensate with their other senses to handle their handicaps."

The Humanitarians of Florida have five special kitties for adoption at Hardin Haven in Crystal River, and some have gone through hardship to gain their special status. Neptune is deaf in one ear. His eardrum was removed because of a chronic infection, and nowadays he thinks he is king of his domain. Pines, an adult cat, was born blind in one eye and



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LEFT: Andrew, an orange and white tabby, may have lost an eye, but he's just as active and loving as a cat with both eyes. RIGHT: Neptune is deaf in one ear, but that doesn't keep him from being king of his domain.

doesn't seem to know it. Andrew and Kasha both had an eye removed due to an upper respiratory infection that got out of hand. Andrew, a male kitten, is a very beautiful, social boy, and Kasha is a calm and relaxed grown-up girl. Fluffy II's right paw got caught in some wire and he chewed it off to escape. He is a kitten and plays with toys and runs around like there is no tomorrow. His leg end needs to be checked occasionally to make sure it doesn't get sore, but he is as

normal as can be.

All five of these kitties are handicapped, but to see them in their daily lives you would hardly know it. They play, love, eat, and carouse like every other feline in their home-style, cage-free environment. They seem to have no limitations.

If your heart is moved to adopt one of these special kitties, call the Haven at 352-613-1629, or stop by and visit them at 1149 N. Conant Ave. in Crystal River.

CHALK TALK

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE



Rotary Youth Exchange

Special to the Chronicle

Mima Majzec, who is hosted by Rotary Club of Inverness as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, hails from Croatia and is attending Citrus High School for the year while a student sponsored by a Rotary Club in Chicago is staying at her home and going to her high school. While the young lady from Chicago could only dream about the turkey feast this year Mima, helped make her first deep-fried turkey and learned to set the table (pictured with her host parents Connie & Doug Lobel) for 12 dinner guests. Part of the exchange program is cultural education, so while Mima learned about Thanksgiving, her counterpart in Croatia learned about a baked ham cured by hanging it out by the seaside and then wrapping it in bread dough, Croatian comfort food at this time of year. Next comes Christmas American style, and Mima cannot wait to learn everything about how we survive when jolly Saint Nick comes to town.



Rotary City of Inverness

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Rotary Club of Inverness for the first time has awarded a college scholarship to a student based on how well they are doing after having begun college so they can be judged based upon their actual performance at the college level. This scholarship is open only to students that have previously received a scholarship from Inverness Rotary at the time of their graduation from Citrus High School. Of the numerous applicants, one seemed to stand out. Rotary Club of Inverness Committee Chairperson for this special new scholarship, Lace Blue-McLean, was proud to announce to the committee that Lauryn Rashley, a 2012 recipient of one of the club's \$1,000 scholarships, was the committee's selection for this \$3,000 scholarship that will help Lauryn continue her education at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto. She is studying for a degree in business. Pictured from left are: Rotary Club of Inverness President Lora Wilson; Lace Blue-McLean; Lauryn Rashley; and Inverness Publix Manager Janet Ferguson.



Rotary Youth Exchange

Special to the Chronicle

Although they come from many different lands, Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students all celebrate the same season. The theme of the Inverness Rotary Club entry in the Inverness Christmas Parade was "Rockin' It Rotary Style," and featured four exchange students from all three county high schools. Pictured from left are: Amaud Lecleroqz of Belgium, attending Lecanto High school and hosted by Sugamill Woods Rotary Club; Erk Vestervall of Sweden, attending Citrus High School and hosted by Inverness Rotary; Maite Aristide of Brazil, attending Crystal River High School and co-hosted by Crystal River Kings Bay Rotary and Crystal River Rotary Club; and Mima Majzec of Croatia, attending Citrus High School and hosted by Inverness Rotary. Inverness Rotary President Lora Wilson is standing on the parade float. Each student made a sign to wish the parade viewers a Merry Christmas in their native language as the float made its way along the route.

EDUCATION NEWS

Woman's club to offer scholarship

The Crystal River Woman's Club will award a \$1000 scholarship to a woman who is a resident of Citrus County and will be enrolling in a postsecondary program to further her education and improve her career and job opportunities. Scholarship application will be available in January 2014 and the must be submitted by Jan. 31 to be considered. Information about the application may be obtained by emailing CRWC.EducationCommittee@outlook.com or calling 954-682-5766.

Awards offered by military chapter

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart announces two scholarship opportunities for college-bound students — Chapter 776's College of Central Florida Endowed Scholarship and the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarship for Academic Year 2014-15.

● Chapter 776's CF Endowed Scholarship awards \$500 to an applicant accepted or enrolled at CF as a full-time student. Information and application can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org or by calling 352-382-3847. Application deadline 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

● The MOPH Scholarship will award \$3,000 each to more than 70 recipients. To be eligible, applicants must be a member of the MOPH, a spouse, widow, direct lineal descendant of a MOPH member or a veteran killed in action or who died of

wounds before having the opportunity to become a MOPH member. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a graduate or pending graduate of an accredited high school; be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student at a U.S. college or trade school and have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA based on an unweighted 4.0 grading system.

MOPH scholarship information and applications can be obtained by visiting the MOPH website at www.purpleheart.org. Scholarship applications must be received at MOPH Headquarters in Springfield, Va., no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 11.

Scholarships planned by music group

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.

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.

CF to award honors scholarships

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.

Oratorical contest available for locals

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.

There is a prepared oration by the student on some phase of the Constitution which emphasizes the 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 the oratorical chairman, Charles Haf-fenden, 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 club plans awards

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

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 education department. For more information, call Buzz Fredrickson at 352-341-4392.

The Spot offering free tutoring

The Spot Kid's Club offers Free Tutoring at its afterschool enrichment program that provides help with homework assistance, tutoring,

CLASSES AND COURSES

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 now offering the online course "**Computer Skills for the Workplace**." Most jobs today require a working knowledge of certain computer skills.

Employers seek and reward employees with the skills and knowledge to send messages across the country via email; use a spreadsheet to create a graph and paste it into a report; add and edit data in a database; understand the implications of file sizes, memory limitations, and network arrangements;

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For more information, call 352-726-2430 ext. 4360 or visit www.wtionline.cc/ed2go.html.

Join the excitement as the Homosassa Public Library begins a new **Celebrate Reading** program

from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

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

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

The second program, Reading Pals, pairs teens and younger children together. Teens read storybooks aloud to one or two younger children at a time. Children may wish to draw or write about a story they like.

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

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

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.

Submission deadlines

Follow these guidelines to help ensure timely publication of submitted material. The earlier *Chronicle* editors receive submissions, the better chance of notes running more than once.

Community notes: At least one week in advance of the event.

Veterans Notes: 4 p.m. Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Together page: 4 p.m. Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Business Digest: 4 p.m. Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Chalk Talk: 4 p.m. Monday for publication Wednesday.

Health Notes: 4 p.m. Friday for publication Tuesday.

Get the word out

Nonprofit organizations are invited to submit news releases about upcoming community events.

Write the name of the event, who sponsors it, when and where it will take

place and other details.

Include a contact name and phone number to be printed in the paper.

News releases are subject to editing.

NEWS

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computer labs, reading and math clubs, mentorship, leadership skills, outdoor activities, arts and crafts to students in kindergarten through seventh grade.

The Kid's Club offers students a fun and safe place to learn and develop study skills. The program will enable success in reading and math by bringing students up by one grade level.

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.

Registration is required. Call 352-794-3870 for more information.

Patriot Pen Essay Contest planned

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

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.

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The Mini Page

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Stained Glass

The Color of Light

If you've ever said "Wow!" as light streamed through a stained glass window, you know how magical this art form can be.

Stained glass artists have been creating beautiful windows for many hundreds of years. This week, The Mini Page celebrates the season by learning more about the art you may enjoy as you attend holiday church services.

Early glass

Historians believe ancient Romans learned to make glass and used it to let light into buildings. In fact, colored glass may have been used as early as the fifth century A.D.

The first windows with patterns of glass were set into wooden or plaster frames. But these frames limited the shapes the artist could use.

Later artists began to use a metal called **lead** (led) to hold the glass. It is **malleable** (MAL-ee-uh-bul), or workable into different shapes.



Detail of a stained glass window in the Cologne Cathedral in Germany. This part of the window shows the shepherds and the Magi, or wise men, visiting the baby Jesus. This window was made in the late 1800s.

An ancient art

The earliest examples that scientists have found of glass and lead cut into specific shapes date back 1,200 to 1,400 years.

Since that time, many styles of art have been seen in windows. But the process of creating stained glass has not changed much over the centuries.

Cathedrals

Church authorities began building massive cathedrals with larger window openings. These houses of worship were in areas with more people and were centers for the community. Most were built in the **Gothic** style, which includes soaring pointed arches, towers and highly decorated outside walls.

The Middle Ages

As Christianity spread and became more powerful between the fifth and 15th centuries, stained glass became a popular way to tell stories and honor important figures from the Bible and the church.

During medieval times, books were printed by hand and hard to come by. Most people could not read. Today, early stained glass and other art forms are sometimes called "poor man's Bibles" because they pictured stories for those who couldn't afford books.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are admiring some stained glass art. See if you can find:

- ice cream cone
- cheese wedge
- letter Z
- turtle
- kite
- letter E
- teapot
- snake
- letter C
- feather
- cat
- dog
- number 2
- mushroom
- fish
- letter B
- jester hat
- ruler
- letter D
- ladder
- bird
- ice pop
- frog
- lips



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Chocolate Chip Walnut Bars

You'll need:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 egg whites
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts

What to do:

- Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl.
- Use an electric mixer to blend coconut oil with the white and brown sugars.
- Add egg whites, one at a time, beating mixture well after each addition.
- Add vanilla and mix well.
- Gradually add flour mixture to wet mixture; stir by hand to combine.
- Stir in chocolate chips, then walnuts.
- Coat a 9-by-13-inch dish with cooking spray. Press dough into dish.
- Bake in a 375-degree oven for 15 minutes. Allow to cool; cut into bars. Makes 48 small bars.

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

Meet Hugh Bonneville



Hugh Bonneville stars as Mr. Stink in the PBS family special "Mr. Stink," which first airs in America on Dec. 22.

Hugh Richard Bonneville Williams, 50, was born in London, England. He was a member of the National Youth Theatre in England. He later studied acting at a dramatic arts college in London.

He has appeared in several British TV shows, including "Doctor Who" and "Downton Abbey." He has also acted in many movies and plays.

He supports the international medical charity Merlin and several groups for young people in theater.

His co-star in "Mr. Stink," Nell Tiger Free, 13, has been in one movie.

Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Chelsea Gray

Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 10-8-92 Hometown: Manteca, Calif. About the only thing that can stop Duke All-American Chelsea Gray on a basketball court is an injury. That's what did it last year when she suffered a dislocated kneecap in the 25th game of the season. By then, Gray already had accomplished enough to earn All-America honors for the second straight season.

Now the versatile senior guard is healthy again and one reason that Duke's women ranked No. 2 in the preseason poll. Gray's a sharpshooter, a precision passer and a gutsy defender who takes charges — and also takes charge on the floor.

Cool under pressure, Gray is at her best during crunch time. She's also an honor roll student majoring in sociology and minoring in theater studies. But now her stage is the basketball court.

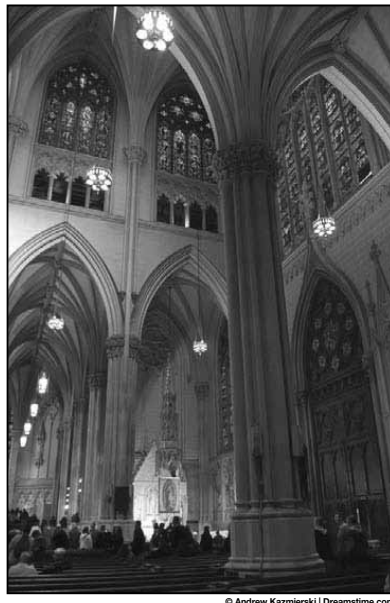
Symbols in Glass

For religious leaders, stained glass images were more than just illustrations. They were symbols of faith.

For example, the white light of the sun shining through colored glass was seen as God revealing himself to people. The lead frames in the glass symbolized the prophets of the church.

The first words in the Old Testament of the Bible describe the heavens and the Earth. The third and fourth verses read: "And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, and it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness."

People in the Middle Ages thought of light as being good, and darkness as being bad or evil. So they wanted to bring light into their churches.



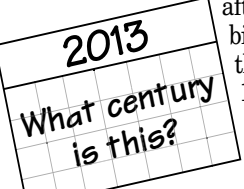
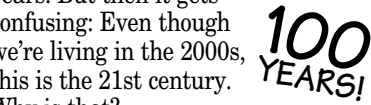
The interior of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City features the pointed arches and large stained glass windows typical of Gothic architecture. Building of this church began in 1858 and finished in 1878.

What's in a century?

When we talk about a **century**, we are describing a period of 100 years. But then it gets confusing: Even though we're living in the 2000s, this is the 21st century.

Why is that? Our years are counted roughly from the time of Jesus' birth. The years after his birth are designated as **A.D.** (*Anno Domini*, in Latin, which means "In the year of our Lord"), or **C.E.**, meaning Common Era. The years before his birth are referred to as **B.C.** (Before Christ) or **B.C.E.** (Before Common Era).

The first century, or 100 years, after Jesus' birth were the years 1 to 100. The second century began with the year 101 and ended at 200. So the 20th century was the 1900s, and the 21st century is made up of the 2000s.



Coloring Glass

The process of creating stained glass has not changed very much since medieval times. Would you like to try it?

- First, an artist draws a small sketch of the window design.

- After the design is approved by the client, or person who is ordering the window, the artist draws a full-scale design. This is called a **cartoon**. (Full-scale means the same size as the finished window will be.)

Today, cartoons are produced on paper. In medieval times, artists made the cartoons on parchment or directly on a whitewashed table.

The artist indicates on the cartoon where the lead lines will be and the shape and color of the individual panes of glass to be used.

- Colored glass is selected and cut to size. In earlier times, different people did the different jobs: cutting the glass, painting the glass and placing the lead. But today, most stained glass artists do all these jobs.

- The artist paints details on the glass with brown or black paint. Thicker paint will make more solid lines; thinner paint can be brushed after drying to give a shading effect.

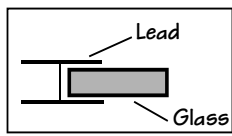


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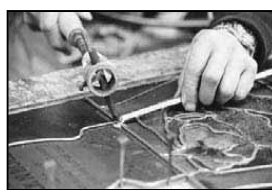


Next, the painted glass is fired in a kiln, a super-hot oven that fuses the paint to the glass. Then it's allowed to cool slowly.

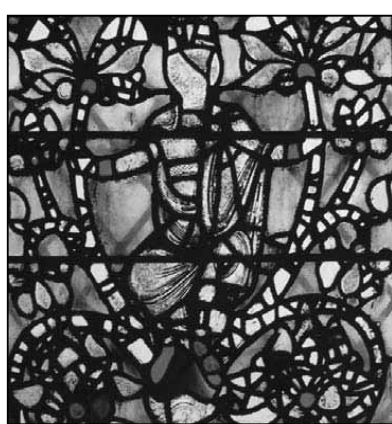
- The strips of lead, called **comes**, are in sort of an H or I shape; the glass fits into the openings between the top and bottom.



- The glass pieces are laid out on a table according to the pattern. The comes are bent around each piece. Nails are driven into the table to hold the lead in place as each section is completed. When a panel is done, the lead is **soldered** (SAW-duhrd), or melted, so that the sections join together. Then the window joints are sealed with a sticky substance called **mastic**.



The Mini Page thanks Dr. Jasmine Allen, curator of The Stained Glass Museum, Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire, U.K., for help with this issue.



A small panel of stained glass from York Minster in England is believed to date back to about 1150. It is one of the oldest surviving pieces of stained glass in England.

It's all about chemistry

Glass is made when sand, soda and lime are heated to very high temperatures. The mixture becomes a liquid, and as it cools, it becomes more and more stiff. Finally, it becomes a transparent solid: glass.

Colored glass is usually made by adding powdered metals to the glass while it is still liquid. Different metals result in different colors:

- Yellow = Cadmium Sulfide
- Red = Gold chloride
- Blue = Cobalt oxide
- Purple = Manganese dioxide
- Green = Chromic oxide

Look through your newspaper for other beautiful artwork that celebrates the season.

Next week, The Mini Page suggests some great books to read over the holidays.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Derek:** What should you give a dog with a fever?
- Dylan:** Mustard. It's the best thing for a hot dog!
- Darla:** What did the dog say when its tail was cut in half?
- Dennis:** "It won't be long now!"
- Dawn:** What did the dog say when he sat on the sandpaper?
- Demi:** "Rough, rough!"

Basset Brown The News Hound's Stained Glass TRY 'N' FIND

Words that remind us of stained glass are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: ART, BIBLE, CARTOON, CATHEDRAL, CENTURY, CHEMISTRY, CHRISTIANITY, CLIENT, COLOR, FRAME, GLASS, GOTHIC, LEAD, LIGHT, MALLEABLE, MEDIEVAL, METAL, PATTERN, SHAPE, SOLDER, STAINED, WINDOW.

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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.

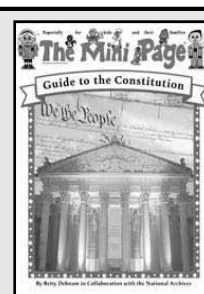
- On the Web:**
- pbskids.org/dragonflytv/show/stainedglass.html
 - youtube.com/watch?v=wVMmHGJIDIM

- At the library:**
- "Stained Glass Windows" by Richard Spilsbury
 - "The Spirits of Christmas Stained Glass Coloring Book" by Carol Schmidt

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EDUCATION NOTES

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.

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

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.ef-tours.com/1366896 to register for Epstein's group or www.ef-tours.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.

So you know:

Education and news notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. During the busy season, expect notes to run no more than twice. Submit information at least two weeks before the event. Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed. Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or by email to newsdesk@chronicleonline.com.

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

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

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

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF) is seeking troop leaders, both men and women over age 18, to volunteer as positive adult role models for girls. In addition to troop leaders, GSWCF is seeking volunteers to fill a variety of other positions. For information on volunteering, visit www.gswcf.org or contact Kristie Wiley at 813-262-1765 or volunteer@gswcf.org.

Springs Masonic Lodge

No. 378 has an ongoing program to fix donated computers, which are then passed on to schoolchildren who cannot afford one. The program will accept computers, printers and monitors.

Individuals or businesses who wish to donate computers are asked to call the Lodge secretary at 352-628-0338 to arrange for pick-up.

The Clerk of the Court is in need of volunteers as Special Service Clerks. The clerk's office welcomes volunteer applications from students in need of Bright Future community service hours or work-study hours. All time donated is greatly appreciated, and volunteering as few as two or three hours a week is a tremendous help to the clerk's office. Consider partnering with the clerk's office to meet community service requirements while volunteering as a Special Service Clerk (SSC).

SSCs are invaluable members of the clerk's office in assisting Deputy Clerks perform many functions for the citizens of Citrus County and serve as liaisons between the clerk's office and the citizens of Citrus County.

Call the office for information. Call Tanika Clayton, human resources generalist, at 352-341-6483 or send inquiries by email to tclayton@clerk.citrus.fl.us.

Students at the College of Central Florida have the option of renting selected textbooks. Rented textbooks are available for less than 50 percent of the cost of purchasing a new printed textbook.

Many of the textbooks required for CF courses are available for rental at the Ocala campus bookstore, 3001 S.W. College Road, or online at www.CF.edu. Books are rented by the semester and students may highlight or mark rented books just as if they were purchased.

New research aims to teach computers and common sense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Researchers are trying to plant a digital seed for artificial intelligence by letting a massive computer system browse millions of pictures and decide for itself what they all mean.

The system at Carnegie Mellon University is called NEIL, short for Never Ending Image Learning. In mid-July, it began searching the Internet for images 24/7 and, in tiny steps, is deciding for itself how those images relate to each other. The goal is to recreate what we call common sense — the ability to learn things without being specifically taught.

It's a new approach in the quest to solve computing's Holy Grail: getting a machine to think on its own using a form of common sense. The project is being funded by Google and the Department of Defense's Office of Naval Research.

"Any intelligent being needs to have common sense to make decisions," said Abhinav Gupta, a professor in the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Institute.

NEIL uses advances in computer vision to analyze and identify the shapes and colors in pictures, but it is also slowly discovering

connections between objects on its own. For example, the computers have figured out that zebras tend to be found in savannahs and that tigers look somewhat like zebras.

In just over four months, the network of 200 processors has identified 1,500 objects and 1,200 scenes and has connected the dots to make 2,500 associations.

Some of NEIL's computer-generated associations are wrong, such as "rhino can be a kind of antelope," while some are odd, such as "actor can be found in jail cell" or "news anchor can look similar to Barack Obama."

But Gupta said having a computer make its own associations is an entirely different type of challenge than programming a supercomputer to do one thing very well, or fast.

For example, in 1985, Carnegie Mellon researchers programed a computer to play chess; 12 years later, a computer beat world

chess champion Garry Kasparov in a match.

Catherine Havasi, an artificial intelligence expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said humans constantly make decisions using "this huge body of unspoken assumptions," while computers don't. She said humans can also quickly respond to some questions that would take a computer longer to figure out.

Robert Sloan, an expert on artificial intelligence and head of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois, Chicago, said the NEIL approach could yield interesting results because just using language to teach a computer "has all sorts of problems unto itself."

"What I would be especially impressed by is if they can consistently say 'zebra, zebra, zebra' if they see the animal in different locations," Sloan said of the computers.

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NEWS NOTES

FFRA to hear Medicaid talk at Friday meeting

The FFRA (Family and Friends Reaching for the Abilities) will have Wayne Perry, Medicaid Waiver Team leader for APD (Agency for Persons with Disabilities), as the guest speaker at their next monthly meeting Friday. The public is invited.

Perry will speak about the changes that will soon affect services to the developmentally disabled. He'll also address topics on the benefits provided, who can receive Medicaid services and recent lawsuits filed.

FFRA meets the third Friday monthly at the Key Training Center Building, 130 Heights Ave., Inverness. Social time and a business meeting begins at 9 a.m. followed by the speaker at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Ron Phillips, president, at 352-382-7819 or visit www.ffa-citrus.org.

Masonic Lodge to offer community breakfast

Floral City Masonic Lodge No.133, on Orange Avenue (next to the library), will offer its monthly community breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday.

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs your way, sausage, biscuits and gravy, grits, toast and beverage. Donation is \$5.

Coin Club to meet Monday at BH library

The Beverly Hills Coin Club meets at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

The club is free and meets once a month. The goal of the club is numismatic education and fun. For information, call Joe at 352-527-2868.

Hospice plans to show Monday movie

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast will present a Monday Movie Matinee, "The Christmas Blessing," at 2 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Suite A, Homosassa.

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Monday Movie Matinees are presented free to the community. They offer an educational component that benefits individuals dealing with grief and loss in a supportive environment. Discussion time will follow the movie and popcorn and snacks are available.

For more information, call Lynn Miller at 352-621-1500. Visit Hospice of Citrus County on Facebook or on the Web at www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Casper



Special to the Chronicle

Casper is a 5-year-old, neutered, cream-colored Maltese. He is sweet and loving and likes other dogs. Unfortunately, he has spent his entire life in a crate and that makes the world a very scary place. Casper is learning how to be brave: to walk on a leash, noises don't hurt and hands are for petting. Casper needs a quiet home (no small children) with an owner who has the time to teach him the world is a wonderful place. 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 and pet's name for a return call. Check www.adoptarescuedpet.com for more pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

Giveaways continue at Mission

Residents in need can find necessary items during '12 Days of Christmas'

Special to the Chronicle

The Mission in Citrus Homeless Shelters are having a 12 Days of Christmas Giveaway.

The event continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily until Christmas, Dec. 25, at the Crystal River locations, 2472 and 2488 N. Pennsylvania Ave. This effort is to help those in need. Resellers or those trying to take large loads will be

Mission to serve annual Christmas meal

The Mission in Citrus will have its sixth annual Christmas meal from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at 2472 and 2488 N. Pennsylvania Ave. for all in need or those who

do not want to spend the holiday alone.

For more information, call 352-794-3825 or 352-270-4357.

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turned away.

More than 600 boxes of donations (about \$75,000 worth) from national chain stores and

others were recently picked up and items to be distributed include Christmas gifts, food, makeup, school supplies

and more.

The Mission will add items weekly until Christmas. Help loading or delivery can be arranged for larger items.

The Mission relies solely on donations and small grants. In 2013, it provided more than 18,000 bed nights and served more than 50,000 meals to the homeless and others in need in Citrus County.

For more information, call 352-794-3825 or 352-270-4357.

Bikes for Tikes



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Doug and Cassandra Doty, owners of High Octane Saloon in Homosassa, recently presented Citrus United Basket with a donation of 214 bicycles through their Bikes for Tikes collection to be distributed to families this Christmas season. Present for the donation are, from left: Tracey Jones from High Octane Saloon; Jenna Campbell, executive director of CUB; and Cassandra and Doug Doty. Back row, Chris Hill represents High Octane Saloon. According to Doug Doty, High Octane has been collecting donations from its customers and local businesses for the past few months and has matched the donations to bring the total donation to 214 bikes. He said the riding group Rolling Nomads donated more than 200 helmets for the children receiving bikes. Campbell said a raffle will be held to fairly distribute the bikes to children of families receiving assistance from CUB this season.

Christmas Jam fast approaching

Everyone welcome to participate in final gift-wrapping event Thursday

Special to the Chronicle

Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts for the 10th annual Spot Family Center Toy Drive, which is in full swing.

Gift-wrapping parties with Christmas music and refreshments are being held to wrap more than 3,000 toys for families in Citrus County. The final party will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at The Spot Family Center, 405 S.E. Seventh Ave., Crystal River.

Everyone may participate. Bring wrapping paper, tape and scissors if you would like, but it is not mandatory. A favorite Christmas dessert to share is always

welcome. For more information, call 352-794-3870.

On Dec. 23 and 24, The Spot Family Center will host its 10th annual



Christmas Jam in Jim LeGrone Park, where the wrapped gifts will be distributed. All participants must be registered and present to receive a gift.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. both days and closes promptly at 7 p.m. Children must attend to receive a gift and parents or guardians must attend with the children to register. A full dinner will be served to all both nights. Every registered person in attendance will receive something.

The Christmas event is free to all Citrus County residents; bring photo identification. For more information, visit www.TheSpotFamilyCenter.org.

NEWS NOTES

Holiday shopping in BH

With a chill in the air befitting Christmas, the Beverly Hills Farmers Market, open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Lake Beverly Park, 77 Civic Circle, invites everyone to come do holiday shopping.

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.

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 opportunity to look into affordable, interesting gifts.

There will be no market on Dec. 27, but it will return on Friday, Jan. 3.

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.

Lions to serve pancakes

The Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle, will have its monthly pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday.

The breakfast will include all-you-can-eat pancakes served with bacon or sausage or combo, orange juice and coffee or tea for \$4; children younger than 12 eat for \$2.

For more information, call 352-897-4899.

Work off holiday pounds

After numerous requests, the Y has answered the demand of adding Les Mills classes to the group exercise schedule.

The Citrus County YMCA will offer

Les Mills Body Pump at the new Crystal River Fitness Location, 780 S.E. Fifth Terrace. The class is taught by Cheryl Steffer, certified and trained Les Mills instructor.

Les Mills Body Pump will sculpt, strengthen and tone the entire body. Through choreography and lively music, Body Pump can help participants burn fat quickly and focus on the major muscle groups.

Body Pump will get hearts racing with "The Rep Effect," paired with squats, presses, lifts and curls.

For more information and to download the Y's complete group exercise schedule, visit www.ymcasuncoast.org or call 352-637-0132. The Y offers exercise classes for all levels.

All welcome at free yoga

Free yoga and reiki sessions are offered weekly.

For schedules and more information, call Aviva (for yoga) at 352-419-7800 or Connie (for reiki) at 352-560-7686.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 2013. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes logos for various networks like NBC, PBS, ABC, CBS, FOX, etc.

Bridge section featuring a hand diagram with cards and a dealer's perspective. Includes text: "Dealer: South Vulnerable: East-West" and "Opening lead: ♠ J".

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

There is an old saying that real bridge players don't need Blackwood. Of course, before bidding a slam, Blackwood of one ilk or another is often used. But on some deals it will not help, and the partnership needs to employ control-bidding (cue-bidding).

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Includes a grid of letters and instructions: "Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words." Answers: NOLPY, LOMYRD, LIPRAL, SUMSIE.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle. Includes clues like "1 Actor Cronyn" and "39 Unfold, in verse". Includes a small grid for the puzzle.

Dear Annie: I just finished watching a piece on the news about young people assaulting others and calling it a game. It seems they walk up to unsuspecting people and throw the hardest punch they can to the face in an effort to knock someone out.

ANNIE'S MAILBOX. Includes a photo of Annie and text: "Dear Annie: I just finished watching a piece on the news about young people assaulting others and calling it a game." Also includes a photo of a woman and text: "Dear Annie: I have a friend who often asks: 'What's happening?'"

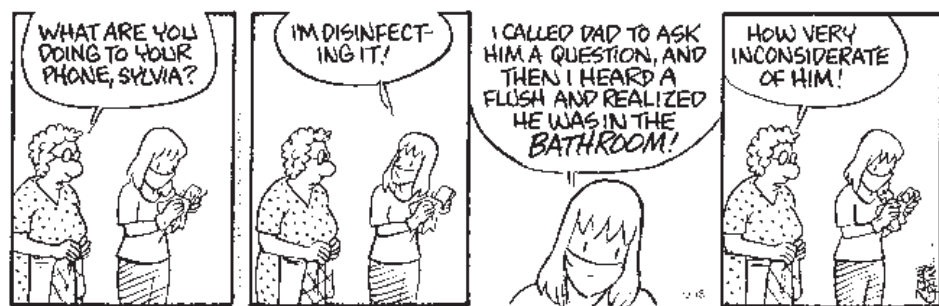
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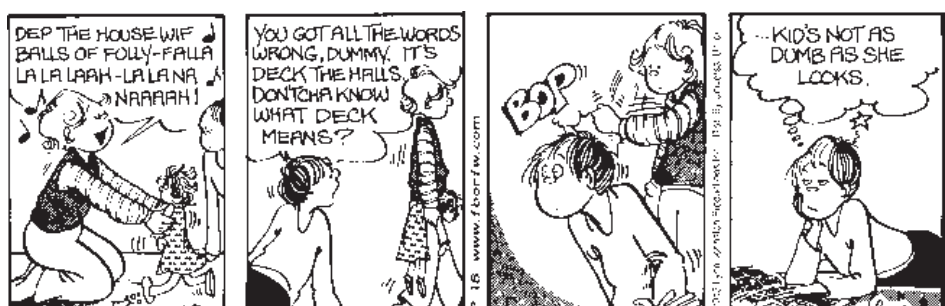
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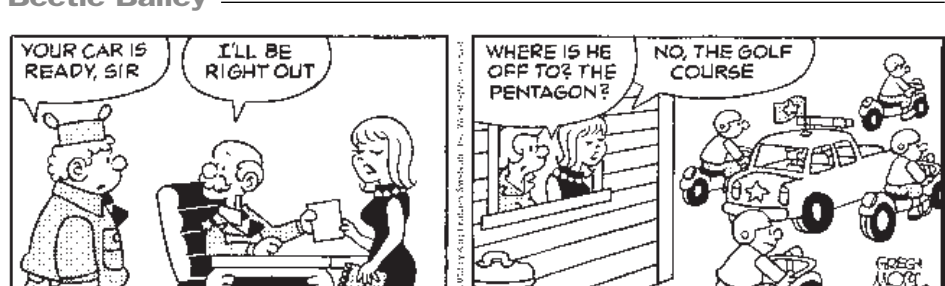
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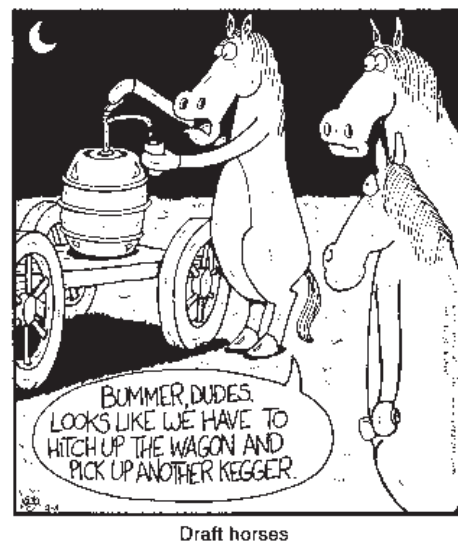
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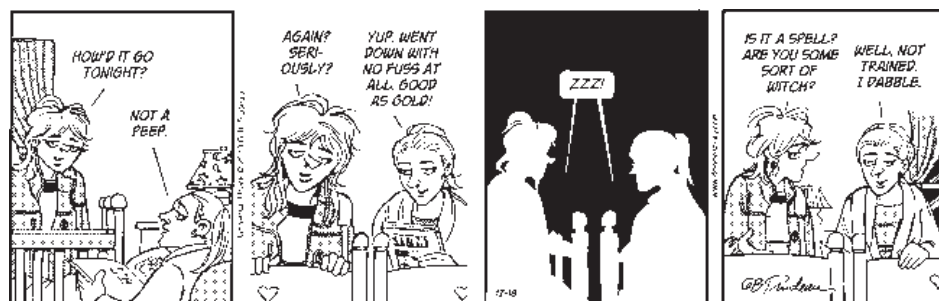
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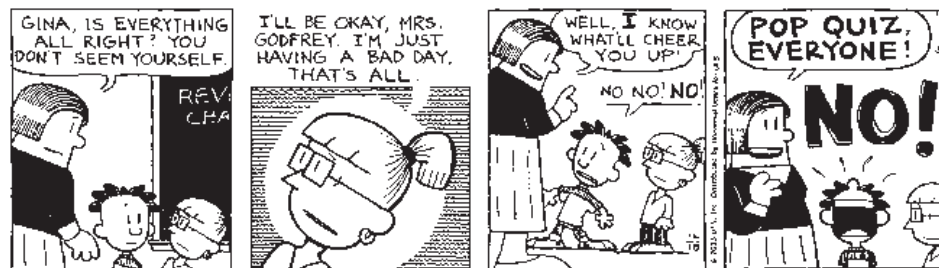
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Frozen (PG) In 3D. 4:30 p.m. No passes.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) 3 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) In 3D. 11 a.m. No passes.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) In 3D, high frame rate. 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. No passes.
Homefront (R) 11:25 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45, 7:50.
Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
Last Vegas (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:05 p.m.

Out of the Furnace (R) 11:50 a.m., 3:45 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
Anchorman 2 (PG-13) 12:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
Delivery Man (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:35 p.m.
Frozen (PG) 1:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
Frozen (PG) In 3D. 4 p.m. No passes.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) 12 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) In 3D. 12:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 9:40 p.m. No passes.
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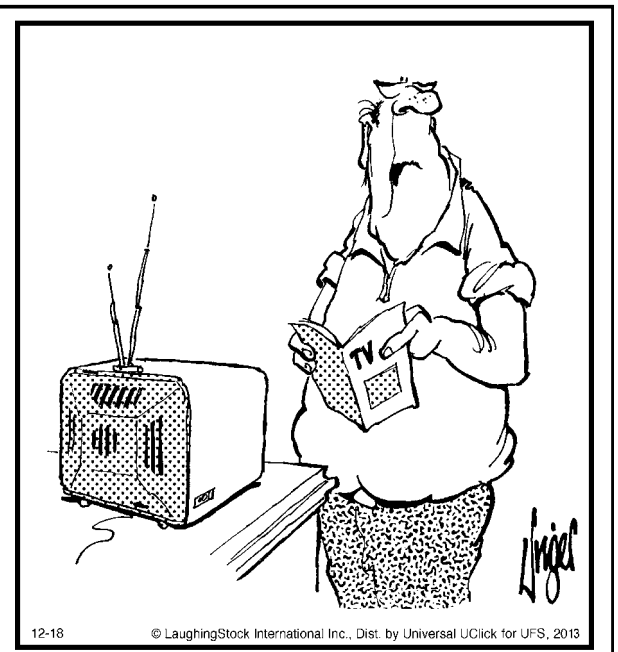
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