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NEWS BRIEFS

Springs bill still alive in House

Eleventh-hour parliamentary jockeying was under way in the Florida House early Thursday evening to save the springs restoration and protection bill sponsored by Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, which passed the Senate on Wednesday.

Today is the final day of the 2014 legislative session.

According to House rules, in the last two days of the session, the chamber can only accept bills from the Senate with a two-thirds vote to waive the rules.

According to Dean's office, lawmakers were working Thursday to get the waiver.

Senate Bill 1576, which is co-sponsored by Dean and a group of other senators, seeks among other things to establish more stringent standards of protection for springs in Outstanding Florida Waterways (OFS) and set rules for upgrades or replacement of septic tanks.

The bill also sets aside \$30 million for springs restoration projects in 2014-15. Gov. Rick Scott had requested \$55 million for springs.

—A.B. Sidibe/staff writer

Fitch lowers CMH bond rating

Citrus Memorial Health System's bond rating continues to slide, with Fitch Ratings downgrading the hospital's \$37.4 million 2002 bonds to a "C" from a "B-".

The downgrade has no practical impact on the hospital's operations, Citrus Memorial Chief Financial Officer Mark Williams said.

As part of the lease agreement, Hospital Corporation of America will pay off all of the hospital's debt and other financial obligations.

Williams said the 2002 bonds require the hospital to keep a specific number of days' cash on hand to operate the hospital if revenues declined.

He said the hospital fell below that required number of days, but it did not trigger a default. Instead, the bond agreement requires the hospital to hire a consultant that would set up a plan of increasing revenue.

With the HCA agreement only months away, Williams said the bond trustee agreed to waive the consultant requirement.

Fitch said Citrus Memorial is in a weak financial position and the report carries an ominous warning.

"The failure to finalize the transaction with HCA would limit the options CMH has for avoiding a bankruptcy," it said.

Hospital negotiators hope to have a definitive agreement with HCA signed by the end of this month and a 50-year lease contract in place before Sept. 30.

—Mike Wright/staff writer

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Book bill allows parental review

Legislation will let state school boards decide whether to review textbooks locally

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Parents would have a chance to object to textbooks used at public schools under a bill passed Thursday by the Florida Legislature.

The bill was inspired by ongoing criticism about the state's transition to new school standards as well as a dispute in Volusia County over a textbook that some parents wanted pulled over com-

plaints that it offered a pro-Islamic worldview.

But the legislation will not eliminate state review of textbooks as originally sought by sponsors of the bill. Instead, school boards will continue to decide whether to review textbooks locally or continue to rely on the state-approved list.

Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla, and sponsor of the bill, said it would finally

give parents a way to object to textbooks without having to complain to legislators or state education officials.

"They don't have to come to Tallahassee," Hays said. "They can appeal right there at the local level."

The Senate in April narrowly passed a bill sponsored by Hays that would have mandated that each school district

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Sen. Alan Hays sponsored bill.

GATHERED FOR PRAYER

"Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night."

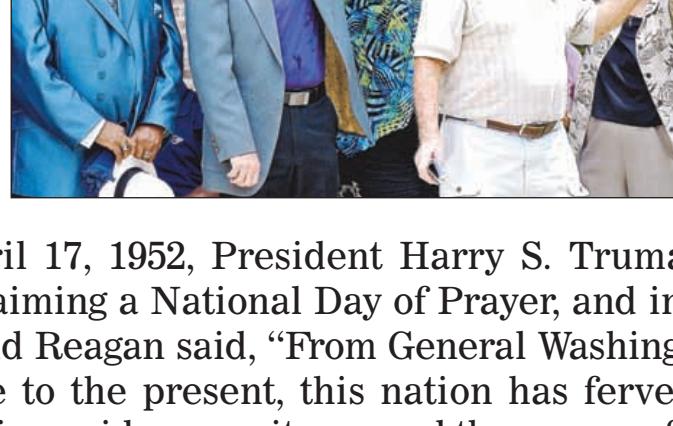
—Dr. Thomas Fuller



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ABOVE: Joe Benton bows his head Thursday during a prayer by Pastor Ron Hooper of the Homosassa Church of God during the 63rd annual National Day of Prayer at the city hall gazebo in Crystal River. About a dozen ministers conducted prayers during the noontime service. BELOW RIGHT: Pastor Leon Thomas from New Horizon Community Church leads a prayer for the Citrus County School System.

Dr. Paul Hall, the Rev. Ray Kelley, Barbara Mills, Tarquin Kuhn and Florence Wilson sing along to the song "God Bless the U.S.A." on Thursday during the National Day of Prayer service in Inverness.
NANCY KENNEDY /Chronicle



On April 17, 1952, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer, and in 1983 President Ronald Reagan said, "From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history."

"This occasion provides our nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future."

On Thursday, the 63rd National Day of Prayer, with the theme "One Voice United in

Prayer," Americans paused and attended events to pray for the nation, including noon gatherings in Inverness and Crystal River.

Prayers were offered by local clergy, lay ministers and community leaders for local, state and national government, schools, churches, families, military and

first responders.

"We need prayer," said the Rev. Eugene Reuman, pastor of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Inverness. "We need prayer for ourselves; we need prayer for our community; we need prayer for our nation. Let us pray."

—Nancy Kennedy/staff writer

Thieves target county landfill

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

LECANTO — Burglars broke in at the Central Landfill on Tuesday evening and damaged and stole equipment, according to county officials.

Entry was made through the forest side of the county's major disposal facility at 230 W. Gulf to Lake Highway, said Lindsay Blair, public information officer with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Blair said a vehicle was damaged and some welding equipment was stolen.

The landfill backs onto the Citrus Wildlife Management Area, 50,000 acres of forest that spreads south to Hernando County.

Casey Stephens, director of the Solid Waste Management Division, described the incident.

"When we came into work the morning of the 30th (Wednesday), staff noticed a few things out of place," Stephens said. "We got to looking around and discovered some equipment was missing and a vehicle was actually missing. It wasn't where we left it. We called the sheriff at that point and reported a burglary. As we toured the site, we found the vehicle over on the closed site, stuck in a ditch. It appeared that it had been hotwired."

The vehicle, a pickup truck, had never left the site.

"It appears they came in through the forest," Stephens aid. "They parked their vehicle on the trail in the forest, cut the fence on the west side of the facility, made their

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Duke CEO supports using solar energy

PAT FAHERTY
Staff writer

Environmental concerns dominated shareholder discussion Thursday at Duke Energy's annual meeting.

Duke's recent coal ash spill disaster, climate change, emissions and pollution from burning fossil fuels and its position on renewable energy were among concerns raised by stockholders in North Carolina.

There was an unsuccessful attempt to have the company provide a semi-annual report disclosing all monetary and non-monetary political contributions. However, a measure did pass giving stockholders the power to call

a special meeting.

"It was a year of accomplishments," said Lynn Good, president and chief executive officer.

"2013 was the first full year of the

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The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods gives dictionaries to Lecanto Primary students./A3

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The second installment of director Marc Webb's series reboot is now in theaters./C1

IN SIDE



Liberty Bell Award

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Bar Association honored the *Citrus County Chronicle* at the annual Law Day luncheon Tuesday with its Liberty Bell Award.

Law Day Luncheon

The *Citrus County Chronicle* was recognized for keeping voters informed during the past 120 years in Citrus County. From left are: CCBA vice president Adam Czaya; *Chronicle* publisher Gerry Mulligan; Judge Patricia V. Thomas; CCBA president Tanya Williams; and Eugene K. Pettis, president of the Florida Bar Association. Pettis gave the keynote address and said that both attorneys and newspapers have the responsibility to help educate the public about democracy and the right to vote.

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Florida's new standards, which are based primarily on Common Core State Standards.

Opponents complained it would cost districts money to review textbooks. And Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Orlando, said she was worried that some districts would wind up censoring some books.

The Florida House rejected the elimination of the state review and

instead passed a bill that creates a process that lets parents object to the textbooks. It requires school districts to hold a public hearing if someone complains about the books that are being used.

The Senate voted 31-4 for the revamped bill (SB 864).

The bill was pushed this year amid complaints about the state's move to Common Core standards.

DUKE

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merger; we delivered \$200 million of savings to customers."

During about an hour of questions, Good defended Duke's response to the Feb. 2 coal ash spill into North Carolina's Dan River and the company's cleanup efforts.

She prefaced her responses, pointing out 2014 has been challenging from a weather standpoint, with winter storms and ice storms.

"Dan River was an accident we have taken responsibility for and will do the right thing," said Good.

"The water quality in the river has returned to normal, the river is safe for agriculture and livestock and we will continue to monitor it."

On climate change and fossil fuels, she said, "we

care a great deal about the environment." She rated protecting the environment with maintaining financial integrity and a return to shareholders.

"We have reduced carbon emissions," she said.

"I think climate change is a national debate—an international debate."

In response to several questions on using more renewable energy, Good said Duke has embraced and supports using solar and has invested more than \$3 billion on a combination of solar and wind.

She added it will be investing another \$3 billion. Duke plans to reach 3 percent solar by 2018, a goal deemed too low by some stockholders.

But Good pointed out that during winter

weather on Jan. 7, the peak demand for power hit between 7 and 8 a.m. and none of their solar energy was available because the sun was not up.

"We need to find a balance," she said. "We want to see renewables as an increasing part of our portfolio."

The company used the occasion to declare its stock dividend, marking the 88th consecutive year it has paid a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock.

Stockholders also approved the executive compensation package. For 2013 Good received approximately \$6.47 million. Jim Rogers, former president, CEO and chairman of the board, got approximately \$9.55 million.

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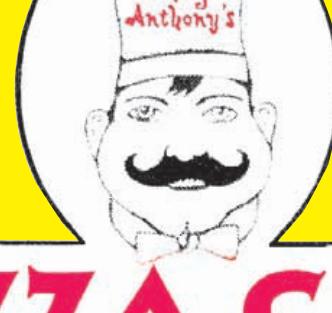
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Around the COUNTY

Republican meeting, forum Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Citrus County Republican Executive Committee will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Board of Realtors building, 714 Scarboro Ave., Lecanto.

After an abbreviated general meeting, the executive committee will host a candidate open forum. All candidates for county commission, school board, mosquito control and property appraiser are invited and encouraged to attend to give a presentation about their candidacy.

Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

Council to discuss fire services May 8

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, the Inverness City Council will discuss the future of fire services for the city at a workshop. The public is invited to attend the meeting at the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness.

It is up to the discretion of the council to take public comments at a workshop. However, public comments can be made at the regular city council meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6.

Humanitarians to have grand opening

The Humanitarians of Florida Inc. invites members of the public to celebrate the grand opening of its new Manchester House Clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3. The new clinic is at 1031 Commerce Terrace, Lecanto, formerly the Serenity Day Spa.

Pet owners will have an opportunity to have their pets' portraits painted on the clinic's exterior wall by Lorraine of Lorraine's Pet Portraits. The money raised will benefit SnippetCitrus and Suncoast Service Dogs.

Refreshments will be available.

SW Democrats meeting Saturday

The Southwest Citrus Democratic Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Sugarmill Woods Country Club, 1 Douglas St., Homosassa.

DeeVon Quirolo, regional coordinator for the coalition Sunshine State Clean Energy Solutions, will be the guest speaker.

Light refreshments will be served.

For meeting information, contact swdems@gmail.com or call 352-382-0032.

For information about the Sunshine State Clean Energy Solutions coalition and its efforts, visit www.sunshinestatecleanenergycoalition.org.

—From staff reports

CCHB asks HCA to meet with local pathologist

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

The Citrus County Hospital Board is urging Hospital Corporation of America officials to meet with a local pathologist whose services doctors say would be a huge loss to the Citrus County community.

Dr. Jon Frankel has performed pathology services under contract at Citrus Memorial hospital for 30 years. He said physicians rely on him to not only perform nearly spotless diagnosis, but also to confer on patient care.

Frankel told both the

Citrus Memorial Health Foundation on Monday and the CCHB on Wednesday that he believes HCA plans to remove localized pathological services once it takes over the hospital by long-term lease sometime in late summer or early autumn.

Frankel said HCA would instead send specimens to a "super laboratory" in Largo, increasing the turnaround time for a diagnosis from his one day to three or four days.

He said HCA would likely offer him a position working either for HCA or the laboratory.

As was the case Monday night, several high-ranking physicians were on hand at the CCHB meeting to speak in support of Frankel's pathology program.

Frankel had asked both boards to approve resolutions asking for the pathology services to be protected in the HCA contract, just as obstetric services are protected for at least seven years.

CCHB trustees weren't willing to do that. Trustee Krista Joseph said she'd want more information, such as the cost comparison between Frankel's contract and HCA's plan.

Hospital Chief Executive Officer Ralph Aleman said he believes much of Frankel's concerns are based on conjecture rather than actual fact. He suggested that Frankel sit down with HCA officials to learn more about the company's lab services and HCA's plans for Citrus County.

Trustees agreed with that idea and voted to send a letter to HCA requesting that such a meeting take place before a definitive agreement is signed.

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

From the CAPITAL

Medical marijuana bill passes in House

The Florida House overwhelmingly passed a bill Thursday that would legalize the use of low-THC marijuana to treat epilepsy and cancer patients, a proposal carefully crafted to prevent the abuse of the drug.

Lawmakers burst into applause after the 111-7 vote that followed nearly two hours of questions and debate. In the end, some lawmakers who were torn on the issues said their hearts were swayed by the stories of parents seeking to help children with severe epilepsy.

The bill puts some restrictions on the use of the marijuana strain known as Charlotte's Web. It can have no more than 0.8 percent THC, the chemical that makes users feel high.

Medicaid managed care expansion starts

Three years after lawmakers approved the plan, Florida's statewide shift of Medicaid beneficiaries into

To learn about the Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance program, see Page A10. The state

Agency for Health Care Administration moved forward with the new managed-care system for the vast majority of Medicaid beneficiaries in counties across North Florida and parts of Central Florida, including those in Citrus County.

Senate backs flood insurance bill

A bill aimed at drawing more private insurers to write flood-insurance coverage in the state is heading to the governor after the Senate accepted the House version on Thursday.

The House-amended bill (SB 542) isn't as "flexible" as Senate sponsor Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, wanted, but he said the measure should still give Floridians more options for coverage.

Voters prefer Bush by wide margins

Former Gov. Jeb Bush is a favorite among Florida Republican voters in a hypothetical 2016 primary presidential matchup.

Bush has leads over fellow Floridian Marco Rubio as well as other well known Republicans such as U.S. Sen. Rand Paul in a survey of more than 1,400 registered voters.

Bush leads in a GOP contest with 27 percent compared to 14 percent for Paul and 11 percent for Rubio.

But the poll shows Hillary Clinton would beat any potential Republican challengers in a head-to-head matchup.

—From wire reports



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Lecanto Primary School third-grade teacher Marla Witt, left, and Rotarian Janis Stacey, right, listen to Jillian Shade on Thursday morning as she reads from her new dictionary. The youngster, her classmates and three other classes received student dictionaries donated by the Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods. To see more photos, click on this story at www.chronicleonline.com.

Rotary donates dictionaries

ERYN WORLINGTON
Staff writer

LECANTO — Vocabulary among Lecanto Primary School third-graders is about to expand.

One hundred and nine students received "A Student's Dictionary" Thursday from the Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods.

"We want children to have something that is their own, that they can learn from and use," said Rotary member and Interact advisor Janis Stacey. "We hope that they use it now and in their future. They are our future."

Members of Rotary Clubs in Citrus County have long held that dictionaries are a vital part of education. Therefore, each third-grader throughout the district will receive a free dictionary that can be utilized both at school and at home.

"My sister has her dictionary at home," a student told the Rotary members. "She is about to go to

Sugarmill Woods Rotary involvement at LPS includes:

- Operating the Positive Behavior Store each week.
- Donating sneakers, clothes and clinic items.
- Providing dictionaries for third-grade classes.
- Participating as judges for

college and will be taking hers with her."

The dictionaries include the Constitution, planets, longest word, sign language, presidents, maps of world and states.

After receiving their books, the students eagerly looked up words that the Rotarians called out.

"What does the word 'cooperative' mean?"

"Where can we find the presidents of the United States?"

The collective glow in the Rotarians' eyes was almost as

sparkly as the students' eyes when they received their dictionaries.

"Children are our future," Stacey said. "They touch our hearts. They bring such life into you."

The Rotary Clubs of Citrus County are involved with students around the county. The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods is active with Lecanto Primary School throughout the school year. For more information, visit www.rotarysmw.com.

Panel queries schools used as emergency shelters

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

LECANTO — Before advocating county commissioners accept all the public schools as emergency shelters, a citizens' panel raised concern on Thursday about some of the schools within areas likely to flood.

"I wouldn't want to be anywhere around there during any kind of evacuation," said Joe Chrietzberg,

a member of the Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC), naming the Academy of Environmental

Science and the Marine Science Station, both on Fort Island Trail in Crystal River, and Homosassa Elementary School.

The three schools were among the many potential shelters made up of schools, churches and community centers throughout the county in a list taken from the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council's Withlacoochee Hurricane Evacuation Study 2010.

The list was part of a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment to update the Coastal High Hazard Area to be consistent

with the state's hurricane modeling program called SLOSH (Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes).

PDC members were asked to recommend the amendment to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval and transmittal to the state by July 1 in time for a seven-year review of the section called an EAR (evaluation and appraisal report).

The July 1 deadline raised the tension on the decision.

Chuck Dixon, PDC member representing the

school district, said schools in the high hazard areas are not opened as hurricane shelters.

"The schools that are in the flood plain are not constructed to hurricane standards," Dixon said. "In an active hurricane, they would have to be evacuated by the sheriff's department to the schools that are."

Dixon recommended making two lists for shelters that were either inside or outside the flood plains.

PDC member James Brooks asked if the decision for approval could be

continued to another meeting and asked what would happen if the July 1 deadline was not met.

County Attorney Kerry Parsons said, "The ramifications of not meeting the deadline are fines that can be claimed by the state on the county."

Jenette Collins, director, Department of Planning and Development, said,

"They could sanction us,

so if we are looking for grants they don't have to give them to us."

By a unanimous vote, the PDC recommended the amendment to the BOCC with members' com-

ments attached.

The next meeting of the PDC is scheduled for May 15 at the Citrus County Auditorium to allow for an expected increase in public participation for two applications. The first, at 9 a.m., will be Duke Energy's plan for building a natural gas generation plant. The second application, at 1 p.m., will ask for a street vacation of the Oak Village Boulevard stub-out.

Contact Chronicle reporter Chris Van Ormer at 352-564-2916 or cvanormer@chronicleonline.com.

Obituaries**Carol Rose, 79**

HERNANDO

Carol J. Rose, 79, of Hernando, Florida, died on May 1, 2014, at her home under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast t.



Carol Rose

Carol was born on June 18, 1934, in Dickenson County, Virginia, daughter of Steve and Emma Rose. She moved to Hernando in 1989 from Crossville, Tenn.

Mrs. Rose was preceded in death by her husband Bill Rose in 2010, her sister Sharon Gilbert and her brother, Fayne Rose. Survivors include her children Larry Rose of Ocala, Angela Miller and husband Dennis of Inverness, and Marcus Rose of Hernando; brothers Roger Rose of Bristol, Va., Scotty Rose of Clintwood, Va., and Kelly Rose of Clintwood, Va.; sisters Fern Wright of Richmond, Va., Ruth Payne of Cleveland, Tenn., and Betty Mullins of Radford, Va.; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Thomas and Jonathan Terry, Melissa, David and Emma Rose and Selena and Eddie Sodenberg; and eight great-grandchildren, Felicity, Isaac, Zackery, Ethan, Micah, Analise, Kaden and Jackson Terry.

Mrs. Rose's family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014, at the Heinz Funeral Home in Inverness. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the funeral home.

The Rev. Jon Terry and Pastor David Lucas will preside. Interment will be on Monday, May 5, 2014, at Florida National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of the Nature Coast, Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Warren Bryson, 76

BEVERLY HILLS

Warren Ralph Bryson, 76, of Beverly Hills, Florida, died Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at Chippenham Medical Center in Richmond, Va. Born in St. Joseph, Mo., he was the son of the late Earl Ralph Bryson and Josie Ruth Hill Bryson and the widower of Lisa Robin Bryson. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and a tireless educator in the public school system.

He is survived by two daughters, Bethany Godfrey and husband Douglas of Shiloh, N.C., and Amy Mira and husband Belchior of Richmond, Va.; four grandchildren, Joshua Godfrey, Timothy Esteban, Bryson and Nicholas Mira; and two great-grandchildren, Hannah and Kiley Esteban.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2014, at West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Edward L. Mullins. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at Twiford Memorial Chapel. Flowers are welcome or memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society, 930-B Wellness Dr., Greenville, N.C., 27834. Twiford Funeral Home, Memorial Chapel, 405 E. Church Street, Elizabeth City, N.C., is serving the Bryson family. Online memorial condolences may be sent to the family at www.twifordfh.com.

Helen Rouse, 79

FLORAL CITY

Helen I. Rouse, 79, Floral City, died April 30, 2014. She was born in Missouri and came here in 1975 from Wisconsin and was a retired convenience store manager for Pick-Kwik on State Road 44 in Inverness.

Left to mourn their loss are her children, Patrick Rouse of Hernando, Linda Ritter of San Antonio, Texas, Tina Muller of Inverness and Connie Battson, Floral City; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Bert Rouse, in 2013 and her brother and sisters, Earl, Keith, Shirley, Betty and Louise.

Helen's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, at Chas E Davis Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stan Stuart officiating. Burial in Florida National Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 10 a.m. until hour of service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

John Fargen, 86

ST. PETERSBURG

John I. Fargen, 86, St. Petersburg, died April 29, 2014. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

Racheal Mazzilli, 90

DUNNELLON

Racheal A. Mazzilli, 90, of Dunnellon, passed away April 30, 2014. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with further arrangements under the direction of Smith-Mallay Funeral Home in Fitchburg, Mass.

Phyllis 'Earline' Miller, 78

FORMERLY OF DUNNELLON

Phyllis "Earline" Miller, 78, formerly of Dunnellon and Ingles, died April 28, 2014, in Melbourne.

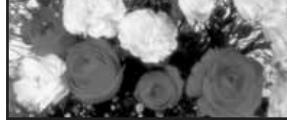
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Velma 'Breezy' Smith, 89

INVERNESS

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Velma Louise "Breezy" Smith, age 89, of Inverness, Florida, will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Pastor Randy Hodges officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Inverness, Florida. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until the time of service, Saturday at the Inverness Chapel. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Mrs. Smith was born May 11, 1924 in Bulls Gap, TN, daughter of Arnold and Mollie (Viles) Brisendine. She died April 29, 2014 in Inverness, FL.

She worked as a secretary for Wright Patterson Air Force Base and later as a realtor. She moved to Inverness, Florida from Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 1970.

Her hobbies included crafts, playing bridge, fishing and travel. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Hernando Church of the Nazarene. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ernest R. Smith, 2 brothers, Carlos Brisendine and Archie B. Brisendine and a sister, Letha P. Angell.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Kathleen Ann Kelly of Ocala and Deborah Lee Olsen of The Villages, 4 grandchildren, James W. Kelly, Kristina A. (Stephen

M.) Bonner, Emily N. Chavarriaga and Kimberly A. Chavarriaga and 4 great grandchildren, Megan, Logan, Brock, and Cole.

Death ELSEWHERE**Al Feldstein, 88**

WHAT, ME WORRY?

NEW YORK — Before "The Daily Show," "The Simpsons" or even "Saturday Night Live," Al Feldstein helped show America how to laugh at authority and giggle at popular culture.

Millions of young baby boomers looked forward to that day when the new issue of Mad magazine, which Feldstein ran for 28 years, arrived in the mail or on newsstands. Alone in their room, or huddled with friends, they looked for the latest send-up of the president or of a television commercial. They savored the mystery of the fold-in, where a topical cartoon appeared with a question on top that was answered by collapsing the page and creating a new, and often, hilarious image.

Thanks in part to Feldstein, who died Tuesday at his home in Montana at age 88, comics were more than escapes into alternate worlds of superheroes and clean-cut children. They were a funhouse tour of current events and the latest crazes.

Feldstein turned the freckle-faced Alfred E. Neuman into an underground hero — a dimwitted everyman with a gap-toothed smile and the recurring stock phrase

"What, Me Worry?"

Associated Press
British actor Bob Hoskins is pictured in 2006 at a gala screening for the film "Hollywoodland." Hoskins, whose varied career ranged from "Mona Lisa" to "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" has died at 71.

Noted Brit actor Bob Hoskins dies

Associated Press

Good Friday," called him "a great actor and an even greater man. Funny, loyal, instinctive, hard-working, with that inimitable energy that seemed like a spectacular firework rocket just as it takes off.

"I personally will miss him very much, London will miss one of her best and most loving sons, and Britain will miss a man to be proud of," Mirren said.

The 5'6" Hoskins, who was built like a bullet, specialized in tough guys with a soft center, including the ex-con who chaperones Cathy Tyson's escort in Neil Jordan's 1986 film "Mona Lisa." Hoskins was nominated for a best-actor Academy Award for the role.

Hoskins' breakout Hollywood role was as a detective investigating cartoon crime in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." The 1988 Robert Zemeckis film was a huge global success that won three Oscars and helped revive animated filmmaking.

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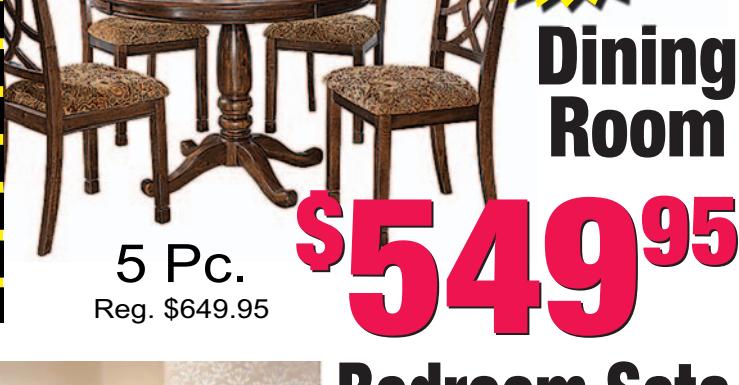
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Letters to the EDITOR

Finding fault with man, not God

I read the April 14 letter by L.M. Eastman with interest and compassion. His repeated criticism and fault with the Holy Bible is a sign of someone who has not experienced or accepted God's miracles.

The Bible is a very short history book summarizing, in 66 chapters, hundreds of years, and written, through inspiration, by many imperfect men. There are no "myths," but there are parables, prophecies and promises. No one can be forced to believe all that is written and it is normal to question what we have not witnessed or survived. Obviously, I believe in God.

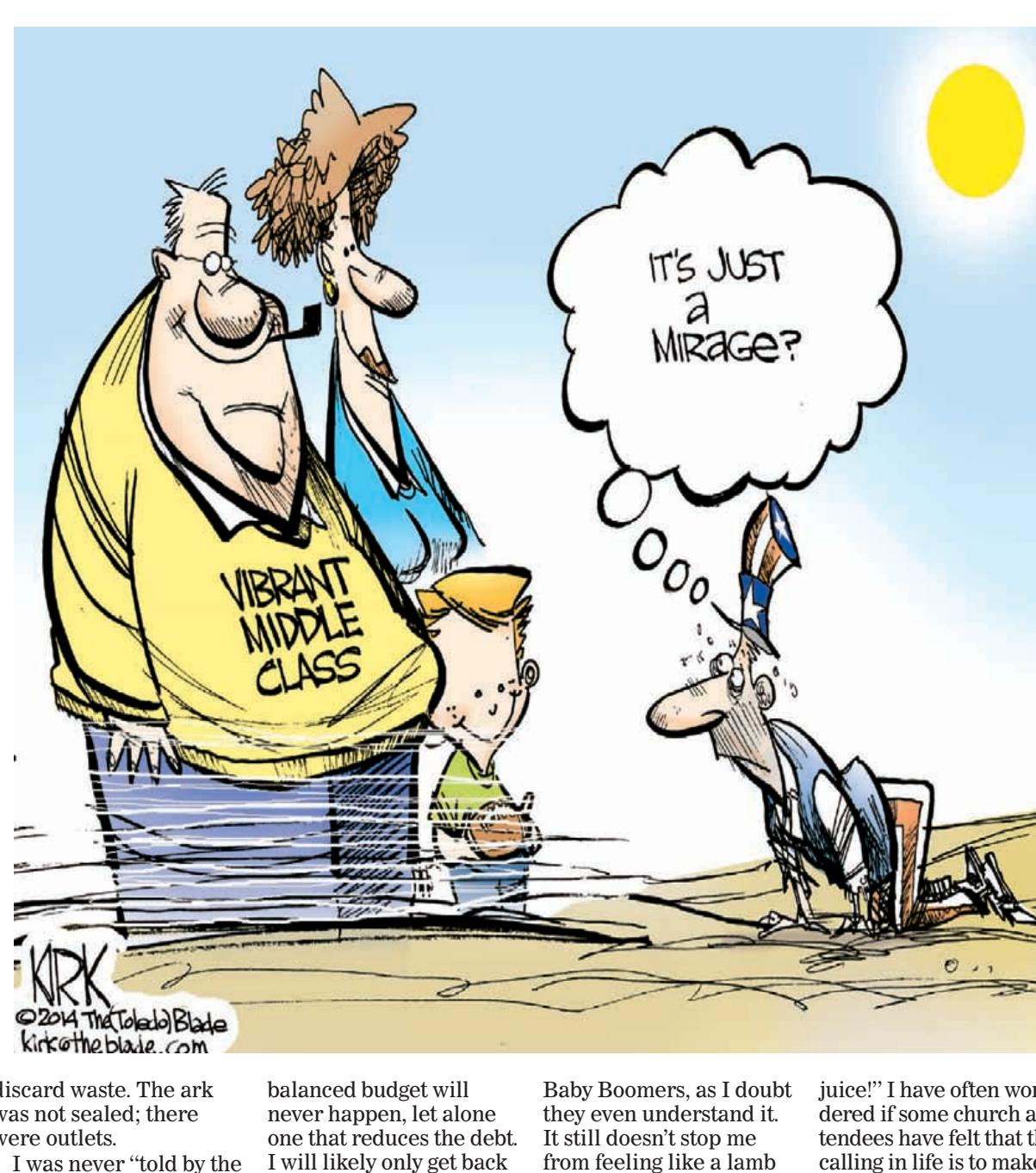
When I see the beauties and gifts from God — blue skies, abundant waters, amazing wildlife and nature — I thank Him for allowing me to awaken each day. When I suffer due to loss or anguish, I cry out to Him. I have personally felt this Almighty God next to me in times of fear and need though I could not physically see Him. I have questioned Him for His wrath and because, as L.M. Eastman said, worldwide devastation and death is harsh and hateful. All of this was foretold, yet my faith is tested daily.

In the Book of Revelation every war, disaster, and what we call punishment is explained and predicted. Floods, fires, storms, disease — because we displease God; because we sin; because we do not believe in Him, not because of Adam and Eve's sin.

Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and God did not "realize," He knew they disobeyed Him. For this they received the ultimate punishment: banishment from the Garden of Eden. If we read Romans 5:12, we should also read Romans 5:18, 19. Only when they were sent out on their own, without the gracious peace and safety God blessed them with, did they realize suffering and pain.

To believe the entire human race is being punished because of one sin is definitely myth. We did not "inherit the Original Sin;" we are sinners, sinning every day. Newborn babies are absolutely not condemned, though born into a world filled with sin.

Noah's ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. If you do not believe in God and His miracles, you do not believe that He provided sufficient space, abundant food, and means to



discard waste. The ark was not sealed; there were outlets.

I was never "told by the church we must pray daily" or that God only answers "reasonable prayers." I was taught that God is a wrathful God, but loves and forgives us so that His only Son died for us. Slaughters of humans, murders, rapes and every crime (sin) committed, regardless of century, is the fault of man, not God.

Pray for nonbelievers that they may find their way to eternal life. I would like to meet one who is without sin, for I will then be meeting God Almighty.

Joanie Welch
Inverness

Being led to slaughter

I have given up trying to persuade anyone of anything. The nuance of politics is infinite. It's an impossible task, but my heart and mind can't possibly fathom the future that is in store for me and my children. I can't imagine what it will be like retiring, if that is at all possible. I read every single day, line by line, the desperation that is unknown to literally the majority of our nation.

I can't fathom how we've come to a \$17.6 trillion national debt. That number is only going to grow, even if we take up Paul Ryan's budget or the most extreme budgets. A

balanced budget will never happen, let alone one that reduces the debt. I will likely only get back 75 percent of my Social Security when I never retire.

I also have to account for inflation during that period. There is nothing but economic violence for me, my children, and grandchildren. It is the dismal dungeon of poverty that our government and oligarchs are inflicting upon the millennial.

Here's the millennial and future generational bills we will have to pay:

- Taxes, much higher than now, to service the national debt.

- We will pick up the tab for Medicare and Medicaid that the Baby Boomers pass on to us.

- We'll pay high insurance premiums to cover the costs of the elderly.

- We'll be paying every cent of the Baby Boomers Social Security bill, while receiving massively less when we reach god knows what age.

- We don't have pensions to fall back on. Lord knows if those 401Ks will pay out anything. 401Ks aren't being matched at the rate Baby Boomers were lucky enough to receive.

There is a massive intergenerational transfer of debt occurring. Meanwhile, income inequality is soaring. This isn't liberty and freedom. I don't want to pass blame on the

Baby Boomers, as I doubt they even understand it. It still doesn't stop me from feeling like a lamb being led to the slaughter.

Ryan Gill
Beverly Hills

It's true: Jesus does laugh

This morning I read with great joy Nancy Kennedy's "Grace Notes" column entitled, "Easter is for Laughing." I would like to affirm Ms. Kennedy's concept of Jesus laughing! I have been a Christian since 1973 and over those years I have often heard the phrase, "That person is supposed to be a Christian yet they act as if they have been baptized in pickle

juice!" I have often wondered if some church attendees have felt that their calling in life is to make others just as miserable as they are. This is so sad!

I placed my faith in Christ a few days prior to Thanksgiving, 1973. That Christmas was one of the most exciting times of my life. My entire perspective of life had been transformed as my faith in Christ increased. However, it wasn't too long before well meaning

"Church People" began to inform me by their words and actions that God was not really into me having a good time. By the following Christmas I was being taught that Jesus didn't really get born on Dec. 25,

and that people who have Christmas Trees in their homes are committing idolatry. Of course that Easter was just as bad as we were told we would be wrong for the Easter Bunny to bring any jelly beans to our children. The concept of Jesus ever laughing would have seemed very impossible back in that day!

Over the past few years the Holy Spirit has been leading us into wonderful revelations of what we call, "New Covenant Grace." We have actually planted a new church here in Citrus County named, "New Covenant Grace Fellowship." One of our goals is to insure that people leave one of our services feeling better about themselves than when they arrived. It seems that some object to our goal. I have been told numerous times, "If you are preaching a true word from the Lord you will step on toes once in awhile!" I find that concept rather strange, as I feel that my calling is not to preach against sin, but rather lift up Jesus Christ. We have discovered that when people understand Christ's finished works of the cross that sin no longer becomes an issue. When people gravitate towards Christ, they simultaneously flee from sin. The testimonies of transformed lives really back up this concept.

Finally, one of my favorite Bible verses is Romans 6:11, (NLT): "So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus."

I love that verse! I am convinced that when people come into a loving relationship with Nancy Kennedy's Laughing Jesus, Romans 6:11 becomes fulfilled!

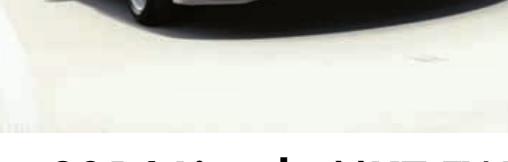
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Military sees record number of sex assaults

Officials try to encourage more male victims to come forward

Associated Press

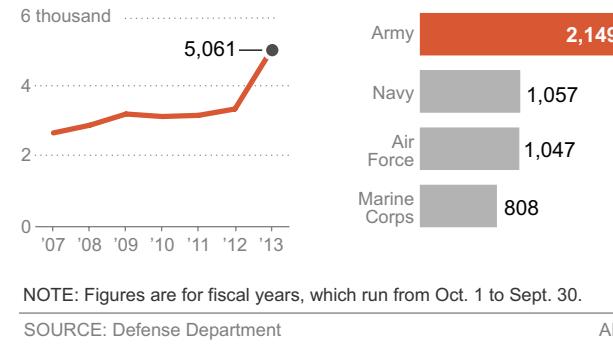
WASHINGTON — Reports by members of the military of sexual assaults jumped by an unprecedented 50 percent last year, in what Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel declared a "clear threat" to both male and female service members' lives and well-being.

The latest numbers reflected an aggressive campaign by the Pentagon to persuade victims to come forward, but Hagel and others said Thursday they need to do more to get men to report assaults — a challenge in a military culture that values strength. Hagel said an estimated half of sexual-assault victims in the military are men, yet only 14 percent of reported assaults involve male victims.

Hagel told a news

Military sex assaults

Amid a Pentagon campaign to get more sex crime victims to come forward, the number of sexual assaults reported to the Defense Department spiked in 2013.



NOTE: Figures are for fiscal years, which run from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

SOURCE: Defense Department AP

conference he has ordered Pentagon officials to increase their efforts to get male victims to report sexual abuse and also has asked the military services to review their alcohol sales and policies. In as

many as two-thirds of reported sexual assault cases, alcohol is involved.

"We have to fight the cultural stigmas that discourage reporting and be clear that sexual assault does not occur because a victim

is weak, but rather because an offender disregards our values and the law," Hagel said.

Officials said they believe the number of male victims is greatly under-reported because of anonymous surveys conducted among military members. A 2012 survey found that about 26,000 service members said they were victims of some type of unwanted sexual contact or assault. A key finding in that survey was that, in sheer numbers, more men than women said they had been assaulted.

About 6.8 percent of women surveyed said they were assaulted and 1.2 percent of the men. But there are vastly more men in the military; by the raw numbers, a bit more than 12,000 women said they were assaulted, compared with nearly 14,000 men.

Feds eye 55 schools in sex-crimes probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

From huge state universities to small colleges and the Ivy League, 55 schools across America are facing federal investigation for the way they handle sexual abuse allegations by their students.

For the first time, the Education Department revealed its list of colleges under investigation on Thursday — though no details of the complaints — as the Obama administration sought to bring more openness to the issue of sexual violence on and around the nation's campuses.

The schools range from public universities, including Ohio State, the University of California, Berkeley and Arizona State, to private schools including Knox College in Illinois, Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and Catholic University of America in the District of Columbia. Ivy League schools including Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth are also on the list.

The government emphasized the list was about investigations of complaints, not judgments.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said there was "absolutely zero presumption" of guilt.

Nation BRIEFS

House lawmakers vote to block their pay hike

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers voted for the sixth year in a row on Thursday to deny themselves the cost-of-living pay hike that they would otherwise automatically receive next January.

The move would freeze congressional salaries at \$174,000 a year and is attached to legislation to fund Congress' budget, which passed the House by a 402-14 vote. Lawmakers haven't received a pay hike since January 2009.

Also Thursday, the House rejected an attempt by Rep. Rich Nugent, R-Fla., to block lawmakers from using their official office budgets to lease automobiles.

High school prank leads to 62 arrests

TEANECK, N.J. — Sixty-two students were arrested Thursday after police said they broke into their high school overnight for a senior class prank, urinating in hallways, greasing doorknobs with petroleum jelly and tapping hot dogs to lockers.

Police said officers responding to a burglar alarm at Teaneck High School shortly after 2 a.m. also found desks flipped over, chairs broken, graffiti on the walls, silly string on the floors and balloons throughout the building.

The 24 students who are 18 or older were charged with burglary and criminal mischief. The other 38 are juveniles and are being released to their parents.

Oil-train wreck brings demands for regulation

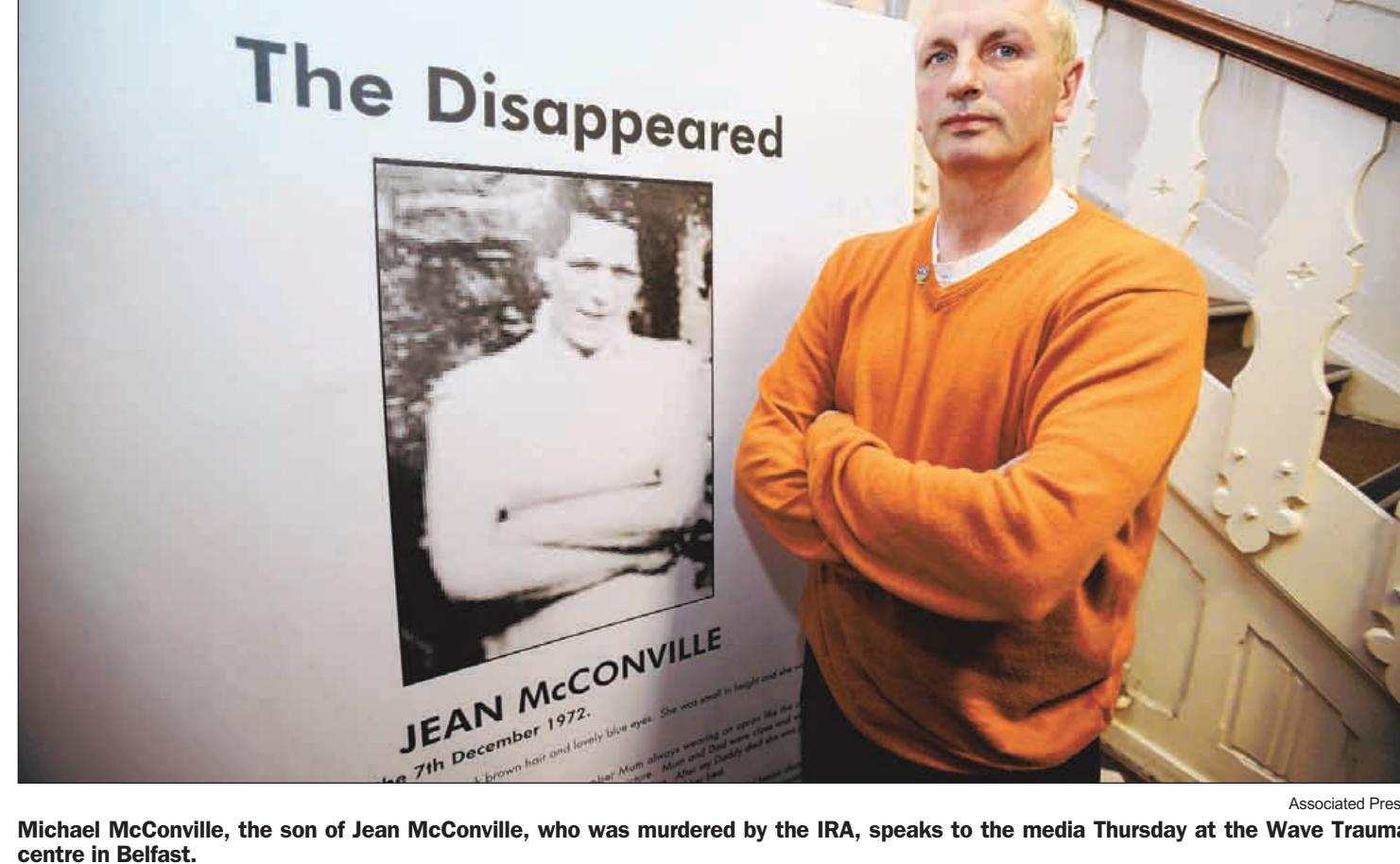
LYNCHBURG, Va. — The latest in a string of fiery oil-train wrecks brought renewed demands Thursday that the Obama administration quickly tighten regulations governing the burgeoning practice of transporting highly combustible crude by rail.

With production booming in the Bakken oil field along the U.S. northern tier and in Canada, some experts say stronger rules to head off a catastrophe are long overdue.

In the latest crash, a CSX train carrying Bakken crude from North Dakota derailed Wednesday in downtown Lynchburg, sending three tanker cars into the James River and shooting flames and black smoke into the air. No one was injured, but the wreck prompted an evacuation.

— From wire reports

Sinn Fein leader arrested



Michael McConville, the son of Jean McConville, who was murdered by the IRA, speaks to the media Thursday at the Wave Trauma centre in Belfast.

Gerry Adams investigated in connection with 1972 Belfast murder

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland —

For decades, Helen McKendry has demanded that Sinn Fein chief Gerry Adams come clean about the Irish Republican Army's abduction, slaying and secret burial of her mother in 1972, and his alleged role as the outlawed group's Belfast leader who ordered the killing.

As detectives interrogated Adams for a second day over the unsolved slaying of the 37-year-old widowed mother of 10, who was falsely branded a British spy, the daughter who led a campaign for the truth says she's praying for a murder charge.

"I'm hoping against hope that he doesn't walk out free," McKendry told The Associated Press. "Everybody, the dogs in the street, knew he was the top IRA man in Belfast at that time."

McKendry, alongside her

husband Seamus, launched an often-lonely protest campaign in 1995 against Adams' denial of IRA involvement in the slaying of Jean McConville. On

Thursday, the 56-year-old said she found it hard to believe he was finally in custody and

facing police questions.

Under British anti-terror law, Adams, 65, must be charged or freed by Friday night, unless police seek a judicial extension to his interrogation.

Northern Ireland has met

42-year-old crime with a mixture of resignation and cynicism.

Supporters and detractors alike agree on one thing, though: Adams is too important a figure in the peace process to go to jail, and he's never going to talk honestly about his past command positions in the Provisional IRA.

The underground army killed nearly 1,800 people — including scores of Catholic civilians and IRA members branded spies and informers — before calling a 1997 cease-fire so Sinn Fein could pursue peace with Britain and Northern Ireland's Protestant majority.

Two decades ago, Adams initially insisted in brief face-to-face meetings with the McKendrys that the IRA was not involved. Finally in 1999, the IRA admitted responsibility for the slayings of nine long-vanished civilians and IRA members, including McConville.

Northern Ireland police arrested Adams on suspicion of involvement in the Irish Republican Army's 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of a Belfast widow, whom the IRA claimed was a spy.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams speaks to the media on Dec. 31 at Stormont Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland police arrested Adams on suspicion of involvement in the Irish Republican Army's 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of a Belfast widow, whom the IRA claimed was a spy.

— From wire reports

World BRIEFS

Toronto mayor takes leave, heads to rehab center

TORONTO — Toronto Mayor Rob Ford began a leave of absence and headed for a rehab center Thursday, leaving his scandalized city in the dark about his political future after a report surfaced of a second video of him apparently smoking crack cocaine.

Ford announced Wednes-

day that he would take leave for an unspecified amount of time from both his mayoral post and his re-election campaign, but he did not abandon his bid for a second term as mayor of Canada's second-largest city. One of his campaign rivals and other Toronto politicians demanded he resign. Toronto police said they were looking into the new video, which was reported by the *Globe and Mail* newspaper.

Heartbreaking video shows teens on sinking ferry

SEOUL, South Korea — Soon after the ferry began to tilt, there was nervous laughter, jokes about the Titanic and talk of selfies and Facebook posts from the doomed high school students huddled below deck.

But the lighthearted atmosphere soon turned serious as

the listing worsened. Fear began building, and one student asked, "Am I really going to die?"

The shaky video — at times poignant and heartbreaking as the teens said last words to their loved ones — was found on the cell-phone belonging to 17-year-old Park Su-hyeon when his body was recovered after the disaster on the morning of April 16 off South Korea.

The boy's father, Park Jong-dae, provided it Thursday to The Associated Press, saying he wanted to show the world the conditions aboard the Sewol as it sank. He earlier released it to select South Korean media.

More than 300 people are dead or missing in the disaster, which has plunged South Korea into mourning and touched off anger and shame.

— From wire reports

SPORTS

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Canucks fire Tortorella after just one season

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Vancouver Canucks fired John Tortorella on Thursday, one year into the fiery coach's long-term deal.

Tortorella, who signed a five-year contract last summer after being dismissed by the New York Rangers, went 36-35-11 and failed to reach the playoffs behind the Vancouver bench. Assistant coach Mike Sullivan was also fired.

The Canucks' 25th-place finish in the 30-team NHL, their worst in 14 years, came just three seasons after former coach Alain Vigneault led the team to Game 7 of the 2011 Stanley Cup finals.

Tortorella's dismissal came just weeks after general manager Mike Gillis was fired. The Canucks then named former team captain Trevor Linden as president of hockey operations.

Before joining the Rangers, Tortorella was the coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning for seven seasons, leading the club to the 2004 Stanley Cup title.

Ravens' Rice 'ashamed, sorry' for assault case

MAYS LANDING, N.J. — Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice pleaded not guilty Thursday to assault charges

stemming from an incident with his then-girlfriend in an Atlantic City casino elevator. His lawyer said Rice is "ashamed"

and "sorry" about his conduct but would not specify exactly what Rice did.

Security video obtained by TMZ Sports shows Rice removing the motionless body of Janay Palmer from an elevator at Revel Hotel Casino on Feb. 15. She did not comment as the two walked into the courthouse.

The couple married a day after Rice was indicted.

If convicted, Rice could face three to five years in prison.

Web giants carefully eye cheerleader suit

CINCINNATI — An appeals court heard arguments Thursday over whether a gossip website should have been immune from a defamation lawsuit brought by a former Cincinnati Bengals cheerleader, a case that Internet giants such as Google and Facebook are watching closely.

Nik Richie, owner of The Dirty, based in Scottsdale, Arizona, should have been granted immunity in the case under a 1996 federal law that provides broad immunity to websites, his attorney argued to a three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Former Bengals cheerleader Sarah Jones sued Richie in December 2012 over posts about her and her ex-husband's sexual history. Jones, 29, said the posts were untrue and caused mental anguish and embarrassment.

In July, after federal Judge William Bertelsman rejected arguments that Richie should be granted immunity, jurors found the posts about Jones were substantially false and that Richie acted with malice or reckless disregard by publishing them. They awarded Jones \$338,000.

In November, some of the Internet's heaviest hitters said if Bertelsman's decision is upheld, the case has the potential to "significantly chill online speech."

"If websites are subject to liability for failing to remove third-party content whenever someone objects, they will be subject to the 'heckler's veto,' giving anyone who complains unfettered power to censor speech," according to briefs filed Nov. 19 by lawyers for Facebook, Google, Microsoft, and Amazon, among others.

—From wire reports

SPEEDWAY RACES SUSPENDED

The Citrus County Speedway has suspended races for the weekend due to forecasts predicting inclement weather.

- Baseball/B2
- Basketball/B3
- Scoreboard/B3
- NASCAR/B4
- Golf/B4

For Red Sox, Game 1 a hard one

Boston's third-base coach ejected after game-saving play by Jose Molina

Associated Press

BOSTON — Tampa Bay closer Grant Balfour was clear on what he wanted to do in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Balfour retired David Ortiz on a bouncer to the mound for the final out with the tying run on second as the Rays held on for a 2-1 win over the Boston Red Sox Thursday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

"Quite frankly he wanted to pitch to him very badly," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "I had gone out there and I'll be honest, I was going to walk him and Grant was adamant and felt good about it."

With Dustin Pedroia on second, Ortiz hit a slower roller to the right of the mound that Balfour picked up before tossing to first for the final out.

"We went back and forth," Balfour said. "I didn't know what he wanted to do. I told him I really wanted to pitch to him."

David DeJesus had a homer and drew a bases-loaded walk, and Tampa Bay's bullpen pitched 4 1-3 scoreless innings to help the Rays snap a three-game losing streak.

In the seventh inning, Pedroia was called out on a close play at the plate. Replays were inconclusive and Boston third base coach Brian Butterfield was ejected by first base umpire Toby Basner for slamming his helmet to the ground after a challenge on what would have been the tying run.

"I just don't like the whole inconclusive deal," said Pedroia, who didn't think he was tagged

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays catcher Jose Molina moves to tag out Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia, trying to score on a double by designated hitter David Ortiz during the seventh inning Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader at Fenway Park in Boston. Boston Red Sox's Mike Napoli watches from the on-deck circle.



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Seven Rivers pitcher Parker Pillsbury threw five strikeouts going into the third inning against Central Florida Christian Thursday night at Dazzy Vance Field in Homosassa.

WARRIORS FALL

SEVEN RIVERS' SEASON ENDS WITH 3-0 LOSS TO CENTRAL FLORIDA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

C.J. RISAK

Correspondent

HOMOSASSA

All it required was a single swing of the bat. And it was Jeremiah Davis who supplied it for his Central Florida Christian Academy baseball team.

Davis powered Parker Pillsbury's one-out, fourth-inning pitch over the left-field fence at Dazzy Vance Field in Homosassa for a three-run home run to carry the Eagles to a 3-0 victory over Seven Rivers Christian in a 2A regional quarterfinal Thursday.

The win gave CFCA a 17-8 record; Seven Rivers completes its season at 20-3.

Pillsbury and the Warriors had no trouble with the Eagles through the first three innings, with the left-

handed eighth-grader striking out the first seven batters he faced and nine during that stretch. But in the fourth, John Adams singled and Kevin Devine walked to put two runners aboard for Davis, whose long fly cleared the fence easily.

CFCA pitcher Nick Peterson, meanwhile, frustrated Seven Rivers throughout, surrendering just two singles in the game. The Warriors' best scoring chance came in the bottom of the seventh when Tyler

Pillsbury walked and Coy Phillips reached base on an error. After Peterson struck out Carson Pillsbury, Adams relieved and fanned Josh Iwaniec before walking Jimmy Worster to load the bases.

Allen Rivers' pop out, however, ended the inning and Seven Rivers' hopes. The Warriors' only hits came from Caleb Wharton and Iwaniec. CFCA also had just two hits, but they came in the same inning and one went for the distance.

Stranded runners doom Lecanto

Panthers leave 12 men on base in 3-0 playoff loss to North Marion

SEAN ARNOLD

Correspondent

CITRA — Winning two major phases of the game wasn't good enough for Lecanto in the opening round of the state playoffs on Thursday.

Levi O'Steen yielded just one

hit in six innings, while his Panther offense reached base 10

more times than North Marion.

Yet the Panthers' four errors in

the fifth and 12 stranded base

runners were the stats that mat-

tered most in the end, helping give NMHS a 3-0 victory at home in the Region 5A-2 baseball quarterfinals.

The Colts (14-13) advance to face fellow District 5A-5 club Bellevue in the regional semifinals on Tuesday. The Rattlers won both meetings in the regular season, but lost 10-2 to NMHS in the district championship last Friday.

The Colts and Panthers (9-14)

remained locked in a 0-0 tie in

the middle of the fifth, after LHS

had failed to capitalize on its first nine base runners. NMHS senior Jeff Bell and Robert Johnson reached on infield errors to

open the bottom half of the inning, before a grounder by third baseman Daulton Garr spawned a pair of throwing errors from the right side of the Panther infield,

leading to runs by both Bell and Johnson. Garr, who reached

third on the Lecanto miscues,

then came home on a sacrifice

fly to right field by Nick Wright, putting his Colts ahead 3-0.

LHS put runners on second and third in the sixth, and loaded the bases in the seventh with two outs following an intentional walk to O'Steen, but NMHS starter Dante Torino and closer Tony Morales got out of each jam with a strikeout.

"I was upset at our fifth inning," LHS coach Dave Logue said, "but we should have had at least three runs by then. When you have 14 guys on base,

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Arts & Entertainment ON THE SCENE

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THE Amazing SPIDER-MAN

Deep into "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," my 11-year-old companion was confused about a certain plot point — justifiably, I'd say — and demanded an immediate and thorough explanation.

"Shh, not now. Later!" I hissed. Because, though I didn't admit it, I really didn't want to miss an Andrew Garfield-Emma Stone kiss. And who knew when the next one was coming?

With great chemistry, you see, comes great kissing.

Let's just say this unequivocally: Whether or not my young Spidey fan would agree, the best thing about the "The

The most important backstory involves Peter's parents, and what really happened to them once they abandoned him as a tot (hint: it involves a very fast-paced plane ride).

Back on terra firma, we start with an even faster-paced urban chase involving Spider-Man, a hammy, Russian-accented Paul Giamatti, and some plutonium, distracting Peter/Spidey from Gwen, who's anxiously awaiting Peter's arrival at their graduation.

Peter does arrive, miraculously, but we quickly learn that the key obstacle to their relationship remains in place: Peter's fear of putting Gwen in harm's way. Haunted, Peter just can't commit (they always have an excuse, right?) Not surprisingly, Gwen gets very charmingly annoyed, and kinda sorta breaks up with him. But these two can't stay apart for long.

Meanwhile, there are big goings-on at Oscorp, that huge bioengineering corporation headed by Norman Osborn. With Norman on his deathbed, son Harry

Amazing Spider-Man 2, the second installment of director Marc Webb's series reboot, is that infectious chemistry between Garfield and Stone. In fact, given that this overstuffed, overly long film is a sequel to a sequel, and that it spends a gazillion dollars retelling a story (in 3-D and IMAX) that the world already knows, you could argue that the Garfield-Stone dynamic is the real justification for the whole enterprise.

This isn't just because the two happen to be real-life partners — though it can't hurt. Garfield is a sensitive actor who brings a quirky blend of intelligence and goofiness to Peter Parker, and a welcome hipster edge to the role that the wide-eyed Tobey Maguire didn't have in the earlier incarnation of the Marvel character.

As for Stone, she's just so darned charming. And though it's again a stretch to imagine her as a high school student, heck, we'll take it. (In fact, Stone is 25 and Garfield is 30, so we're just gonna have to give them a pass on this. At least they get their diplomas this time.)

Another winning presence is that of Sally Field, touching as the now-widowed Aunt May. The reliable Field gets one terrifically emotional scene with Peter that may have you reaching for a tissue.

As for the plot, though, that may have you reaching for a notepad. There are not one, not two, but three villains (at least!) here, and all sorts of backstories — something for everyone, which means too much.



(Dane DeHaan) Peter's old buddy, returns from boarding school. The pale, wiry DeHaan is entertainingly creepy as he descends into desperation.

Then there's the unappreciated Oscorp employee Max Dillon (Jamie Foxx). When he falls into a vat of mutant electric eels (OSHA would have a field day at Oscorp), he morphs into Electro, a glowing monster who can manipulate electricity and suck the power from a whole city (Foxx is more convincing as the villain than the self-effacing scientist).

In this age of multi-tasking, Peter/Spidey sure has his work cut out for him — taking care of New York, of Gwen, and of the endearingly curious Aunt May, who, in a funny moment, wonders why, when Peter does the laundry, he turns all the clothes red and blue?

Where will it all end? Well, at least two more sequels (to the sequel, to the sequel) are planned, and any number of future confrontations loom. Which of the villains will re-emerge to challenge Spidey?

Shh, not now. Later! We're thinking about that kiss.

"*The Amazing Spider-Man 2*," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture

Association of America for "sequences of sci-fi action/violence."

Running time: 142 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— JOCELYN NOVECK / Associated Press

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Getting to know you ...



Bryan McDonald

City: Crystal River
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite food: Pizza
Dream vacation location: Jamaica
Hobbies: Djay

3 Things to do this weekend ...

1. Arts Expo 2014 at the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.
2. "The Fox on the Fairway" opens today at 7:30 p.m. at Art Center Theatre.
3. The ROCCS Regatta begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Liberty Park, Inverness.

Taking a look back ...



On May 2, 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at the Chateau du Clos Luce, France, at age 67.

Theater and art shine at Art Center in May

A foxy golf comedy takes the stage at the Art Center Theatre this weekend and will run weekends through May 18, while the newest art competition is on display in the AE building on the Art Center campus at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Citrus Hills and a youth musical is preparing for the stage the last weekend in May.

"The Fox on the Fairway" is a zany comedy/farce about the rivalry between two country clubs led by executives who make a huge bet on whose club will win the upcoming golf match between the clubs.



Sharon
Harris

ART
TALK

Henry Bingham, director of the Quail Valley Country Club, is in jeopardy of losing his job because his club has lost the last five matches to Crouching Squirrel Country Club, led by Dickie Bell. When Bingham and Bell make the \$200,000

bet, each believes he has an advantage.

However, shortly after making the bet, Bingham learns his star golfer has defected to Crouching Squirrel.

But just then, he finds his newly hired employee has a scoring average in the 60s, and it appears he may be on the way to finally winning the golf match and keeping his job.

But of course, in a madcap farce reminiscent of a Marx Brothers plot, things go south, with the new employee's love life interfering with his golf game, plots and counterplots

aimed at winning the match and a bitter rivalry between Bell and his ex-wife, who is now a board member at Quail Valley.

Tickets are \$19 and available from the Art Center box office on the campus, or by calling 746-7606.

The latest art exhibition, themed "My Florida," features paintings and drawings depicting Florida themes. The opening reception is today, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public for free. It is a beautiful display, so make plans to come to opening night of the play and attend the awards ceremony for

the fine artwork.

Finally, the youth musical "The Emperor's New Clothes," will be on the Art Center stage May 30, 31, and June 1. It features young people from 7 to 17 who are members of the Art Center Academy and who have been rehearsing the play since February. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and are available through the box office.

Sharon Harris is an artist and former president of the Art Center and currently serves as the Director of the Academy of the Arts.

Music abounds in May

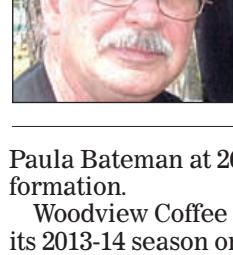
Music abounds in May, with plenty an earful. The month begins with an Arts Expo at the CF College campus in Lecanto (CF).

The free Arts Expo comes to life on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. At this time, more than 40 organizations will participate. For information contact Michele Wirt at CF at wirtm@cf.edu.

The Nature Coast Community Band, under the baton of Cindy Hazzard, will present two free concerts. On Saturday, at the Citrus Springs Community Center, the band will present "Romance" — music of the romantic era — featuring "Pictures" arranged by band member Nancy Furman. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. In Inverness on Sunday concert is repeated at 2:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Call 352-601-7394 for information.

Also Sunday, Music on the Hill will bring a group of talented local performers to the stage from 3 until 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 W Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34460. Tickets are \$7, with proceeds benefitting Hurricane Sandy relief. There will be hot dogs, sodas and desserts. Tickets are available at the church offices or by calling 352-527-0052.

The Acoustic Meet Up continues at the Crystal River/Coastal Regions Library from 2 until 4:30 p.m. The next dates are Monday and May 19. Call



Jim Davis

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Paula Bateman at 260-316-4099 for information.

Woodview Coffee House concludes its 2013-14 season on May 9, presenting Veronika Jackson as its featured performer. Jackson, from Atlanta, sings folk, blues and spirituals.

Opening for Jackson will be Shades of Gray — Tom Gray and John Mulkey. Admission is \$7 with home-baked desserts, coffee, tea, soda and water available. Woodview is located in the Fellowship Hall of Unity of Citrus County, 2628 Woodview Lane, Lecanto. For information, call 352-726-9814.

St. Augustine singer, songwriter and storyteller Bob Patterson closes the season for Music at the Museum on Thursday, May 15. Tickets are \$10 and include refreshments. Reservations are encouraged by calling 352-341-6427.

Please patronize venues with live musicians. Keep your ears open and send live music event schedules to: Jim Davis at jdavis330@tampabay.rr.com.

Music

Pharrell set for performance at iHeartRadio Music Awards

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Associated Press

more & Ryan Lewis and Imagine Dragons.

Presenters include Gwen Stefani, Lionel Richie, Selena Gomez and Juanes, while Lady Gaga and Katy Perry will make "special appearances," though it's not clear if they are attending.

Rihanna is also nominated for song of the year. Her slow tune "Stay" will compete with Eminem's "The Monster" — where she's featured — as well as Pitbull and Kesha's "Timber" and "Suit & Tie" and "Holy Grail" from Timberlake and Jay Z.

Lorde, Imagine Dragons and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis — who all won Grammys in their debut years — will compete for best new artist. Florida Georgia Line, Icona Pop and Passenger are also nominated in the latter category.

Clear Channel's iHeartMusic Awards will also include performances by Pitbull, Luke Bryan and Thirty Seconds to Mars.

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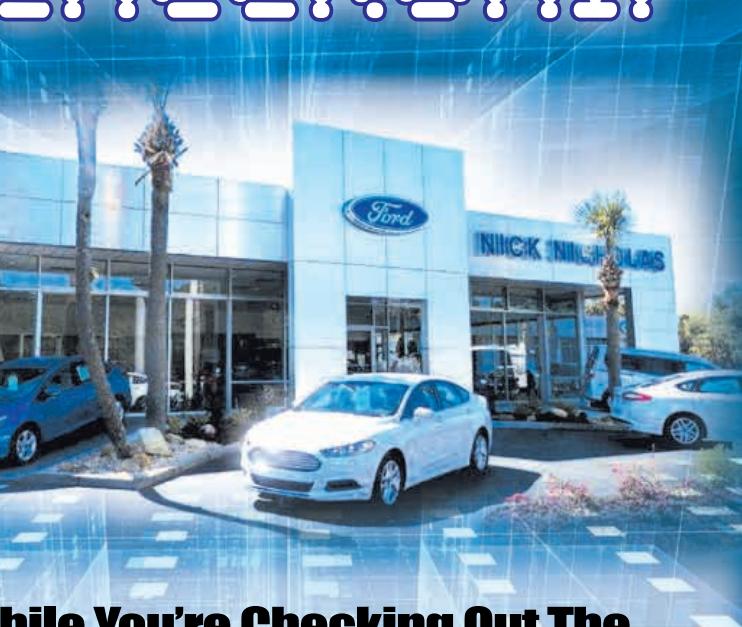
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Gugu Mbatha-Raw is shown as Dido Elizabeth Belle in a scene from the film, "Belle."

'Belle' a costume drama with a new face

JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

There may be no whiter genre than the costume drama. The flowing gowns, the horse-drawn carriages, the codes of aristocratic courtship all evoke an era not exactly known for diversity.

That's why the simple poster of "Belle," a new film directed by Amma Asante, is so striking. A beautiful, finely outfitted black woman in an 18th century parlor room stares back with regal poise. The historical incongruity is all the more arresting because, it turns out, it's real history.

"Belle" is the based-on-a-true-story of an 18th century mixed-race woman, Dido Elizabeth Belle (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), brought up in British aristocracy.

While such a tale is undoubtedly rich, filled with questions of identity, class and race, "Belle" is unnaturally rendered like a Jane Austen story of dowries and engagements. It's an awkward, ill-fitting match of social progress and costume drama convention.

And those 18th century conventions of speech and etiquette are often gratingly stilted in "Belle," stifling the film of any naturalism. Instead, "Belle," made with fine intentions, has none of the uniqueness of its remarkable subject.

"Belle," written by Misan Sagay, was inspired by a 1779 double portrait of Belle and Lady Elizabeth Murray — one biracial, the other white — captured in seeming friendship. Sagay and Asante (who's made one film before, 2004's "Way of Life") were intrigued by the story behind the painting.

Little, though, is known of Belle, so the film often feels as though it's grasping to imagine what her life was like, and to artificially connect her with larger story lines from her time.

"Belle" begins with her Royal Navy Admiral father (Matthew Goode, whose presence is missed as soon as he departs, setting sail for the Indies) dropping a young Belle off with his uncle, William Murray, the

Earl of Mansfield (Tom Wilkinson) and his wife (Emily Watson) at their palatial country estate in Hampstead. They are initially appalled, but give in to his insistence that the illegitimate Belle has his blood, and should be raised accordingly.

The film shifts to Belle and Lady Elizabeth Murray (Sarah Gadon) as young women. They are beginning to see society and possible suitors, though Belle is largely naive to her lesser status. When guest come for dinner, she isn't allowed at the table.

But Belle still has currency as a bride thanks to her lineage and her inheritance. As suitors circle each girl (Murray has no such dowry to offer), the movie empathetically comments on the variety of unjust inequalities, whether by skin color or gender, pocket book or standing. Belle is drawn to the idealistic son of a vicar (a low station) named John Davinier (Sam Reid).

"Belle" also works in a famous event, the 1781 Zong massacre, in which a British slave ship drowned some

142 slaves in the Caribbean. The traders claimed to not have enough water for the voyage and made an insurance claim on the lost "cargo" that went to the height of Britain's courts.

William Murray, also Lord Chief Justice, oversaw the case, and the increasingly politically aware Belle — in a real stretch — is depicted as centrally influencing its decision.

In a film populated by one-dimensional shades of good and evil, Wilkinson is the only actor called on to balance more than one emotion. As usual, he manages the task very well, adding a depth "Belle" otherwise lacks.

That isn't to say that the young British actor Mbatha-Raw doesn't carry herself well. She is spirited and bright, alternatively gentle and impassioned.

But the golden-hued "Belle," handsomely made with lavish period detail, has none of the charged friction of its poster.

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NEWS NOTES

Homeowners to meet in Oakwood Village

Oakwood Village Homeowners' Association will have its quarterly meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Central Ridge Library.

Guest speaker is Stephanie Stevens of Citrus County Code Enforcement.

Light refreshments will be provided.

CHS Kids Cheer Camp coming up in June

Children ages 4 through 12 are invited to CHS Kids Cheer Camp from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 9 to 12, at the Citrus High School gym.

Campers should wear shorts, T-shirt and tennis shoes every day. (Black shorts are needed for Pep Rally day.)

Family and friends of participants are invited to Pep Rally Day at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12.

Camp cost of \$50 includes T-shirt, daily snack and drink (\$75 for two children in the same immediate family). Save \$5 for a camp fee of \$45 by pre-registering through June 5 at the CHS front office between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Day of registration begins June 9 at 8:30 a.m.

The CHS Cheer Camp is a school-sponsored fundraising event hosted by the Citrus High School Cheerleaders. For more information, contact Jillian Godwin at 352-726-2231, ext. 4550, or godwinj@citrus.12.fl.us.

May 10 Kids Triathlon to benefit United Way

The public is invited to participate in the United Way Kids' Triathlon from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Whispering Pines Park, 1700 Forest Drive, Inverness.

The event is presented by DRC Sports in support of United Way.

For more information, call 352-637-2475.

Volunteers sought for Circle of Friends shop

The Friends of the Community Center Inc. operates the non-profit Circle of Friends Gift Shop in support of the Meals on Wheels Program. The shop sells miscellaneous giftware items, along with jewelry, watches and gifts.

Volunteers are needed to run the gift shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Volunteers are able to participate in the Nature Coast Volunteer Center's RSVP Program, where hours are logged, and are invited to appreciation picnics and banquets for recognition of service.

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Batten down the seedlings

Learn how to prepare Citrus County landscapes for natural disasters

Special to the Chronicle

June 1 to Nov. 30 — do these dates mean anything to you? They should if you live in Florida, and especially if you remember 2004. These are the traditional dates for the annual hurricane season.

There are building requirements for structures to withstand these natural disasters, but no such requirements for landscape. In addition to hurricane concerns, we should also be aware of the possibility of wildfires.

The free May Master Gardener Semi-

nars from Citrus Extension Service will address these natural disasters, plants that are good selections, ones to avoid and what landscape steps you can take before and following a natural disaster. Leaders will explain what you can do to help plants withstand and then recover from such occurrences.

The schedule for these free seminars is:

- 2 p.m. May 7 (first Wednesday) at Floral City Library.
- 1:30 p.m. May 9 (second Friday) at Coastal Region Library, Crystal River.

■ 1 p.m. May 13 (second Tuesday) at Lakes Region Library, Inverness.

■ 1:30 p.m. May 14 (second Wednesday) at Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills.

■ 1 p.m. May 21 (third Wednesday) at Citrus Springs Library.

■ 2 p.m. May 27 (fourth Tuesday) at Homosassa Library.

Master gardeners provide information from the University of Florida, based upon UF research and education. They are available to answer gardening questions, identify samples or address concerns. Call 352-527-5700 for information.

Children's Bird Walk



Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Audubon in March led a "Spring Break Children's Bird Walk" to Red Fish Hole, which is a salt marsh off Fort Island Trail. The birds were not very cooperative in the marsh, but the kids enjoyed the marsh edges and identifying shells and animal tracks along the way. They were given a brief history of the flora by Cyndy Holliday, who is a Florida conservation resource management technician. Fort Island Gulf Beach was the next stop, where birds and the sand were a bit more exciting. Gulls, loons, double-crested cormorants, sandpipers and grebes were in abundance. In back, from left, are: Ann Lawton, Gary Lawton, Franklin Grebenc, Julie Suter, Bonnie Halbrook, Mindy Halbrook, Mavis Grebenc, Tracie Adams and Cyndy Holliday. In front, from left, are: Jack and Paige Suter, Benjamin Halbrook and Zachary and Charles Adams.



Happy 30th anniversary

Recently, Brentwood Retirement Community, a Consulate Health Care center in Lecanto, celebrated its 30th anniversary. To celebrate, Brentwood invited residents, family, staff and the community to an open house to share food, have fun and make happy memories. AT

LEFT: Dr. Richard Conard, the man behind the community, was present at the event to share his gratitude the vision he had 30 years ago for a place where seniors could "age in place" was thriving. His dream from the very beginning was to create a place where seniors could live well,

in a community of supporting individuals and caring minders. Conard came up with a program called "Pro-Life Intervention." The idea was to

provide health care in the same community as housing so that

residents never have to move away, even as they grow older. This is

what Brentwood calls "aging in place." The food had special meaning

for the celebrations, with one cake representing the past as it bore a

tree of life (the old Brentwood logo) and another cake representing the

present and future with the current Consulate Health Care logo.

BELOW: Celebrating the 30th anniversary of Brentwood are, from left:

Executive Director Mary Alice Tillman, Donna Whitaker, Kelly Budzik, Crystal Petrucci, Dr. Richard Conard, Debbie Talbot, Holly Shephard, Tonja Ennis and Jennifer Phillips.

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Purchase tickets now for 'Scrappy' quilt drawing

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"Scrappy Millennium," a quilt from Helen Siegel's collection donated by her husband Darryl, is being raffled by the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club.

Siegel was a longtime member of the club and chaired its thrift shop for 11 years. She was an expert hand-quilter and hand-quilted most of her projects. She was named one of the 24 top quilters who have contributed to quilting in

America by AQS in American Quilters magazine.

The quilt was unveiled at the Yankeetown Inglis Woman's Club 32nd annual

Soup A Thon.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and can be purchased at

club events or at the Second to None Thrift Shoppe Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drawing will be held at club's scholarship meeting Wednesday.

For more information, call 352-447-2057.

Submit information at least two weeks before the event.

Multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.

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May 5

Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
Tai Chi, noon
Pre-GED Science Class, 5 p.m.

May 6

Getting Started with Computers I,
10:15 a.m.
Celebrate Reading, 4:30 p.m.

May 7

Sunshine State Romance
Authors, 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m.

May 8

File Management, 10:15 a.m.
Mother Goose Time, 10:30 a.m.
Kidney Smart, 2 p.m.

May 9

Tai Chi for Seniors, 10:15 a.m.
The Knit Wits of Homosassa, 1 p.m.

May 10

Make-It for Mom, 10:30 a.m.

NEWS NOTES**Mullet toss seeks donations, sponsors**

Organizers of the Homosassa Mullet Toss are looking for donations and sponsors.

This year's mullet toss will be July 5.

To make a donation of money or items for a raffle, call 352-628-2669.

Garden club to take trip to Costa Rica

The Homosassa River Garden Club invites everyone to its next fundraising excursion to Riu Guanacaste Resort in Costa Rica. The seven-day all inclusive holiday takes place Oct. 25 through Nov. 1.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Barb or Buzz at 352-628-0668.

Share memories of mom at Hospice tea

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast will present A Mother's Day Tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast's conference room, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane., Suite B, Homosassa.

A Mother's Day Tea seeks to promote healing and peace. Participants will reflect upon the memories of their mothers. Everyone is welcome to bring a photo and a memory of their mother to share. Tea and cookies will be served. The special event is offered at no charge to the entire community.

For information, or to make a reservation, call Jonathan Beard at 352-621-1500.

Reiki circle to meet at Homosassa Library

Reiki Gentle Touch Circle meets at the Homosassa Library from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 and May 27. Everyone is welcome.

Call Kristie 352-628-5537.

Annual health fair slated in Homosassa

The sixth annual Mind, Body & Soul Health Fair, from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 5, will feature free door prizes, gifts and promotional items; a car show; and more than 50 local business and health organizations providing health screenings and valuable information about services available in the community.

The fair will be at First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. Call 352-628-4083 or visit 1umc.org.

Fishing club invites new members

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

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

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

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

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Both volunteers and mentors will have training and must pass a background clearance check.

Call 352-621-9225.

Welcome home, Solettos

Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County welcomed home its newest homeowners of home No. 102 in Homosassa. Tracy Soletto, with her children Cheslie and Tavin, are pictured with George Rusaw, Habitat's president and CEO, and Rose Strawn, Habitat's family services director. To learn more about becoming a Habitat for Humanity homeowner, call Rose at 352-563-2744. If you are interested in volunteering on construction sites, call C.D. at 352-601-6582. Contact Wendy at 352-564-2300 to volunteer at one of Habitat's two ReStore locations — Crystal River and Inverness — where those with retail, electrical, appliance, electronic, cashier or cleaning experience are needed. If your interest is answering the phone, filing, copying or other office duties, call Debbie at 352-563-2744 to volunteer in the office. For more information, visit the www.habitatacc.org.

Special to the Chronicle

Our COMMUNITY news from the Homosassa area

Authors to talk villains

Sunshine State Romance Authors to meet May 17 at Homosassa Library

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The Sunshine State Romance Authors will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, for a special program titled "Breaking Down Bad Guys (and Gals)" by Cheryl T. Charles, at the Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.

What makes a good villain? How do writers create the kind of bad guy readers will love to hate and never forget? Using both fictional and real-life exam-

ples, Charles will discuss archetypes, stereotypes and the unique characteristics of believable villains and why people are so fascinated by them. She will offer tips for fleshing out characters that will resonate with readers and make their skin crawl.

Writers and readers of



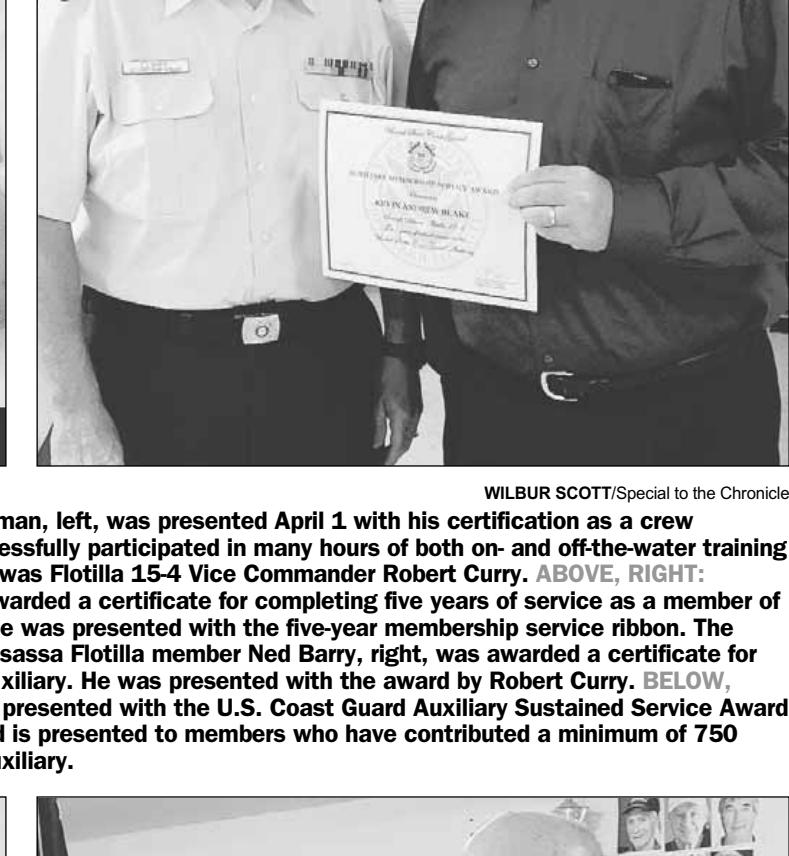
Cheryl T. Charles
will discuss villains.

many genres, including romance, fantasy, suspense, thrillers or children's stories will find the program of value in understanding and creating villainous characters.

Charles is a member of Sisters in Crime, RomVets, SSRA and RWA. Visit www.ctcharles.com.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.sunshinestateromanceauthors@yahoo.com or call Marian Fox at 352-726-0162.

Flotilla 15-4 honors, certifies four



ABOVE, LEFT: Homosassa Flotilla 15-4 member Herb Zimmerman, left, was presented April 1 with his certification as a crew member aboard Flotilla 15-4 patrol vessels. Zimmerman successfully participated in many hours of both on- and off-the-water training in order to achieve his certification. Making the presentation was Flotilla 15-4 Vice Commander Robert Curry. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** Homosassa Flotilla 15-4 member David Claspell, right, was awarded a certificate for completing five years of service as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. In addition to the certificate he was presented with the five-year membership service ribbon. The presentation was made by Robert Curry. **BELOW, LEFT:** Homosassa Flotilla member Ned Barry, right, was awarded a certificate for completing 10 years as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was presented with the award by Robert Curry. **BELOW, RIGHT:** Homosassa Flotilla 15-4 member William Schultz was presented with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Sustained Service Award by Flotilla 15-4 Vice Commander Robert Curry, left. The award is presented to members who have contributed a minimum of 750 hours of documented volunteer service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



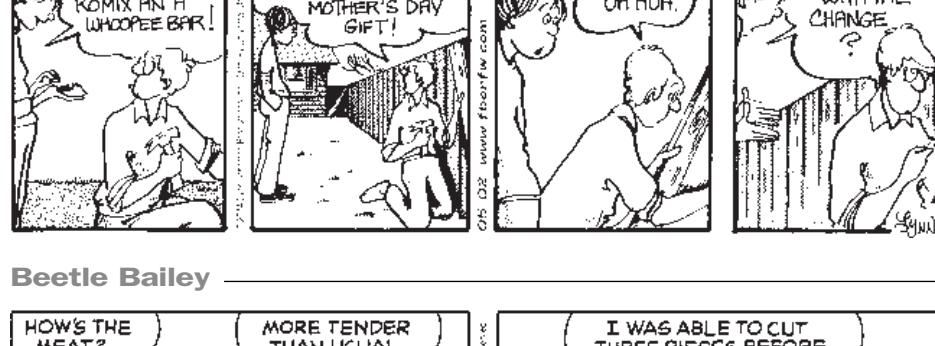
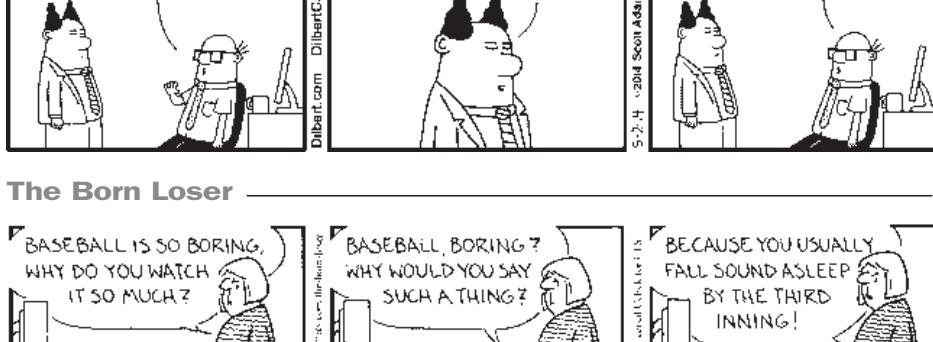
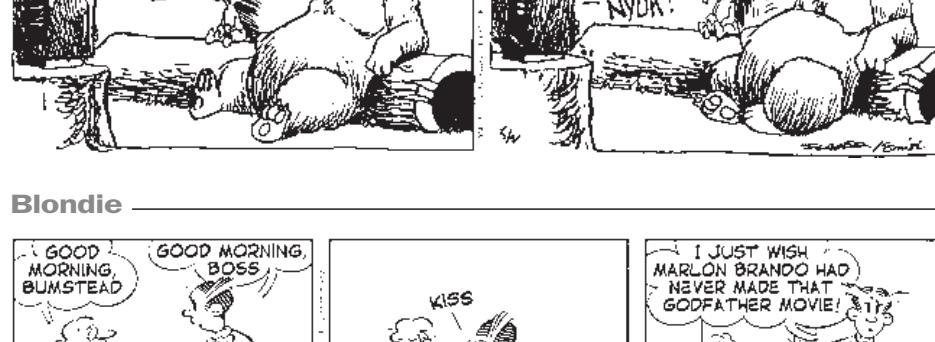
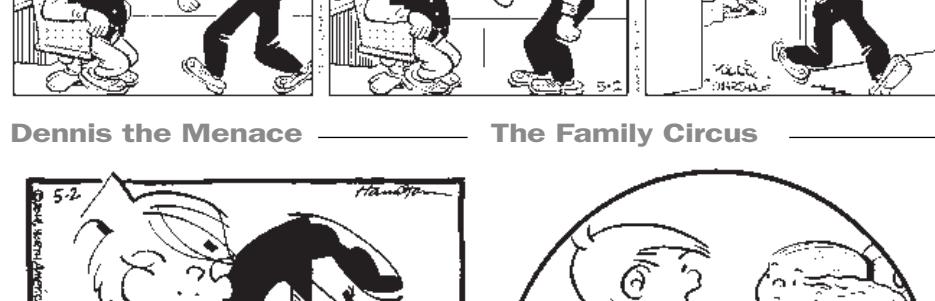
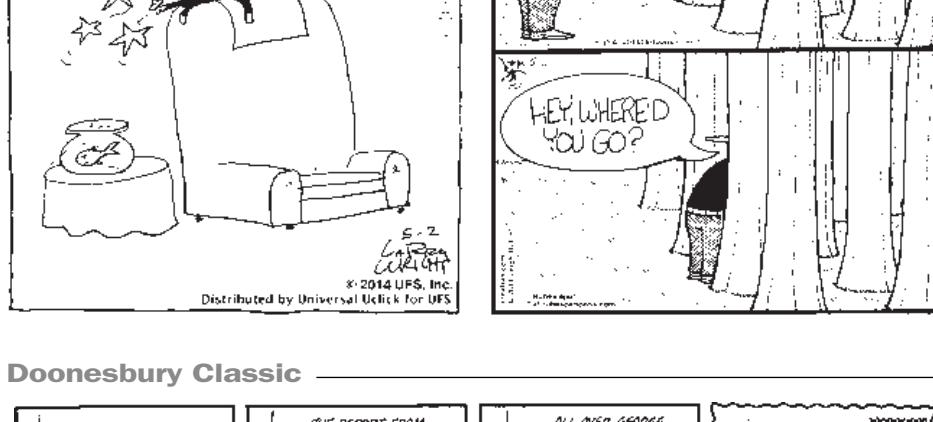
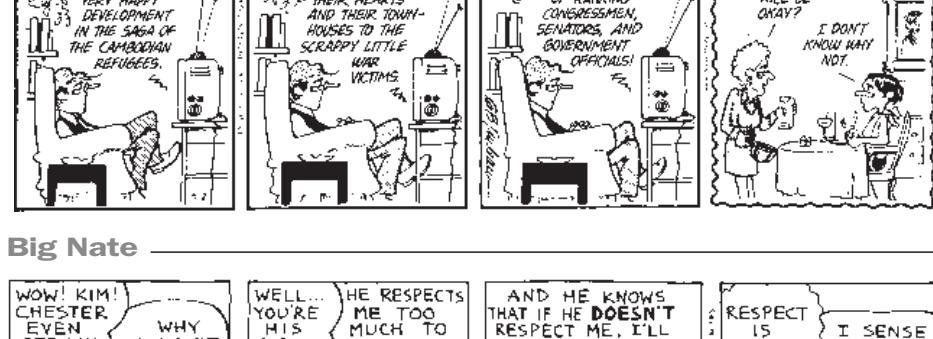
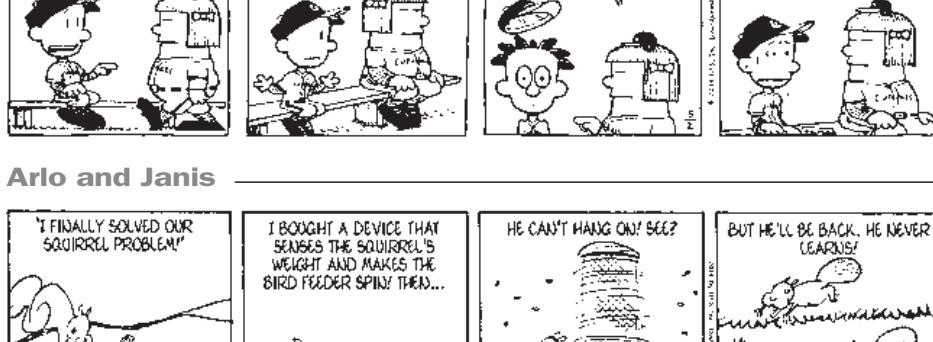
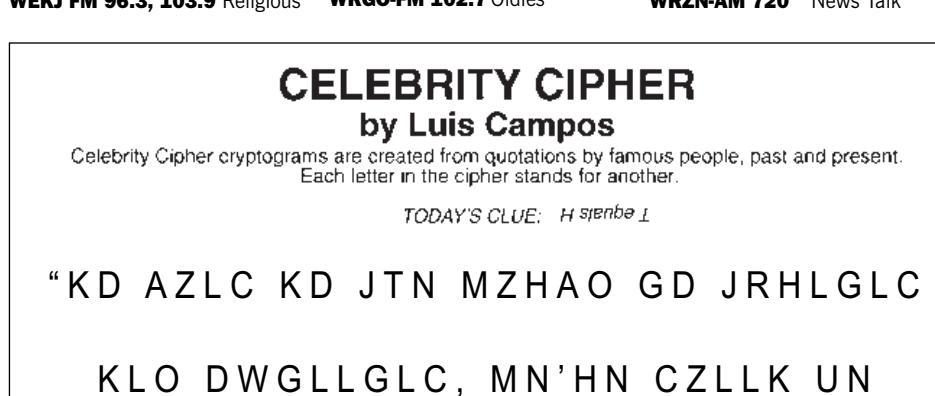
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"A Haunted House 2" (R) 4:50 p.m.
"Heaven Is For Real" (PG) 1:15 p.m., 3:55 p.m., 7 p.m.
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"The Quiet Ones" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
"Rio 2" (G) 1:45 p.m., 7:25 p.m. No passes.
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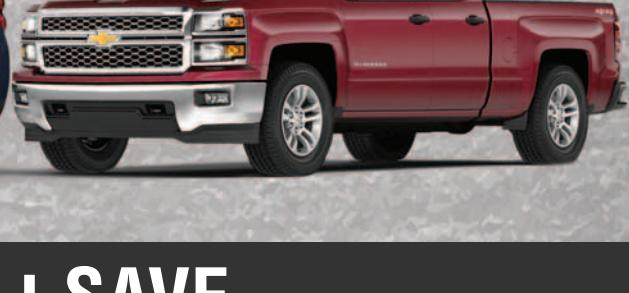
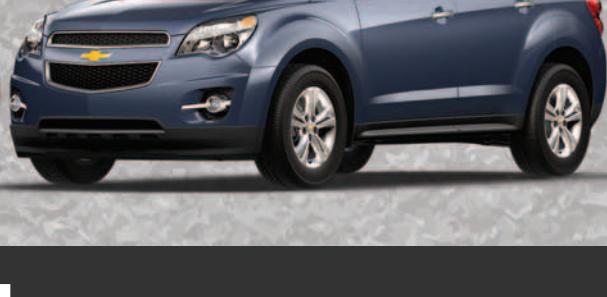
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