



Hospital deal pace questioned

Negotiations with HCA ongoing

MIKE WRIGHT Staff writer

INVERNESS — Negotiations with Hospital Corporation of American for a 50-year lease of Citrus Memorial hospital are moving along steadily and slowly —

too slowly for members of the hospital's foundation board of directors.

With the targeted Sept. 30 turnover of operations to HCA just four months away, foundation members on Monday night expressed concern that the date will not be

met in September or even any time close to that.

"At this rate it'll be 2015," foundation chairwoman Sandy Chadwick said.

Hospital attorney Clark Stillwell said he has weekly phone conferences with HCA attorneys and Citrus County Hospital Board attorney Bill Grant that last several hours. He said he leaves the

conversations with a longer to-do list than what he starts off with.

The proposed definitive agreement, which precedes the final contract, includes five pages of "issues" HCA wants cleared up before the agreement is signed.

Citrus Memorial has 535 contracts worth about \$100 million over the course of the contracts. HCA, seek-

ing more information on each, will decide which contracts to keep as is, modify or do away with.

The foundation and hospital board signed a letter of intent to lease the hospital to HCA for \$140 million, though the final price will likely be less than that.

Foundation director Bob

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Sandy Chadwick chairwoman of CMHS foundation.

Wet and wild



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Inverness Primary School first-graders Thomas Cochran, left, and Caleb Blanch rocket down a giant, water-soaked inflatable slide Monday morning outside the school. All of the students at the school were treated to a Wet Field Day provided by the Parent-Teacher Association. In addition to the giant slide, students enjoyed activities including an inflatable obstacle course and dunk tank. Friday marks the last day of school for public school students across Citrus County. Students will return to school for the 2014-15 school year Aug. 6, according to the Citrus County School District's tentative calendar.

Opening of Rural King drives optimism about mall's future

PAT FAHERTY Staff writer

With the new Rural King store holding a hiring event this week, Crystal River Mall is gearing up for its most exciting summer in years.

Illinois-based Rural King is a home and farm store with about 70 locations in eight states. This will be its fifth store in Florida. It is holding a walk-in hiring event with Work Force Connection at the mall through Thursday.

The new store is in the former Sears location as a bookend to the Crystal River Kmart and is expected to operate with about 60 employees.

"Rural King will open in mid-July," mall manager Melinda "Millie" Bresnahan said. "That's going to be a big plus for us. I am reaching out and contacting big retailers now for the Belk space and the Penney's space."

"You have to reach out," she said. "I make cold calls and try to get to

the right person."

It was that type of effort that landed Rural King. Bresnahan went after the company after seeing its advertising flyers.

Her call led to a visit by the company's chief executive officer and eventual transaction for Rural King to purchase the store site.

Bresnahan sees the new business as a game changer with increased shopping mall hours and more

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Mighty Mongo to headline Rock the Block

Festival marks end of school

NANCY KENNEDY Staff writer

INVERNESS — School's out — let's rock.

From 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, the streets of downtown Inverness will be turned over to teens and teens at heart for the annual School's Out Rock the Block free concert, sponsored by the city of Inverness and Tobacco Free Florida.

Headlining the event is Mighty Mongo, the band that got its start in Inverness.

"Rock the Block is something we've been a part of for the past couple of years, and it's our hometown event," said

Lindsay Vitola, Mighty Mongo vocalist. "Anthony (Isoldi) and Scotty (Chmura) were both from Citrus County and I'm from Hernando County, and it's a way for us to reconnect with all the people we grew up with."

Chmura, Mighty Mongo's original drummer, is now in the Air Force, and Sean Fote is the band's new drummer.

For the past two years, Mighty Mongo has been a part of the nationwide Warped Tour of bands. This year, however, the band is taking the summer off from touring to write, working on their

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Transportation planning expert resigns

Clifford played crucial role in regional partnership

CHRIS VAN ORMER Staff writer



Bob Clifford

The consultant director of the county's transportation panel, who has guided it for

two years to its next step in gaining recognition for federal funding, announced Tuesday he is resigning as executive director of TBARTA — at the same time his county contract

expires — to join the private sector.

"I will be joining the transportation consulting firm of

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State BRIEF

Man's wife, daughter convicted in his murder

PANAMA CITY — A Florida Panhandle man's wife and daughter have taken plea deals for their parts in the man's murder. As part of a deal with Bay County prosecutors, 63-year-old Lottie Jean Moore and 27-year-old Mary Elizabeth Clanton pleaded no contest Monday to being accessories after the fact to first-degree murder. Moore received seven years in prison, while Clanton received three. Clanton's husband, 33-year-old David Clanton, is scheduled to be tried for first-degree murder in October. Authorities said David Clanton strangled 69-year-old Arthur Moore while he slept in September 2013 and then buried his body in the woods with his wife's help.

— From wire reports



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Occupancy at the Crystal River Mall is growing to include Rural King, expected to open in July.

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customer traffic.

And while Rural King is big news, she said other new entities are making a difference. The mall now has 41 businesses.

Si Flores owns and operates Laser Tactics — Indoor Laser Tag. "We're one of the only ones around here," Flores said. "A lot of groups have been coming by."

Flores, who has a back-

ground in engineering, said regular laser tag players are coming from surrounding areas as the word gets out and various youth and church groups are using it for regular outings.

Labels, a new concept store featuring designer-label clothing, is getting ready to open. Disabled American Veterans Crystal River 158 now has its own store in the mall and Cuzin Vinnie's Mini Golf is in a new, full store location with longer hours.

The Citrus County Extension Service has an informative window display and merchants are taking advantage of mall's various kiosks.

One remodeled space is called the Rainbow Room and is used to host free weekly community dances. And there is no slowing down with the other events: Last week the former Belk location was the site of the All Hazards and Hurricane Expo.

There will be a mall-wide

Artist's Showcase on Saturday along with the popular monthly Westend Arts and Crafts Market. There is a live music festival set for May 31 and discount summer movie specials start in June.

"It's exciting; we're going in the right direction," Bresnahan said. "And until people come in and see it, they really don't know."

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Around the
COUNTY

CR Democrats to meet Tuesday

The Crystal River Democratic Club will meet 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 27 at Oysters Restaurant, Crystal River. All those wishing to have dinner are asked to arrive by 6 p.m.

A representative from the National Association for the Mentally Ill's Lighthouse program will speak about job training and socialization for those in need.

All Democrats are welcome. For information, call 352-795-5384.

Gardening workshop slated June 10

Citrus County Florida-Friendly Landscaping is offering a free gardening workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.

The University of Florida developed nine basic principles to establish a set of gardening practices, which aid gardeners in creating sustainable and successful gardens. These practices allow gardeners to create beautiful landscapes, generating little or no impact on water resources. Selection of the right plant for the right location, efficient irrigation, proper fertilization and responsible pest management are several of the topics discussed during this workshop.

The class will be at the Citrus County Extension Service building, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

Contact Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm participation.

Sheriff's office offers to address groups

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office offers a speaker's bureau composed of knowledgeable professionals willing to speak to homeowner associations, clubs and business groups.

Areas that can be covered include, but are not limited to:

- How to become a law enforcement officer, fire-fighter or communications dispatcher.
- An inside look at crime scene investigations.
- Fire prevention at home and at work.
- Crime prevention tips, including the latest scams.
- Internet safety.
- How to become a CCSO volunteer.
- Drug trends and awareness.

In addition to speaking engagements, demonstrations — like K-9 dogs and the Fire Safety House — are available. For a list of topics and demos, visit the sheriff's office website and click on the Public Information tab.

To arrange someone to speak for your organization, contact the media relations office at 352-341-7486.

Students recognized at Rays game

Two students from Citrus County are among 20 area high school seniors scheduled to be recognized prior to the start of tonight's Tampa Bay Rays game with the Oakland A's.

Bright House Networks announced that Holly Brand Head of Crystal River High School and John M. Korycki of Citrus High School are among the winners of the 2014 Future Leaders Scholarship program.

Each scholarship winner received a laptop, software and carrying case as well as four complimentary tickets to the game from the Tampa Bay Rays. Winners were selected for their community service activities, leadership skills and submission of an essay on the importance of leadership and community service.

—From staff reports

Road paving a major issue

Town hall meeting explores options to get streets fixed in Citrus Springs

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

With the weariness of a community fed up with patchy roads, about 80 residents of Citrus Springs on Monday listened patiently to county officials, then expressed an interest in a sales tax to fund road resurfacing.

Commissioner Joe Meek led the town hall meeting that functioned as a workshop to examine the community's options to get the roads fixed. With several financial challenges during the past two years, Meek said, the county's road resurfacing



Joe Meek led the town hall meeting.

program took a hit, while the county maintained overall financial stability.

"This is the major issue that we're going to be dealing with over the next few weeks," Meek said about road resurfacing. "In a community like Citrus Springs, you have probably experienced it more than anyone. There's more paved miles of road in Citrus Springs than any community in the county — 35,000-plus platted lots, over 400 miles of paved roads — that's a massive community, of which 6,000 or so (lots) are developed." Road resurfacing is not

funded through property taxes, Meek said. Property taxes fund public safety, libraries and other amenities. The county uses gas tax dollars to fund roads.

"We actually have two 6-cent gas taxes," Meek explained. "One of those gas taxes goes toward building and bonding of roads, like the expansion of (County Road) 486 and four-laning (C.R.) 491 — any other project like that. That money that's produced from that gas tax goes to bond and repay those loans."

"The other gas tax goes to resurfacing the road, maintaining what we have," Meek said. "But our current structure and our current system is just not working." Motorists use less

gasoline as prices rise, Meek said. No matter how expensive a gallon of fuel becomes, the gas taxes remain the same at two 6-cent taxes per gallon because the taxes are not indexed to the price of the gallon. The result is the county receives less money each year to fund road resurfacing.

The prospect of a Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) was not popular with Citrus Springs residents, for several reasons. One resident said he did not want to invest in property he did not privately own. Public roads should be funded by the public, he said; not by only the residents along the road.

Another resident said he has a neighbor who is struggling on a fixed income.

"I can't ask my neighbor to pay for the road when they can't buy food," he said. "A sales tax is more fair."

Still, the drawback to the sales tax is that it requires a voters' referendum, and if the vote fails, the county has no road resurfacing plan. The board of county commissioners will need to decide how to fund road resurfacing in its budget decisions.

Ultimately, Meek said, "there is no magic pot of money."

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Graduates march on



STEPHEN E. LASKO/for the Chronicle

CREST students attending graduation exercises Monday include, from left, Joshua Kyle Joslin, Matthew Jay Emmons, Kayla Cecil Juanyi, Kelci AnnMarie Smith and Amanda Gay O'Connell.

CREST celebrates Class of 2014

PAT FAHERTY
Staff Writer

Senior Matthew Emmons admitted to being a little nervous. It was just minutes before the graduation ceremony and he and classmate Kelci Smith were leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

But they performed their duties perfectly at Monday night's commencement ceremony for the CREST school Class of 2014.

The gym at CREST — Citrus Resources for Exceptional Students in Transition — was

packed with family, friends and supporters for the occasion.

Emotions ran high. Students glowed with excitement. Parents and relatives beamed with pride along with CREST teachers and staff.

The room grew quiet as the class of five marched in to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance."

After the national anthem, sung by Adam Lloyd, first-year Principal Lee Mulder welcomed and introduced guests and especially recognized the parents.

Then Nancy Haynes, director

of exceptional student education, introduced each student. She talked about what each one had accomplished at CREST and where they are headed. Some are going on to the academy at Withlacoochee Technical Institute and others are heading straight to work.

Haynes also shared some personal anecdotes, what each student was known for and what unique qualities they brought to the class.

Amanda O'Connell was labeled fashion queen of CREST. Joshua Joslin was recognized for his positive attitude and Kayla Ivanyi for mastering numerous job skills. Haynes said Kelci Smith was a rock to her peers.

Diplomas were handed out to roars of applause. There was also sadness as the diploma of Bryan Howarth was presented to his family posthumously.

"This was an exceptional class," said Mulder. "We enjoyed having all of them. They are willing, open and honest."

The CREST Class of 2014 is Dylan Jay Clark, Matthew Jay Emmons, Bryan Allan Howarth, Kayla Cecil Ivanyi, Joshua Kyle Joslin, Nicholas Ryan Koch-SamSoe, Kelci AnnMarie Smith, Amanda Gay O'Connell and Andrew Jose Sencenbaugh.

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State BRIEFS

Scott promises more money for ports if re-elected

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott is promising to spend more money on the state's deepwater ports if he wins a second term.

Scott is visiting three Florida ports this week where he will announce plans to spend \$1 billion on ports and port-related projects during his eight years in office. Scott plans to visit ports in Tampa, Jacksonville and Port Canaveral.

This marks the first time Scott has outlined what he plans to do if he wins re-election in November. The incumbent Republican is in a tough re-election battle and is trailing in some polls.

Scott pushed for increased spending on ports during his first term. He is promising to direct more money to help with projects at ports that serve both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

SunRail paid service opens with 4,000-plus riders

ORLANDO — Ridership on central Florida's new commuter rail service topped more than 4,000 on the first day customers had to pay for rides.

SunRail officials said Tuesday that 4,177 riders boarded its trains Monday. The first 32-mile phase of the \$1.2 billion service launched May 1, and averaged more than 11,000 riders

per day during a 12-day, fare-free acclimation period that ended May 16.

A handful of tweaks were made during the free to lessen some midday delays and parking issues. The train does not run on the week-ends.

Officials said the goal is to average 4,300 riders per day during the first year of operation.

Woman pleads guilty to fake-anthrax letters

JACKSONVILLE — A Florida woman has pleaded guilty to mailing fake-anthrax letters to the offices of U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Jacksonville said Monday in a news release that 47-year-old Kathryn Cohen Allen pleaded guilty last week. She faces up to 10 years in prison.

According to the release, Allen admitted mailing letters containing a non-hazardous, white, powdery substance to the senators' offices in June 2011.

Allen told authorities she sent the letters to frame her neighbor, a black man whom court records show she had been harassing for several months with accusations that he was sleeping with a married white woman.

Allen had been charged with sending similar letters to other government offices and private citizens, but those charges were dismissed as part of her plea agreement.

—From wire reports

Program helps smokers quit

Special to the Chronicle

Those seeking to kick the tobacco habit can get help at a cessation program from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at Lakes Region Library in Inverness.

The IQuit with AHEC (Area Health Education Center) tobacco cessation program gives people support as they seek to break their tobacco addiction.

The IQuit with AHEC program covers all forms of tobacco, and participants will learn important strategies and skills for quitting in a friendly, respectful and supportive group setting. The group class, called Tools to Quit (TTQ), is a two-hour session led by trained tobacco cessation facilitators.

The free Tools to Quit class includes follow-up support and teaches coping skills to prevent relapse.

Group participants will also learn about Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) products that can help during the quitting process and will receive free NRT while supplies last and if medically appropriate.

To register for the class, call Lucy Gonzalez-Barr at 813-929-1000, or email her at lbarr@гнаhec.org.

Surf safari



Adanna Carroll, 10, runs in the surf with her inflatable Orca on Tuesday in Jacksonville Beach.

Associated Press

Experts: Standards promote accountability for schools

Associated Press

MILTON — New laws should make it easier for parents to see how their children's schools and districts are doing compared to others in Florida, experts told the state Board of Education on Tuesday.

Bills recently signed by Gov. Rick Scott change the way schools and districts are graded. Florida is also overhauling standardized tests given to students in various grades.

"The goal is to make it easier to understand. There will be a clear connection between the school grading formula and improving student outcomes," Juan Copa, deputy education commissioner, told the Florida Board of Education during a routine meeting held in the western Panhandle town of Milton.

Florida's Republican-controlled Legislature made numerous changes to the state's public school evaluation system in the last session. The state's new standardized tests will align with the education standards known as the Common Core. The new grading formula is designed to be simpler and schools won't be penalized for any negative results the first year the new test is taken.

Other changes include a law to protect student privacy by requiring districts

Education commissioner says tests won't turn kids gay

MILTON — Florida's education commissioner is rejecting an assertion by a state lawmaker who said a standardized testing company aims to make public school students homosexual.

American Institutes for Research is administering new statewide tests for students in Florida. The testing aligns with the nationwide Common Core standards that some states have accepted while others have rejected.

Republican Rep. Charles Van Zant, of Keystone Heights, has said the testing company has a pro-homosexual agenda because it has done research on lesbian and gay issues. Speaking at an education conference recently in Orlando, Van Zant said the testing program would "attract every one of your children to become as homosexual as they possibly can."

Commissioner Pam Stewart said the testing firm does research for many clients and work for one does not influence its work for another.

— From wire reports

to use education numbers instead of Social Security numbers and a measure to give parents more opportunity to object to textbooks selected for use in their children's school.

Despite the changes, some legislators remain unhappy with the state's efforts to meet the suggested guidelines.

The federal Common Core State Standards are a result of an initiative sponsored by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Common Core Standards have been adopted in 45 states and Washington, D.C.

Opponents see them as the nationalization of education policy and standards, something they say should be left to the states. Supporters contend that having a shared set of standards will allow for a more accurate state-by-state comparison of student performance.

Although the education-reform bills were signed into law this year, school districts will not receive any penalties or consequences of the new grading system until the 2015-2016 school year. Test scores from the 2014-2015 school will be used only as a baseline for future years.

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Redistricting trial continues

Court hears testimony about emails, private meetings

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — House Speaker Will Weatherford testified on Tuesday that the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature went out of its way to shed all political considerations when legislators drew up new congressional maps two years ago.

Besides Weatherford's remarks, the second day of the redistricting trial also featured plenty of details about what happened behind the scenes.

A former top House aide testified that while he worked there, he deleted all sorts of emails from his computer every day, including about the redistricting efforts. But he said he also saved redistricting maps on a flash drive that was later hand-delivered to a top Republican political consultant.

Weatherford also acknowledged deleting emails, although he maintained that he followed existing House rules on retaining public records.

The Speaker also testified about a closed-door meeting in 2012 where he and Senate President Don Gaetz reached a deal that called for boosting the number of black voters in a sprawling con-

gressional district that now stretches from Jacksonville to Orlando.

The Wesley Chapel Republican told the court that Gaetz and the Senate had given the House a "compelling" reason to make the changes to the district now held by U.S. Rep. Corinne Brown.

But he had difficulty recalling what those reasons were other than they were intended to make the congressional seat more legally compliant. Lawyers challenging the maps contend the change was made to help adjacent Republican districts.

The non-jury trial revolves around whether legislators ignored a 2010 constitutional amendment that required them to draw up congressional districts that do not protect incumbents or members of a certain party.

Attorneys representing outside groups have alleged that legislators used a "shadow" process to help come up with maps more favorable to Republican candidates.

Weatherford told reporters after his testimony that the loss of several GOP incumbents including U.S. Rep. Allen West in 2012 was "proof" that the Legislature did not act in a partisan manner.



A screenshot shows Florida Beach Finder, a new tool launched by Visit Florida, Florida's tourism agency. The Beach Finder is designed to help people figure out which of Florida's beaches would be the best fit for them.

Need to pick the perfect state beach? There's an app for that

Associated Press

MIAMI — With 825 miles of Florida beaches to plant your beach umbrella on, picking just the right spot for you and your family can be daunting. Do you want adventure or laid-back beaches? Family friendly or romantic setting?

On Monday, Visit Florida, the state's tourism and marketing arm, launched some high-tech tools to help visitors find just the right beach for their summer vacation.

The Florida Beach Finder allows travelers to virtually walk hundreds

of miles of beaches — from legendary locations such as Miami's South Beach to lesser-known sanctuaries like Cayo Costa off the west coast of Florida. It's like Spotify, but for your beach vacation. Here's how it works:

Go to www.VISITFLORIDA.com and click on Florida Beach Finder. Then "tune" your preferences by moving four dials (red-dot sliders) up and down to adjust your beach personality, with preferences ranging from action-packed to secluded and somewhere in between. The beach finder displays different

pictures that best match your preferences, and the visual options change with every tweak of the tuner.

You can also virtually walk the beaches with Street View imagery in Google Maps. Last summer, Google spent four months photographing Florida beaches to create panoramic views of every beach in the state. It was Google's first large-scale beach-mapping project and now all of those images — Google Beach View — are available on Visit Florida's site.

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- Medicare Part D and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Exchange patients may participate in this Card Program, but cannot use any part of their Medicare Part D or ACA Exchange prescription benefit for LIPITOR during the term of this offer.**
- Out-of-pocket expenditures under this Card Program cannot be applied towards a patient's Medicare Part D true out of pocket (TrOOP) or ACA Exchange expenses.**

c) Patients participating in this category cannot seek reimbursement for a purchase of LIPITOR from any third party insurance entity during the term of this offer.

This offer is not valid for prescriptions that are eligible to be reimbursed, in whole or in part, by Medicaid or other federal or state healthcare programs (including any state prescription drug assistance programs and the Government Health Insurance Plan available in Puerto Rico [formerly known as "La Reforma de Salud"]).

For all eligible patients, you can only qualify for up to \$2500 of savings per calendar year. After a maximum of \$2500, you will pay usual monthly out-of-pocket costs.

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The Card will be accepted only at participating pharmacies.

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Pfizer reserves the right to rescind, revoke or amend the Card Program without notice at any time.

You must be 18 or older to participate in this Program.

Card Program expires December 31, 2015.

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Important Facts About LIPITOR® (LIP-ih-tore) (atorvastatin calcium) tablets

Read the Patient Information that comes with LIPITOR before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your condition or treatment. If you have any questions about LIPITOR, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What Is the Most Important Information I Should Know About LIPITOR?

LIPITOR can cause serious side effects. These side effects have happened only to a small number of people. Your doctor can monitor you for them. These side effects usually go away if your dose is lowered or LIPITOR is stopped.

These serious side effects include:

- Muscle problems.** LIPITOR can cause serious muscle problems that can lead to kidney problems, including kidney failure. You have a higher chance for muscle problems if you are taking certain other medicines with LIPITOR.
- Liver problems.** Your doctor should do blood tests to check your liver before you start taking LIPITOR and if you have symptoms of liver problems while you take LIPITOR. Call your doctor right away if you have the following symptoms of liver problems:
 - Feeling tired or weak
 - Loss of appetite
 - Upper belly pain
 - Dark, amber-colored urine
 - Yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes

What Is LIPITOR?

LIPITOR is a prescription medicine that lowers cholesterol in your blood. It lowers the LDL-C ("bad" cholesterol) and triglycerides in your blood. It can raise your HDL-C ("good" cholesterol) as well. LIPITOR is for adults and children over 10 whose cholesterol does not come down enough with exercise and a low-fat diet alone.

LIPITOR can lower the risk for heart attack, stroke, certain types of heart surgery, and chest pain in patients who have heart disease or risk factors for heart disease such as age, smoking, high blood pressure, low HDL-C, or heart disease in the family.

LIPITOR can lower the risk for heart attack or stroke in patients with diabetes and risk factors such as eye problems, kidney problems, smoking, or high blood pressure.

LIPITOR starts to work in about 2 weeks.

Who Should Not Take LIPITOR?

Do not take LIPITOR if you:

- Are pregnant or think you may be pregnant, or are planning to become pregnant. LIPITOR may harm your unborn baby. If you get pregnant, stop taking LIPITOR and call your doctor right away.
- Are breast feeding. LIPITOR can pass into your breast milk and may harm your baby.
- Have liver problems.
- Are allergic to LIPITOR or any of its ingredients. The active ingredient is atorvastatin.

LIPITOR has not been studied in children under 10 years of age.

What Should I Tell My Doctor Before Taking LIPITOR?

Before you take LIPITOR, tell your doctor if you:

- Have muscle aches or weakness
- Drink more than 2 glasses of alcohol daily
- Have diabetes
- Have a thyroid problem
- Have kidney problems
- Have a history of stroke or mini-stroke

Some medicines should not be taken with LIPITOR. **Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. LIPITOR and certain other medicines can interact causing serious side effects. **Especially tell your doctor if you take medicines for:**

- Your immune system: cyclosporine (Sandimmune®)
- Cholesterol: fibrate products, niacin (vitamin B₃)
- Infections: telaprevir (Incivek®), clarithromycin (Biaxin®), itraconazole (Sporanox®), rifampin (Rifadin®), boceprevir (Victrelis®)
- Birth control: norethindrone (Aygestin®), ethinyl estradiol (Estinyl®)
- Heart failure: digoxin (Lanoxin®)
- HIV or AIDS: tipranavir (Aptivus®), lopinavir (Kaletra®), ritonavir (Norvir®), saquinavir (Invirase®), darunavir (Prezista®), fosamprenavir (Lexiva®), nelfinavir (Viracept®)

Know all the medicines you take. Keep a list of them with you to show your doctor and pharmacist.

What Should I Avoid While Taking LIPITOR?

- Talk to your doctor before you start any new medicines. This includes prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. LIPITOR and certain other medicines can interact causing serious side effects.

- Do not get pregnant. If you get pregnant, stop taking LIPITOR right away and call your doctor.

What Are the Possible Side Effects of LIPITOR?

LIPITOR may cause serious side effects. See "What Is The Most Important Information I Should Know About LIPITOR?"

Call your doctor right away if you have:

- Muscle problems like weakness, tenderness, or pain that happen without a good reason, especially if you also have a fever or feel more tired than usual. This may be an early sign of a rare muscle problem.
- Muscle problems that do not go away even after your doctor has advised you to stop taking LIPITOR. Your doctor may do further tests to diagnose the cause of your muscle problems.
- Allergic reactions including swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and/or throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing which may require treatment right away.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Passing brown or dark colored urine.
- You feel more tired than usual.
- Your skin and whites of your eyes get yellow.
- Stomach pain.
- Allergic skin reactions.

In clinical studies, patients reported the following common side effects while taking LIPITOR: diarrhea, upset stomach, muscle and joint pain, and alterations in some laboratory blood tests.

The following additional side effects have been reported with LIPITOR: tiredness, tendon problems, memory loss, and confusion.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have side effects that bother you or that will not go away.

These are not all the side effects of LIPITOR. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for a complete list. Patients should always ask their doctors for medical advice about adverse events.

You may report an adverse event related to Pfizer products by calling 1-800-438-1985 (US only). If you prefer, you may contact the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) directly. The FDA has established a reporting service known as MedWatch where health care professionals and consumers can report serious problems they suspect may be associated with the drugs and medical devices they prescribe, dispense, or use. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Theme parks opening new rides in 2014

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Harry Potter's Diagon Alley in Orlando, the world's longest and fastest inverted roller coaster in Ohio and water parks in every corner of the United States are among the many new attractions at theme parks this season.

And families with young kids won't be disappointed, either: Many parks are unveiling rides appropriate for children, yet exciting enough to thrill adults.

"Amusement park guests demand innovation year after year," said Jeremy Schoolfield, editor-in-chief of Funworld Magazine, which chronicles the amusement park industry. "Coming up with new experiences is built in our DNA."

Here's what's hot.

FLORIDA

Universal Orlando Resort will open its second Harry Potter-themed area this summer, called The Wizarding World of Harry Potter-Diagon Alley. The zone's centerpiece will be a ride called Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts, which takes visitors into Gringotts bank to help retrieve a magical object. The original Potter attraction is at Universal's Islands of Adventure theme park, while the new one will be at the adjoining Universal Studios Florida park. Guests must buy a two-park ticket to visit both Potter areas, but they can travel between them on the Hogwarts Express train, which will offer views of characters and magical creatures from the book. Among them: Hagrid on a flying motorbike, the Weasley twins on brooms, and the Knight Bus in London traffic. Universal has also opened new restaurants at City Walk and the Cabana Bay Beach Resort, an 1,800-unit hotel, where half of the rooms are suites that sleep six people.

At Disney World, the unveiling of the Seven Dwarfs Mine Train ride May 28 will complete the New Fantasyland area that opened in December 2012. The



The new Seven Dwarfs Mine Train roller coaster in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World opens to park guests on May 28.

ride is charming and exciting at the same time: Visitors will enjoy animatronic dwarfs singing "Heigh-Ho" in an underground-themed gem mine, then experience the thrilling anticipation of the roller coaster as cars climb a steep hill, before plunging down a mountainous landscape. And let's not forget one of the most popular attractions in New Fantasyland these days: meet and greets with Anna and Elsa from Disney's hit movie "Frozen." Recent wait times to meet the royal sisters ran four hours.

Hardcore thrill seekers will want to visit Busch Gardens in Tampa, where Falcon's Fury will soon open. Riders will be seated

upright and whisked to the top of a 335-foot tower before the seat pivots 90 degrees so the guest is looking straight down. The rider then plunges in a six-second free fall.

CALIFORNIA

The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk will open its latest thrill ride, The Undertow. It's fast and does a complete 360-degree spin.

New at Universal Studios Hollywood are the "Despicable Me Minion Mayhem" 3-D motion-simulation ride and a new "Despicable Me"-themed play area called Super Silly Fun Land.

Knott's Berry Farm celebrates 30 years of Snoopy and the

Peanuts gang; it has made improvements to its Grand Sierra Railroad attraction.

Also for the younger family members, Legoland California has turned its entire water park into a "Legends of Chima" themed water park.

SeaWorld has redone its entrance and now includes Explorer's Reef, with kid-friendly touch pools, waves and coral reefs.

NORTHEAST

At Luna Park on Coney Island, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the Thunderbolt will soon open. The steel coaster is named after a now-demolished and once-beloved wooden roller coaster.

Roar-o-Saurus at Story Land in New Hampshire is a tame wooden coaster with cars shaped like dinosaurs.

There's nothing tame about Zumanjaro: Drop of Doom at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The drop tower is perched on the face of the Kingda Ka coaster — and it will lift riders up 415 feet in the air and plunge them downward at 90 mph. At Six Flags New England in Springfield, Mass., the SkyScreamer is billed as the world's tallest swing at 400 feet.

SOUTH

Dollywood's FireChaser Express opened in March, and takes riders forwards and backwards — and close to a shed of exploding fireworks.

Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay — once under the Six Flags umbrella — is scheduled to reopen late May. The centerpiece ride will be Lightning Run, which will take riders on a 100-foot, 80-degree drop.

Six Flags Over Georgia is opening Hurricane Harbor, a multi-million park expansion that includes tropical landscaping and a 38,000-square-foot wave pool.

MIDWEST

The Banshee recently opened at Kings Island north of Cincinnati. The steel coaster, named for a wailing mythological messenger from the underworld, includes a 167-foot lift hill and a 150-foot curved first drop. Riders also experience a zero-gravity roll and speeds up to 68 mph.

Six Flags Great America just outside of Chicago is showcasing Goliath, touted as the world's fastest wooden coaster with the tallest and steepest drop.

Speaking of drops, Schlitterbahn in Kansas City, Kansas, is scheduled to open Verruckt in June. It's been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's tallest water slide; four people at a time will plummet 168 feet in a raft. The raft is expected to reach a top speed of 65 mph.

Associated Press

General Motors recalls 2.4 million more vehicles

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors said Tuesday it's recalling 2.4 million vehicles in the U.S. as part of a broader effort to resolve outstanding safety issues more quickly.

The latest action brings to 13.6 million the number of vehicles GM has recalled in this year, a new record for the automaker. GM's previous record of 10.75 million cars and trucks was set in 2004, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

GM agreed last week to pay a \$35 million federal fine for concealing deadly

defects in small-car ignition switches for more than a decade. The company says at least 13 people have died in crashes linked to the problem, but trial lawyers suing the company say the death toll is at least 53.

GM said no fatalities were linked to the recalls announced Tuesday.

As part of the fallout from that recall of 2.6 million Chevrolet Cobalts and other small cars, GM hired more safety investigators and vowed to review the safety of its vehicles. In May alone, GM has recalled nearly 5.3 million cars and trucks.

The Detroit automaker

said it will take a \$400 million charge for repairs on all vehicles recalled so far this quarter. That's on top of a \$1.3 billion charge the automaker took for recalls in the first quarter.

GM said no fatalities have been reported related to the recalls announced Tuesday. The recalls are:

- 1.3 million Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia crossovers from the 2009-2014 model years and Saturn Outlook crossovers from 2009-2010. GM says the front safety lap belt cables can wear down and separate over time. GM has told dealers they can-

not sell new or used models of the vehicles until repairs are made.

- 1.1 million Chevrolet Malibu sedans from the 2004-2008 model years and Pontiac G6 sedans from 2005-2008 because a shift cable could wear out over time. If the fracture occurs, the driver may not be able to select a different gear, remove the key from the ignition or place the transmission in park. GM knows of 18 crashes and one injury from the defect.

- 1,402 Cadillac Escalade and Escalade ESVs from the 2015 model year because a faulty weld could result in partial deployment of the front pas-

senger air bag in a crash. GM has stopped the sale of the models and alerted 224 current owners not to let occupants sit in the front passenger seat until the vehicle has been repaired. GM knows of no injuries related to the defect.

- 58 Chevrolet Silver-

ado HD and GMC Sierra HD pickups from the 2015 model year because retention clips attaching the generator fuse block to the vehicle body can become loose and lead to a potential fire. No crashes or injuries are related to the defect.

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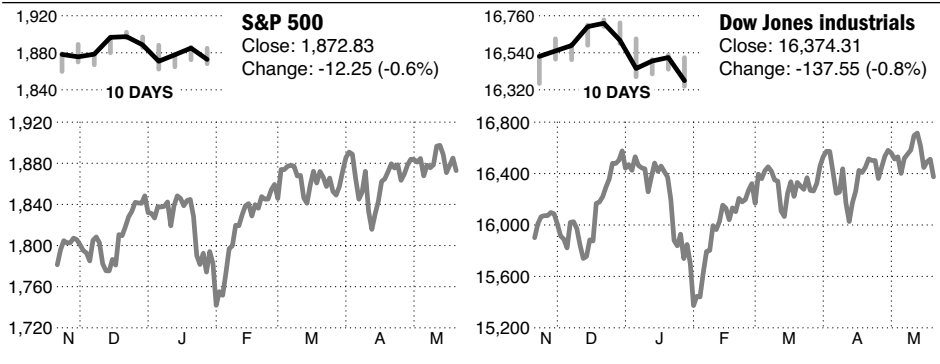
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	NYSE	NASD	DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	2,910	1,742	DOW Trans.	16511.22	16341.30	16374.31	-137.55	-0.83%	-1.22%
Pvs. Volume	2,584	1,557	DOW Util.	7907.65	7795.64	7834.12	-72.28	-0.91%	+5.86%
Advanced	923	633	NYSE Comp.	533.15	526.97	530.55	+0.81	+0.15%	+8.15%
Declined	2206	1997	NASDAQ	10601.64	10519.22	10541.95	-76.69	-0.72%	+1.36%
New Highs	80	30	S&P 500	4124.86	4080.61	4096.89	-28.93	-0.70%	-1.91%
New Lows	38	71	S&P 400	1884.88	1868.14	1872.83	-12.25	-0.65%	+1.32%
			Wilshire 5000	1359.83	1340.33	1345.30	-14.88	-1.09%	+0.21%
			Russell 2000	19954.38	19753.67	19805.74	-148.64	-0.74%	+0.51%
				1112.08	1092.00	1097.90	-16.53	-1.48%	-5.65%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AK Steel Hold	AKS	2.92	8.47	6.34	-28	-4.2	▼	▼	▼	-22.7	+97.0	dd	...	
AT&T Inc	T	31.74	37.44	35.50	-88	-2.4	▼	▼	▲	+1.0	+2.0	11	1.84	
Ametek Inc	AME	39.46	62.05	51.63	-102	-1.9	▼	▼	▲	-2.0	+22.0	24	0.36f	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	83.94	111.38	110.21	-01	...	▼	▲	▲	+3.5	+17.1	21	2.82e	
Bank of America	BAC	12.13	18.03	14.53	-14	-1.0	▲	▲	▼	-6.7	+9.5	19	0.04	
Capital City Bank	CCBG	10.12	14.71	12.82	-32	-2.4	▼	▼	▼	+8.9	+12.7	25	0.08	
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	27.93	38.21	37.58	-39	-1.0	▼	▲	▲	+18.0	+6.5	dd	2.16	
Citigroup	C	45.06	55.28	46.55	-22	-0.5	▲	▼	▼	-10.7	-9.0	11	0.04	
Commwllth REIT	CWH	19.94	28.10	25.14	+05	+0.2	▼	▼	▼	+7.9	+26.1	dd	1.00	
Disney	DIS	60.41	83.65	81.09	+04	...	▲	▲	▲	+6.1	+23.0	21	0.86f	
Duke Energy	DUK	64.16	75.13	70.09	-21	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	+1.6	+2.5	17	3.12	
EPR Properties	EPR	46.69	61.18	53.68	-21	-0.4	▼	▼	▲	+9.2	-5.6	17	3.42	
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	84.79	103.45	100.67	-20	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	-0.5	+12.7	11	2.76f	
Ford Motor	F	14.30	18.02	15.77	-15	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	+2.2	+8.6	10	0.50	
Gen Electric	GE	22.76	28.09	26.30	-31	-1.2	▼	▼	▲	-6.2	+16.9	20	0.88	
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	35.20	53.81	51.72	+21	+0.4	▲	▲	▼	+8.4	+31.8	15	...	
Home Depot	HD	72.21	83.20	77.96	+146	+1.9	▲	▼	▼	-5.3	+1.7	21	1.88f	
Intc Corp	INTC	21.89	27.24	26.04	▲	▲	▲	+0.3	+12.1	14	0.90	
IBM	IBM	172.19	211.98	184.89	-211	-1.1	▼	▼	▼	-1.4	-8.4	12	4.40f	
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	23.68	34.32	27.92	-46	-1.6	▼	▲	▲	-15.1	+10.5	26	...	
Lowes Cos	LOW	38.87	52.08	45.52	-03	-0.1	▲	▼	▼	-8.1	+8.4	21	0.72	
McDonalds Corp	MCD	92.22	103.78	101.53	-56	-0.5	▼	▲	▲	+4.6	+3.7	18	3.24	
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	30.84	41.66	39.69	-06	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	+6.1	+17.1	15	1.12	
Motorola Solutions	MSI	53.62	68.33	66.52	-36	-0.5	▲	▲	▲	-1.5	+17.7	17	1.24	
NextEra Energy	NEE	74.78	101.50	96.33	+163	+1.7	▼	▲	▲	+12.5	+20.1	21	2.90f	
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	4.90	19.63	8.93	-43	-4.6	▼	▲	▲	-2.4	-48.0	dd	...	
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.83	21.00	18.91	+18	+1.0	▲	▲	▲	+14.5	-6.4	39	0.80	
Regions Fncl	RF	8.82	11.54	9.98	-05	-0.5	▲	▼	▼	+0.9	+12.2	13	0.20f	
Sears Holdings Corp	SHLD	26.62	54.69	37.95	-168	-4.2	▼	▼	▼	-4.5	-15.0	dd	...	
Smucker, JM	SJM	87.10	114.72	98.07	-21	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	-5.4	-1.9	18	2.32	
Texas Instru	TXN	34.10	49.77	45.71	+11	+0.2	▲	▼	▼	+4.1	+27.2	24	1.20	
Time Warner	TWX	55.71	70.77	69.21	-90	-1.3	▲	▲	▲	-0.7	+17.4	15	1.27	
UniFirst Corp	UNF	87.68	117.91	96.45	-10	-0.1	▲	▲	▼	-9.9	+0.2	16	0.15	
Verizon Comm	VZ	45.08	53.40	48.65	-50	-1.0	▼	▲	▲	-1.0	-3.9	11	2.12	
Vodafone Group	VOD	27.49	42.14	34.21	-210	-5.8	▼	▼	▼	-14.5	+17.2	...		
WalMart Strs	WMT	71.51	81.37	75.69	-92	-1.2	▼	▼	▼	-3.8	+0.8	16	1.92f	
Walgreen Co	WAG	43.31	71.02	68.88	-66	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	+19.9	+42.7	24	1.26	

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

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

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.51 percent Tuesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

Natural gas rose for the fourth time in five days and settled above \$4.55 per 1,000 cubic feet for the first time since May 8. The price of crude oil touched its highest level in four weeks.



MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	TOTAL RETURN 1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	BalA m	24.72	-09	+1.7	+10.1	+11.7	+14.4
	CapIncBuA m	60.19	-23	+4.4	+8.2	+9.2	+12.2
	CpWldGrIA m	46.64	-22	+3.3	+13.4	+10.3	+13.9
	EurPacGrA m	49.47	-16	+0.8	+10.2	+6.4	+11.2
	FnlInvA m	51.62	-29	+0.6	+13.4	+12.6	+16.2
	GrthAmA m	43.14	-23	+0.3	+15.8	+13.5	+16.5
	IncAmerA m	21.34	-07	+4.2	+10.3	+10.8	+15.0
	InvCoAmA m	37.93	-21	+3.7	+17.5	+14.2	+16.2
	NewPerspA m	37.45	-22	-0.3	+11.2	+10.5	+15.0
	WAMutlInvA m	40.18	-25	+2.4	+15.1	+14.6	+17.8
Dodge & Cox	IntlStk	45.19	-25	+5.0	+17.6	+9.2	+14.5
	Stock	170.20	-112	+1.5	+20.1	+15.8	+19.1
Fidelity	Contra	93.76	-57	-1.5	+13.9	+13.6	+17.6
	ContraK	93.73	-57	-1.4	+14.0	+13.7	+17.8
	LowPriStk d	49.43	-30	-0.1	+14.4	+13.6	+19.3
	500IIdxAdvgt	66.58	-43	+2.1	+14.7	+14.4	+18.1
Fidelity Spartan	Income C m	2.54	-01	+5.6	+10.4	+9.1	+14.5
	IncomeA m	2.51	-01	+5.9	+10.6	+9.6	+15.0
Harbor	IntlInstl	72.86	-34	+2.6	+9.9	+6.9	+13.2
	Intl I	26.72	+02	+1.5	+11.2	+11.8	+17.4
Oakmark	EgtyInc	33.18	-24	+1.7	+12.1	+13.2	+17.4
	GrowStk	50.77	-24	-3.4	+16.4	+14.6	+18.8
T Rowe Price	500Adml	173.18	-113	+2.1	+14.7	+14.4	+18.2
	500Inv	173.15	-113	+2.1	+14.6	+14.3	+18.0
	500Sgnl	143.05	-93	+2.1	+14.7	+14.4	+18.2
	MutlAdml	14.17	-01	+4.6	+2.0	+4.9	+8.8
	STGradeAd	10.78	+01	+1.6	+1.9	+2.5	+4.4
	Tgtet2025	16.11	-07	+2.3	+9.4	+9.1	+13.4
	TotBdAdml	10.83	+02	+3.6	+1.5	+3.5	+4.8
	TotIntl	16.98	-10	+2.1	+8.3	+4.8	+10.6
	TotStlAdm	47.17	-35	+1.5	+14.8	+14.2	+18.7
	TotStlxd	47.14	-36	+1.4	+14.7	+14.0	+18.6
Vanguard	Welltn	38.96	-13	+3.3	+10.5	+11.1	+13.8
	WelltnAdm	67.30	-22	+3.4	+10.6	+11.2	+13.8
	WndslAdm	67.22	-49	+3.0	+14.3	+14.5	+17.9

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

StoryStocks

Retailers dragged stocks lower Tuesday. Several reported earnings that missed expectations, including Staples, TJX and Urban Outfitters. The retail chains, unsurprisingly, blamed the harsh winter that hit most of the country earlier this year.

Home Depot



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Staples



Weak results at retailers drag US stocks lower

Associated Press

Retailers are used to throwing big sales. On Tuesday, it was investors who unloaded shares in several big retail chains, dragging down U.S. stocks and wiping out small gains from a day earlier.

Disappointing earnings from Staples, Dick's Sporting Goods, Urban Outfitters and others triggered the selling spree.

The downturn in retail stocks came in a slow week for economic news and ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, which contributed to lighter-than-usual trading volumes. The weakness stirred fresh concerns about the retail sector and the outlook for consumer spending in the U.S.

"The fact that we're seeing such widespread weak growth among retailers means many (investors) are extrapolating that to the rest of the year," said Kate Warne, an investment strategist at Edward Jones.

Dick's Sporting Goods plunged 18 percent after its earnings and revenue fell short of what investors were expecting. The stock fell \$9.56 to \$43.60. Staples dropped 13 percent after the office supply chain



Associated Press

Specialist Gregg Maloney, left, and trader John Panin work Monday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

said its earnings fell sharply in the latest quarter. Staples slid \$1.68 to \$11.71.

Also reporting weak sales: Urban Outfitters and TJX, the parent company of T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and other stores. Urban Outfitters dropped \$3.19, or 8.8 percent, to \$32.98. TJX shed \$4.45, or 7.6 percent, to \$53.95.

Home Depot bucked the trend, even though its latest quarterly results fell short of Wall Street's expectations. The home improvement retailer said a key sales metric improved

despite a slow start to the spring home-selling season. The company also raised its full-year earnings forecast. Its stock climbed \$1.46, or 2 percent, to \$77.96.

OPINION

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

"If a mosquito has a soul, it's mostly evil. So I don't have too many qualms about putting a mosquito out of its misery. I'm a little more respectful of ants."

Douglas Hofstadter, quoted in *The New York Times* on April 1, 2007

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BITE BACK

Don't get beaten by, or eaten by, a little fly

This summer, don't call Mosquito Control — be Mosquito Control. That's jest, of course: Feel free to call Mosquito Control, and they'll come spray your neighborhood. But you don't have to call, and you don't have to wait.

As summer approaches, swarms of everyone's least-favorite insect will be descending on your arms, face, neck and legs in ever-increasing numbers. Fortunately, the most effective

THE ISSUE:

Mosquito season arrives.

OUR OPINION:

Don't be a mosquito breeder.

In addition to the lurking threat of dengue fever, an additional mosquito-borne illness has made its way to Florida: chikungunya, a virus that can cause nausea, vomiting, persistent headache, pink eye, high fever, edema of the legs, a full-body rash and joint pain that can persist for years. According to the Florida Department of Health, three cases of chikungunya have been reported in the state this year:

One in Miami-Dade County, one in Broward County and one not too far south of us in Hillsborough County. There are no vaccines available for dengue fever or chikungunya, so prevention is your only defense.

If that's not enough to get you bailing out around the house, consider this: If you don't take care of your property, you might wind up needing to bail out of jail. On May 8, a Lecanto man was arrested and charged with causing a condition capable of breeding mosquitoes. His bond was \$250.

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way to control mosquito populations around homes is to find and eliminate breeding sites, something you can do in about 15 minutes. So take an evening to walk around your home and make sure there's not standing water collecting in buckets, pet dishes, gutters, cisterns and the like. A single bucket containing an inch of standing water can produce hundreds of mosquitoes in just a few days, so it's best to perform the check again after any rains.

If you don't, you'll be slapping yourself — and perhaps worse.

Code to the code work

For the Citrus Springs resident telling Code Enforcement to "wake up": Please understand that code compliance officers work on complaints and not patrolling individual neighborhoods. There are only a total of approximately six code compliance officers in Citrus County and they will do their job if a complaint is made by calling 352-527-5350.

Code compliance officers who work Citrus Springs also work Beverly Hills, Crystal River area and at times, part of Homosassa.

Drop cards at library

In answer to the reader who sent in "Where to send cards?" It was in the paper on Tuesday, May 6. The Floral City Library branch collects cards for craft activities for both youth and adults. They can be dropped off there or they can be dropped off at any branch marked "For Floral City branch." They would love to get any cards that are in need of finding a home.

Street a racetrack

South Barber Street is a race-track. Nobody stops, or nine out of 10 do not stop at the stop sign on the street ... that joins South Barber Street.

Please be aware or somebody's going to get hurt bad.

Impressed with Andrew

I read the (May 13 letter to the editor titled "Animal awareness") by Andrew Hill concerning animal abuse. He is an Inverness Middle School student. I was extremely impressed by his knowledge and his ability to put into words what I can't.

Yes, Andrew, I agree and I do support your cause wholeheartedly. It doesn't surprise me that Florida has the highest case of animal abuse, because you can just

look at the trash in people's yards and know that they don't care. And you can see how they treat their animals just by going by their homes.

Andrew, I am extremely proud of you.

411 on motion sensors

Attending the county commissioners' meeting today and reviewing the presentation on the energy program, I was very disappointed on how the sensors and motion detectors as being a major cost savings in having those and putting and installing (them). I've had plants and office facilities over 40 years ago where we used sensors and motion detectors and didn't need consultants to install them and to find out that they're going to incur the same amount of maintenance people and costs for ongoing maintenance of the equipment vs. the equipment that supposedly was so old ...

Be aware of the dangers of sun exposure

Every year in May, we recognize Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Protection Month. It's an opportunity to remind ourselves, particularly as we head into the summer months, about the serious health threat posed by exposure to the sun's UV rays. And while the summer is the worst for sun exposure, it is important to remember that although the days may be longest and the sun the most intense during summer, the threat persists year-round, especially in a state like ours.



Wendy Nugent

OTHER VOICES

It may come as a surprise to some, but skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, with more than two million cases diagnosed each year. Roughly 70,000 of those cases are caused by melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Of those 70,000 cases nationwide, Florida accounts for more than 5,000.

One of the most important things to remember is that because the damage from UV exposure is cumulative over the years, children and young adults are especially at risk. Without any warning signs, exposure early in life can result in

skin cancer many years later. So whenever we take young people to the pool or to the beach, we should be sure to make sure they are sufficiently protected. Below are some helpful tips from the Prevent Cancer Foundation, that are good for individuals of all ages.

■ Seek shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun is the strongest. Even when it is cloudy out, UV rays can still reach the earth's surface.

■ Don't get burned. Always use sunscreen when you are outside. Use at least SPF 30 sunscreen that is UVA and UVB blocking. Apply a palm full to your entire body 20 minutes before exposure, repeating every 2 hours. Do not forget to use SPF lip balm too — even your lips are sensitive to sun rays.

■ When you are in the sun, protect your eyes with UV absorbent sunglasses, wear a wide-brimmed hat and tightly woven clothing for maximum protection.

■ Enjoy brief sun exposure of 15 minutes up to 3 days a week to your arms, face and hands. This produces much needed Vitamin D.

One of the most critical things we can do, aside from preven-

tion, is to make sure that our health care professional gives us an annual skin examination. Doctors also recommend checking one's own skin monthly. Keep an eye out for new moles or moles that have changed size, shape or color. If you detect a change like that, please make sure you see your health care provider right away.

As residents of our beautiful Sunshine State, we are blessed with beautiful days throughout the year. We're able to enjoy exercise outside and barbecues with our friends and neighbors throughout the winter and fall. But this blessing also makes our families more vulnerable to sun-related illnesses. The most important thing we can do, especially for our young people, is to be vigilant about preparation, prevention and detection. So, for more information about skin cancer and prevention, please visit preventcancer.org.

Wendy Nugent is the wife of U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent. In partnership with the Prevent Cancer Foundation and as a career educator, Mrs. Nugent and other participants in the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program, are helping to raise awareness nationwide about the threat of cancer and important steps that families can take to prevent it.

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LETTER



to the Editor

Dr. Frankel provides much needed service

As a response to the article posted in the Citrus County Chronicle on April 30, regarding hospital contracts in jeopardy, Dr. Jon Frankel has only the best intentions for the patients and staff of Citrus Memorial Health Systems. I have personally known Dr. Frankel for the past 11 years, and I have worked for him for the past two years. I can say that he is one of the most caring and compassionate physicians I know. The turn around time that is provided by the pathology team is phenomenal. Dr. Frankel works very hard for all his patients.

He puts in long hours daily, grosses specimens, does frozen sections, responds to requests for send-outs to other facilities for continuing care for patients and screens the histological slides and many, many other tasks.

Dr. Frankel's argument was an appeal to the board to understand that patient care may be compromised if HCA decides to outsource pathology and microbiology services. A recent case was a patient who had a biopsy done over the

Correction

A letter to the editor published May 17, on Page A11, "Environmental yard sale," contained incorrect information. According to Cindy Muir, director of the PSC Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach, none of the five Florida Public Service Commissioners have ever worked for or had ties to power companies prior to their appointment. A review of commissioners' biographies at www.floridapsc.com confirms this information.

weekend. Pathology services are not performed on the weekend due to low volumes, and the patient was having surgery Tuesday. The doctor needed the results of the biopsy to perform the surgery. The pathology team quickly processed the specimen, and Dr. Frankel had the results to the doctor Monday afternoon. If it had to be packaged up and sent to Largo, processed and sent back, the patient would not have received the rapid care they needed.

It is completely arrogant to think that Dr. Frankel is in "never-never land." He is well

aware that decisions will be made by HCA and not the hospital board; however, I believe he was trying to inform the board what a disservice HCA will be doing for the citizens of Citrus County and neighboring counties in health care if they choose to "outsource" pathology and microbiology.

Dr. Frankel is putting patient care first as usual and I think that he wants to see Citrus Memorial Health System continue to put patient care first. As health care workers, patient care is first priority, and we all at Citrus Memorial Health System strive to achieve patient satisfaction.

So, instead of criticizing Dr. Frankel we should all (patient and employees) be giving thanks to such a wonderful pathologist. He works hard each day to provide excellent health care for the patients at Citrus Memorial Health System.

Without his hard work, patients may go undiagnosed, over-diagnosed and even misdiagnosed. Please help me in honoring such a wonderful, caring and companionate doctor. We are all lucky to have him.

Amanda Pudlo
Dunnellon

Hacking victims fell prey to mundane ruses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The victims were their own worst enemies.

The hacking techniques the U.S. government said China used against American companies turned out to be disappointingly mundane, tricking employees into opening email attachments or clicking on innocent-looking website links.

The scariest part might be how successfully the ruses worked. With a mouse click or two, employees at big-name American makers of nuclear and solar technology gave away the keys to their computer networks.

In a 31-count indictment announced on Monday the Justice Department said five Chinese military officials operating under hacker aliases such as "Ugly Gorilla," "Kandy-Goo" and "Jack Sun" stole confidential business information, sensitive trade secrets and internal communications for competitive advantage. The U.S. identified the alleged victims as Alcoa World Alumina, Westinghouse, Allegheny Technologies, U.S. Steel, United Steelworkers Union and SolarWorld.

China denied it all on Tuesday.

"The Chinese government and Chinese military as well as relevant personnel have never engaged and never participated in so-called cybertheft of trade secrets," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said in Beijing. "What the United States should do now is withdraw its indictment."

That's unlikely. What the Justice Department is doing is spelling out exactly how it said China pulled it off.

The U.S. said the break-ins were more Austin Powers than James Bond. In some cases, the government said, the hackers used "spear-phishing"—a well-known scam to trick specific companies or employees into infecting their own computers.

The hackers are said to have created a fake email account under the misspelled name of a then-Alcoa director and fooled an employee into opening an email attachment called "agenda.zip," billed as the agenda to a 2008 shareholders' meeting. It exposed the company's network. At another time, a hacker allegedly emailed company employees with a link to what appeared to be a report about industry observations, but the link instead installed malicious software that created a back



Foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei looks at papers before speaking Tuesday during a daily briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs office in Beijing, China. China on Tuesday warned the United States was jeopardizing military ties by charging five Chinese officers with cyberspying and tried to turn the tables on Washington by calling it "the biggest attacker of China's cyberspace."

door into the company's network.

"We are so used to solving problems by clicking an email link, looking at the information and forwarding it on," said Chris Wysopal, a computer security expert and chief

technology officer of the software-security firm Veracode. "And if hackers know about you and your company, they can create really realistic-looking messages."

And use of the rudimentary efforts the Justice De-

partment described doesn't mean foreign governments and others won't use more sophisticated and harder-to-detect techniques, said Joshua Corman, the chief technology officer for Sonatype, which helps businesses make

their software development secure. Determined hackers escalate their attacks when necessary, he said, but in the cases cited in the federal indictment announced Monday, they didn't have to escalate very far.

Obama aide tasked with VA review going to Phoenix

Associated Press

PHOENIX — President Barack Obama's hand-picked choice to help carry out reforms at the Department of Veterans Affairs will travel to Phoenix this week to meet with staff at the local VA office as pressure mounts in Washington for an overhaul of the beleaguered agency.

Obama announced last week that White House Deputy Chief of Staff Rob Nabors would be assigned

to the VA after allegations of delayed care that may have led to patient deaths and a cover-up by top administrators in Phoenix. Similar claims have been reported at VA facilities in Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Georgia, Missouri, Texas, Florida and elsewhere.

Nabors planned to meet Tuesday in Washington with representatives of several veterans' organizations, including the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans, among

others. He will meet Thursday with leadership at the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Medical Center, including with interim director Steve Young, said White House spokesman Jay Carney.

Young took over in Phoenix after director Sharon Helman was placed on leave indefinitely while the Office of Inspector General investigates claims raised by several former VA employees that Phoenix administra-

tors kept a secret list of patients waiting for appointments to hide delays in care. Critics say Helman was motivated to conceal delays to collect a bonus of about \$9,000 last year.

A former clinic director for the VA in Phoenix first came out publicly with the allegations in April. Dr. Samuel Foote, who retired in December after nearly 25 years with the VA, said up to 40 veterans may have died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix hospi-

tal. Investigators say they have so far not linked any patient deaths in Phoenix to delayed care.

The allegations have sparked a firestorm on Capitol Hill and some calls for VA Secretary Eric Shinseki's resignation. The VA's undersecretary for health care, Robert Petzel, has since stepped down.

However, Republicans denounced the move as a hollow gesture, given Petzel had already been scheduled to retire soon.

And several lawmakers are proposing legislation to take on VA problems.

Republican Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas, a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, told The Associated Press on Tuesday he plans to introduce legislation this week to ensure that internal probes by the VA's Office of Medical Inspector are released to Congress and the public "so the full scope of the VA's dysfunction cannot be disguised."

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Nation BRIEFS

White House upset with House defense bill

WASHINGTON — A senior White House official told House Democrats the defense bill that bucks the Pentagon on weapons cuts and benefit reductions is unacceptable.

Chief of Staff Denis McDonough met privately Tuesday with House Democrats just hours before the House was scheduled to begin work on the \$601 billion legislation that has strong bipartisan support.

The election-year bill spares aircraft and ships while rejecting the Pentagon's budget-saving effort to close unnecessary military bases and increase out-of-pocket costs for housing and health care for personnel and their families.

The White House issued a veto threat on Monday.

US: Thai martial law doesn't trigger sanctions

WASHINGTON — The United States said the Thai military's declaration of martial law is allowed by the nation's constitution and its actions to date won't trigger sanctions.

The military acted Tuesday after six months of political protests, citing a 100-year-old law giving it the authority to intervene during crises. It declared it was not launching a coup but took quick steps to censor news and social media, drawing criticism from rights groups.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. expects the Thai military to abide by its commitment that martial law is a temporary step to prevent violence and it will respect democratic institutions.

Police: Actor told 911 he shot wife in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Actor Michael Jace, who played a police officer on the hit TV show "The Shield," was arrested Tuesday after authorities said he called 911 and told an operator he shot his wife.

Detectives were investigating whether the couple's financial problems or other marital difficulties played a role in the killing that police said occurred during an argument Monday night while the couple's two sons, both under the age of 10, were in the house.

April Jace, 40, was shot multiple times and was found dead in a hallway of the family home in the quiet, modest Hyde Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. Police recovered a handgun believed to belong to her husband, Los Angeles police Detective Dean Vinluan said.

Jace, 51, is best known for his role as LAPD Officer Julien Lowe in "The Shield."

Body of Marine who fell from aircraft found

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — A spokesman said the body of a U.S. Marine who fell from an aircraft during a training flight has been found.

Spokesman Mike Barton said the body was found Tuesday. Barton said the Marine was a member of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and a crewmember of an Osprey that was conducting a training flight Monday evening.

Barton said it appears the Marine died as a result of the fall.

The Marine's identity wasn't immediately released pending notification of his family.

—From wire reports

Water projects get billions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House passed the closest thing so far this year to an infrastructure bill — a \$12 billion-plus bipartisan measure authorizing 34 water projects, ranging from flood protection in California and North Dakota to deepening the Port of Savannah and widening a Texas-Louisiana waterway that services the oil industry.

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act passed Tuesday on a 412-4 vote. Lawmakers shook off criticism from conservative and watchdog groups like Heritage Action and Taxpayers for Common Sense that argued the bill should have done more to rein in wasteful government spending.

The Senate could vote on the bill before the end

of the week, sending it to President Barack Obama for his signature. The legislation is a bipartisan compromise of companion bills passed separately by the House and Senate last year. After months of negotiations, a final deal on it was reached last week.

Supporters, including business interests like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, hailed it an economy-boosting measure that could deliver thousands of new jobs.

"It's a bipartisan bill, and it is a jobs bill," said Bill Shuster, chairman of the House Transportation Committee. "It's certainly going to create construction jobs, but the jobs I'm talking about are when American invests in its infrastructure and keeps us competitive."

Shuster, R-Pa., and other lawmakers also argued the

Florida water projects authorized by House

Navigation projects:
— Jacksonville Harbor- milepoint, Jacksonville, Florida, more than \$27.8 million
— Canaveral Harbor, Cape Canaveral, Florida, more than \$29.2 million
— Lake Worth Inlet, Palm Beach County, Florida, more than \$57.5 million
— Jacksonville Harbor,

Jacksonville Florida, \$362 million
Hurricane and storm damage risk reduction projects:
— Walton County, Florida, more than \$42 million
Environmental Restoration:
— Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Caloosahatchee River, Florida, more than

\$313.3 million
— Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Canal Western Project, Florida, more than \$87.2 million
— Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetland, Florida, more than \$98.5 million
— Broward County Water Preserve Area, Florida, more than \$448 million

— From wire reports

bill was more fiscally responsible than past water projects bills. On the House floor, he noted the bill puts an end to \$18 billion in dormant water projects passed before 2007.

Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., said the bill was

overdue because the country has fallen behind on its investments in infrastructure. "Many of our coastal ports are ill prepared to take advantage of the expansion of the Panama Canal," said Rahall, the ranking Democrat on the transportation committee.

That was not enough for some critics. A Taxpayers for Common Sense analysis released this week called the bill "a missed opportunity to reform management of our nation's infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner."



Associated Press

Georgia Republican Senate candidate, David Perdue, left, talks with his mother Gervaise Perdue, at an election night party Tuesday while waiting for results from Georgia's primary election.

McConnell wins GOP Ky. primary

Nunn wins for Ga. Dems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky dispatched his tea party challenger with ease Tuesday night, and first-time candidate Michelle Nunn won the Democratic nomination for a seat from Georgia, qualifying for fall elections that will decide control of the U.S. Senate.

On a six-state primary night, Alison Lundergan Grimes easily captured the Democratic nomination to oppose McConnell in Kentucky in a race expected to be among the costliest and most competitive in the country.

In Georgia, seven Republicans vied for the right to oppose Nunn in the fall, with a two-way primary run-off likely in July. Early returns showed Rep. Jack Kingston leading, businessman David Perdue a close runner-up and former Secretary of State Karen Handel running third. The

seat was once held by Nunn's father, Sam Nunn.

On the busiest night of the primary season so far, Democratic Sen. Mark Pryor of Arkansas and his Republican challenger, Rep. Tom Cotton, were nominated without opposition, clearing the way for their highly anticipated battle in November as the GOP labors to gain a Senate majority.

With Pennsylvania Democrats eager to gain control of their statehouse, businessman Tom Wolf moved ahead in the first returns for the Democratic nomination. Republican Gov. Tom Corbett, unopposed for the GOP spot on the ballot, faces an uphill battle for re-election in November.

Idaho and Oregon also held primaries. Republican primary struggles between establishment-backed conservatives and tea party-favored rivals were a dominant feature in several states, as they had been earlier in North Carolina and will be later in Mississippi, Kansas and Alaska.

Republicans must gain six seats to win a Senate majority, and party leaders have

made it a priority to avoid the presence of candidates on the ballot this fall who are seen as too conservative or unsteady — or both — to prevail in winnable races.

McConnell, a five-term lawmaker and the embodiment of the GOP establishment, was pulling 60 percent of the vote in Kentucky. Challenger Matt Begin was gaining 36 percent.

For Democrats, Tuesday night was a chance to showcase challengers — both of them women — in the rare states where the party has hopes of picking up GOP-held seats.

Grimes, a prize Democratic recruit, was piling up 78 percent in a four-way race, winning her Kentucky primary with ease.

In Georgia, Nunn easily outpaced her Democratic rivals.

Along with Perdue, Kingston and Handel, Reps. Phil Gingrey and Paul Broun also were on the Georgia Republican ballot, and the presence of three incumbent lawmakers in the Senate race assured a large turnover in the state's House delegation come January.

World BRIEFS

Bomb blasts kill at least 118

JOS, Nigeria — Two car bombs exploded at a bustling bus terminal and market in Nigeria's central city of Jos on Tuesday, killing at least 118 people, wounding dozens and leaving bloodied bodies amid the flaming debris.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month and has repeatedly targeted bus stations and locations where large numbers of people gather in its campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria.

Countries at odds over mine

SANTIAGO, Chile — Chile's government said Tuesday it will respect the environmental regulator's decision to block work on Barrick Gold's Pascua-Lama mine despite harsh criticism from neighboring Argentina.

The \$8.5 billion project straddling the Argentina-Chile border has faced problems including rising costs, falling gold prices and environmental lawsuits by indigenous communities in Chile.

The world's largest gold company announced in October that it would suspend construction of the mine. In May



Associated Press

An coal miner waits for a bus Tuesday after finishing his shift outside Donetsk, Ukraine. While steel workers in Mariupol joined anti-separatist actions supported by the management of the plants, miners refused to take part in a protest against the Donetsk People's Republic.

2013, Chile's environmental regulator blocked work at Pascua-

Lama, citing "very serious" violations of the work permit.

Zetas member arrested in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Soldiers and federal police arrested an alleged member of the Zetas drug gang who authorities say is one of 12 cartel members fueling an increase of violence in the border state of Tamaulipas, a top official said Tuesday.

Federal forces arrested Juan Fernando Alvarez Cortez at a toll booth in the town of Sabinas Hidalgo in Nuevo Leon state, which neighbors Tamaulipas.

Alvarez Cortez was riding a passenger bus trying to avoid detection when he was detained Saturday.

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Payton Wells signs to play soccer with ABAC

Citrus senior headed to Georgia in the fall

JAMES BLEVINS
Correspondent

Citrus senior and Hurricane midfielder for the girls' soccer team Payton Wells signed her letter of intent May 14 to attend Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College in the fall.

Wells will be playing soccer for the Stallions while she pursues a career in dentistry. ABAC is based out of Tifton, Georgia, and the soccer team competes as a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

"When I visited (ABAC) I could tell that the coach wanted me right away," Wells said. "And all the girls and the coaches were really nice and caring. It's really my (kind of) atmosphere."

Wells, 17, is a four-year soccer veteran for the Lady 'Canes. Born and raised in Inverness, she has been playing the game of soccer since she was four years old.

In 2013 as a junior, Wells led the 'Canes with nine assists; her three goals tied for third best on the team. As a senior, Wells scored nine goals (tied for sixth in the county) behind only Taylor Falabella (11) and Malene Pedersen (13) on her team.

First year Citrus head coach Mark Cassidy took over the program last season

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Citrus High School senior Payton Wells recently signed to continue her soccer career with Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. Joining Payton at her signing were parents Kaatje and Lee Wells, grandmothers Rita Hahr and Kathy Wells, cousin MacKenna Wells and coaches Mark Cassidy and Steve Ekeli.

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Luck of the Cavs



Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers general manager David Griffin, left, and minority owner Jeff Cohen celebrate Tuesday after the Cavaliers won the top pick in the the NBA basketball draft lottery in New York. It's the third time in four years the Cavs will be atop the draft after moving up from the ninth spot.

Cleveland wins NBA draft lottery again; Orlando falls to No. 4

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Cleveland Cavaliers continued their remarkable lottery luck Tuesday, winning the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft for the second straight year.

It's the third time in four years the Cavs will be atop the draft after moving up from the ninth spot. They had just a 1.7 percent chance of winning the top selection.

They drafted Kyrie Irving first in 2011 and will hope to do better with this win than last year, when they took Anthony Bennett, who had a forgettable rookie season.

Even changing up their lottery representative couldn't change the Cavs' luck. Nick Gilbert, the son of Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert, was on the podium for the previous two wins, but general manager David Griffin was there this time.

Griffin was carrying one of Nick Gilbert's bowties, and it was as lucky in his breast pocket as it was with Nick

NBA draft lottery results

1. Cleveland
2. Milwaukee
3. Philadelphia
4. Orlando
5. Utah
6. Boston
7. L.A. Lakers
8. Sacramento
9. Charlotte (from Detroit)
10. Philadelphia (from New Orleans)
11. Denver
12. Orlando (from New York via Denver)
13. Minnesota
14. Phoenix

wearing it.

The Cavs can now choose among the likes of Andrew Wiggins and Joel Embiid of Kansas, Duke's Jabari Parker, or another player from what's considered a deep draft.

"It seems surreal," Cavs vice chairman Jeff Cohen said. "This is three out of four years and we had a 1.7 percent

chance of coming up with the first pick and we pulled it off again."

The Milwaukee Bucks fell one spot to second and the Philadelphia 76ers will draft third. The Bucks had a 25 percent chance of winning after a league-worst 15-67 record, but the team with the best odds hasn't won since 2004.

The expected strength of the class led to speculation that a number of teams were tanking in hopes of getting a high pick. But the Cavs entered this season with playoff expectations, hoping a strong season could make them attractive to LeBron James if he was interested in returning home as a free agent.

Nick Gilbert said last year he expected the Cavs to be done with the lottery, but they were right back in Times Square after a disappointing season that resulted in them firing Mike Brown after just one year in his second stint with the team. Another

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Ex-players sue NFL over use of painkillers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Opening another legal attack on the NFL over the long-term health of its athletes, a group of retired players accused the league in a lawsuit Tuesday of cynically supplying them with powerful painkillers and other drugs that kept them in the game but led to serious complications later in life.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages on behalf of more than 500 ex-athletes, charges the NFL with putting profits ahead of players' health.

To speed injured athletes' return to the field, team doctors and trainers dispensed drugs illegally, without obtaining prescriptions or warning of the possible side effects, the plaintiffs contend.

Some football players said they were never told they had broken bones and were instead fed pills to mask the pain. One said that instead of surgery, he was given anti-inflammatory drugs and excused from practices so he could play in games. Others said that after years of free pills from the NFL, they retired addicted to painkillers.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy, in Atlanta for the league's spring meetings, said: "We have not seen the lawsuit, and our attorneys have not had an opportunity to review it."

The case comes less than a year after the NFL agreed to pay \$765 million to settle lawsuits from thousands of retired players who accused it of concealing the risks of concussions. A federal judge has yet to approve the settlement, expressing concern the amount is too small.

The athletes in the concussion case blamed dementia and other health problems on the bone-crushing hits that helped lift pro football to new heights of popularity.

The new lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Francisco and names eight players as plaintiffs, including three members of the NFL champion 1985 Chicago Bears: quarterback Jim McMahon, Hall of Fame defensive end Richard Dent and offensive lineman Keith Van Horne.

More than 500 other former players have signed on, according to lawyers, who are seeking class-action status for the case. Six of the plaintiffs also took part in the concussion-related litigation, including McMahon and Van Horne.

"The NFL knew of the debilitating

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Tampa Bay blanked by Athletics

Rays held to four hits in loss

Associated Press

ST PETERSBURG — Drew Pomeranz won his third consecutive start since moving from the bullpen into the rotation. Coco Crisp drove in two runs before departing with an injury, and the surging Oakland Athletics beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Pomeranz (4-1) allowed three hits, two walks and had three strikeouts over five innings. He has not given up a run in his three starts, all of which lasted five innings.

Crisp hit a two-run double and John Jaso had an RBI single off Jake Odorizzi (2-4) as Oakland took

a 3-0 lead in the second. The AL West-leading Athletics have won 10 of 11, outscoring their opponents 74-18 over the stretch.

Sean Doolittle, the third Oakland reliever, pitched the ninth for his third save and completed a four-hitter.

Odorizzi gave up three runs, four hits, five walks and struck out eight in 4 2/3 innings.

The Rays (19-27) are eight games under .500 for the first time since the end of the 2007 season (66-96), which was their final season as the Devil Rays.

Tampa Bay's Wil Myers walks away Tuesday after striking out during the second inning in St. Petersburg.

Associated Press



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Scoreboard for Braves vs Brewers. Includes batting order, totals, and game notes.

Nationals 9, Reds 4

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Associated Press

Baltimore's Chris Davis watches his two-run home run Tuesday off Pittsburgh starting pitcher Francisco Liriano during the fifth inning in Pittsburgh. Davis finished the night with three home runs in a 9-2 Orioles win.

O's Davis cranks trio of HRs

Braves' Teheran shuts out Brewers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Chris Davis hit three home runs, doubling his season total, and drove in five runs to lead the Baltimore Orioles to a 9-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Davis hit a two-run blast during a four-run fifth inning that put the Orioles ahead 6-1 then hit a solo shot in the seventh and two-run homer in the ninth. It was Davis' second career three-homer game — the other came on Aug. 24, 2012 against Toronto — and seventh multi-homer game.

After leading the major leagues and setting a franchise record with 53 homers last season, Davis hit three in his first 30 games.

Miguel Gonzalez (2-3) pitched sixth innings for Baltimore. Francisco Liriano (0-4) allowed six runs and nine hits in five innings for Pittsburgh.

American League Indians 6, Tigers 2

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer out-pitched former Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander and tamed Detroit's menacing lineup, leading the Cleveland Indians to a 6-2 win over the Tigers.

Bauer (1-1) was recalled earlier in the day for his second start this season, and the right-hander held the AL's top hitting team to just two runs and seven hits in six-plus innings.

Mike Aviles hit a two-run double in the second when the Indians scored four runs off Verlander (5-3), who didn't settle in until the damage was already done.

David Murphy homered in the seventh for last-place Cleveland.

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 4

BOSTON — Edwin Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Red Sox 7-4, handing Boston its fifth straight loss.

Melky Cabrera and Erik Kratz also homered for the Blue Jays, who won their second straight and sixth in eight games.

J.A. Happ (3-1) struck out six in the first three innings and picked up his third win in four starts since joining the rotation.

Jonny Gomes hit a two-run homer for Boston. The losing streak is the longest for the Red Sox since 2012.

Casey Janssen picked up his fourth save, getting Mike Napoli to ground into a double play and end it.

Felix Doubront (2-4) left the game after Jose Reyes and Cabrera opened the fifth with back-to-back doubles.

Mariners 6, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kyle Seager had three hits, including a two-run single that sparked a four-run third inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat

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route. The Brewers have lost four in a row overall, their longest skid of 2014.

Teheran (3-3) bounced back from the shortest start of his career at San Francisco, where he lasted just 3 1/3 innings in a 10-4 loss.

Upton had a two-run single in the third and his 12th homer in the fifth, a solo shot.

Yovani Gallardo (2-2) took the loss.

Nationals 9, Reds 4

WASHINGTON — Denard Span was at his disruptive best, getting three hits off the major's top pitcher and forcing a pair of throwing errors to lead the Washington Nationals to a 9-4 win over the Cincinnati Reds.

Span finished 5 for 5 with two runs, two doubles, two RBIs and a stolen base as the Nationals accomplished a first for 2014: They made Johnny Cueto (4-3) look mortal.

The Reds' ace allowed more than two runs, more than five hits and failed to pitch at least seven innings — all for the first time this season.

The final line for Cueto: 5 1/3 innings, six hits, eight runs (six earned), six strikeouts. He also hit two batters in the same inning — the seven-run sixth when the Nationals blew the game open.

Phillies 6, Marlins 5

MIAMI — Jimmy Rollins homered for the second game in a row to put the Phillies ahead to stay, and four pitchers combined on a six-hitter to help Philadelphia beat the Miami Marlins 6-5.

The Phillies began the night ranked 26th in the majors in homers, but they've hit seven in the past three games — all wins — while scoring 26 runs.

A.J. Burnett (3-3), who pitched for the Marlins from 1999-2005, won his first start at Marlins Park despite struggling with his command. He walked four and needed 96 pitches to get through five innings.

The Phillies' Jonathan Papelbon gave up an RBI single by Garrett Jones in the ninth before notching his 12th save.

Anthony DeSclafani (1-1) allowed five runs in 5 1/3 innings for Miami.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 0

ST. LOUIS — Adam Wainwright threw a one-hitter, facing one hitter over the minimum, and the St. Louis Cardinals ended an eight-game home run drought with long balls from Matt Adams and Jhonny Peralta in a 5-0 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Working on six days rest because of a rainout and day off, Wainwright (7-2) retired the first 11 batters before Paul Goldschmidt doubled off the wall in center with two outs in the fourth.

Peralta hit his team-leading ninth of the season in the sixth and added one of the Cardinals' five doubles for a second RBI against Bronson Arroyo (4-3). Arroyo had been 3-0 with an 0.39 ERA in May and hadn't allowed a homer his last four starts. Arroyo gave up five runs in seven innings.

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The mission, vision and core beliefs are, as in any organization, the principles that guide our activities that take place at **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** each day.

WTI's vision is to be a nationally recognize school of choice providing high tech education to advance the future of our community. I believe that with the help of a lot of people, WTI has fulfilled its vision.

First, WTI has an excellent faculty and staff; each is an expert in their given area. Their commitment to WTI and the students we serve is commendable. The students themselves also contribute to our reaching our vision. Our students work hard to complete their programs and attain their industry certifications. But there is another group of people that contribute to the success of WTI. That group is the community at large.

Each year WTI recognizes businesses or organizations that have made a



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significant contribution to the school. We call it our Teamwork Toward Tomorrow Award. This year there were four recipients of the Teamwork Toward Tomorrow Award. The first to receive the award was Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. Seven Rivers has been

hosting our Practical Nursing, Patient Care Assisting and Medical Administrative Specialist students as a clinical site for years. They have also employed a number of our students.

The second organization to receive the Teamwork Toward Tomorrow award was Duke Energy. Duke Energy has, for the past several years, awarded the Power of Education grant to our Electricity program.

They have also, through the SunSense grant, installed 40 solar panels on our campus to reduce electrical costs. Duke Energy also made a donation to equip our new light manufacturing program. Automation and Production Technology.

Johnstone Supply of Ocala also received the Teamwork Toward Tomorrow

award. They have provided technical support, supplies and equipment to our Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology program.

The Black Diamond Foundation also received the award. They have been a major benefactor of the WTI scholarship program. They have provided scholarships to many of our students. Without these scholarships, many students would not have been able to attend WTI and learn the skills for successful employment.

I thank these organizations for all they have done to help our school and community.

I will take a short break from writing for the summer months and return in August with more news from WTI. Have a nice summer!

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Getting to know you ...



Ruth Weatherford

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 Crystal River
Favorite color: Pink
Favorite food: Eggs
Dream vacation location:
 New York
Hobbies: Shopping

Around the playground



Thirty years ago, America was the leader in quantity and quality of high school diplomas. Today, our nation is ranked 18th out of 23 industrialized countries.

Taking a look back ...

On May 21, 1881, **Clara Barton** founded the American Red Cross.



CHALK TALK



BWA awards scholarships

The Business Women's Alliance (BWA) of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three deserving women for their studies at Withalacoochee Technical Institute in Inverness. The awardees are: Rebecca Davidson, LPN program; Samantha Jaimes, massage therapy program; and Kelsey Schroder, welding program. Pictured at the recent check presentation are, from left: Rebecca Martin, BWA; Sandra VanDervort, WTI guidance counselor; awardees Samantha Jaimes, Rebecca Davidson and Kelsey Schroder; and Lillian Smith, BWA.

Special to the Chronicle



Law school grad

Special to the Chronicle

Adam Michael Hapner, son of Wendy Hall and stepfather Gaston Hall, graduated from the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law during 2014 Spring Commencement Ceremony at the O'Connell Center. Adam graduated with a Criminal Justice Certificate, Pro Bono Certificate, Criminal Defense Clinic Book Award, Juvenile Justice Book Award, Legal Research and Writing Book Award and was an editor for the Florida Law Review. His career begins at the Fifth District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach. Attending from Inverness were his grandfather Sanford Condon and aunt Sandra Slick.



Tropicana speech competition

Hernando Elementary School recently held the fourth- and fifth-grade Tropicana Speech competition. Competing were, front row: Isaac McDaniel, Lyndon Reyes, first-place winner Landry Howard, whose speech was about acting, second-place winner Riley Messer, whose speech was titled "My Parents are Superheroes," third-place winner Taylor Berbert, whose speech was about Jamaica, Taylor Berbert and Aidan Finamore. In the back row are Justin Basich, Teddy Howard, Molly Bender and Brianna Owen.

Special to the Chronicle

CF Hampton Center Science and Math Camp registration deadline extended

Special to the Chronicle

The College of Central Florida Hampton Center is offering a science, technology, engineering, arts and math summer camp for students entering ninth grade. The deadline to register for the STEAM: Passport to the Future camp, which runs from June 16 to July 17, has been extended to Thursday, May 22.

STEAM will be a fun,

interactive, hands-on experience for a limited number of participants. The \$300 fee includes all camp materials, lunches and field trips.

Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

For information and to register, call LerVerne Jacobs at 352-873-5881 or email jacobsj@cf.edu.

Final law enforcement intro session tonight

Special to the Chronicle

Withalacoochee Technical Institute's Citrus County Public Safety Training Center will be offering one more Academy Introduction Session in May for the Law Enforcement Academy, Corrections Academy and the Fire Academy. The date and time are 6 p.m. May 21. The session will be held in Room 286.

There is a dress code. For more information, visit ccpstc.com.

Sign up for baton class

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Parks & Recreation offers baton classes at 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.

Classes and times are:

■ 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. — 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.



VFW Good Citizenship awards for May

Hernando Elementary School recently held the final May VFW Good Citizenship Awards. Present for the awards and seated: Cole Hill, Mariana Dashnau, Houston Brannen, Kyle Hafner and Hannah Sullivan. Standing are Cierra Richardson, Amilliana Neal, Rosaria Schade, and Brittany Rogers. Ladies representing VFW Post 4252 in Hernando were Beth Wear, Danise Peruche, Judy Prive, Margaret Monroe, Gloria Quereux and Carol Franker. Also pictured is Principal John Weed.

Special to the Chronicle



Civil Air Patrol

Special to the Chronicle

Deputy Matt Bonura, pilot, and Deputy Thomas Beagan joined the FL 445 from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office in the OH-6, a Hughes-built, light observation helicopter formerly used during the Vietnam war. Deputy Bonura went through the preflight process with cadets, pointing out details critical to flight operations. Cadets learned not only about how the Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit is critical to crime deterrence in the community, but also how they cooperate with the Fire Department. Cadets study fixed-wing and glider operations throughout their CAP programming, but this was a rare opportunity to learn more about the uses of rotor-craft in the community.



Business Academy's 'Pennies for Pets'

Special to the Chronicle

The Crystal River High School (CRHS) Business Academy chose to support the Citrus County PetMeals Program for a community service project. The PetMeals Program helps seniors who receive Meals on Wheels due to being homebound from disability or illness. It was discovered that some of the seniors were giving up their own meals to feed their pets. The PetMeals Program was established to make sure that seniors would be able to feed their companion pets food that is healthy for the animal. The "Pennies for Pets" project is where CRHS Business Academy students collect loose change and monetary donations that are used to purchase dog and cat food. This year CRHS Business Academy was able to donate: over 342 pounds of dry dog food, over 300 pounds of dry cat food, many cans of dog/cat food, over 100 pounds of cat litter and many packages/boxes of dog and cat treats. CRHS Business Academy states that they feel privileged to support the elderly of our community. A big thank-you goes out to the students, teachers, staff and community of Crystal River High School for their donations.

EDUCATION NOTES

Scholarships, contests

■ The Farm Bureau Federation women's leadership program is sponsoring a **speech contest** for high school students to promote a stronger interest and clearer understanding of the many aspects of agriculture among our youth. There are three phases of this contest. The first is at the local level; the winner receives \$100 plus the opportunity to present their speech at the district level on Sept. 19. The winner of district competition goes on to the state level on Oct. 30.

The topic this year is: "Food security is an important issue for the people of the U.S. How can Florida agriculture continue to provide quality solutions for the future?" The speech must be 5 minutes.

For more information or applications, call Hilda Cannon at 352-796-2526.

■ 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 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.

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

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 information.

Classes and courses

■ Nature Coast Emergency Medical Institute announces start date of the next **EMT and Hybrid EMT classes**:

July 10. The program course is 16 weeks long at Nature Coast EMS Administration building, 3876 W. Country Hill Drive in Lecanto, plus off-site clinical work. The only classroom time requirements for the Hybrid EMT classes are orientation, testing and labs. There are still opportunities to attend traditional classes while taking the Hybrid class at no extra charge.

Those interested must obtain an application from the school or online and have an interview with the lead instructor prior to entering into program. Classes are open for 12 to 18 classroom and 12 to 18 hybrid students. Selection is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Individuals interested in registering should contact student services and complete an application. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information and admission requirements, call Shannon Gipson at 352-249-4700 or Lori Thompson at 352-601-7330 or email lori.thompson@naturecoastems.org.

■ Withlacoochee Technical Institute is now signing up students in **all career and technical education programs**. The programs include but are not limited to: administrative office specialist, automotive collision repair and refinishing, air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology, automation and production technology and automotive service technology. For a complete list of career and technical education programs, go to wtonline.cc or call 352-726-2430 ext. 4326.

■ The College of Central Florida XCEL-IT program is **accepting enrollment** for courses that begin in May. Classes will be held at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. For more information or to register, call 352-854-2322, ext. 1496.

● **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013** will meet Thursdays, May 29 to June 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$60.

● **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013** will meet Thursdays, May 1 to 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$60.

● **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2013** will meet Tuesdays, May 6 to 27, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$60.

■ **Citrus Macintosh Users Group** is back to its normal meeting schedule, the fourth Friday monthly.

CMUG is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping all people in the area become familiar with Macintosh computers, software and Apple iDevices. The May schedule is:

● Thursday, May 22: **Computer Lab**. Email John Engberg at mrbyte@earthlink.com.

● Thursday, May 22: **Favorite Apps Forum (Macs and iDevices)**. Email Bob Rutledge at cmug@cmugonline.com.

● Friday, May 29: **Monthly meeting** with a demo of password applications. 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Go to the News and Events page of cmugonline.com for more information. If attending any class, email Bob Rutledge at bohrutl@mac.com. Class fee is \$10 for singles, \$15 for families and \$20 for nonmembers. Classes, workshops, meetings and labs are held in Classroom 103, Building C4, College of Central Florida Citrus campus.

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Classes, workshops, meetings, and lab are held in Classroom 103, Building C4, College of Central Florida, Lecanto campus.

Learn about CMUG at cmugonline.com.

Worth noting

■ The Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra, CYESO, encourages students aged 5 to 19 to **sign up for music lessons**. Beginning students will learn how to read music and to play a string, woodwind or brass instrument. Students who already play an instrument will learn to play in an ensemble. Middle school and high school band members playing woodwind and brass instruments are particularly welcome. See cyeso.org or [facebook.com/cyeso](https://www.facebook.com/cyeso) for more information or email yes2cyeso@gmail.com. Classes are held in the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness on Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. all year round.

■ Seven Rivers Christian School is offering a summer camp, **Camp Seven Rivers: Go Global**, from June 2 to July 18 for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and before-camp care is available for \$5 a day. Cost is \$120 per week. Discounts are available for siblings. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due with the application, and will be applied to the camp balance. For more information, call 352-746-6200.

■ The YMCA is welcoming summer with **10 themed weeks of fun**. Camp is offered at three convenient locations: Crystal River Middle, Inverness Middle and Lecanto Primary. Kids ages 5 to 11 will enjoy games, sports, crafts and summer activities.

Camp EPIC (Encouraging People to Impact their Communities), for kids ages 12 to 14, will be at the Lecanto Primary School location. During camp, teens will make an impact by participating in community service projects and create new relationships while experiencing fun field trips and discovering new talents.

Field trips are planned to include: MOSI, a Tampa Bay Rays game, putt-putt golf, swimming, the Glazer Children's Museum, Homosassa Springs wildlife park and Friday Wet Field Days.

Summer camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with additional care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for no additional charge. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for free for most weeks.

Financial assistance is available to families who qualify. Register for six or more weeks of summer camp and receive 10 percent off the regular fee.

For more information, call 352-637-0132. Registration forms can be found at ymcasuncoast.org/locations/citrus-county-branch and can be dropped off at the Y office at 3909 N. Lecanto Highway., Beverly Hills, 34465, by fax at 888-206-1244 or scanned and sent to cdrew@suncoastymca.org.

■ Take Stock in Children, a school-based mentoring program that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth from low-income families by providing college and vocational scholarships, volunteer mentors, tutoring and long-term support is **seeking mentors**.

Mentors meet with students once a week during school time to support, guide and encourage students to do well in school and prepare for attending college.

Call Pat Lancaster, program coordinator, at 352-422-2348 or 352-344-0855 to learn more about the program and to sign up for the next training.

■ The **Citrus High School class of 1984 will hold its 30-year reunion** on June 20 and 21 at Citrus Hills Quality Inn on County Road 486.

For information, call Debbie (Franklin) Buchanan at 352-422-8650 or Xan (Spense) Bass at 407-421- 8776.

Volunteer

■ The Citrus County YMCA is currently seeking to connect community volunteers through the **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.

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NEWS NOTES

Tickets available for Sunday Rays' game

Due to cancellations, the Senior Foundation of Citrus County has about 10 tickets available for Sunday's Rays vs. Red Sox Game. Game time is at 1:40 p.m.; leave Lecanto on a chartered bus at 9:30 a.m. and return when the game ends.

Tickets with transportation are \$50 each. Call 352-527-5900 for availability or more information. Enjoy a baseball game over the holiday weekend and support Citrus County's Meals On Wheels Program in the process.

The game trips are sponsored by the Senior Foundation of Citrus County, Citrus County's Meals On Wheels Program and the *Chronicle*.

Camera Club gathers at Art Center

Citrus County Art Center Camera Club meets the first Monday of the month (except for July and August) at the Art Center, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando at the intersection of County Road 486 and Annapolis Avenue.

The Camera Club is a place to meet people interested in photography and for photographers to improve their photographic skills. The club has five competitions a year where members submit their photos digitally.

The photos are judged and awarded points and the winning scores will receive merit certificates.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Art Center Camera Club may call 352-400-4466 for information.

Counselors sought for Camp Soquili 2014

All persons considering a counselor/wrangler/volunteer position at Camp Soquili this summer must submit a volunteer application as soon as possible.

Go online to http://faithhavenerc.org/camp_soquili.html, print out a volunteer application and email it back, or call 352-206-2990 to set up an appointment for an interview and bring the application to the interview.

Final date for an interview is Saturday. Training starts on Tuesday, May 27. The interview is mandatory and so is the weeklong leadership training program.

Camp Soquili 2014 runs for eight weeks — June 2 through 27 and July 7 through Aug. 1.

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 monetary or items for a raffle, call 352-628-2669.

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Special to the Chronicle

This beautiful dog that looks a little like a fox is Hercules. He is very shy, but also very sweet. He has warmed up to his foster Mom and Dad in about four days, so he does attach to people rather quickly. He gets along well with other dogs. Adopt A Rescued Pet Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions, so can only adopt to the Citrus County and adjoining areas. Call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name for a return call. Check www.adoptarescuedpet.com for our other pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

'Fizz, Boom, Read!'

Summer reading program to kick off May 30 at Citrus County libraries

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Library System's summer reading program will get under way May 30 and run for eight weeks through the end of July.

This year's theme explores the dynamic world of science, so kids will be able to "Fizz, Boom, Read!" while tweens and teens can "Spark a Reaction!"

Fizz, Boom, Read is for children ages kindergarten through fifth grade and there are lots of classes available for them: Make sense of your five senses, learn how wild weather can be and enjoy presentations by the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Tweens and teens have the opportunity to spark a reaction: Submerge yourself in crime scene science, go in the laboratory with a mad scientist and even take a trip to a galaxy far, far away with a Star Wars party.

After the weekly classes, everyone is

encouraged to borrow books exploring the subjects introduced during the classes more in depth.

Reading over the summer is a great way to keep your brain active and make it easier to get back into the swing of school activities in the fall.

Homosassa Walmart continues their partnership with the Citrus County Library System, encouraging weekly library visits and summer reading by providing a donation allowing five children from each part of the county a chance to win a bicycle of their choice (up to a maximum value of \$80).

Look for the Reading Log bookmark entry forms at each library. Starting Saturday, every library card holder in kindergarten through 12th grade is eligible to enter weekly for a chance to win during the drawing that will take place at the end of July.

To conclude the summer reading program, there will be a grand finale at

10:30 a.m. July 25 at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto, where children will be entertained by the Franzini Family Science Circus. Kids can join Professor Franzini and Lippo the Clown in their action-packed show. Circus props and more are transformed into objects of scientific interest and a better understanding of science.

Traditional library story times for babies, toddlers and preschoolers will continue to be offered throughout the summer months.

The Library's Summer Reading Classes are part of the Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) sessions, providing children with ways to explore a wide variety of subjects. Funding is provided by the Florida Arts License Plate Program.

The classes are free and open to the public.

For information, visit www.citruslibraries.org or find visit the Facebook page.

Recognizing valuable volunteers



Special to the Chronicle

CHWC Board members are: Bette June Egan, Joan Herzog, Vera Swade, Nancy Kellow, Andrea Strogney, Ileen Zavoda, Jan Vultaggio, Carol Haire, Tricia Coyle, Pam Brink, Diane Cachia, Sandy Vicchy and Kay Stegemann.

Women's club committee members, chairwomen celebrate 'record success'

Special to the Chronicle

As a thank-you to the 87 women who volunteered to chair or help by serving on various committees, the Citrus Hills Women's Club hosted a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, April 24, at Shepherd of the Hills Church.

The club boasted record success in

both activities and Ways and Means events. The unprecedented support of its motto of "Companionship, Charity and Community" made it possible for the Citrus Hills Women's Club to offer 12 scholarships to graduating seniors in Citrus County and grants to nine community charitable agencies this year.

The Citrus Hills Women's Club is a

social and charitable organization for the purpose of making friends, sharing fun events and serving to the community.

Membership is open to all women residents of the areas defined as the former and current Villages of Citrus hills.

For membership information and application, call Claire Lindley at 352-527-1574.



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Hospitality Committee members are: Andrea Strogney, Jeanette Kollar, Cathy Lieberman, Pam Brink, Pam DeBoer, Pat Ellis, Marion Denney, Darlene Dewitt, Shirley Perregaux, Donna Davidson, Jackie Huband, Diane Cachia and Claire Lindley.



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Activities Committee members are: Ronetta Pilcher, Cathy Lieberman, Marcia Porterfield, Vicki May, Goldie Haggard, Ann Brixey, Jan Vultaggio, Bernadette Stry, Treava Trafalski, Carol Haire, Julie DePinto, Judy Stone and Claire Lindley.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Wednesday Evening May 21, 2014. Includes logos for WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCLB, WFTS, WMMR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WYKE, WQGX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, EWTV, FAM, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FST, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MAX, MSNBC, NGC, NICK, OWN, OXY, SHOW, SPIKE, STARZ, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A.

Bridge section featuring a hand with North 05-21-14, South ♠ Q 3, West ♠ J 9 6 4, East ♠ K 8 7 2. Dealer: South, Vulnerable: Neither. Opening lead: ♠ 4.

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

John Tyndall, an English physicist who died in 1893, said, "Life is a wave that in no two consecutive moments of existence is composed of the same particles."

At the bridge table, usually when the right choice of bid or play is not clear, you have two possibilities. Consider both of them, and with luck it will become apparent, which is preferable.

In this deal, South is in five diamonds. West leads the spade four. How should declarer plan the play?

South might have opened five diamonds, but that would have risked missing a slam. East's double of one no-trump was for takeout of diamonds, the opener's suit. Yes, East might have bid two hearts to get his five-card major into the game, but the double was more flexible. Then South bid what he hoped he could make. Note that if he had gambled on the majors by rebidding three no-trump, that contract would have made easily.

Declarer has three possible losers: one in each side-suit. He also has only 10 winners: one spade, eight diamonds and one club. He needs a second spade trick. And if West has led away from the king, that trick will materialize immediately. But what happens if East produces the spade king?

Yes, South's queen is now established, but how can he get to dummy's spade ace? The answer is to hope that West has the spade jack and to drop the queen under East's king.

Suppose East shifts to the club king. Declarer wins, draws trumps, and plays his spade three to dummy's 10. If that finesse loses, the contract was unmakeable.

JUMBLE word game section with a cartoon and a grid of letters to be unscrambled. Includes words like CARTT, USHOE, CANMEE, RUHOLY.

- ACROSS: 1 All-important, 6 Dark times, 12 Refuse to say (2 wds.), 14 Awesome!, 15 Eye part, 16 Chic, 17 — Andreas Fault, 18 Orange pekoe, 19 Volcanic emission, 21 Calendar box, 23 "Play it again, —", 26 Caesar's 16, 27 Plow into, 28 Yummy pie, 30 Bad, for Yves, 31 Dry, 32 Excessive interest, 33 Put in office, 35 Sony rival, 37 Oct. and Nov.

Answer to Previous Puzzle crossword grid with filled-in letters.

Dear Annie: I am having a disagreement with my sister. She gets very upset when she is not invited to a party or other event. She believes she has the right to question the host's motives for creating the guest list.

planation under the guise of "preventing hurt feelings," your sister forces the hosts to include her whether they want to or not, which is undoubtedly her intention. Tell her to knock it off.

Anyone who truly believes she may have been left off by mistake can ask a mutual friend or relative to investigate. She also could call and say, "I heard your daughter became engaged, and I just want to offer my best wishes." Period. If there is an invitation missing, they will let her know. No explanation is required.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Want more puzzles? section with a crossword puzzle grid and a list of puzzle counts.

My sister claims she is justified in doing this because it would avoid the hurt feelings of someone being left off of the guest list by mistake. When she phones the host to ask questions, she says, "Perhaps you inadvertently left me off of the guest list because you don't have my correct address."

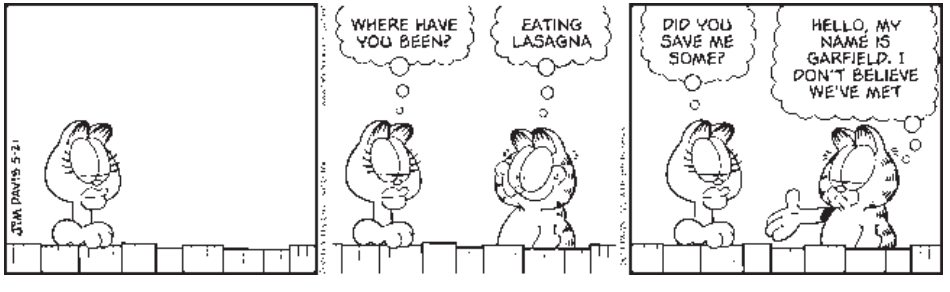
She says that when a close friend or relative is not invited to something, the host should contact those people to explain why not. I say it's rude to question the host. Sometimes the reason is financial, which would be embarrassing to explain. The people giving the party have no obligation to defend their guest list. I think if someone is not invited but wants to participate, she can send a card with congratulations or something. What do you think? — Invited/Not Invited

Dear Invited: People are left off of a guest list for any number of reasons, including the fact that they may not want to invite you. It's ridiculous to expect hosts to phone everyone they know to tell them why they are NOT being invited. By demanding an ex-

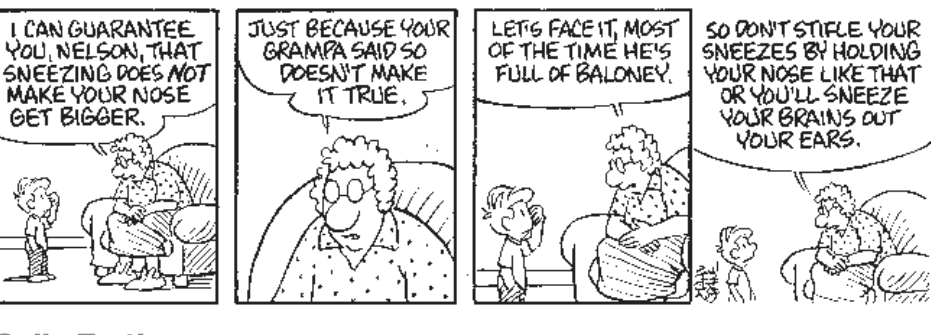
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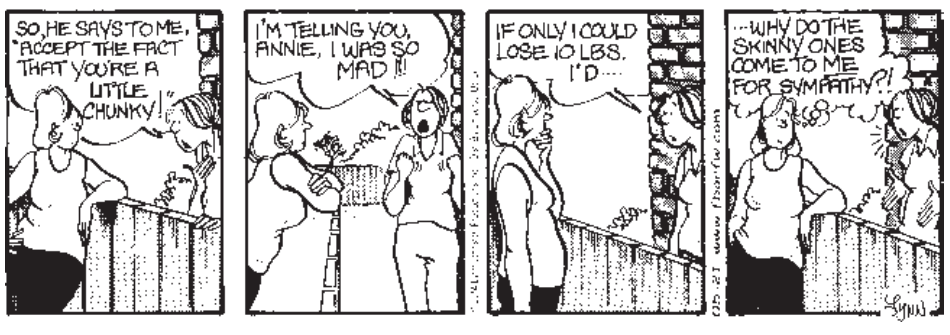
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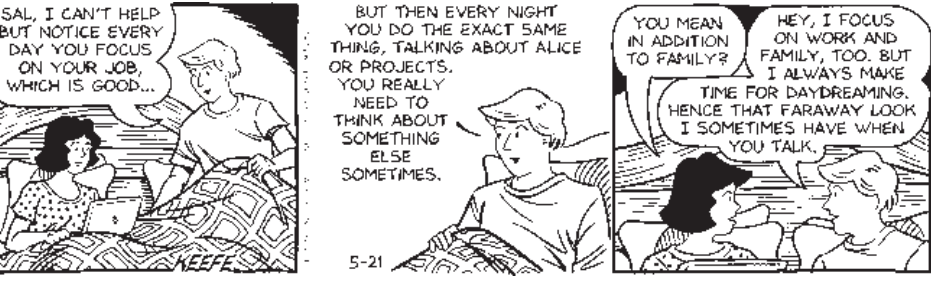
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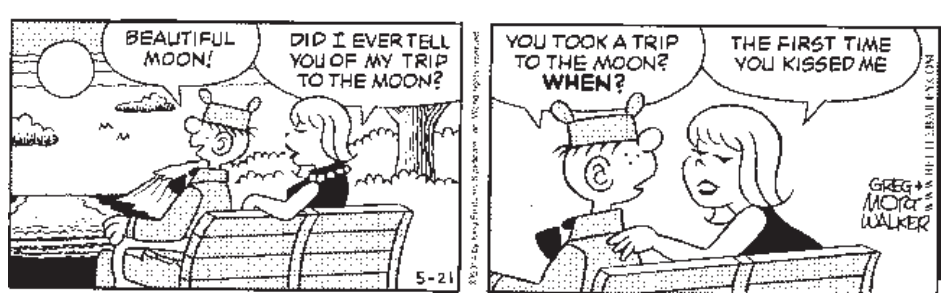
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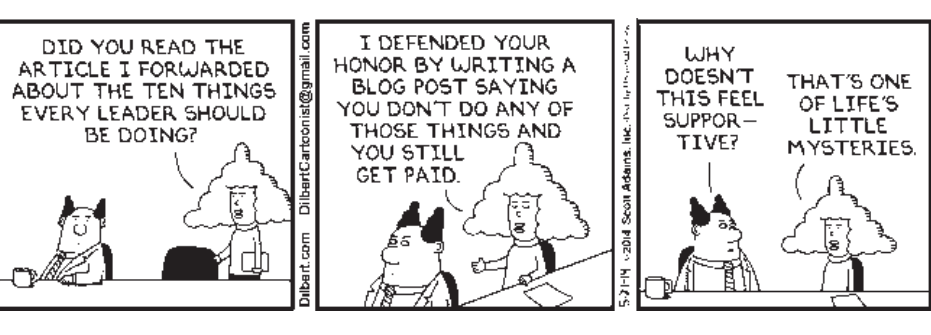
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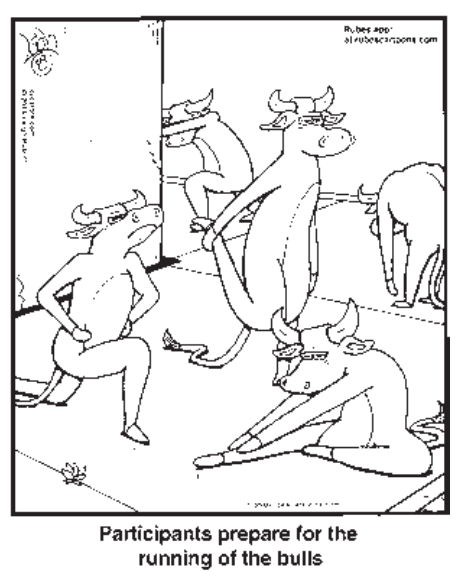
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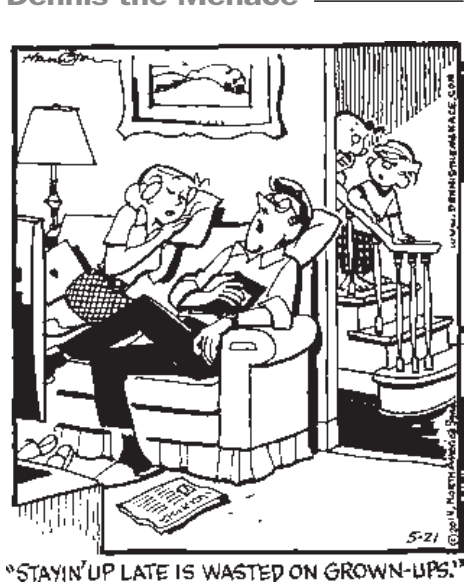
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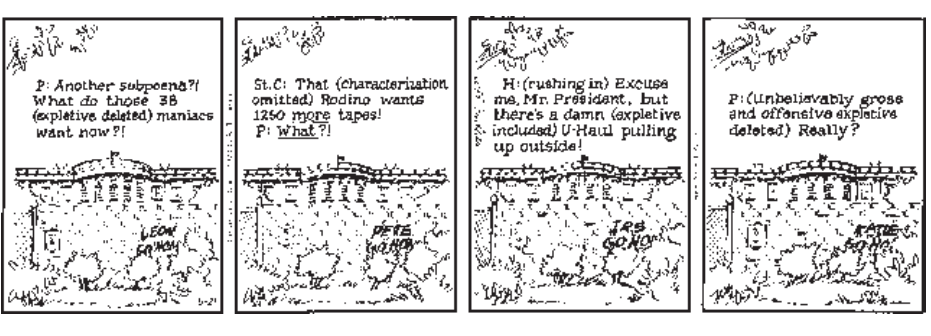
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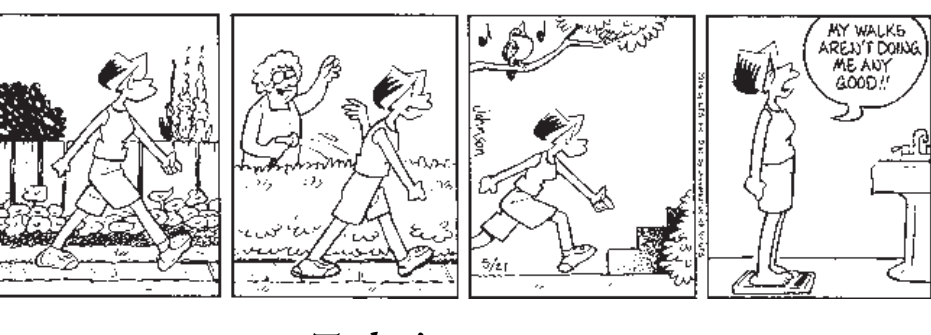
Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES section with movie listings for various theaters like Crystal River Mall and Citrus Cinemas.

Local RADIO section listing various radio stations and their frequencies.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos section with a cryptogram and a clue.

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\$0 Security Deposit Down Payment First Month Payment

\$249 Per Month **36 Months** 35 Mo. Pymts⁴

No security deposit required. Tax, title, license and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles.



2014 Equinox **\$1,000** Customer Cash + **\$500** May Purchase Bonus Cash

Low-Mileage Lease for Qualified Lessees.

\$199 Per Month for 36 Months

\$3,219 Due at Signing After All Offers⁵

No security deposit required. Tax, title, license and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles.

2 YEARS OR 24,000 MILE MAINTENANCE†

PIT-STOP PROGRAM INCLUDED
See dealer for complete details.



2014 Traverse LS FWD **\$1,500** Customer Cash + **\$500** May Purchase Bonus Cash

Low-Mileage Lease for Qualified Lessees.

\$259 Per Month for 36 Months

\$2,669 Due at Signing After All Offers⁶

No security deposit required. Tax, title, license and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles.

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1. Excludes leases. Not compatible some other offers. Take delivery by 6/2/14. See dealer for details. 2. Payments are for a 2014 Cruze LT with an MSRP of \$21,130. 35 monthly payments total \$7,878. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GM Financial must approve lease. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for excess wear. Payments may be higher in some states. Take delivery by 6/2/14. See dealer for details. 3. Excludes leases. Not compatible some other offers. Take delivery by 6/2/14. See dealer for details. 4. Payments are for a 2014 Malibu LT with an MSRP of \$24,435. 35 monthly payments total \$8,710. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. U.S. Bank must approve lease. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for excess wear. Payments may be higher in some states. Take delivery by 6/2/14. See dealer for details. 5. Payments are for a 2014 Equinox LS FWD with an MSRP of \$25,315. 36 monthly payments total \$7,151.40. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GM Financial must approve lease. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for and excess wear. Payments may be higher in some states. Take delivery by 6/2/14. See dealer for details. 6. Payments are for a 2014 Traverse LS FWD with an MSRP of \$31,670. 36 monthly payments total \$9,312. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GM Financial must approve lease. Mileage charge of \$.25/mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for excess wear. Payments may be higher in some states. Take delivery by 6/2/14. See dealer for details. All prices and/or payments plus tax, tag, title & state fees. Dealer installed options and accessories additional cost. All prices include \$2,500 cash or trade equity. † See dealer for details. 1. All leases are 36 months, 12K miles/year with \$2,500 cash or trade equity, USSA Rebate, CGR, Owner Loyalty. 2. Not available with finance or lease offers. Pre-owned vehicles with \$2,500 cash or trade equity. On approved credit. Offer expires on date of publication. Vehicles may not be exactly as shown.