
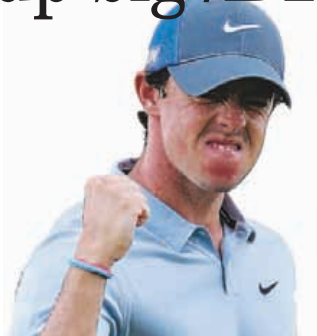


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**HIGH 92**  
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## NEWS BRIEF

### Local students win High School Fishing World Finals

This year, the big one didn't get away. Local students Brandon Branch and Hunter McPherson won the 2014 High School Fishing World Finals on Saturday, beating out a field of 21 teams to bring home glory, a college scholarship and a few creature comforts.

Branch and McPherson, students of Crystal River High School and Citrus High School, respectively, made the finals in 2013, but finished in 14th place.

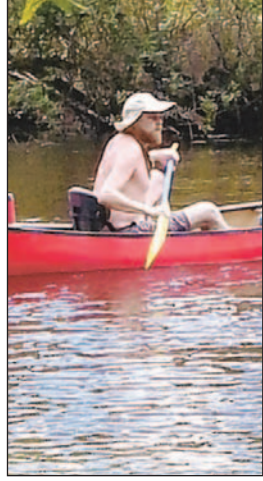
This year, the team set out on Lake Dardanelle in Russellville, Arkansas, on the tournament's final day and brought back five fish weighing a total of 16 pounds, 8 ounces — enough to secure victory.

For their win, the boys will each receive a \$4,000 college scholarship, a 50-inch flatscreen TV, \$500 in Cabela's gift cards and, of course, a world championship trophy.

—Brad Bautista/staff writer

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# 'Once we have the proof'

## Monitors try to secure Ukraine plane crash site

*Associated Press*  
 HRABOVE, Ukraine — International monitors moved gingerly Saturday through fields reeking of the decomposing corpses of the victims of a Malaysian airliner shot down over rebel-held

eastern Ukraine, trying to secure the sprawling site in hopes that a credible investigation of the disaster can be conducted.

The crash that killed all 298 people aboard the plane two days earlier intensified the already-high animosity on all sides of

the conflict.

The Ukrainian government and separatist rebels accuse each other of shooting down the Boeing 777 with a surface-to-air missile. Many see the hand of Russia, either for its alleged support of the insurgents or perhaps fir-

ing the missile itself. The crash site is near the Russian border.

Amid wide calls for an international investigation, doubts arose about whether the evidence was being compromised before inspectors ever reach the scene.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela

Merkel agreed in a phone call on Saturday that the sides should enter talks and stop fighting, according to a Kremlin statement. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. counterpart John Kerry took a similar view, a Foreign Ministry statement said.

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STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle  
 Jason Isaacs, right, is escorted by Citrus County Sheriff's Office representative Michael Mechado as they run to be the first to the finish line Saturday to end the 38th annual Key Training Center Run for the Money at the center's headquarters in Lecanto. Beginning in Tallahassee, the team of runners make their way back to the Key's main campus in Lecanto during the course of a week to raise awareness and funds for those they serve.



Bryan Mechado gets a hug from program participant Mary Jude Trainor after crossing the finish line at Key Training Center's 38th annual Run for the Money on Saturday at the Center's Lecanto headquarters. David Stevens shows them the plaque with founder Chet Cole's bronzed running shoes, which were last used in 1999 in the fundraising event.

## Key runners home

### Community rallies around client support

*"The fun part is that we have somebody to support us and keep our Key Center running. We are disabled, we need help, workers and all of your participation. What the whole goal, besides me and the other clients, is God. God really has miracles for us clients. He has the powers and the rules but we need donations. Please help us."* — Aaron Wilcox

ERYN WORTHINGTON  
 Staff writer

LECANTO  
 In each of their own thoughts and dreams, the prayer of Key Training Center preacher and client Aaron Wilcox seems to ring true for his fellow friends and neighbors.

The community's support is their collaborative prayer. "That means that I have supporters, compassion, kindness, love, dignity and respect," Wilcox said.

This was evidenced Saturday as Key Training Center clients fixed their eyes on the runners who reached out for their hands and

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# Don't forget about us: School board candidates work to get their message out

MIKE WRIGHT  
 Staff writer

CITRUS HILLS — They're the other campaign, relegated to second place by circumstances.

In a year where the two county commission races have taken center stage, candidates in the four districts for Citrus County School Board want to make sure their voices are heard, as well.

And it's not like it's a quiet year for school board campaigns. Consider: Each of the three incumbents has opposition. Chairman Thomas Kennedy has two opponents.

- **WHAT:** Citrus County School Board District 1.
- **COVERS:** All Citrus County.
- **TERM:** 4 years.
- **PAY:** \$33,282.
- **WHO:** Tom Corkery, incumbent Thomas Kennedy and H. Dean Morrison. Race is nonpartisan.
- **ON THE BALLOT:** Aug. 26 open primary. Top two vote-getters are in Nov. 4 general election OR top primary winner is elected with at least 50 percent plus one of the vote.

- **WHAT:** Citrus County School Board District 3.
- **COVERS:** All Citrus County.
- **TERM:** 4 years.
- **PAY:** \$33,282.
- **WHO:** Doug Dodd, Quinton Herrin Jr. and Sheila Whitelaw. Race is nonpartisan.
- **ON THE BALLOT:** Aug. 26 open primary. Top two vote-getters are in Nov. 4 general election OR top primary winner is elected with at least 50 percent plus one of the vote.

- **WHAT:** Citrus County School Board District 4.
- **COVERS:** All Citrus County.
- **TERM:** 2 years.
- **PAY:** \$33,282.
- **WHO:** Incumbent Sandy Balfour and Beverly Howard. Race is nonpartisan.
- **ON THE BALLOT:** Winner of Aug. 26 primary is elected. Primary is open to all voters.

- **WHAT:** Citrus County School Board District 5.
- **COVERS:** All Citrus County.
- **TERM:** 4 years.
- **PAY:** \$33,282.
- **WHO:** Donna Fletcher and incumbent Linda Powers.
- **ON THE BALLOT:** Aug. 26 primary winner is elected. Primary is open to all voters.

- **WHAT:** Candidate forum for Citrus County School Board.
- **WHEN:** 6 p.m. Thursday, July 24.
- **WHERE:** Lion's Club on Homosassa Trail.

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## Healthy Living Show



MORGAN BROWN/For the Chronicle

**ABOVE:** Collecting various fliers from a variety of booths at the Healthy Living Show at the Citrus County Auditorium on Saturday, Inverness resident Tony Zarra shared some words of wisdom. "If you don't have your health," Zarra said, "you don't have anything." **LEFT:** Looking over a variety of herbs, Mary Saunders explores what Hobson's Herbs & More Inc. has to offer. Saunders visited many of the booths and said she was very glad she came. Sponsored by the *Citrus County Chronicle*, more than 25 health and health-related businesses offered goodies, information and drawings for gift baskets or certificates.



### SO YOU KNOW

- Citrus County public schools begin classes Wednesday, Aug. 6.
- View school menu calendars for the month at <http://cafe.citrus.k12.fl.us/>
- Parents may apply online for free and reduced-price meals at [www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/food/default.htm](http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/food/default.htm)
- For senior dining, menus for the month are available at <http://bocc.citrus.fl.us/commserv/suppserv/senprog/>

## Christmas in July



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Christmas came early when Santa stopped by the Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club on Friday. The kids were concluding their "Christmas in July"-themed week and were excited to see jolly old St. Nick. "Kids love Christmas and it lightens up the atmosphere," director Merisa Albritton said. All week, they had been singing favorite Christmas songs, making ornaments and playing Christmas-themed games. Heather Convery, Devin Pulham, Megan Convery, Monte Klein and Cody Ritter are shown here gathered around Santa to get a turn choosing a toy from his bag.

### Clubs need help for children

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County seeks volunteers and mentors who have a desire to make a positive difference in the life of a child. Mentors are needed at the Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club in Beverly Hills and the Robert Halleen Boys & Girls Club in Homosassa. Volunteers are always needed at all sites. Mentors will be assigned to work with a specific child or children. All who work directly with children must pass a background clearance check. For more information about volunteering at a Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County, call 352-621-9225.

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# COSMETIC PLASTIC SURGERY BREAST AUGMENTATION

A Q&A WITH DR. JAMES ROGERS, D.M.D., M.D.



*If I have implants, will I have to get them replaced every 10 years?*

No. Breast implants do not have a fixed lifespan; although, like all medical devices, they should not be expected to last forever. Generally speaking, if there is no implant failure (i.e. leakage) and a woman's breasts don't change, they can be left in indefinitely.

*Does it matter how large an implant I choose, and are there limits as to how large they should be?*

A number of factors determine how large an implant a patient should have. As a general rule, the more breast tissue and body fat covering an implant, the better. Many of the problems associated with implants, including implant visibility, rippling or wrinkling, tend to increase with the size of the implants.

*Do breast implants increase the risk of getting breast cancer?*

There is no evidence that suggests breast implants increase the risk of breast cancer or delay the detection of early breast cancer. All women 35 years or older should have a mammogram prior to having breast augmentation and practice routine self-examination as well as have annual exams by their physician.

*Do I have to go to the hospital to have my surgery?*

No. Most of our outpatient procedures are done in our own ambulatory surgery center, Paddock Park Surgery Center. The center is certified by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and is a fully staffed and equipped surgical facility.

*Are silicone implants safe? Are they better than saline implants?*

Both silicone and saline filled implants are safe. Which implant is better for a particular patient depends on a number of factors. Generally speaking, if a patient has very little breast tissue and body fat, silicone implants may be softer and less likely to "ripple" or "wrinkle." This advantage diminishes with increased breast tissue. Silicone implants are generally more expensive, and leakage may be more difficult to detect. In addition, silicone implants are not available to women under 21 years of age.

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**Campaign TRAIL**

The Campaign Trail is a weekly announcement of fundraisers, meetings, candidate appearances and the like for this year's political campaign. Send information to mwright@chronicleonline.com.

■ The Citrus County Chronicle will have its primary forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness. The Chronicle's general election forum is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto.

■ Life Care Center of Citrus County is hosting a candidates' forum at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, for candidates running for county commission and school board. Candidates for other races have also been invited. Life Care Center is at 3325 Jerwayne Lane in Lecanto.

■ The Homosassa River Republican Club is sponsoring a forum for the Citrus County School Board candidates at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Lion's Club on Homosassa Trail.

■ The Citrus County Democratic Executive Committee is hosting a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Historic Citrus County Courthouse, in the second floor courtroom. Candidates regardless of political affiliation will participate.

■ The Citrus Hills Civic Association will have a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the golf and country club.

■ Thomas Kennedy, incumbent for school board District 1, will have a fundraiser Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Crystal River Train Depot on Northeast Crystal Street. Information: 352-476-4031.

■ Renee Christopher-McPheeters, Republican for county commission District 2, have a fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Mama's Kuntry Kafe on S.R. 44 in Inverness. Information: 352-257-5381.

■ John "JJ" Kenney, incumbent Republican for county commission District 2, will have a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Crystal River Mall. Information: 352-228-2679.

**Around the COUNTY**

**Save Our Waters Week meeting Monday**

The Citrus 20/20 Inc. Save Our Waters Week Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, July 21, Room 219 of the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, located off of County Road 491.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan and coordinate activities for Citrus County's 19th annual Save Our Waters Week, Sept. 20 to 27. All interested organizations and individuals are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

For more information, call 352-201-0149.

**Port authority meeting set for Tuesday**

The Citrus County Port Authority will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, in Room 100 of the Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness.

The following items are on the agenda:

■ Discussion on the status of the port feasibility study.

■ Request for authorization for development of an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for the Barge Canal Boat Ramp/Marina Development.

■ Discussion of the Port Administration Transition Plan.

To review the agenda, visit <http://citruscountyfl.com/2014/07/20/citizens/default.aspx>.

—From staff reports

**Feds warn project pits Walmart against wildlife**  
*Rare pine rockland habitat home to at least eight threatened or endangered species*

Associated Press

MIAMI — Federal officials say a developer building a Walmart on a tract of disappearing forest between two national parks in South Florida should stop all work until a survey of endangered wildlife is completed.

The Miami Herald reported that in a letter sent to Ram Realty Services, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said at least eight threatened species, in-

cluding the federally protected Florida bonneted bat and two endangered plants, could inhabit roughly 140 acres of pine rockland in Miami-Dade County.

Ram should first obtain a federal permit before proceeding with any work that could threaten protected species, said Craig Aubrey, a field supervisor for the wildlife service.

"We want to work with them to make sure there's a project that balances the economic development with

the needs of the species there," Aubrey said. "It's not just one species. There's a lot of sensitive resources out there."

Aubrey said federal wildlife officers are concerned that the project will damage critical habitat outside a 40-acre section set aside as a preserve.

Ram Chairman Peter Cummings said the company is reviewing the recommendations and plans to meet with wildlife officials.

"We will take no action

that disturbs the natural environment before resolving the Service's concerns," Cummings said. "The environment will be a valuable asset for the community we plan to create."

Environmentalists expressed concerns about the development plans after the University of Miami this month sold an 88-acre tract of endangered pine rockland to Ram, a Palm Beach County developer planning a 185,000-square-

foot Walmart for the space, along with restaurants and 900 apartments. Ram agreed to set aside 40 acres for a preserve.

Just a sliver remains of about 165,000 acres of pine rocklands that once stretched from Homestead to the Miami River. The rare rocklands occur in just two places in the world — Miami-Dade County and the Bahamas — and provide habitat for a host of animals, insects and plants found no place else on Earth.



FLORAL CITY HERITAGE MUSEUM/Special to the Chronicle

In 1961, L.G. "Doc" Ferris was instrumental in getting Floral City a fire engine. He and his friend, attorney Charles Fitzpatrick of Inverness, went to Wisconsin to pick up the truck and drove it back to Floral City, stopping for a celebration in Inverness.

**Back to the past**

*Ferris exhibit returns to Floral City museum*

PAT FAHERTY  
 Staff writer

The late L.G. "Doc" Ferris was bigger than life and remains a legend in Citrus County.

He put Floral City on the map as he promoted Ferris Groves and his beloved oranges.

Everything about him was big, bold and flashy, including his personal life and contributions to the community.

He left an enduring legacy of local agriculture and one of the most famous roadside fruit stands in the South.

The Floral City Heritage Hall Museum has brought those times back with its current exhibit, "The Ferris Years: From Ferris Wheels and Citrus Groves to Livestock and Berry Fields."

**WANT TO GO?**

"The Ferris Years: From Ferris Wheels and Citrus Groves to Livestock & Berry Fields" is the current exhibit at the Floral City Heritage Hall Museum. It is scheduled to run through June 2015.

The museum, which includes the Heritage Country Store, is in the Floral City Town Center on Orange Avenue, one block east of U.S. 41. The museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday and Saturday and by special request.

For more information, visit [floralcityhc.org](http://floralcityhc.org).

"We have broken it into two eras," explained Frank Peters, one of the Floral City Heritage Council volunteers who put the display together. "We have the Doc Ferris era, which is the beginning of Ferris Groves, on nine 3-by-6-foot panels."

"Then we have five panels that are after Doc's death and after his widow, Harriet Ferris, decided to sell the groves out on Duval Island. Then onto the present day."

He said the great thing about the current owner is that he has kept the property out of the hands of developers and continues to use it as an agriculture operation, protecting the environment and the history.

"This is an important history for Floral City," Peters said, noting Doc Ferris was a promoter and, once he decided to resurrect the groves, he was like a P.T. Barnum.

"He really promoted Floral City. In addition to being an employer, he put Floral City on the map."

Doc Ferris considered himself a comedian and poet, often turning his creative abilities into publicity stunts such as the



L.G. "Doc" Ferris on the front steps of his home on Duval Island in Floral City.

living billboard and shipping a box of oranges to the governor of every state except California. He sent oranges to the White House and conducted personal tours of the groves in his Cadillac convertibles.

He also was involved in selling land back in 1953 with Ferris Groves Lakeshore Estates. But Doc Ferris claimed he wasn't a developer, he just wanted neighbors.

And while the groves are closely linked to Floral City, the Doc Ferris story actually starts in Homosassa, where Ferris' father was an investor during the land boom of the mid 1920s. The exhibit tells how the subsequent real estate bust sent the elder Ferris to Duval Island and its then-languishing orange grove.

A whole panel is devoted the famous fire truck he picked up in Wisconsin in 1961 and drove back to Floral City, stopping for a celebration in Inverness.

In addition to the famous fruit stand in Floral City, Ferris built others, including an elaborate store on U.S. 19 in Crystal River. It has since been demolished and the site redeveloped.

As for what draws people in to experience the Ferris exhibit, "I think it is the man himself," said Peters. "People really want to know about him. His name has been part of the 20th-century history of Floral City for so long."

Contact Chronicle reporter Pat Faherty at 352-564-2924 or [pfaherty@chronicleonline.com](mailto:pfaherty@chronicleonline.com).

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Use your insight and diligent work ethic to reach your goals. A well-planned approach to personal and professional changes will ensure that you reach your desired destination. Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Make sure that you have a strong backup crew for your commitments. The best plans will fall short if there are not enough people to get the job done. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You will be overly sensitive today. You'll make matters worse if you live in the past or rehash regrets or disappointments. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You have the self-discipline to get rid of a bad habit. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You will need patience when dealing with personal, financial or domestic issues. If you are concerned about legal matters, consult a professional for advice. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A challenging situation will require your personal touch. If you listen to the complaints voiced and consider options that will satisfy everyone, you'll gain respect. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Get back to basics. Improve your well-being by eating properly and getting enough rest and exercise. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You will come to the forefront in any group that you join. Your abilities as a spokesperson will gain you respect and recognition. You are on the fast track to a leadership position. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Getting involved in squabbles will get you nowhere. Focus your energy on home improvement projects, and avoid any conflict going on around you. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — You will be pleasantly surprised at the fun you have while out with friends or family. Taking part in an activity will allow you to show off what you have to offer. Romance is highlighted. Aries (March 21-April 19) — If you look for it, you will discover a new way to increase your cash flow. Money will slip through your fingers if you don't budget carefully. Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Physical activity will keep you from getting into an emotional battle. Excess idle time is the enemy and will lead to dissatisfaction. Get moving and stay out of trouble. Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Someone you trusted will give away your agenda. Cover your tracks by changing your plans unexpectedly.

ENTERTAINMENT

Bid of \$10,755 wins 'Snow White' billboard

DALLAS — A large, colorful billboard from the 1937 release of the animated film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was sold at auction for \$10,755.

In a statement, Heritage Auctions said it was not identifying the winning bidder. The Dallas-based auction house had said the rare billboard was expected to sell for at least \$10,000 on Saturday.

The 20-by-9-foot billboard was printed in England to promote the Disney film there. It features three scenes, the main one showing a rosy-cheeked Snow White in front of a castle in her classic outfit with bright yellow skirt, surrounded by the dwarfs and other characters from the film.

The billboard had been in a private collection for more than a decade.

Lawyer: Unclear where Casey Kasem's body is

SEATTLE — A judge has granted Casey Kasem's daughter a temporary restraining order preventing the famous radio host's wife from cremating his remains, but it's unclear where those remains are or whether they've already been disposed of.

A lawyer for Kasem's daughter Kerri Kasem said Friday that when he went to give a Tacoma funeral home a copy of the restraining order, he was informed it no longer had the remains.

"They said they could not disclose where he had gone or where he would end up," said the lawyer, Scott Winship.

Tim Grant, funeral director at Gaffney Funeral Home & Cremation Services, confirmed Friday that Kasem's body was no longer there.

"I cannot discuss the actual arrangements themselves, but he's no longer in our care," he said.



Associated Press

A detailed view of the 20-foot-by-9-foot billboard of the 1937 release of the animated film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," pictured Monday in Dallas, Texas. The billboard features three scenes, with the main one showing a rosy-cheeked Snow White in front of a castle in her classic outfit with a bright yellow skirt, surrounded by the dwarfs and other characters from the film.

Kasem's wife of the past 34 years, Jean Kasem, filled out a death certificate dated July 15 listing an address in Jerusalem, Israel, according to a copy filed in Pierce County Superior Court. The document listed "removal from state" as the intended means of disposing the remains, the Urgel Bourgie funeral home in Montreal as the place of disposition, and July 14 as the date of disposition.

A man who answered the phone at Urgel Bourgie on Friday evening said it had disposed of no such remains and had no one by the name of Casey Kasem in its computer system.

Teruyuki Olsen, a lawyer for Kasem's wife, refused to comment Friday or provide any information about what happened to Kasem's body.

Kasem, the radio host of "American Top 40" and voice of animated television characters like Scooby-Doo's sidekick Shaggy, died June 15 at a hospital in Gig Harbor. He was 82.

Johnson calls Christie 'a buddy' despite video

LOS ANGELES — Dwayne Johnson says he considers New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie "a buddy" despite making Christie take down an online video that featured the Hollywood star.

"I know Gov. Christie. We've met a couple of times," the wrestler-turned-action star said Friday. "But in no way was I associated with what he had going on. ... I saw it. I was like, 'Well, I don't have anything to do with it, so now you've got to pull it down.'"

Christie's office last week removed Johnson from a trailer it posted to YouTube for a mock summer blockbuster titled "No Pain. No Gain," a riff on the title of Johnson's film "Pain & Gain."

The trailer features clips of Christie warning of an impending budget crisis, along with dramatic music and sound effects. The clip is cut together with scenes of explosions and a car chase.

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, July 20, the 201st day of 2014. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader.

On this date: In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States convened in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1917, the World War I draft lottery went into operation.

In 1923, Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated.

In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 2012, a gunman opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people. (James Holmes has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to more than 160 counts of murder and attempted murder.)

Ten years ago: The U.N. General Assembly demanded that Israel tear down the barrier it was building to seal off the West Bank; Israel vowed to continue construction.

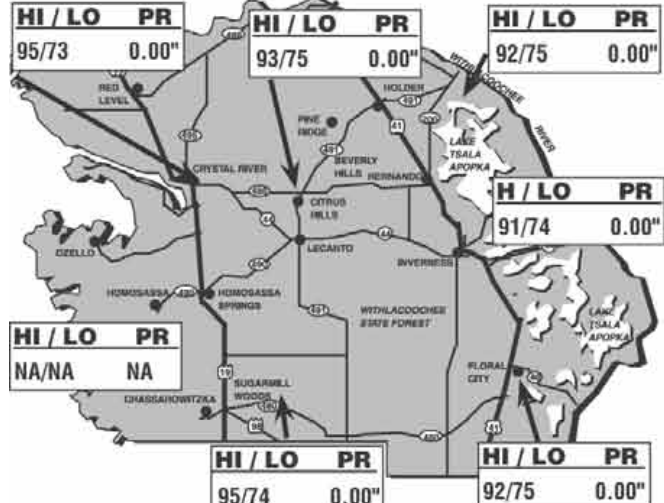
Five years ago: A roadside bomb killed four American troops in eastern Afghanistan.

One year ago: Longtime White House correspondent Helen Thomas, 92, died in Washington.

Today's birthdays: Author Cormac McCarthy is 81. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 79. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 67. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 50. Actress Judy Greer is 39. Supermodel Gisele Bundchen is 34.

Thought for Today: "Courage without conscience is a wild beast." — Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer and politician (1833-1899).

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns for City, H, L, F'cast, and temperature data for various Florida cities like Daytona Bch., Fort Myers, Gainesville, etc.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: South winds around 10 knots then. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated thunderstorms. Tonight: North winds around 10 knots then. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated thunderstorms.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns for Location, SAT, FRI, and Full, listing lake levels for Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, etc.

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY

Large table with columns for City, SAT, SUN, H, L, Pcp, H, L, Fcst, listing weather forecasts for various cities across the country.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

Table with columns for City, SUN, H/L/SKY, listing high and low temperatures and sky conditions for various cities.

Table with columns for City, High, Low, listing high and low temperatures for various cities.

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 92° Low: 72° 40 percent chance of scattered storms. Partly cloudy. MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING High: 91° Low: 72° 50 percent chance of scattered storms. Partly cloudy. Light wind. TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING High: 90° Low: 72° 50 percent chance of storms. Mostly cloudy. Light wind.

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TEMPERATURE\* Saturday 91/78 Record /68 Normal 90/76 Mean temp. 84 Departure from mean 1 PRECIPITATION\* Saturday 0.00" Total for the month 12.17" Total for the year 33.27" Normal for the year 23.29" \*As of 7 p.m. at Inverness UV INDEX: 11 0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.02 DEW POINT Saturday at 3 p.m. 70 HUMIDITY Saturday at 3 p.m. 53% POLLEN COUNT\*\* Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, chenopods Today's count: 2.3/12 Monday's count: 2.6 Tuesday's count: 3.4 AIR QUALITY Saturday observed: 50 Pollutant: Particulate matter

SOLUNAR TABLES

Table with columns for DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON), listing sunrise and sunset times.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Table with columns for SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY, listing celestial event times.

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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# Choir members join in 'Salute to Valor' in France

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
Contributing writer

The voices of 90 choir members from Arizona, California and Florida filled the voids of silence in Northern France in remembrance for those who gave their lives during Operation Overlord, or D-Day, marking the 70th anniversary of allied paratroop and boat landings in Normandy.

Singers ranging from ages 24 to 85 performed at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, La Trinité Church in Paris, and in Sainte-Mère-Église, in memory of the Allied assault on the Normandy coastline that began June 6, 1944.

Members of the Citrus Community Concert Choir were part of the 2014 Salute to Valor Music Festival last month.

Margot Konerding, of Citrus Springs, is a tenor with the choir and noticed the difference between the choir's rehearsals and standing on the stages in front of the hundreds in attendance.

"When you see that and you really get to feel that, what comes out of your throat is totally different," Konerding said. "What we sang made different sense



Members of the Citrus Community Concert Choir, including Citrus Springs resident Margot Konerding, performed at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, La Trinité Church in Paris last month during a ceremony to mark the 70th anniversary of allied paratroop and boat landings in Normandy, France. Konerding witnessed wartime Europe as a child and was deeply moved by the events surrounding the recent anniversary.

and just went deeper ... I'll never forget that."

For Konerding, the moments before each performance struck not just the chords of her voice, but her memories of witnessing wartime in Europe herself as a child.

"I was very moved by each and every one of them. For me it was an experience I won't forget," she said.

Ranging from the grand to the petite, the interiors of

the churches provided some of the best acoustics the choir could have hoped for.

"Saint-Mère-Église was the smallest church, but it

had the most fantastic acoustics," said Konerding. "You have to picture almost 100 voices singing in a beautiful acoustic arena."

Although residents of the areas weren't informed of the ceremonies until a few days prior, each venue hosting the Salute to Valor choir was

full with attendees.

"There was not much advertising. People just came, each one was packed, and that was very gratifying," Konerding said.

The 172-acre Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial has 10 separate gravesite areas, totaling 9,387 headstones.

Leading from a 22-foot statue in the memorial of The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves, a reflecting pool connects to a westward pathway, which divides the sites and meets at a chapel in the center of the cemetery.

"You look down on a long reflecting pool, then you see the gravesites," said Konerding. "It's one thing to see it on the TV, but when you're there it's very, very peaceful."

The appreciation expressed for the musical performances was humbling.

"We got standing ovations," Konerding said. "We did encores. That's unheard of."

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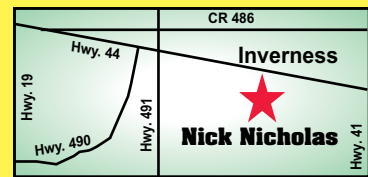
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**Sydney Anderson, 96**  
INVERNESS

Sydney Norman Anderson, 96, of Inverness, Florida, passed away July 11, 2014, at Avante of Inverness. He was born Nov. 13, 1917, in James-town, New York, to the late David G. and Lillian (Greenwood) Anderson.



Sydney Anderson

Sydney served his country honorably in the National Guard, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army, and was the owner of Anderson Cleaners and Jamestown Armored Car. He arrived in this area in 1980, coming from Jamestown, and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Inverness. Sydney loved golfing, yard sales and traveling, but was most proud of winning first place in the *St. Petersburg Times* Investment Stock Challenge.

Survivors include his loving companion of 23 years, Beth Kaler; children Jeffrey D. (Diane) Anderson and Neil A. (Mariela) Anderson of Denver, Colorado, and Linda A. (Peter) Dawson of Lakewood, New York; sister Donna Smith; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gretchen L. Anderson, in 1990; and siblings Burton and Delores Anderson.

A celebration of life memorial service is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

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

**Catherine Elam, 76**  
LECANTO

Catherine Louise Elam, 76, of Lecanto, Florida, passed away July 18, 2014, at Citrus Memorial hospital in Inverness, Florida. She was born April 24, 1938, in Hurricane, West Virginia, to the late George L. and Doris M. (Bryant) Persinger. Catherine was a homemaker and arrived in this area in 1986, coming from Miami, Florida. She was a Baptist by faith, and attended Trinity Baptist Church, Inverness.



Catherine Elam

She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert; and one sister, Martha. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Cmdr. Jack Leon Elam. Other survivors include her daughters Valerie (John) Lincoln of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Vickie (Dreux) LeGros of Rowlett, Texas; siblings Charles, Frank and John Persinger; and Pauline Stewart, Carol Young and Charolotte Davis; grandchildren Bruce, Melissa and Emma; and great-grandchildren Logan, Wolfgang, Ty and Harley.

A funeral service of remembrance for Catherine is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, July 21, at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness. Burial will follow the service at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

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



**Paul Meyers, 79**  
LAKE WALES

Paul B. Meyers, 79, of Lake Wales, Florida, passed away July 13, 2014, under the loving care of his family in Homosassa. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Paul was a retired substitute rural route carrier and moved to the area 11 years ago from Portsmouth, Ohio. Paul was a member of the American Legion Post 23 in Portsmouth, Ohio, a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge Post 54 in Portsmouth and an avid golfer. He loved his puzzles, his grandkids and had a good sense of humor.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Faye L. Meyers; stepchildren Dawn Michelle Messer (Frank Deans), Timothy (Rachel) Taylor and Ronnie Taylor; children David (Taryn) Meyers, Diane (David) Reese and Dirk Meyers; brothers Carl (Mildred), Ralph (Gladys), Ronald (Cathy); sister Hazeldean; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell with full military honors.

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**Lois Omslaer, 93**  
CRYSTAL RIVER

Lois Omslaer, 93, of Crystal River, Florida, died Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Crystal River Health and Rehabilitation in Crystal River, Florida. Arrangements are by McGan Cremation Service LLC.

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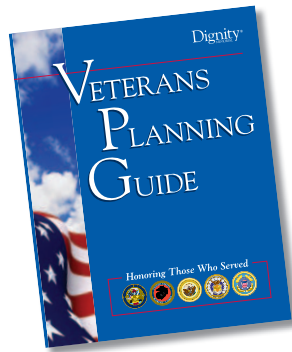


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**Joan Feasley**  
EDEN, NEW YORK

Joan V. Feasley (nee Butler) of Eden, New York, died July 17, 2014.

She was the devoted wife of William Feasley; loving mother of Lynn (Adam Blumenthal) Feasley, Albert (Paula Kruszka-Agle) Feasley, Carl (Diane) Feasley, Jill (Kurt Lawson) Feasley, Joy (Paul Swenbeck) Feasley, Jennifer (Saju Bahuleyan) Feasley and late Janet Feasley; grandmother of 10; sister of Clair Bliss, Dorothy Howe, Linda Wilson, Karen Easter, Robert Clark and Dawn Meeks; and sister-in-law of Alice (late Robert) Feasley and Barbara (Maxwell) Fisher.

The family invites friends to call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the Laing Funeral Home Inc. 2724 W. Church St., Eden. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eden. Flowers gratefully declined. Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461. Words of sympathy may be left on [www.LaingFuneralHome.com](http://www.LaingFuneralHome.com).

**Billy Patterson Sr., 76**

SUMTERVILLE

Billy J. Patterson Sr., 76, of Sumterville, Florida, died Thursday, July 17, 2014, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County in Lecanto, Florida. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Arrangements are by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Hernando, Florida.

■ Obituaries are at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

**Maj. Gen. John Granger, 81**

COSTA RICA

Maj. Gen. John Donald Granger, 81, passed away July 9, 2014, at his home in Costa Rica after a brief illness. He was born Oct. 28, 1932, in Olean, New York, to Donald and

**John Granger**

Blanche Granger. He attended high school in Bradford, Pennsylvania, earned his bachelor of arts degree from St. Lawrence University and a master's of arts in political science from the University of Alabama. He attended the National War College and General Staff College. Assignments have included a tour in Vietnam with the Military Assistance Command; military assistant to the secretary of the Army; staff assistant for arms control; Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he was an action officer for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Biological Warfare Treaty and the military representative for the U.S. negotiating delegation to the 26-nation Committee on Disarmament at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland; chief human resources development USA training and doctrine command; deputy commanding general, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; provost marshal, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, commander, U.S. Army Military Community Activity, Mannheim, Germany; and commanding general, Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, where he was in command of the U.S. Military Police and Chemical Schools/Training Center, culminating his 28-year career. He is best remembered for revitalizing the Military Police Corps purpose and mission and transformed it into the highly mobile, well-armed, combat multiplier that is today. He has been inducted into the Military Police Hall of Fame in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Gen. Granger immensely enjoyed the past 23 years in Costa Rica, where he enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling and the camaraderie of his new friends with whom he had lively political and world events discussions. He was an adviser and member of the board of directors of Panamerican Woods.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; sons Rick Wade, Costa Rica, Christopher and wife Tonya and children, Kelsey and Collin of North Carolina; daughter, Kim and husband Geno and daughter Emily of Virginia; brother, Bob; nephews and a niece; many cousins; and an aunt.

He will be interred in Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina.

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

**Madeline Marinelli, 85**

CITRUS SPRINGS

Madeline Marinelli, 85, of Citrus Springs, Florida, died July 17, 2014, at Citrus Memorial Health System in Inverness.

Graveside services for Mrs. Marinelli will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, Florida.

**Alexander Stevens, 88**

HOMOSASSA

Alexander J. Stevens, 88, died June 15, 2014, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2014, at First United Methodist Church of Homosassa.

**Ellen Pistoll, 83**

INVERNESS

Ellen Pistoll, 83, Inverness, died July 15, 2014, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County.

**Ellen Pistoll**

Ellen and her twin brother, Robert, were born Feb. 13, 1931, in Nielston, Scotland, to Allan Robert and Ellen Pollock. Sadly, her mother died during childbirth and she was raised by her Aunt Polly, her mother's sister. Ellen's father had been badly injured during World War I, having lost a leg in battle, and he died when Ellen was just 13. After her father's death, she and her siblings were lovingly cared for by their Aunt Polly and Uncle Jimmy, who raised the children as their own. Ellen received her registered nurse degree and became matron and director of nursing at Victoria Hospital in Glasgow, Scotland, where she worked for over 30 years. She was highly thought of and much-loved by her staff and patients. She enjoyed traveling and visited many countries, including India, Australia and the Holy Land. Her love of travel led to her accompanying the Phoenix Choir to America, where she met her future husband, Heinz Pistoll. They were later married and enjoyed 24 very happy years together until his death on June 20, 2014. After being a winter visitor from Washington state for 20 years, she and Heinz relocated permanently to Florida, where she was very involved in the Inverness Garden Club and First Presbyterian Church.

Left to cherish her memory is her twin brother Robert and his wife Irene; her brother-in-law Tommy Pattison; her cousin Nan Russell; Margaret and Janie of Scotland; Heinz's children Carl Silski, Ohio, Larry Pistoll, Washington,

and Lynn Pistoll, New Zealand; Linda Tuttle, Washington; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jemina Pattison and Barbara Pollock.

A celebration and tribute to Ellen's life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church of Inverness. The family wishes to thank the minister and church for their spiritual comfort and kindness and her neighbors and friends for their loving support of Ellen during this sad time. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Citrus County or The Path of Citrus County.

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**Barbara Viens, 86**

LECANTO

Mrs. Barbara D. Viens, age 86, of Lecanto, Florida, died July 17, 2014, surrounded by her family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Cremation will be under the direction of Hooper Crematory, Inverness, Florida.

Mrs. Viens was born November 26, 1927 in Meriden, CT, daughter of Henry and Antonia (Konapatzki) Dreier. She died July 17, 2014 in Inverness, FL. She worked as a service representative for Southern New England Telephone Company retiring in 1987 and moving to Lecanto from Meriden, CT in 1989. Mrs. Viens was a member of the Moose Club of Inverness and the Telephone Company Pioneers and was a volunteer with Citrus Memorial Hospital for 7 years and the Citrus County Sheriff's Department for 3 years. Mrs. Viens more recently resigned as treasurer of the Kensington Estates Property Owners Association (KEPOA). Mrs. Viens was preceded in death by her parents and a son, David O'Neil. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Roy Viens of Lecanto, FL, 2 sons, Dennis (and wife Vicki) O'Neil of Meriden, CT and Kevin (and wife Sandra) Veins of Meriden, CT, 2 daughters, Suzanne (and husband Mark) Hanson of Monroe, OH and Michelle and (husband James) Powers of Debary, FL, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Barbara D. Viens, will be held 2:00 PM, Monday, July 21, 2014 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes.

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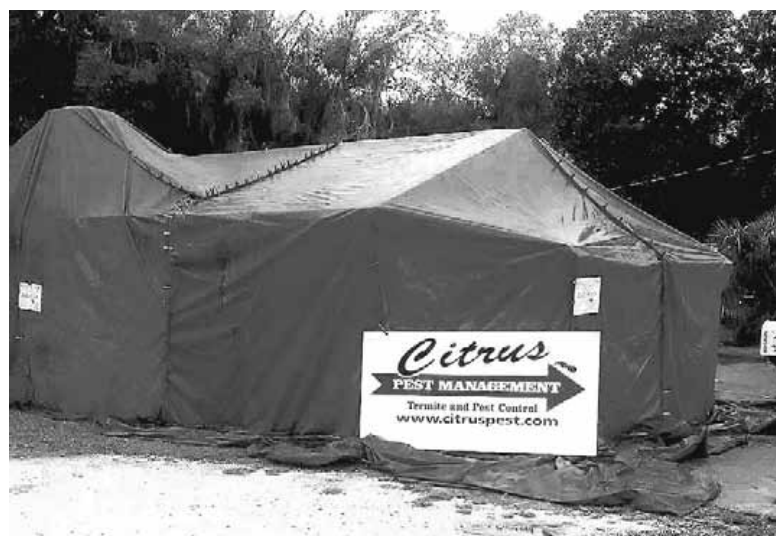
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meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Friday, the U.S. pointed blame at the separatists, saying Washington believes the jetliner likely was downed by an SA-11 missile and “we cannot rule out technical assistance from Russian personnel.”

The government in Kiev said militiamen have removed 38 bodies from the crash site and have taken them to the rebel-held city of Donetsk. It said the bod-

ies were transported with the assistance of specialists with distinct Russian accents.

The rebels are also “seeking large transports to carry away plane fragments to Russia,” the Ukrainian government said Saturday.

In Donetsk, separatist leader Alexander Borodai denied that any bodies had been transferred or that the rebels had in any way interfered with the work of observers. He said he encouraged the involvement of the international community in assisting with the cleanup before the

conditions of the bodies worsens significantly.

Ukraine called on Moscow to insist that the pro-Russia rebels grant international experts the ability to conduct a thorough, impartial investigation into the downing of the plane — echoing a demand that President Barack Obama issued a day earlier from Washington.

On Saturday, in the village of Hrabove, one passenger’s body was seen still strapped into an airline seat, with bare toes peeking out under long jeans. Another body was flung face-up into a field of

blue flowers.

Treatment of the victims’ remains, left in the open air under a hot summer sun punctuated by bursts of rainfall, has provoked outrage and distress.

“The news we got today of the bodies being dragged around, of the site not being treated properly, has really created a shock in the Netherlands,” Dutch Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans told the Ukrainian president in Kiev. “People are angry, are furious at what they hear.”

Timmermans demanded the culprits be found.

“Once we have the proof, we will not stop until the people are brought to justice,” he said.

Merkel and Putin agreed on Saturday that an independent, international commission led by the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, should be granted swift access to the crash site, German government spokesman Georg Streiter and the Kremlin said.

The commission should examine the circumstances of the crash and recover the victims, said Streiter, adding that Merkel urged

Putin to use his influence over the separatists to make that happen.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said in a video statement the international community is demanding separatists provide free access to the crash site, that the victims’ bodies are properly recovered and the evidence is secured.

“Russia has a key role to play in that through its influence on the separatists and the world’s eyes will be on Russia to see that she delivers on her obligations over the next few hours,” he said.



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

**Jason Isaacs crosses the finish line Saturday in Lecanto to win the Key Training Center’s 38th annual event, Run for the Money. Again. Isaacs also won the run in 2013.**

# RUNNERS

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escorted them through the final steps of the Run for the Money.

Runners crossed 180 miles from the Capitol in Tallahassee to the Key Training Center campus in Lecanto for the annual Run for the Money. While the grueling journey is to raise awareness about the developmentally disabled, it is especially significant in that it brings attention to the need for donations to cover the expenses of Key clients who don’t receive government support.

“The community support was just phenomenal,” said Neale Brennan, Key Foundation director. “It was amazing to see the families, neighbors, friends and pets that could physically become apart of the run. Everyone just kept coming and joining in. I kept seeing different-colored T-shirts and it was great to see them a part of this and loving it. The clients, of course, were so excited to be the honorary captains of their own Walk a Mile in My Shoes team.”

Sixteen Key resident runners sported a T-shirt bearing the color for their team, as friends, families, businesses, civic organizations and church groups — more than 200 participants — sponsored a team in Walk a Mile in My Shoes, which took place moments before the finale. Teams of 10 or more sponsored an honorary Key client as its captain and made the one-

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mile walk through the Lecanto campus. They finished just in time to join the welcome-home parade for the runners.

“During the run you become drained, but when you come around that corner and see those clients, it gives you a boost of energy as you see who you are running for,” said runner Michael Williams.

Indeed, the runners felt the community support, as well.

“When we got into Citrus County, everyone was honking and waving,” said runner Stephanie Stevens. “Some of the people came out and gave us water, also.”

Each of the runners will tell you they ran to support the clients and in hopes of raising revenue to support them financially.

Throughout the day, the Key Training Center’s Run for the Money Telethon aired. The program was hosted by community personalities and featured stories and interviews with clients, families, volunteers and staff.

The total money raised was \$205,903.54, which included \$78,776 from the Reach for the Stars Auction on July 11. For more information about the Key, visit [www.keytrainingcenter.org](http://www.keytrainingcenter.org) or call 352-527-2341.

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# SCHOOL

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■ Three candidates are vying for the one open seat — District 3, from which 16-year board member Pat Deutschman is retiring when her term ends in November.

■ The District 4 race is to fill the remaining two years of the term won in 2012 by Susan Hale, who resigned less than two months after taking office. Gov. Rick Scott appointed Sandy Balfour, who lost the superintendent of schools race to incumbent Sandra “Sam” Himmel in 2012, to complete Hale’s first two years.

■ And it’s the school board, not the county commission, that collects the largest chunk of property taxes (about 60 percent). It oversees the safety and education of 15,000 students and is the county’s largest employer with more than 2,000 teachers, administrators and support staff.

At a forum Thursday night hosted by the Citrus Hills Civic Association, school board candidates had the first crack to explain their platforms. Here’s a sampling of what each said:

## DISTRICT 1

■ Tom Corkery, a General Motors Corp. retiree, said he is running for office to change what he believes is a low graduation rate coupled with high taxes.

“I am not a happy camper,” he said.

■ H. Dean Morrison, who has taught in the school district and also Cypress Creek Academy, the juvenile prison in Lecanto, said operating a school district is not the same as running a business, where profit is the bottom line.

“It’s all about our kids,” he said. “Our kids are the bottom line.”

■ Incumbent Thomas Kennedy, the board chairman, pointed to many of the district’s successes, including being one of just 10 A-plus school districts in Florida.

“Our district has continued to be a state leader,” he said.

## DISTRICT 3

■ Doug Dodd, who retired from the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office as a captain in February after 26 years on the job, helped to start the school

resource officer program and was an SRO for 10 years.

Dodd said his focus would be on school safety. And he wants students to participate in learning that emphasizes patriotism.

“I want our students to continue learning about our country,” he said.

■ Quinton Herrin Jr., a retired air traffic controller, is a regular at school board meetings.

“I am not an opportunist and I’m not running as an afterthought,” he said.

Herrin doesn’t put much faith in statistics that show Citrus County ranking among the state’s highest on test scores. He said the U.S. ranks poorly compared to other countries.

“Our kids are the least ignorant of the ignorant,” he said.

■ Sheila Whitelaw is a familiar face to the school board, having served from 1994 to 1998 before losing a re-election bid to Deutschman. Whitelaw now teaches ninth-grade reading at South Sumter High School.

Whitelaw said her classroom experience gives her an edge.

“I know what works and what doesn’t,” she said.

## DISTRICT 4

■ Beverly Howard has taught in Citrus County schools since 2001 and was the district Teacher of the Year in 2011.

“It’s time for me to give back to the community,” she said.

Howard said she supports a rigorous curriculum that allows students who don’t attend college to find a job when they graduate from high school.

■ Incumbent Sandy Balfour has served on the board for about 13 months, since her appointment. Balfour, a former teacher at the Academy of Environmental Sciences, also is a member of the College

of Central Florida Board of Trustees.

Balfour said she does her research before board meetings.

“My vote is an educated vote,” she said.

## DISTRICT 5

■ Donna Fletcher works at the Academy of Environmental Sciences, where she wears “many hats,” including administrative secretary, data entry clerk and acting guidance counselor.

Fletcher said she supports more funding for classroom instruction and wants to open the lines of communication between the board and public.

■ Incumbent Linda Pow-

ers, who has served 10 years on the school board, is a former teacher and counselor in Citrus County schools.

Powers said she supports a stronger emphasis

on vocational education.

“I used to be called the cheerleader of vocational education,” she said. “When I was at the middle school.”

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# Habitat seeks hand-me-downs

## House-building charity accepting clothes, shoes to raise funds

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
Staff writer

Furniture, house wares and building supplies are the specialty of ReStore, Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County's thrift store — but not clothing.

And yet, residents should not be surprised to see ReStore donation boxes specifying clothing and shoes. The house-building charity that put 16 families into new homes last year and is on schedule to do the same this year is seeking donations of old garments in addition to the dining sets, cabinets and sinks it usually attracts.

ReStore has never turned away clothing donations, but now it is campaigning for more of them. What has ReStore been doing with old clothes?

"We actually sell them to Suncoast Textile Recycling out of

Tampa," said Wendy Malik, director of ReStore operations. "They either turn around and sell it or they give it away. They recycle it, but if it's not usable they turn it into insulation and other stuff. They give to charities. They sell to other countries."

On its website, the recycler states: "Suncoast Textile Recycling has been forming partnerships with nonprofit organizations turning clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens and cell phones into funding opportunities."

"I wish we could do clothing," Malik said. "It's a great money-maker. We're run on volunteers. We just don't have the workforce to do clothing the way that you need to do it properly."

All the linens sold by ReStore are washed, dried and folded, so that they are clean to put onto beds when the buyer takes them

### COLLECTION BOXES

Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County pledges to maintain clean and well-serviced collection boxes and also to remove for-profit boxes that suddenly appear. Business owners who want to offer collection box space to Habitat should call Wendy Malik or Carmen Bruno at 352-342-1800.

home. But laundering clothing would be too labor-intensive, and also would take up a lot of floor space.

Increasing its clothing recycling is a new opportunity to raise construction funds.

"The ReStore's responsibility is to support the house building, so every penny we make goes into building homes and paying salaries," Malik said. "There's a company called Collection Box that approached us and said: 'Would you be interested in recycling?'"

Collection Box Inc. is a partner with Suncoast Textile Recycling, Malik said.

"Now, when we go out to pick something up, we'll take the bag of clothing," said Bob Swain, donations coordinator. "We do whole house clean-outs with whole closets full of clothes."

"We've already entered into agreements with a couple of locations (around Inverness)," said Carmen Bruno, Inverness ReStore manager. "What we are looking for is more businesses that will give us a small piece — and we are talking about a 4-by-4 (-foot) section of a parking space."

"Once we can get about 10 agreements, boxes will be brought in and our subcontractor will service the boxes."

A regular route will run throughout the county to pick up the donated clothing and shoes from the boxes.

"It will be as transparent as we can make it," Bruno said. "We don't want to impact the business owner."

If a collection box needs immediate attention, a business owner can call Habitat for a speedy response, Malik said.

"If they call me and say, 'Wendy, we have a mattress outside of our box,' one of our box trucks is going to go right over there," Malik said. "And if they don't, we'll jump in his pickup and we'll go clean it up. We're not going to make your business look junky."

Messy collection boxes for for-profit companies that place them on business sites without the owners' consent have become an eyesore as debris piles around them.

"We will get rid of that box that they don't want and put in one our own," Malik said. "We would remove that box, no charge, no problem. Our collection guy told us, anybody who wants those boxes gone, we'll be happy to get rid of them."

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## Sugarmill subdivision residents celebrate commission decision



Oak Village Boulevard residents celebrate the July 11 decision by the Citrus County Commission to vacate a stub-out at the end of their street in Sugarmill Woods, where they are standing. A developer had sought to use the 213-foot stub-out to access 40 landlocked acres he owns. Residents, fearing the potential impact of traffic on their neighborhood, requested that county government vacate the property to, in effect, thwart the developer's plan. After a contentious six months, the county commission voted in favor of the residents' application to vacate the stub-out. They are seen here preparing to remove the "Application Pending" sign that had been posted after they'd made the formal request to county government.

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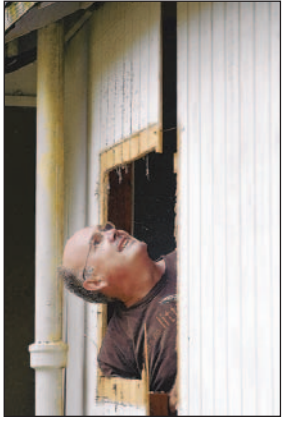
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### Things looking up



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**Volunteer Matt Moore leans out to check his progress as he removes a wall panel on the historic Clay House in the Zion Hill District on Saturday in Nacogdoches, Texas. The African-American Heritage Project group bought the house with hopes of restoring it and opening a community center and history museum.**

### High winds push growing wildfire

WINTHROP, Wash. — Pushed by howling, erratic winds, a massive wildfire in north-central Washington was growing rapidly and burning in new directions Saturday.

Road closures and evacuations were changing regularly, as hot weather and winds with gusts up to 30 mph were pushing the fire over ridge tops and toward a cluster of small towns northeast of Seattle.

As of Saturday morning, the lightning-caused fire had scorched nearly 340 square miles in the Methow Valley. The fire was measured at 260 square miles Friday.

### Lightning a threat in ND oil patch

WILLISTON, N.D. — Three massive fires since the beginning of June have highlighted the threat lightning poses in the North Dakota oil patch, and in each case it was tanks that store the toxic saltwater associated with drilling — not the oil wells or drilling rigs — that were to blame.

The lightning-sparked fires destroyed the groups of silo-like storage tanks at the three locations, which are among more than 440 sites in North Dakota where so-called saltwater is stored before being pumped into permanent disposal sites miles underground. In each case, the fires burned for days, spewing noxious black smoke into the air and literally salting the earth.

Although disposal tanks aren't likely more susceptible to lightning strikes than similar structures that jut out over the prairie, their fiberglass components and combustible contents make it very likely they'll go up in flames when they are hit.

"You're creating the perfect mixture for ignition," said Bruce Kaiser, president of the Clearwater, Florida-based Lightning Master Corporation. "Counterintuitively, it's the water tanks that blow up, not the oil tanks."

### Cubs sue over fake mascot

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs have filed a lawsuit against several people whom the team accuses of being behind a fake mascot that has been engaging in bad behavior near Wrigley Field, including getting into a bar fight that was captured on video and posted online.

The team filed its lawsuit on Friday in federal court in Chicago against John Paul Weier, Patrick Weier and three other unnamed individuals whom the team says dress in the bear costume, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported.

The team accuses those behind the fake mascot of demanding tips for photos, making "rude, profane and derogatory remarks and gesticulations," and punching a man at a bar near the ballpark.

—From wire reports

## Israel demolishes alleged Hamas tunnels

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli bulldozers on Saturday demolished more than a dozen tunnels the military said were being used by Hamas gunmen to sneak beneath the southern border of the Jewish state and carry out attacks on its soldiers and civilians.

Palestinians reported intensified airstrikes and shelling as the death toll from Israel's ground offensive rose to at least 342 Palestinians. Several Israelis have also died since fighting began more than 10 days ago.

Israeli soldiers uncovered 34 shafts leading into about a dozen underground tunnels, some as deep as 30 yards, the military said.

Still, Palestinian gunmen disguised in Israeli uniforms managed to infiltrate Israel from Gaza using another tunnel and

on Saturday killed two Israeli soldiers and injured several others, the military said. At least one Palestinian was killed in the clash.

Hamas said 12 of its fighters participated in the attack and that the group took some of the soldiers' weapons back to their hideouts.

In two other confrontations, Palestinian gunmen jumped out of tunnels and shot at soldiers who returned fire. Two of the gunmen were killed. Another militant died when the explosive vest he was wearing went off, the military said.

In one instance, the militants were found with tranquilizers and handcuffs, indicating they "intended to abduct Israelis," according to the military.

It was the second day that Palestinians had used their network of underground tunnels to penetrate Israel in the current round



Associated Press

Israeli forces' flares light up the night sky Saturday in the northern Gaza Strip.

of fighting. Israel embarked on its ground offensive on Thursday, the same day 13 heavily armed Palestinians sneaked through a tunnel from Gaza and emerged inside Israel near a southern community. The militants were killed by an airstrike after they popped out of the tunnel.

Clashes persisted into late Saturday, with heavy

fighting reported in several parts of Gaza.

Shimon Daniel, a retired brigadier general and former head of the Israeli military's engineer corps, said the military knew that Hamas had a large number of tunnels designed to assault Israel.

"I think finding 13 tunnels in such a short time is a great achievement," he

told Channel 10 TV. Gaza Health Ministry spokesman Ashraf al-Kidra said the new round of airstrikes raised the death toll from the offensive to at least 342 Palestinians, many of them civilians.

In Israel, a Gaza rocket killed a man near the southern city of Dimona and wounded four people, police said, marking the second Israeli civilian casualty from the fighting.

Early Saturday, Israeli tank fire killed at least five members of the Al Zawaydi family at their home in Beit Lahiya, including two children. In a separate incident, tank shell fire killed three members of the Hamooda family in their home, among them two children.

In Gaza City, two boys and a 12-month-old infant neighbor were killed Friday evening following the break of the Ramadan fast.



Associated Press

A woman passes by posters that express Polish opposition to Russia on Monday in Warsaw, Poland.

## Ukraine crisis shows divisions in old Soviet bloc

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's foreign minister had sharp words on the downing of the Malaysia Airlines jumbo jet in Ukraine — blaming the crash on Russia-backed "bandits." But throughout most of central and eastern Europe, leaders withheld judgment, expressing shock but refusing to say more until more facts are in.

The caution is not surprising: Several former Soviet satellite states have developed closer economic ties to Russia in recent years, making them unwilling to take a strong stand against Moscow in the Ukraine conflict. Though all have condemned Russia's annexation of Crimea, they are divided over what to do beyond that, differences dictated largely by the depth of those economic ties — and whether they feel at risk themselves from Moscow's might.

With uncertainty surrounding Thursday's plane crash, most have little to gain from pointing fingers, especially since the tragedy, which killed 298 people, is unlikely to blunt Russia's growing clout in the region, experts say.

"No one should expect change in the relations between Russia and any of the central European countries unless clear evidence of Moscow's involvement is presented," said Dariusz Kalan, an analyst with the Polish Institute of International Affairs. "Even then, a radical turn would be unlikely since the political, economic and energy contacts are so developed.

"A temporary and mostly rhetorical chill of relations with Russia is the heaviest reply that the region can afford," Kalan added.

Other experts argued, however, that confirmation of Russian involvement in the crash would force the region to take a harder stance against Moscow.

In some ways, divisions in the former Soviet bloc mirror tensions further West: France and Germany have continued to cultivate business ties with Russia, while the United States has taken a stronger line. On the plane crash, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said there's still "no clarity," showing more caution than the United States, with President Barack Obama linking the crash to "sophisticated equipment ... coming from Russia."

But Russia's old Soviet bloc neighbors do face uniquely wrenching choices. The region has a history of dependence on Russian oil and natural gas. Economic ties deepened further after the global financial crisis of 2008-09 pushed several countries to forge new economic deals with Russia. When Western markets shrank, export-oriented countries like the Czech Republic turned to Russia, China and elsewhere for new opportunities.

Those who back the toughest stance toward Russia are Poland, the three Baltic states and Romania — all countries that fear for their own safety due to proximity to Russia and which, unlike their neighbors, are trying to limit Russian influence at home. The large numbers of ethnic Russians in Estonia and Latvia — 25 and 30 percent of the populations respectively — add to Baltic anxieties.

Hungary and Bulgaria have been pursuing new deals that increase their energy dependence on Russia. Bulgaria is probably the most pro-Russian country in the region, with sympathies born of a Slavic brotherhood rooted in past alliances.

## World BRIEFS

### Sun and sea



Associated Press

**A sunbather lies on a rock over as operations to refloat the luxury cruise ship Costa Concordia continued Saturday on the tiny Tuscan island of Isola del Giglio. Once the ship has refloated it will be towed to Genoa's port, about 200 nautical miles, where it will be dismantled. Thirty months ago it struck a reef and capsized, killing 32 people.**

### Paris police wound coin thief in Metro

PARIS — Police in the French capital said they shot and wounded a thief with about \$135,000 in gold coins in a rare chase in the Paris Metro.

The thief had stolen the coins Saturday afternoon from a shop after hitting the seller on the head with a crowbar.

The thief ducked into the entrance of the nearby Grands Boulevards Metro station after taking two shelves of gold coins from the specialty shop. He fired at a team of police who pursued him, and officers fired back, wounding an arm, police said.

### In retaliation, Russia bans Americans

MOSCOW — Russia has placed a U.S. lawmaker and 12 other people connected with the Guantanamo Bay detention camp and the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq on its list of those banned from entering the country.

In a statement Saturday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said congressman Jim Moran, a Democrat from Virginia, was banned in response to the July 2 U.S. ban on Russian parliament member Adam Delimkhanov. He said Moran had been repeatedly accused of financial misdeeds, but didn't elaborate.

The other 12, including Guantanamo commander Rear Adm. Richard Butler and Lynndie England, a former soldier convicted of abusing prisoners in Abu Ghraib, were banned in response to the United States' adding 12 names in May to the so-called Magnitsky List of Russians sanctioned for human rights abuses.

—From wire reports

## Under threat, Christians flee Mosul

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The message played over loudspeakers gave the Christians of Iraq's second-largest city until midday Saturday to make a choice: convert to Islam, pay a tax or face death.

By the time the deadline imposed by the Islamic State extremist group expired, the vast majority of Christians in Mosul had made their decision. They fled.

They clambered into cars and headed for the largely autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq or other areas protected by the Kurdish security forces. Their departure marks the latest — and perhaps final — exodus of Christians from the city, emptying out communities that date back to the first centuries of Christianity, including Chaldean, Assyrian and Armenian churches.

Iraq was home to an estimated 1 million Christians before the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein. Since then, militants have frequently targeted Christians across the country, bombing their churches and killing clergymen. Under such pressures, many Christians have left the country. Church officials now put the community at around 450,000.

Most of Mosul's remaining Christians fled when

the Islamic State group and an array of other Sunni militants captured the city on June 10 — the opening move in the insurgents' blitz across northern and western Iraq. As a religious minority, Christians were wary of how they would be treated by hard-line Islamic militants.

For those Christians who remained in the city, the order first made over loudspeakers and later in leaflets made clear their status.

—From wire reports

# Exploring our 'wild west'



AMANDA MIMS/For the Chronicle

**ABOVE:** Paddlers pass one of several springs on Econfina Creek. **BELOW LEFT:** Paddlers and tubers float along the Blackwater River, which starts in Alabama and runs through Northwest Florida into the Gulf of Mexico. **BELOW RIGHT:** The many springs on Econfina Creek make it a popular paddling destination.

## Adventure awaits in the Panhandle

**AMANDA MIMS**  
Correspondent

*Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series on outdoor destinations in Northwest Florida.*

**F**or adventure seekers, the Florida Panhandle is a diverse and oftentimes wild place, from its islands to its rushing tannic rivers and out-of-the-way springs. Here are a few spots to add to your adventure bucket list.

### *Econfina Creek*

Pushed into downed trees and limbs, you wrestle with the current and sharp curves of the water. You paddle harder, but the coffee-colored creek is moving faster than you can maneuver, and it's almost a constant struggle to keep your canoe going straight and out of the snags. To the side of the dark water, a blue-green color emerges when the creek meets its match in a deep, clear spring that gushes with so much force deep below the surface that it creates a firm line against the rushing brown water. You pause to appreciate it until you remember there are more springs like it ahead of you, so you continue paddling with the current in search of them.

This is Econfina Creek.

It's well traveled but still feels wild and, at times, even undiscovered, this fast-moving water that snakes its way through woods and carves steep limestone banks alongside it. The area around Econfina Creek, not to be confused with Econfina River, in southwest Jackson County, was once home to Choctaw and Creek people. Now the waterway is a favorite among paddlers in part because of its 11 named springs, where many stop to rest, snorkel or swim.

Rental canoes and kayaks and shuttle services are available at Econfina Creek Canoe Livery in Youngstown, 1.5 hours west of Tallahassee. From the launch, it's a 3.5-hour paddle to the livery's

pickup spot, which covers a section of the creek and six spring areas. For more information, visit the canoe livery's website at [www.canoeeconfina.com](http://www.canoeeconfina.com).

Trips on the 26-mile creek are not limited to the section the livery offers — the entire paddling trail is 24 miles long. But only experienced paddlers should use the upper portion of the trail.

### *Blackwater River*

Silky smooth, the color of tea. Fast enough to cruise with ease and slow enough to jump in and cool off without being swept away. Atlantic white cedars towering on high banks above you might make give the impression you've traveled well beyond Florida, but you haven't.

The Blackwater River stretches 56 miles from Alabama to Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico. Its pure, tannic water, white-sand beaches and easy current make it ideal for paddling and tubing.

There are several places along the river to put in, and a good spot for a day paddle is Blackwater River State Park near Milton, about 2.5 hours west of Tallahassee. The nearby outfitter, Blackwater Canoe, offers tube, canoe and kayak rentals and shuttle services.

With campgrounds for tents and RVs within short walking distance of the river, the state park makes an ideal home base for a weeklong vacation. Watch for alligators, deer and river otters while you're there.

For more information, visit [www.floridastateparks.org/blackwater\\_river](http://www.floridastateparks.org/blackwater_river) or [www.blackwatercanoe.com](http://www.blackwatercanoe.com).



Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Sunday Evening July 20, 2014. Includes sub-headers for C, B, D/I, F, H and time slots from 6:00 to 11:30.

Leave daughter alone about weight

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 30 years. We have four wonderful children, all college graduates with great jobs in their chosen careers. They are also involved in long-term relationships with people we like and respect.

get a handle on this while she's young, it will become more difficult as she gets older. Do you have any suggestions that will help me encourage her to lose weight?

— Frustrated Mom Dear Mom: Your daughter knows she is overweight and probably doesn't like it any more than you do. But losing weight is difficult, and she must be motivated.

No one else in our family has a weight problem. We have always led an active lifestyle and encouraged healthy eating habits. We first noticed our daughter's weight gain when we visited her at college. Her room-mates were overweight, and she said they all ate when they were stressed. She seems to have continued with those bad habits.

Whenever I try to discuss this with her, she shuts me down and says she doesn't want to talk about it. Her boyfriend is also overweight, so I'm sure that doesn't help. I worry that if she doesn't



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

how hard it is for you to see your daughter struggle with something that will have an impact on her health, but she is an adult, and this is a do-it-yourself project. Just tell her you love her and want her to be healthy, and hope that she will do the rest on her own.

Email anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 Third St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

Today's MOVIES

Table listing movie titles, times, and theaters for Sunday, July 20, 2014. Includes titles like 'Planes: Fire & Rescue', 'The Purge: Anarchy', and 'America'.

Sunday PUZZLER

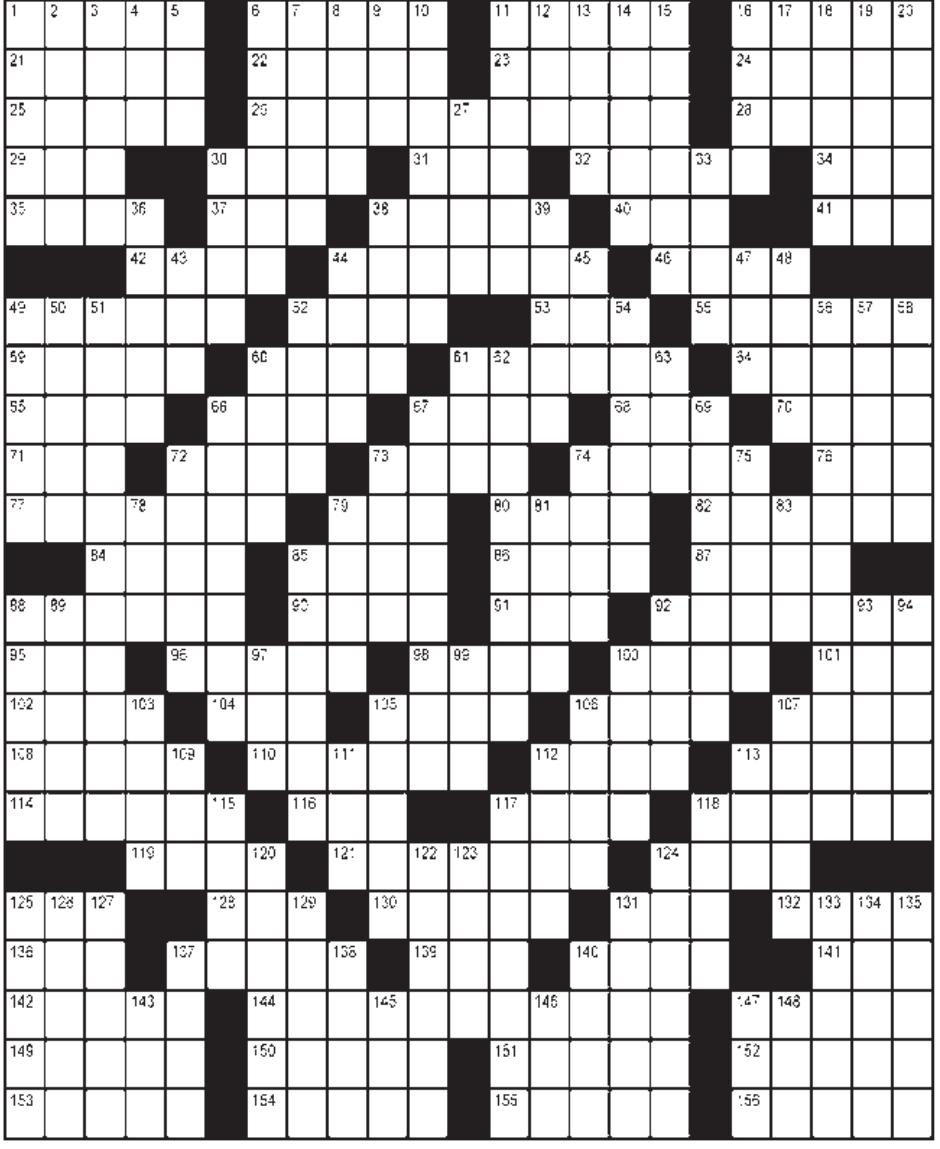
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140 Troubles
141 Contend
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155 Gather
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44 Hit repeatedly
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# New Mexico, Navajo Nation team to promote public art

**SUSAN MONTROYA BRYAN**  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Not many people have been to Coyote Canyon, a remote spot on the nation's largest American Indian reservation.

Bordered by sandstone outcroppings and dotted with pinon and juniper, the location served as a perfect backdrop for an unprecedented venture into high-tech public art by the Navajo Nation and the state of New Mexico.

With the canyon as their blank canvas, Navajo teacher and artist Bert Benally and Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei teamed up for the "Pull of the Moon" installation in late June. Benally was on the ground in western New Mexico while Ai, who has been banned from leaving China, participated from afar. The goal was to temporarily transform the landscape through sand drawings, sculpture and sound.

While the public couldn't visit the site, organizers with the Navajo Nation Museum and New Mexico Arts had every bit of the project documented with photographs and video so it could be virtually replicated for the rest of the world to see.

In the last two weeks, they have been working feverishly in preparation for Wednesday's public launch some 220 miles



Associated Press

**This undated image provided by New Mexico Arts shows a sand drawing and sculpture created by Navajo teacher and artist Bert Benally at a remote location on the Navajo Nation near Coyote Canyon, N.M. Benally teamed up with Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei as part of the "Pull of the Moon" project organized by New Mexico Arts and the Navajo Nation Museum.**

away in Santa Fe.

Aside from a two-dimensional documentary, the scene at Coyote Canyon that June night will be screened inside a giant digital dome. Clouds will be drifting overhead as the flames from Benally's piece illuminates the desert surroundings along with the interlock-

ing stencils created with dozens of pounds of powdered porcelain sent by Ai from China.

"There's just so much that went into it that we made the decision to have a more cutting-edge technology format. It will

bring it more to the people in a way that will make them feel like they're right there," said Eileen Braziel, the project's coordinator.

In a matter of days, nature reclaimed the site, erasing any signs of the artists' creations. It was part of New Mexico Arts' TIME project, or Temporary Installations Made for the Environment.

The latest TIME installation marks a new kind of public art for New Mexico, where most art resides on the walls of public buildings, is permanently on display in common areas or integrated into architecture. Over the last two decades, the state's public art program has placed more than 2,500 pieces.

"What the state is doing is changing up, in a big way, what art in public places means," Braziel said.

For the Navajos, it's about changing outside perceptions of tribal members and forging new roads for Native artists.

"We're experimenting and seeing where these new roads will lead," said Navajo Nation Museum Director Manuelito Wheeler.

The "Pull of the Moon" digital dome will be on display this weekend on Museum Hill, and organizers plan to take the exhibition on tour.

# Best of Brazilian music coming to New York City

Associated Press

NEW YORK—The World Cup is over but the Brazilian party will go on — in New York City.

Over nine days, having begun Friday, nearly 20 acts representing a cross section of Brazilian popular music will play at venues across the city for the fourth annual Brasil Summerfest.

The festival may do little to avenge Brazil's spectacular World Cup flame out, but at the very least it will show that the South American country has more than soccer: They still have their samba.

"Hopefully all the artists will be happy because soccer is a sensitive topic to talk about in Brazil," said Brasil Summerfest founder Petrit Pula, adding that he thinks the festival will get a boost from the Cup, "because you're thinking about Brazil all the time, you're hearing, you're watching a sporting event that's taking place in Brazil and here you have a Brazilian music festival."

While Spanish-language sounds are amply represented in New York City, Portuguese-language Brazilian music has long flown below the

radar. Pula aims to change that.

"There was never really a platform for these Brazilian musicians," he said.

When he tried to persuade producers at Central Park's Summerstage to do something to change that, he couldn't seal the deal until he took one of them down to Brazil to hear great music together.

"It was supposed to be a day or two but it turned out to be week and now it's growing fast," he said.

This year's acts range from Bebel Gilberto, daughter of bossa nova giant Joao Gilberto, to Lenine, who spikes intricate rhythms from Brazil's northeast with dashes of electronica. One of the most intriguing acts is Roge, who will play at the City Winery on July 22. The modern samba star has a surfer-boy image many liken to a Brazilian Jack Johnson, a comparison Roge chafes at.

"Our sounds have very different roots. I have a swing, a dance beat that he doesn't have. But you know, having a beach life style, being a beach character, I can see that we share a similar image but I don't see it in the sound," Roge said.

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# VETERANS

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## VETERANS NOTES

### DAV auxiliary now forming

A new DAV auxiliary for DAV Chapter 158 is being formed in Crystal River. The group is awaiting its charter and is a 501(c)3 organization that supports DAV Chapter 158, as well as all veterans and their families.

New members are needed.

For more information, call Lucy Godfrey, temporary adjutant, at 352-794-3104.

### Female veterans needed

Female veterans are being asked to step up to the challenge of becoming a veteran service officer and help their fellow servicemen and servicewomen apply for benefits they may be entitled to due to injuries suffered while in service.

The training is free and the position is voluntary, but the rewards are priceless.

For information, call Duane Godfrey, DAV Chapter 158, at the Crystal River Mall, 352-228-0337.

### Vets sought for classrooms

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its annual Veterans in the Classroom program, Nov. 5 to 14, as part of its 22 annual Veterans Appreciation Week activities.

Coordinated by the Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Veterans in the Classroom program brings living history to the classrooms of the county's public and private schools, as well as home-school groups.

Veterans share with students their firsthand military experiences and travels while serving in uniform around the world in peace and war.

The model Veterans in the Classroom program was recognized in 2008 with a Florida Education Foundation award.

The program's success has generated the need for additional veterans to share their experiences with students. Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, Air Force, National Guard and women veterans are especially needed as participants.

All interested veterans are encouraged to call Mac McLeod at 352-746-1384, email [cmcleod670@earthlink.net](mailto:cmcleod670@earthlink.net), or call Bob Crawford at 352-270-9025 or email [baddogusmc@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:baddogusmc@tampabay.rr.com).

### Male descendants sought

American Legion Post 166 of Homosassa Springs seeks male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of the American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who died in the service to their country during times of war.

Such men in the Chassahowitzka, Homosassa, Homosassa Springs and the Sugarmill Woods area who are interested in becoming members of the Sons of the American Legion are needed.

There is no form or class of membership, except as active membership.

Those interested in becoming members may contact Clay Scott, vice commander of American Legion Post 166. He may be reached by writing to: American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 767, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447-0767, or by calling 928-848-8359. His email address is [eaglerider@gmx.com](mailto:eaglerider@gmx.com).

Interested men may stop by the Fraternal Order of Eagles on its regular meeting night, the third Tuesday monthly, at 7 p.m. at the Eagles, 5340 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

### Dates change for vets' trip

Dates for the upcoming trip to Hawaii for veterans and their families and friends have been changed to Feb. 25 through March 14, to accommodate whale watching in the activities.

The trips include services on the USS Arizona, USS Utah and the National Cemetery of the Pacific, tours of the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and many activities including golfing, parasailing and dinner cruises.

For more information and to reserve a spot, call Cmdr. Don McLean, U.S. Navy, retired, at 352-637-5131 or email [dmclean8@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dmclean8@tampabay.rr.com).

### Post welcomes all to dinner

VFW Post 4864 will serve a pork chop dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the post home, 4864 Citrus Springs Blvd. Adults are \$8, children younger than 6 eat for \$4.

During the month of August, the menu will be: Aug. 1, fish and chips; Aug. 8, lasagna; Aug. 15, pot roast; Aug. 22, seafood alfredo; and on Aug. 29, pork spare ribs.

We also have bingo on Mondays at noon, darts on Tuesday at 1 p.m. and darts on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. There is shuffleboard on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We are closed on Sundays.

For information, call Eva M. White, 352-746-6667 or email to [evabus15@yahoo.com](mailto:evabus15@yahoo.com).

# Legionnaire honored

## Jay Conti Sr. of Post 155 named state commander

*Special to the Chronicle*

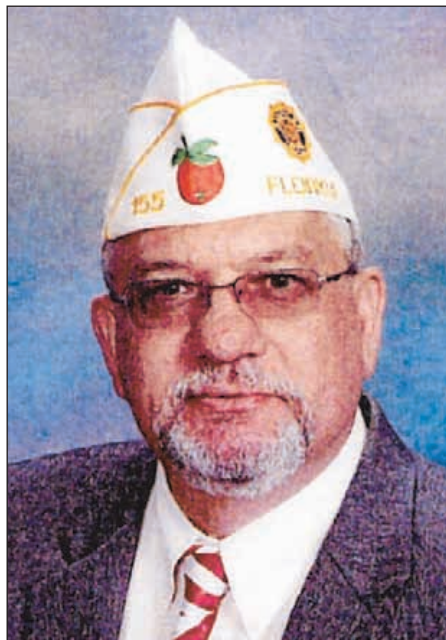
Department Commander Jay Conti Sr., a member of American Legion Post 155, Crystal River, was elected state commander of Florida at the 96th annual Department Convention in Orlando on June 14. Conti earned his eligibility through his 21 years of service in the U.S. Navy from 1981 to 2001.

Conti was born Sept. 25, 1962, in Mineola, New York, to Alfonso and Antoinette Conti, who are now deceased. He has lived in Florida for the past 45 years; his parents moved from New York when he was 7 years old (1969). He has been married to his Citrus High School sweetheart, the former Toni Bruns of Inverness, for 33 years. They have two daughters, one son and one grandson. Toni Conti is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and just completed a term as American Legion Auxiliary, 4th District president.

Conti entered the U.S. Navy on March 3, 1981. After completing basic training in Orlando, and Operations Specialist School in Dam Neck, Virginia, he and Toni were married at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness.

He was not only a sailor, but also a leader in many ways. He managed, supervised and operated the Navy's most sophisticated radar and communications equipment in the Combat Information Center "War Room" of the many naval ships he served, as well as being one of the Navy's "TOP" air intercept control supervisors.

Conti controlled numerous U.S. and its Allied fighter jets and had more than 3,000 live successful career intercepts in both combat and training missions. He honed his skills as an air intercept controller while stationed at



*Special to the Chronicle*

**Jay Conti Sr., of American Legion Post 155, Crystal River, is the new state commander.**

Naval Air Station Key West, then the home of the U.S. Navy's East Coast "Top Gun" School.

These tours of duty took Conti around the world numerous times. He deployed on many ships on six Mediterranean, one Persian Gulf and one South American deployments, as well as other deployments to Europe, Central America, Africa and the Caribbean. He has seen service in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, as well as sailing in the Mediterranean, Black, Red, Norwegian, Aegean, Caribbean, Arabian, Baltic, North, Irish and Celtic seas, including the Gulf of Mexico and Persian Gulf. Further service was in other waterways, including dodging icebergs of South America (Chilean Inner Waterway)

and sailing the Panama, Suez, Kiel (Germany) and All-Burg (Denmark) canals. He retired from active service as a senior chief petty officer on Nov. 19, 2001.

Conti has served in many positions through the years including post commander, post vice commander, adjutant, finance officer, district vice commander and district commander and is a graduate from the National American Legion College Class of 2009. Conti, a member of the National Security Council, has also served at the department as sergeant-at-arms (2012-13) and vice commander (2013-14).

As a life member of VFW 4337, AMVETS 447, DAV 70, Fleet Reserve 186, ANAVICUS, Citrus County Veterans Association, 40 & 7 Voiture 1219, and the Legion Riders, Conti has made a point to encourage initiatives across the veterans community throughout the state.

Conti is dedicated to fighting and advocating for veterans' rights, with great attention to the needs of veterans, active-duty servicemen and servicewomen and their families. The commander's motto, "Full Speed Ahead for Veterans," has been a mainstay within the veterans community in the state of Florida by providing support and assistance.

With current membership of 130,000 veterans in Florida and 2.5 million members worldwide, the American Legion is the nation's largest veterans organization. The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism and youth programs.

For more information, call the American Legion Department of Florida at 407-295-2531, ext. 239, or email [Commander@floridalegion.org](mailto:Commander@floridalegion.org).

# Salon, Legion Riders to do benefit

*Special to the Chronicle*

Corrine's Hair & Nails and American Legion Riders Chapter 237 will present a benefit in support of the American Legion Legacy Run Scholarship Fund from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Corrine's Hair & Nails, 760 W. Hampshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.

All ages are invited to attend the event.

The American Legion Legacy Run Scholarship Fund provides college funds for children of military personnel killed since September 11, 2001.

The benefit will feature refreshments, a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, music provided by Jo Jo Jones and a live radio broadcast. Corrine's Hair & Nails will offer complimentary haircuts, with all donations benefitting the children. Make an appointment by calling 352-746-0010.

"There are approximately 400 Florida families eligible for assistance and scores of families nationwide," American Legion Riders Chapter 237 Director John Roby said.

There has been a significant shortfall in government money allotted to children with parents lost in war.

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country.

"These children are the innocent casualties of war and helping to provide them an education is a powerful way for our community to show our thanks," Roby said. "Come enjoy our event or feel free to stop by and drop off a tax-deductible donation in support of the American Legion Legacy Run Scholarship Fund."

For more information, call 352-746-5018.

# Great Florida Yard Sale

## Veterans to be focus of inaugural event slated in November

*Special to the Chronicle*

Participants are sought for the inaugural Great Florida Yard Sale, to be a bi-annual event, to be held Nov. 7 through 9, the weekend before Veterans Day. The fall event will focus on veterans'

service and sacrifices.

The vision for The Great Florida Yard Sale is to fill U.S. 19 from the intersection of U.S. 19 and U.S. 98, stretching 15 miles to the Crystal River Mall. The event offers an opportunity for local businesses, citi-

zens, nonprofits and the community at large to get involved and raise funds.

The Great Florida Yard Sale is a method to bring people from all over Florida to the area, allowing visitors to experience Citrus County. Locals, businesses, motels,

restaurants, nonprofits and area attractions will benefit. The event is hosted by Elite Services & Events LLC and local partners.

For information, visit [www.FloridaYardSale.com](http://www.FloridaYardSale.com) or call Lori Greene at 352-610-1306.

## VETERANS & SERVICE GROUPS

■ *This listing contains only basic information regarding each group. For more information about scheduled activities, meetings, meals and more for a specific post or group, call or email the contact listed.*

*Posts and groups may email changes or corrections to [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com).*

### AMERICAN LEGION

■ **Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155**, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526, email [blantonthompson155@gmail.com](mailto:blantonthompson155@gmail.com), or visit [www.flpost155.org](http://www.flpost155.org).

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

■ **American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary**, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-3544, or email [boosc29@gmail.com](mailto:boosc29@gmail.com).

■ **American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237**, 4077 N. Lecanto Highway, in the Beverly Plaza. Visit [www.Post237.org](http://www.Post237.org) or call 352-746-5018.

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

■ **American Legion Post 166** has a new schedule. Meetings are the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 5340 W. Grover Cleve-

land Blvd., Homosassa. The FOE Auxiliary serves dinner that night. To accommodate members who cannot drive at night, breakfast meetings are also held at Olive Tree at 9 a.m. weekly. Call Commander Robert Scott at 352-419-8819 for days and other information.

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

### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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

■ **Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864**, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs,

352-465-4864.

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

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

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

■ **Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries**, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Victor Houston at

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

■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a specific day is not guaranteed.

■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com).

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352-344-3495, or visit [www.vfw4337.org](http://www.vfw4337.org).

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

## OTHER GROUPS

■ **Military Order of the Cootie and MOC Auxiliary** members meet at 1:01 p.m. the first Sunday monthly at Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 in Hernando (3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway/State Road 200), where the helicopter is.

■ **AMVETS William Crow Post 447**, 405 E. State Road 40, Inglis, FL 34449. Call 352-447-1816; email [Amvet447@comcast.net](mailto:Amvet447@comcast.net).

■ **AMVETS Harry M. Bailey Post 89**, Homosassa. The newly formed post meets the first Thursday of the month. Call Roger Ingall Jr. at 352-697-1826 or Jerry Webb at 352-220-4807.

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

■ **Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 158 and Auxiliary, Crystal River**, meet at 6 p.m. second Tuesday at the Crystal River Mall. For more information, call 352-345-7129.

■ **Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary Citrus Unit 498** meets at Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 in Hernando. Call Susan McQuiston at 352-666-0084, or Joan Cecil at 352-726-0834.

■ **The Korean War Veterans Association, Citrus Chapter 192** meets at VFW Post 10087, Beverly Hills. Call Hank Butler at 352-563-2496, Neville Anderson at 352-344-2529 or Bob Hermanson at 352-489-0728.

■ **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)-Sturgeon Base** meets at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call Base Commander Billy Wein at 352-726-5926.

■ **Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-23** meets at 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Bella Oasis Gator Cove Restaurant, Homosassa. Call John Lowe at 352-344-4702.

● **Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary ISLAND X-23** meets at 9:30 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Bella Oasis Gator Cove Restaurant, Homosassa. Call Nancy Staples at 352-697-5565.

■ **Citrus 40&8 Voiture 1219 and Cabane 1219** meets at American Legion Post 155 on State Road 44 in Crystal River. Call the Chef De Gare Tom Smith at 352-601-3612; for the Cabane, call La Presidente Carol Kaiserian at 352-746-1959. Visit [www.Post155.org](http://www.Post155.org).

■ **Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)** meets at Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto

Highway (County Road 491), Lecanto. Visit [www.citruspurpleheart.org](http://www.citruspurpleheart.org) or call 352-382-3847.

■ **Citrus County Chapter of Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)** meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly at the Olive Garden. Call President Norm Cooney, Lt. Col. U.S. Army, retired, at 352-746-1768, or Secretary Jim Echlin, Capt. U.S. Air Force, retired, at 352-746-0806.

■ **Marine Corps League, Samuel R. Wall Detachment 1139** meets at Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW 4252 in Hernando. Call Jerry Cecil at 352-726-0834 or 352-476-6151, or Wallace Turner at 352-637-6206.

■ **Marine Corps League Citrus Detachment 819** meets at VFW Post 10087 on Vet Lane in Beverly Hills,

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## Sunday's PUZZLER

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## Adopt A Highway Members

The staff of Citrus County Solid Waste Management would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your contribution to the quality of life for all the citizens of Citrus County. You make a big difference in the appearance of our county roads. We have volunteers of all ages who take pride in our county and it shows!

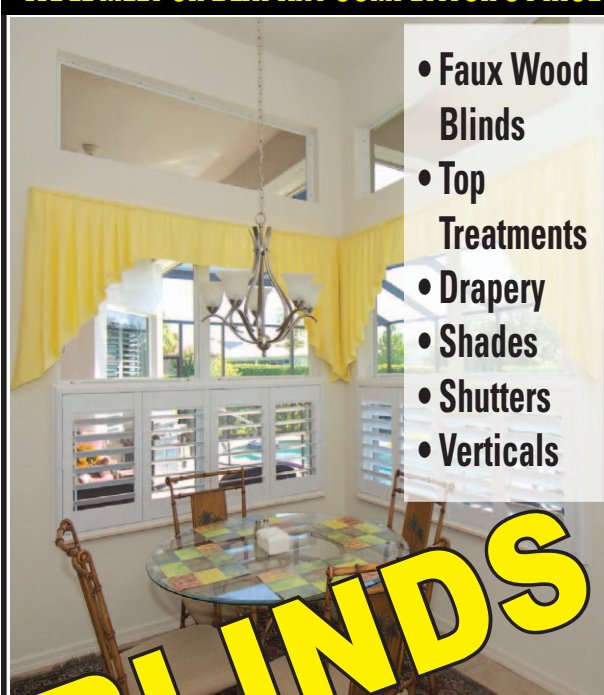
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VETERANS NOTES

Post 4337 to serve prime rib

The public is welcome to join the VFW Post 4337 family for a prime rib dinner at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the post home, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness.

40&8 to have breakfast

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

Come taste New Orleans

Floral City Post VFW 7122 at 8191 S. Florida Ave. invites all to their "Taste of New Orleans" from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17.

Cooties to serve roast beef

MOC/MOCA Pup Tent 76 will serve a roast beef dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 in Hernando at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200, where

the helicopter is). The public is invited. Tickets are \$7.50, and can be purchased at the Post 4252 or at the door.

Clinic taking enrollments

The Lecanto VA Clinic is currently accepting health care enrollments and registrations. VA enrollment qualifies as Minimum Essential Coverage, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). New patient appointments for primary care and mental health are available.

Vets sought for Levy parade

The 2014 Levy County Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. The parade will be in Inglis this year, with a Veterans Memorial Dedication immediately following the parade.

Come play games with post

VFW Post 8189 in Homosassa invites the public to have some fun. Bingo is played at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and food is available. Jam sessions are from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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behind Cadence Bank. Call Morgan Patterson at 352-746-1135 or Bion St. Bernard at 352-697-2389.

Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 186 meets at the DAV Building, Independence Highway and U.S. 41 North, Inverness. Call Bob Huscher, secretary, at 352-344-0727.

Landing Ship Dock (LSD) meets at Denny's in Crystal River. Call Jimmie at 352-621-0617.

West Central Florida Coasties meets at the Country Kitchen restaurant in Brooksville, 20133 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50, east of U.S. 41). Call Charlie Jensen at 352-503-6019.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Homosassa Flotilla 15-4 meets at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 Veterans Drive. Call Wilbur B. Scott at 352-628-0639 or email

seacapt34447@yahoo.com or Robert Currie at 352-799-5250 or email rcurrie@bellsouth.net.

VFW Riders Group meets at different VFW posts throughout the year. Call Gene Perrino at 352-302-1037, or email geneusawo@tampabay.rr.com.

Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7 meets at 10 a.m. second Saturday at Elks Lodge No. 2522, 3580 Lemon Drive, Inverness. Visit www.rollingthunderfl7.com, call President Archie Gooding at 352-

464-0863 or email GatorDad 0527@tampabay.rr.com.

Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association meets at Ocala Regional Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala. Call Mike Emig at 352-854-8328.

Citrus County Veterans Coalition is on the DAV property in Inverness at the corner of Paul and Independence, off U.S. 41 north. Appointments are encouraged by calling 352-400-8952. Members can

renew with Gary Williamson at 352-527-4537. Visit www.ccvcf.org.

Hunger and Homeless Coalition; call Ed Murphy at 352-382-0876.

Warrior Bridge, developed by nonprofit agency ServiceSource, seeks to meet the needs of wounded veterans. 2071 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Call employment specialist Charles Lawrence at 352-527-3722, ext. 102, or email charles.lawrence@servicesource.org for more information.

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## VETERANS NOTES

### Bingo open to public Thursdays

The public is invited to play bingo Thursdays at American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58. Doors open at 4 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m. Dinner is available for \$5.

Everyone is also welcome to the indoor and outdoor flea market planned for Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

The regularly scheduled big breakfast will resume again Sept. 20, along with the indoor-outdoor flea market.

The post is at 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon.

### Public welcome at Friday dinners

Everyone is welcome to join Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155 in Crystal River in its nonsmoking hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays for dinner. Price depends on the dinner being served.

All proceeds benefit veterans' programs.

For more information, call 352-795-6526.

### Post welcomes public for fun

VFW Post 10087 in Beverly Hills, 2170 Vet Lane (County Road 491 behind Cadence Bank), often has special events that are open to the public.

On a regular basis, bingo is at 1 p.m. Sundays in the smoke-free hall.

For more information, call 352-746-0440.

### DAV helps vets get to clinics

The DAV transportation network has received great response for volunteer drivers for the two vans assigned to the Lecanto clinic — one going from Lecanto to Gainesville, the other from Lecanto to The Villages.

The Gainesville van goes each weekday and The Villages run is made when there is a need. Veterans who need to go to appointments in Gainesville or The Villages are asked to call the Veterans Service Office in Lecanto at 352-527-5915 to be placed on the van list. All appointments must be made before 1 p.m.

### 'In Their Words' wants stories

The *Chronicle* features stories of local veterans. The stories will be about a singular event or moment in your military career that stands out to you. It can be any type of event, from something from the battlefield to a fun excursion while on leave. We also ask that you provide us with your rank, branch of service, theater of war served,

years served, outfit and veterans organization affiliations.

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

### Case manager aids veterans

The Citrus County Veterans Services Department has a case manager who is available to assist veterans to apply for benefits and provide information about benefits.

The monthly schedule is:

■ First Wednesday — Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness.

■ Second Wednesday — Homosassa Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa.

■ Third Wednesday — Coastal Regional Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make an appointment to meet with the case manager, call 352-527-5915.

### Assist U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Ex-military and retired military personnel are needed to assist the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to help the Coast Guard with

non-military and non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection.

Criminal background check and membership are required. Email Vince Maida at [vsm440@aol.com](mailto:vsm440@aol.com), or call 917-597 6961.

### HPH Hospice has vets' program

HPH Hospice, as a partnering agency with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), provides tailored care for veterans and their families.

The program is provided in private homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes, and staff is trained to provide Hospice care specific to illnesses and conditions unique to each military era or war.

HPH Hospice care and programs do not affect veterans' benefits.

For more information, call the Citrus team office at 352-527-4600.

### Memorial honors Purple Heart

Purple Heart recipients are sought to be honored with centerpieces with their names on them at The Old Homosassa Veterans' Memorial.

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

Do you like to get out of the house and be around others in a pleasant atmosphere? Volunteers are needed to run the gift shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Volunteers are able to participate in the Nature Coast Volunteer Center's RSVP Program, where hours are logged, and are invited to appreciation picnics and banquets for recognition of service to Citrus County.

This volunteer opportunity is in a pleasant atmosphere in a busy building, where volunteers can enjoy visiting with customers. The shop is at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. For more information, call 352-527-5975.

**Hospice courier**

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast is offering a volunteer courier opportunity.

Volunteers are an integral part of Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, and getting started is simple and specialized training is provided. Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast makes volunteering convenient, easy and fun.

For more information on the volunteer courier opportunity, call 352-527-2020.

**CASA cell phones**

The Citrus County Library System is partnering with CASA, Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, to help support

those who have been or currently are a victim of domestic violence.

The mission of CASA is to help victims/survivors of domestic violence by providing shelter, safety, intervention and education. Residents can help the library make a difference by donating old smartphones or cell phones to CASA. This allows a victim of domestic violence to contact 911 for immediate assistance in an emergency situation.

Drop off phones at any of the five library branches. For information, call 352-746-9077.

**Girl Scouts**

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF) seeks troop leaders, both men and women older than 18, to volunteer as positive adult role models for girls. Troop leaders facilitate activities meeting the contemporary needs of girls and make a lasting impact by helping build courage, confidence and character.

GSWCF works in close partnership with troop leaders to deliver the information and support needed to help girls unleash their potential. As part of its commitment, GSWCF offers a flexible schedule of in-person and online trainings for all troop leaders, assisting them in developing their skills and learning about the Girl Scout program.

In addition to troop leaders, GSWCF needs volunteers to fill a variety of other positions. Volunteers work behind the scenes to support troop leaders or to train other volunteers. Volunteers also work directly with girls as program facilitators or as camp facilitators at one of our local Girl Scout camps.

For more information, visit online at [gswcf.org/volunteer](http://gswcf.org/volunteer).

**GET TOGETHER**

**Senior Friends to go see show**

The Senior Friends for Life will take a bus trip to the Show Palace Dinner Theatre in Hudson on Thursday, Aug. 21, to see the show "Forever Plaid."

This is a matinee show. The bus will pick up participants at the Inverness Wal-Mart, close to Wendy's restaurant, at 9:15 a.m., and leave for Hudson at 9:30 a.m.

Cost includes the bus trip, dinner and gratuities.

For more information and price, and to RSVP, call Myrna Hocking at 352-860-0819, or Astrid Grant at 352-341-0346, by Monday, July 21.

Checks can be mailed to: Senior Friends for Life, 502 Ella Ave., Inverness, FL 34450.

**Reiki circle meets in Homosassa**

Reiki Gentle Touch Circle will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 22 and 29, and Aug. 5, 11 and 28, at the Homosassa Public Library.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Kristie, 352-628-5537.

**Chorus seeks male singers**

The Citrus County Chapter "Chorus of the Highlands" of the Barber-shop Harmony Society wants more singers.

The chorus meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Inverness. Although the ability to read music is an asset, it's certainly not a priority. Call 352-382-0336.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

*Austin Andrew Mann*

Justin and Devon Mann announce the birth of a son, Austin Andrew Mann, at 10:27 a.m. on June 21, 2014, at Citrus Memorial hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed by big sister Nessa Nicole, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Tara and David Burgess and Debbie and



Mark Taylor: Paternal grandparents at Cynthia K. Dvorak and Thomas L. Mann, and Rosemary and Robert Grooms, and John and Jan Elmore.

**NEWS OF RECORD**

**June 30-July 6, 2014 Divorces**

Donald Charles Alexander, Beverly Hills vs. Lilia Aleksandrovna Alexander, Beverly Hills  
Susan Jane Ehrhardt, Inverness vs. John Robert Ehrhardt, Inverness  
Denver Keith Farless, Hernando vs. Pamela Kimberly Farless, unknown  
Kimberly Hoon, Inverness vs. Kenneth Hoon, Inverness  
Nancy L Hurley, Beverly Hills vs. Robert D. Hurley, Stoughton, Mass.

Charlotte Marie Milford vs. Thomas Edward Milford II  
Staci L. Schwartz, Crystal River vs. Sean M. Schwartz, Homosassa

Katherine G. Stokes, Crystal River vs. Thomas J. Stokes, Central, S.C.

**Marriages**

Jeremy Joseph Colegrove, Crystal River/Melissa Dawn Burgoyne, Crystal River  
Phillip Allen Eledge, Crystal River/Kari Sue

Rayment, Crystal River  
Clayton Randall Genter, Homosassa/Nancy Neale, Homosassa

Dale Alan Johns, Hernando/Sarah Ann Thompson, Hernando  
Ryan Winston Korpi, Inglis/Amber Lynn Dehn, Akron, Ohio

John Edward Mercer, Crystal River/Katie Jane Hubbard, Crystal River  
George Enoch Moon, Inverness/Amanda Assunta Perozzi Hammerle, Inverness

Johnny Laureano Paduani, Citrus Springs/Beth Ann Stull, Lecanto

Christopher Andrew Poupart, Crystal River/Kendra Lynn McCallum, Crystal River

Robert Jackson Pridemore, Homosassa/Karen Ann Hansen, Inverness

Thomas Addison Rimer, Homosassa/Claudia Ann Turner, Homosassa  
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## Price throws 8 shutout innings; Rays top Twins

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Pushing the Tampa Bay Rays back toward .500 might be David Price's way of dampening trade rumors.

The All-Star left-hander pitched eight scoreless innings to win five straight starts for the first time in his major league career, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Minnesota Twins 5-1 Saturday night for their fourth consecutive victory.

Price (10-7) gave up four hits, matching his season low, and struck out nine to increase his major league-leading total to 173. He got in trouble only once, giving up consecutive singles to Chris Parmelee and Eduardo Escobar in the fifth before Eduardo Nunez grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Jake McGee got two outs for his eighth save in nine chances, completing a five-hitter.

Phil Hughes (10-6) allowed five runs and 11 hits in seven innings, matching the most hits against a Twins starter this season. He is 3-4 with a 5.63 ERA in his last seven starts.

Tampa Bay took a 3-0 lead in the second on Jose Molina's RBI single and Sean Rodriguez's 10th home run of the season, a two-drive into the second deck in left. It was the 10th home this season off Hughes, who allowed 35 in 2012 and 24 last year.

The Rays made it 5-0 in the seventh on Molina's RBI groundout and Rodriguez's run-scoring single.

Minnesota scored in the ninth against Juan Carlos Oviedo on Kurt Suzuki's one-out, RBI single.

**NOTES:** Twins 1B Joe Mauer took grounders before the game with coaches Joe Vavra and Paul Molitor. It was Mauer's first baseball activity since he went on the 15-day DL on July 2 because of a strained right oblique. "He said there's certain things he does right now that he still feels it, coughing and sneezing and things like that, definitely feels it, so he's obviously not ready to take swings or any of that stuff," manager Ron Gardenhire said. ... Gardenhire gave a day off to OF Josh Willingham, who is 2 for 10 in his career against Price and batting .208 this season. "Willy's fine, he's healthy. He's just missing his pitch right now." ... Ben Zobrist's first-inning single off Hughes was his first hit against the former Yankees pitcher in 17 career at-bats. ... Tampa Bay will try for the sweep on Sunday when it starts RHP Chris Archer (5-5), who is 2-0 and hasn't allowed an earned run in two career starts against the Twins. Minnesota RHP Kevin Correia (5-11) is 1-2 over his last three starts despite opponents hitting .242 against him.



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher David Price throws against the Minnesota Twins Saturday in the first inning of a baseball game in Minneapolis.

## Mclroy builds 6-shot lead at British Open

Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Rory Mclroy looks as if he has just thrown a knockout punch at the British Open, and it was only Saturday.

When he rolled in a 10-foot eagle putt on the final hole for a 4-under 68, he straightened his back, stared defiantly at thousands of fans crammed into the horseshoe arena around the 18th green at Royal Liverpool and lightly pumped his fist.

He went from being tied for the lead to six shots ahead of Rickie Fowler in just over an hour.

And suddenly, the biggest challenge facing the 25-year-old from Northern Ireland was reminding himself that he had one more round left.

Mclroy can't afford to picture his name etched on the base of that silver claret jug. He can't think about what it will be like next April to drive down Magnolia Lane at Augusta National with a shot at becoming the sixth player to capture the career Grand Slam.

"I'm not taking anything for granted," Mclroy said.

He knows that from experience, good and bad. He blew a four-shot lead at the Masters in 2011 and shot 80 in the final round. He had an eight-shot lead at the U.S. Open two months later and set two scoring records to win by eight. And just two months ago, Mclroy came from seven shots behind to win by seven.

It looks like a lost cause for Fowler, Sergio Garcia and anyone else trying to chase down a guy who has won both his majors by eight shots. The six-shot lead was the largest at The Open since Tiger Woods led by six at St. Andrews in 2000.

Even so, Mclroy was doing his best to preach caution.

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Associated Press

Rory Mclroy of Northern Ireland celebrates Saturday playing a birdie on the 14th hole during the third day of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England.

## Majka wins 14th stage on Tour

Associated Press

RISOUL, France — Rafal Majka of Poland won the 14th stage of the Tour de France — a second day of punishing Alpine climbs and over the highest point on the race — as Vincenzo Nibali again extended his overall lead by finishing second on Saturday.

Majka led a breakaway on the final climb in the 177-kilometer (110-mile) roller-coaster course over two infamous climbs, including the 2,360-meter (7,742-foot) Izoard pass, and a finish up to Risoul ski station.

The one-two result was the flip of Friday's entree into the Alps: Nibali won, and Majka was second.

Majka's victory was the first on this Tour by his Tinkoff-Saxo Bank team, which lost main leader Alberto Contador when he crashed out injured on Stage 10.

The stage didn't shake up the top five standings. Nibali strengthened his hold on the yellow jersey, making the Tour from here to the finish in eight days in Paris looking more and more like a race for podium spots behind him.

Nibali crossed 24 seconds behind Majka, followed by Jean-Christophe Peraud in third, two seconds slower. Two French riders, Thibaut Pinot and Romain Bardet, conducted a two-man sprint and crossed another 24 seconds back. American Tejay van Garderen was fifth, 54 seconds back of the Polish rider. Alejandro Valverde lost a minute to Nibali.

Overall, the Italian leads second-place Valverde by 4:37, and third-place Bardet by 4:50.

Today's stage offers some relief after the Alps: Stage 15 is a flat 222-kilometer (138-mile) course from Tallard to Nimes.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Table with columns: West Division, W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away. Rows include Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle, Houston, Texas.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away. Rows include Washington, Atlanta, New York, Miami, Philadelphia.

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Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2

Scoreboard for Cardinals vs Dodgers. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2.

McCarthy gets 1st win with Yanks

Red Sox slip past Royals again, 2-1

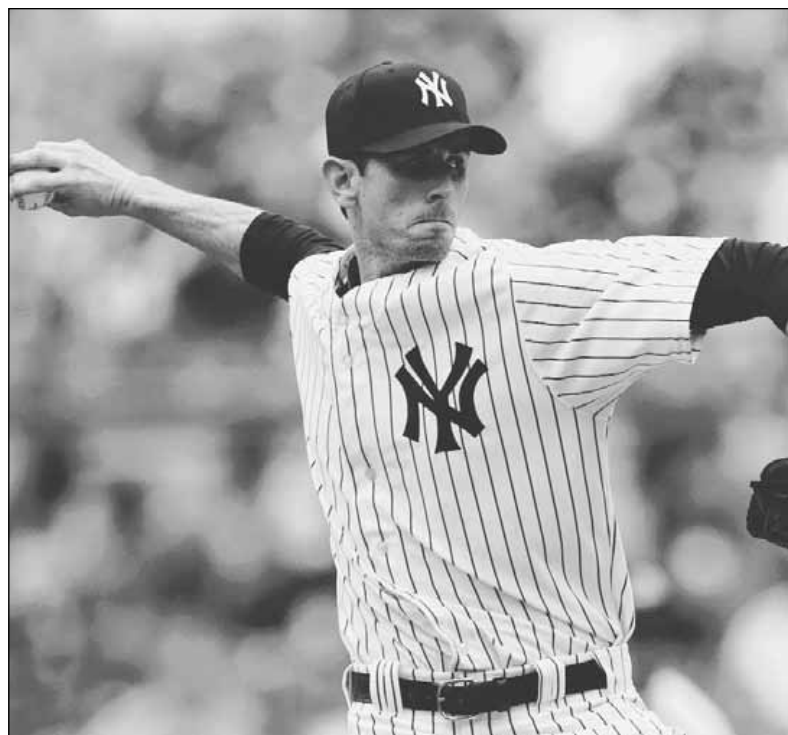
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brandon McCarthy earned his first win for the Yankees with an impressive debut in pinstripes, and Brett Gardner drove in three runs from the lead-off spot to send New York past the Cincinnati Reds 7-1 on Saturday.

Carlos Beltran homered, Kelly Johnson hit a two-run single and the Yankees ended Alfredo Simon's six-game winning streak in the right-hander's first outing since the All-Star game.

New York won the first two in a three-game interleague series, leaving Cincinnati with five straight losses on the road.

Acquired from Arizona in a July 6 trade, McCarthy (1-0) struck out nine and walked none over six innings in his second start for the Yankees and first at home. He threw 71 of 99 pitches for strikes, improving to 3-0 in his last four outings after winning only once in his initial 16 starts this season.



Associated Press

New York Yankees starting pitcher Brandon McCarthy throws a pitch to the Cincinnati Reds Saturday during the first inning in New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Red Sox 2, Royals 1

BOSTON — Rubby De La Rosa pitched seven solid innings and Mike Napoli hit a tiebreaking homer to lift the Boston Red Sox to a 2-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

It was the sixth win in seven games for the defending World Series champions, who are looking to climb back over the AL East's basement.

De La Rosa (3-2) had another strong start in Fenway Park, giving up one run on five hits, walking four and striking out two. He worked out of trouble most of his outing.

Danny Duffy (5-10) allowed two runs — one earned — on six hits in 6 2/3 innings. It was his fifth loss in six starts, but he's allowed two or fewer runs in four of the losses.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Indians 6, Tigers 2, Indians 5, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Carlos Santana hit a tiebreaking, bases-clearing double with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Cleveland Indians to a 5-2 win that sealed a sweep of the doubleheader.

The Indians have won four straight, three in a row at Detroit, to pull within 4 1/2 games of the AL Central-leading Tigers.

Cleveland won the first game 6-2 thanks in large part to Corey Kluber's strong outing.

Chris Dickerson hit a pair of solo homers off Max Scherzer — in the third and sixth innings — to give Cleveland a 2-1 lead in the second game of the day-night doubleheader.

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 1

TORONTO — Marcus Stroman pitched seven shutout innings to snap a three-start winless streak, Dan Johnson had two RBIs and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 4-1.

Melky Cabrera had three hits as the Blue Jays won for the first time in four games. Toronto had lost nine of 11 coming in.

Stroman (5-2) allowed four hits, all singles, walked none and struck out five, improving to 4-1 with a 1.73 ERA in six home starts.

Texas, which stopped an eight-game losing streak with Friday's 5-1 victory, has not strung together consecutive wins since beating Minnesota at home on June 27 and 28 and has the worst record in the major leagues at 39-58.

White Sox 4, Astros 3

CHICAGO — Tyler Flowers had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros.

George Springer hit his 20th home run, a solo shot, and Jose Altuve had a two-run double for the Astros.

Flowers had his first three-hit game since April 24. He is 6 for 9 in his last three games after going 10 for 112 in his previous 34.

White Sox starter Hector Noesi (4-7) gave up three runs in six innings. Zach Putnam earned his third save and second in two nights after Jake Petricka allowed a walk and infield hit in the ninth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table listing Saturday's Games and Today's Games for the American League, including matchups and locations.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table listing Saturday's Games and Today's Games for the National League, including matchups and locations.

Pirates 3, Rockies 2 11 inn.

Scoreboard for Pirates vs Rockies. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Pirates 3, Rockies 2.

Rays schedule

Schedule table for the Rays, listing dates and opponents from July 20 to Sept. 19.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2

DALLAS KEUCHEL (9-6) allowed four runs and 12 hits in five innings. He was 7-2 with a 3.13 ERA in his previous 10 road starts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2

ST. LOUIS — Matt Adams homered to cap a four-run first inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2 to send All-Star Zack Greinke to losses in consecutive regular-season starts for the first time in nearly four years.

Joe Kelly (2-1) gave up four hits, struck out four and walked one in his second outing since a three-month stint on the disabled list caused by a strained left hamstring. He retired his last 13 batters as the Cardinals won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Kelly didn't get a decision on July 11, when he gave up six runs over three innings during the Cardinal's 7-6 win at Milwaukee.

Trevor Rosenthal, the Cardinals' third reliever, got his 30th save in 34 chances when Andre Either grounded into a game-ending double play.

Phillies 2, Braves 1

ATLANTA — Cole Hamels held the Braves to four hits through seven innings, Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run homer, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Atlanta 2-1.

Hamels (4-5) won for the second time in three starts, giving up one run, striking out nine and walking none. He threw 71 of 95 pitches for strikes.

Rollins' 12th homer, coming off reliever Shae Simmons (1-1), made it 2-0 in the seventh.

Atlanta, which had a three-game winning streak snapped, cut its deficit to 2-1 in the seventh inning on Chris Johnson's RBI double.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Pirates 3, Rockies 2 11 inn.

MIAMI — All-Star Tim Hudson pitched into the eighth inning and got the run support he needed as the San Francisco Giants beat the Miami Marlins 5-3.

Hunter Pence drove in two runs and Pablo Sandoval had three hits for the Giants, who have won four of five.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his National League-best 23rd home run for Miami, which has lost six straight.

Hudson (8-6) came into the game with just five runs of support in his last five starts, but the Giants jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the fourth inning, which was enough for the 39-year old veteran.

Marlins All-Star starter Henderson Alvarez (6-5) departed with a bruised left shin after being hit by a grounder by Joe Panik in the third.

Garza (6-7) faced eight batters and got just one out, allowing four singles, a double and two walks in the shortest of his 211 big league starts dating to 2006. His previous low was 1 1-3 innings at the Marlins on June 18, 2010, according to STATS.

Garza had been 4-2 with a 2.35 ERA in his previous eight outings, but Saturday's effort caused his season ERA to rise from 3.69 to 4.04. He dropped to 0-3 with a 7.33 ERA in six career starts against the Nationals.

Tanner Roark (9-6) gave up one runs and six hits in seven innings with five strikeouts. In his first full season as a starter, he has allowed two earned runs or fewer in 13 of 19 outings.

Walker led off the inning with a single against Colorado's Chad Bettis (0-2), moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, and scored one batter later when Mercer hit a drive deep into the gap in left-center.

Jared Hughes (5-2) earned the win after escaping a two-on, one-out jam in the 11th by snagging a line drive from Charlie Blackmon and turning it into a double play.

Walker went 3 for 5 with two runs scored for the Pirates.

AL

Rays 5, Twins 1

Scoreboard for Rays vs Twins. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Rays 5, Twins 1.

Red Sox 2, Royals 1

Scoreboard for Red Sox vs Royals. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Red Sox 2, Royals 1.

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 1

Scoreboard for Blue Jays vs Rangers. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Blue Jays 4, Rangers 1.

Indians 6, Tigers 2 Game 1

Scoreboard for Indians vs Tigers Game 1. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Indians 6, Tigers 2.

Indians 5, Tigers 2

Scoreboard for Indians vs Tigers Game 2. Includes batting order, pitcher stats, and final score: Indians 5, Tigers 2.

Interleague

Scoreboard for interleague game: Yankees 7, Reds 1.

Interleague Yankees 7, Reds 1

Scoreboard for interleague game: Yankees 7, Reds 1.

Interleague Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2

Scoreboard for interleague game: Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2.

Interleague Nationals 8, Brewers 3

Scoreboard for interleague game: Nationals 8, Brewers 3.

Interleague Pirates 3, Rockies 2 11 inn.

Scoreboard for interleague game: Pirates 3, Rockies 2.

Interleague Phillies 2, Braves 1

Scoreboard for interleague game: Phillies 2, Braves 1.



# Vikings suspend Priefer for 3 games

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings will suspend special teams coordinator Mike Priefer without pay for three games this season and donate \$100,000 to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights groups in response to former punter Chris Kluwe's allegations of anti-gay slurs and taunts made by Priefer.

The Vikings announced the punishment Friday as part of a summary of findings by outside lawyers hired in January to investigate Kluwe's accusations, which included a claim he was released because of his gay-rights advocacy.

The Vikings said Priefer's ban could be reduced to two games at their discretion, provided he attends individualized anti-harassment, diversity and sexual-orientation sensitivity training.

Such education has been required for all Vikings employees, coaches and players on an annual basis for the past several years, the team said, and the improvements for the programs will be considered.

Chris Madel, a former Justice Department attorney, and Eric Magnuson, a former chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, from the Minneapolis-based law firm Robins, Kaplan, Ciresi and Miller, recently presented their report to the Vikings after interviewing 31 people and examining 121 gigabytes of data.

Priefer was questioned three times. According to a 29-page analysis of the investigation by employment law consultants Littler Mendelson and Donald Prophete, commissioned by the Vikings and released Friday, Priefer initially denied making a remark Kluwe alleged about "putting all the gays on an island and nuking it" but later acknowledged he might have.

Long snapper Cullen Loeffler told the investigators he heard



Former Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe, right, and his attorney Clayton Halunen speak during a press conference Tuesday in Minneapolis. Kluwe intends to sue the team over allegations of anti-gay conduct by a coach, his lawyer said.

Associate Press

the same comment Kluwe did, but that he assumed Priefer was joking.

Also in the analysis of the investigation released by Mendelson and Prophete:

■ Vikings officials were nearly unanimous in deciding Kluwe's 2012 season was substandard, and the report said Priefer actually gave Kluwe a higher grade than any of the front-office evaluators. The Vikings have maintained the move to cut Kluwe was strictly football-based after they drafted Jeff Locke in the fifth round and Kluwe was due to make \$1.45 million in the 2013 season at age 31.

■ The investigators asked former Chicago general manager Jerry Angelo and former NFL punter Craig Hentrich to analyze Kluwe's performance as well, and Hentrich gave Kluwe a "C" grade overall.

■ The report also cited anecdotes from several interviewees

about the penchant for off-color behavior by Kluwe, whose Internet and Twitter criticisms of various institutions and individuals have often contained obscene language. According to the report, Kluwe poked fun at Tom Kanavy, the strength and conditioning coach at the time, in a vulgar manner that made light of the Jerry Sandusky child abuse scandal at Penn State, where Kanavy attended and later worked.

In a statement from the team, Priefer apologized to owners Mark Wilf and Zygi Wilf, the organization, the fans, his family, the LGBT community, Kluwe and "anyone else that I offended with my insensitive remark."

Added Priefer, who was hired by the Vikings in 2011: "I regret what has occurred and what I said. I am extremely sorry, but I will learn from this situation and will work on educating others to create more tolerance

and respect."

Kluwe, however, said Friday he will still sue the team for discrimination, against his gay-rights activism and agnostic beliefs, as well as defamation and wrongful interference of his contract. His attorney, Clayton Halunen, said the complaint will be filed in Hennepin County District Court as early as Monday, seeking \$10 million in damages. They announced earlier this week their impending lawsuit and did not reach a settlement agreement with the team.

"Here we have this company, this Minnesota company who's getting \$400 million out of taxpayers' funds to build the stadium, and yet they are violating state law by engaging in discriminatory conduct, and that is unacceptable," Halunen said.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said: "We support our teams enforcing their workplace policies and commend the Wilfs for

doing a thorough investigation and taking appropriate steps in response to the findings."

The Wilf brothers, in a joint statement provided by the team, said Madel and Magnuson "were in full control of the investigation at all times." They said they're pleased Mendelson and Prophete "concluded that there was no wrongdoing" by the Vikings in releasing Kluwe.

"We are very disappointed with some of the findings contained within the report," the Wilfs said. "As we have said in the past, we consistently strive to create — and believe we have — a supportive, respectful and accepting environment for our players, coaches and staff, and we strongly disassociate the club from the statement that Coach Priefer made. Coach Priefer is a good man, and we know that he deeply regrets the comment. We do not believe that this error in judgment should define him."



Associated Press

The pace car holds the race cars in the in the pits Saturday as rain delays the start of the first IndyCar auto race of the weekend doubleheader in Toronto.

## IndyCar Series rained out, rescheduled

Associated Press

TORONTO — IndyCar's weekend doubleheader will be crammed into a single day because Saturday's race was called for rain.

IndyCar has scheduled two 75-lap races today. The first one will have a rolling start at 10:30 a.m. and the second one is set for a standing start at 4:15 p.m. The order for the second race will be set by points, as of Saturday. Both races will be telecast on NBCSN.

IndyCar officials originally had decided to make Saturday's race a 90-minute or 65-lap race once it started. But with rain falling into the night, officials decided to call the race.

"Obviously, we all

wanted to get the race in today, but this was the correct call," series points leader Helio Castroneves said. "We really tried to start the race, but it was clear that we were going to wreck a lot of cars. The PPG Chevy is very fast, so whenever we start the race we will be fine."

Castroneves has the pole for the second race.

Will Power's car wrecked during warm-up laps. The pace car also spun before officials decided to pull the cars from the track and red flag the race.

Sebastien Bourdais won his first open-wheel pole since 2007 earlier in the day.

Bourdais' lap of 58.9479 seconds (107.179 mph) on the 1.7-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit at

Exhibition Place earned him his 32nd career pole. He won his first pole since Sept. 2, 2007, at Assen, Netherlands, driving for Champ Car.

The course was affected by standing water on the backstretch.

Tony Kanaan called the conditions "completely unsafe," and Ryan Briscoe predicted "carnage" if the race went off during its scheduled green flag time.

The last IndyCar Series race to be postponed by rain was in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2011. That race ran its first 15 laps on Sunday, May 1 and concluded with 40 laps on May 2. The last race to be postponed in full was at St. Petersburg on March 28, 2010. The race was run on March 29, 2010.

## Parkview Lanes NEWS

League and Tourney scores for the week ending July 13, 2014:

**MONDAY SUMMER SPECIAL:** Handicap: Eric Glowacki 267,729; K E Conrad 256; Brian Carr 647; Melissa Colegrove 277,698; Lisa Weston 248,726. Scratch: Eric Glowacki 256,696; Mark Smith 249,642; Melissa Colegrove 209; Debbie Smith 181; Lisa Weston 507; Myla Wexler 498.

**TUESDAY 7-9-8 NOTAP TOURNEY:** Jerry Ness 785; Terry Wiseman 717; Jack Connell 681.

**YOUNG & RESTLESS:** Handicap (Youth): Ted Malysz 255,740; Kacy Scherer 253,745. Handicap (Adult): John Saltmarsh 291,760; Gene Allen 250,739. Scratch (Youth): Andrew Allen 168; Steven Saltmarsh 168,501; Ted Malysz 157,446. Scratch (Adult): John Saltmarsh 245,622; Bryan Craig 201,588.

**WEDNESDAY 7-9-8 NOTAP TOURNEY:** Don Hankey 826; Rich Beaudry 794.

### WEDNESDAY SUMMER SCRATCH:

David Howell 279,749; Joe Baierlein 279; Bryan Craig 278,722; Trevor Roberts 733; Bobby Craft 721; Bob Wood 712; Sam Bass 701; Stephanie Flory 257,724; Dorine Fugere 247,724.

### WOMEN'S SUMMER TRIO:

Handicap: Carol McHale 250,691; Marilyn Seymour 242; Patti Widerman 681. Scratch: Marilyn Seymour 193,484; Diane Swoboda 190,519.

**HOLDER HOTSHOTS:** Handicap: Doug Dorsey 281,771; Gary Dyer 272; Rod Dyer 757; Andrea Kish 257; Thia Williams 251,695; Joanne Hans 707. Scratch: Rich Williams 233,577; Al Burkett 202; Chuck Hindbaugh 555; Andrea Kish 176,433; Ellen Bowman 161,437.

**BOWLERS OF THE WEEK:** Dorine Fugere, 124 pins over her average, Andrew Allen, 88 pins over his average, and Bryan Craig and David Howell, 122 pins over their average.

## Recreation BRIEFS

### Citrus Springs Horseshoe Club

July 12 results  
Won all three games — Sam Gonzalez, John Clark  
High Series — Sam Gonzalez 229, John Clark 227, Chris Ogdan 223

High Game — Chris Ogdan 88, John Clark 85, Bob Sperber 81, Peggy Ogdan 80

Scores are based on a handicap system so all skill levels can compete.

The club provides the horseshoes. During July and August, stop by on any Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the old Community Center on Route 39 in Citrus Springs. Call Joe Warburton at 352-489-7537 for information about the club.

### Seven Rivers hosts camps

Seven Rivers Christian Schools will be holding several sports camps later this summer.

The Warrior Basketball Camp for boys and girls will be held July 21 to 25. Players in grades 3 through 5 will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 6 through 8 will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 and registration forms are available at the school front office or on the SRCS website.

The Warrior Volleyball Camp for girls will be held July 28 to Aug. 1. Players in grades 3 through 5 will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 6 through 9 will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 and registration forms are available at the school front office or on the SRCS website.

The Warrior Football Camp for boys will be held July 28 to Aug. 2. Players in grades K through 3 will meet July 28 to 30 from 8 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 4 through 8 will meet July 31 to Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$50 if registered before July 1. Cost is \$75 if registered after July 1. Registration forms are available at the school front office or on the SRCS website.

### CRHS athletes offered physicals

Citrus Chiropractic Group, located at 2320 N. Sunshine Path, Crystal River (next to Dan's Clam Stand) will be giving sport physicals at their Crystal River office for all students who will be attending Crystal River High School for

the 2014-15 school year on Thursday, July 24.

Last names beginning with A through E will begin at 1 p.m., F through M at 2 p.m., and N through Z at 3 p.m. The cost is \$15. This is the only time physicals will be offered at this rate. After this date, physicals will be \$25.

Please bring a completed CRHS athletic packet with you, including a copy of your birth certificate (if you have never played sports at CRHS) and a copy of your current insurance card to leave with the CRHS staff after the physical has been conducted. Checks should be made payable to CRHS in the amount of \$15. Download the packet from [www.c2cschools.com](http://www.c2cschools.com) or come by the front office for a printed copy.

### Lecanto physicals set for July 29

Lecanto High School will be having their all-sports physicals on Tuesday, July 29 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the gym. Cost is \$15.

Students should either download a copy of the physical packet from the high school web page or they can pick one up in the high school office. Students must bring a copy of their current health insurance card with them.

Any questions, call Lecanto High School at 746-2334.

### Parks and Rec swim lessons

Summertime is here, which means warmer days and sunny afternoons. Citrus County Parks and Recreation Swim Lessons registration is in full swing! Come sign up at Bicentennial Park Pool in Crystal River, behind the airport. Each session is a total of eight (8) classes, which are Monday through Thursday for two weeks, and the cost is only \$30.00 for the entire two week session. For class times and session dates, visit [citruscountyparks.com](http://citruscountyparks.com) or call 352-795-1478.

### Parks and Rec summer soccer

Citrus County Parks and Recreation in partnership with Coach Keith Malz, will be hosting summer soccer clinics. Coach Keith has many years of experience coaching and training boys and girls ages 3 through the college level. He has completed 16 coaching courses with over

250 hours of coaching education, is certified through the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, U.S. Soccer Federation and Coerver Youth.

The clinics will focus on the fundamentals of soccer, this will include proper dribbling technique and change of direction, using different surfaces of both feet, introduction to juggling to improve first touch, one-on-one skills, proper passing technique with each foot, how to receive a ball using different surfaces of both feet, good shooting technique, and defending skills.

The cost of the clinics will be \$50 per participant (\$40 per additional sibling).

Central Ridge District Park (6905 N. Lecanto Highway Beverly Hills 34465) July 21 to 24, 2014 (Ages 5 through 14) 9 a.m. to noon.

Pre-registration is required and must be completed at the Parks & Recreation Office (2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct. Lecanto, FL 34461). For more information contact Citrus County Parks & Recreation at 352.527.7540 or visit [www.citruscountyparks.com](http://www.citruscountyparks.com).

### Parks and Rec P.L.A.Y. program

Citrus County Parks and Recreation is offering a great sports opportunity for your little one, who may be too young to join the organized sports leagues within the county. The P.L.A.Y. (Preparing Little Athletes Youth) Program was created for those children who are "ready" to play sports, but just aren't old enough.

The P.L.A.Y. programs offered in the upcoming session include soccer, which will be held at Central Ridge District Park on Mondays or at Homosassa Area Recreational Park on Wednesdays, and t-ball will be held at Central Ridge District Park on Tuesdays or at Bicentennial Park on Thursdays. The next session will begin the week of Aug. 18. Boys and girls, ages 3 through 5, are encouraged to join the six-week program. The cost of the program is \$45 per participant. After enrollment, each child receives age appropriate sports equipment and a team T-shirt.

Registration is now open and spots fill up fast. Space is limited. Contact Citrus County Parks & Recreation at 352-527-7540 or visit [www.citruscountyparks.com](http://www.citruscountyparks.com), for more information.

# It cost me a car, but we've arrived at détente



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

The raccoons have had the last laugh at the Mulligan household.

As you may remember, I was foolish enough to share with readers our story about relocating raccoons from underneath our house.

It got lots of reaction, including from veteran *Chronicle* reporter Mike Wright. After the Inverness-

based Wright read about my raccoon plight, he sheepishly visited my office one Friday afternoon and admitted he was having the same problem.

Mike's dilemma was actually a little more severe than mine — the raccoons were making their way into his home and were using up the minutes on his cellphone.

Well, the cellphone part may not be true, but the raccoon visits to the house apparently were serious. He was having a hard time sleeping with the knowledge that visitors were rummaging through his bedroom and kitchen looking for food.

Mike wanted to know if he could borrow our

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The smiling face of the resistance is perched smugly on my porch as he welcomes me home after an evening gone awry was spent at the hospital.

GERRY MULLIGAN /Chronicle

## BOOK REVIEW



Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry meets with China's President Xi Jinping on July 10 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. China has sustained the highest annual economic growth rate of any major country. China and the U.S. vowed recently to improve their economic and security cooperation, saying they wouldn't let persistent differences over maritime claims or cyberhacking and currency hamper a relationship critical to global peace and prosperity.

# IN 'GLOBAL PROSPERITY,' OPTIMISM FOR A FUTURE MADE BETTER BY TRADE

MICHAEL MANDELBAUM | "THE ROAD TO GLOBAL PROSPERITY" | SIMON AND SHUSTER | 245 PAGES | \$28.

One can't understand economic forces without taking into account politics, and you can't understand politics without recognizing the impact of the global economy. This skillfully written book by Michael Mandelbaum explains how global economic forces can be used by governments to promote growth.

The author, an administrator and faculty member at Johns Hopkins University, is a widely published writer on global affairs with a sure eye for the example that illustrates his point. He also served as an adviser to President Bill Clinton and presumably might be drawn back into public service in the future.

His optimistic central conclusion is that global economic growth can expand rapidly over the next few decades because,

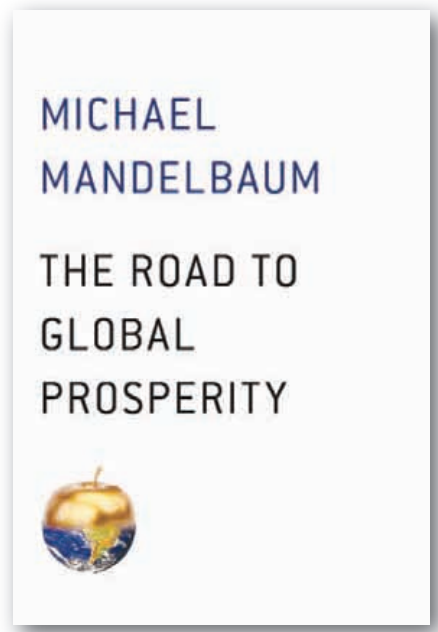
### Michael Francis BOOK REVIEW

firstly, the end of the Cold War means that there is less international military conflict between countries and, secondly, the benefits of international trade are a tide that will benefit all countries if proper policies are adopted. Like most economists, he believes in the global bene-

fits of freer trade, a proposition first demonstrated by David Ricardo in 1819 and accepted today. But in the real world, as the author points out, there are tariffs and other impediments to the free exchange of goods and services, such as governmental currency and import restrictions.

However, since the end of World War II, the United States has taken leadership in numerous

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Special to the Chronicle

Phil Royal hugs Dorothy Cole.

# Smile, Dorothy: This run's for you

As I reflect on more than 15 years of running for the Key Training Center, I recall the first time I met Dorothy Jean Cole. Introduced to me as Chet's sister, I knew she had to be special. She had a brilliant, contagious smile that immediately made me understand what "Run for the Money" was all about.

Since then, Dorothy and I have developed a bond that makes me feel like

family. She and her friends are my inspiration to return to Tallahassee every year and take part in the run. Joining Dorothy Jean to cross the Suwannee River bridge has always been the highlight of the run for me. The anticipation of seeing her eager, welcoming smile as she patiently waits at the finish line on Saturday is an experience I always cherish.

### Phil Royal GUEST COLUMN

Dorothy Jean is the reason I run for the Key, and I am so blessed to have met her. Each time I see her, I'm reminded of what is

important in life: relationships, something I take for granted too often. Seeing the joy in Dorothy's face inspires me to be more appreciative of life and grateful for God's blessings in my life. Although her

words are limited, her smile, her touch and her heart have affected me profoundly. I wish that everyone had a friend like mine.

We are so fortunate to have a facility in Citrus County dedicated to serving the special needs of friends like Dorothy. Under Chet Cole's leadership, the Key Training Center perseveres despite inadequate government

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**JOINING FORCES**

# Government partnership saves tax dollars

A new partnership between the school board and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office will save taxpayer dollars while providing a model for other local governmental agencies to save more money in the future. Citrus County School Board members, by a 5-0 vote, recently approved an interlocal agreement with the sheriff's office to provide employees a second location to receive medical services. The deal would also provide a second location for school district employees to meet their preventative care needs and an opportunity for the sheriff's office employees to join the program. Savings to taxpayers occur in several ways. The school board voted in 2009 to become self-insured. From that initial vote grew the idea of a clinic where employees could go to receive preventative care. Study upon study show the United States ranks low in the effectiveness of its health care system, and much of that can be attributed to the low value it places on providing affordable preventative care.

According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 75 percent of health care costs in the United States are spent on chronic disease. Of that, 70 percent is largely preventable. Smoking, obesity and drinking can lead to heart disease, cancer and stroke — the top three causes of death in the United States. All of these are preventable with education, monitoring and other programs designed to help people who might struggle to control their bad habits. The clinics provide low-cost, convenient opportunities for employees to receive preventative care and education. Adding the sheriff's office to the mix only increases the savings because it provides more government employees the opportunity to take advantage of the low-cost preventative care opportunities. As the idea grows and proves successful, it would be good to have more local government agencies follow suit with other cost-sharing opportunities that span multiple agencies.

**THE ISSUE:**  
 School board to share health care facilities with sheriff's office.

**OUR OPINION:**  
 Partnership benefits everyone.

# For now, Obama the worst president

Wow. A reputable poll shows that the public believes Barack Obama is the worst president since World War II. Worse than Richard M. Nixon, driven from the presidency by Watergate? Much worse than Jimmy Carter, for decades the very symbol of the feckless chief executive? Loads worse than George W. Bush, still a lightning rod on the left and a symbol of disappointment on the right? Definitely. These startling poll results set loose the predictable reaction: A flurry of told-you-so nods on the right and a fusillade of this-tells-us-nothing assertions on the left. For once, they're both right.



David Shribman  
**OTHER VOICES**

Obama is in trouble, no matter how carefully you peel through the Quinnipiac University poll that is causing such a firestorm. There's almost no good news there, or anywhere else, for the president. Then again, this worst-president poll sheds little light. Almost every veteran observer of polls and presidents will likely attest to that. First, the trouble. Obama has it, in several dimensions. The public is split evenly — 48 percent to 48 percent — on whether the president is honest and trustworthy. It's split fairly evenly on whether he has strong leadership qualities, with a slight advantage to those who think he doesn't. The same for whether the president cares about "people like you," with the same slight advantage this time to the president.

The canary of caution in this political coal mine is the poll rating for Harry Truman, who left office with a 32 percent approval rating — and a 56 percent disapproval rating, according to Gallup. That represented, by the way, a substantial improvement from his ratings (23 percent approval, 67 percent disapproval) a year earlier, just before Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee upset Truman in the New Hampshire primary and prompted the president's withdrawal from the 1952 race.

But the country, which was, as the phrase went, mild about Harry and had concluded, as another aphorism of the time put it, that to err was Truman, changed its mind, albeit slowly. One of the signposts along that journey was Merle Miller's "Plain Speaking," an oral biography of the 33rd president that emphasized his down-home attitudes and attributes, a marked contrast at the time of its publication (1974) with Nixon, who resigned that year. Indeed, it is instructive to realize that "Plain Speaking" reached booksellers' shelves just a year after Arthur M. Schlesinger published his "The Imperial Presidency," aimed in large measure at Nixon.

Here's the big one. By a fairly substantial margin (45 percent to 38 percent), the public believes the nation would be better off had former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts been elected two years ago rather than Obama. No one can possibly argue that these figures are good news for the president, who is dealing with an immigration crisis at the Mexican border, a crumbling Iraq, an uncertain Afghanistan and an economy that hasn't bounced back fully. How Barack Obama, employing the idiom of hope and change, would love to run against an incumbent president with a portfolio like that! Now, the sobering bucket of cold water for the Obama critics. With the exception of three occupants of the White House (all war presidents), presidents tend to grow in stature as their administrations grow more distant

in the rear-view mirror. The exceptions, according to Gallup figures in The New Republic, are three of the most beleaguered modern presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson (Vietnam), Richard M. Nixon (Vietnam) and George W. Bush (Iraq and Afghanistan). Foreign crisis doesn't assure that phenomenon, however. Jimmy Carter is rated substantially more favorably today than he was when he was in office, and he dealt with a hostage crisis in Iran that persisted for 444 days and, arguably, doomed his presidency. George H.W. Bush is also more favorably regarded today than he was while in office, and he was a war president (Desert Storm). Truman's revival was sealed less than two decades later when the historian David McCullough published his Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of the man whose hometown of Independence seemed to be a description of his character. Suddenly Truman, regarded as an accidental president who was also accident-prone, took on a heroic aura, one that persists to this day.

In the Quinnipiac survey, zero percent of Americans singled out Truman as the worst of the last dozen presidents. That figure applies to Republicans as well as Democrats. Now have a look at George H.W. Bush, who was soundly defeated for re-election only 22 years ago, dismissed as a fusty symbol of the past and considered out of touch with the public, a hopeless elitist with an awkward bedside manner. This summer, Bush, at 90 a beloved figure and an unassailable symbol of American prudence, wisdom and grace, was considered the worst president by only 2 percent. The same phenomenon applies to the man who defeated him in 1992, Bill Clinton, who left office with unusually high ratings for a president who had been impeached. Eight years ago, 16 percent of those surveyed considered him the worst president. This summer, only 3 percent do. One final example: Dwight Eisenhower, regarded as a duffer at his departure from the White House — so much so that John F. Kennedy, who tried to make vigor a qualification for leadership, used Eisenhower as a foil. Today, only 1 percent of Americans surveyed consider Eisenhower the worst president. The revival of his reputation was begun by Fred I. Greenstein's "The Hidden-Hand Presidency" — and by the realization that, aside from wrapping up the Korean War, which he inherited, he sent few Americans into combat during his two terms in office. The message here is not that Obama isn't troubled as he rounds the clubhouse curve and heads toward his seventh year in office. It is that Americans' judgments aren't final. "I knew from the bitter experience of all public men from Washington on down, that democracies are fickle and heartless, for democracy is a harsh employer," said the 31st president after he was defeated for re-election. Herbert Hoover, who lost the 1932 presidential race to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is still waiting for redemption. But most of his successors have won it. So, too, might George W. Bush and Barack Obama — both hired twice by the country's harshest employers.

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**Stub out stub-outs**

I just want to thank the Citrus County commissioners for doing such a good job with the stub-out plan that will help out Sugarmill because we have a lot of communities that's sitting in the same situation with stub-outs. If one community can stop a stub-out from being used, then the county should go ahead and let's do away with all the stub-outs in the county. That would make a lot of us homeowners in different areas happy. Let's just be done with it so they won't be tying up all their time in this type of situation in the near future.

**Help wanted**

To the person thanking the Citrus County Sheriff's Office for reducing the drug use in the county: Believe me, it's a lot easier to find drugs in this county than it is to find a job. Until that changes, that will never change.

**Thanks for the help**

I'd like to say thanks to two male employees at Lecanto Walmart who saw me and asked if I was all right. I was not. My sugar was low. They took care of me. Sorry I don't have names. The bus driver, Richard, also helped me. Then on July 3, I was back in the same Walmart and the young man in the garden department saw I was overheated, put a chair in the shade for me and brought me ice water. Thanks, guy.

**Defending my lefts**

What am I supposed to do when I have to make a left-hand turn? Make it from the right-hand lane? And, yes, I do go over into the left-hand lane before I get to that turn because if I wait until I get right next to it, the traffic in that lane is so heavy, then I can't get over into it unless I make a complete stop and wait for an opening in that lane. Of course, then the cars behind me in the right-hand lane are going to run up my rear-end. Or maybe we shouldn't be allowed to make any left-hand turns. We should only be allowed to go straight or make right-hand turns. Yeah, real smart.

**Encore, encore**

Great show. Just saw "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Art Center Theater. All the actors were terrific. The settings ... very artistic. The band played wonderful and all cast and the directors deserve a big hand. The stage was a great setting and bloodthirsty plant a piece of art. Everybody did a great job acting and it would be hard to single out any one of them. Well done job all around. Come see it and enjoy it as much as we did.

**The best medicine**

We would not need an animal center, a Humane Society, a Humanitarians if people simply spayed and neutered their pets.



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**LETTER to the Editor**

**County made good buy**

I was opposed to the purchase of Meadowcrest in the beginning. After months of speaking to our local officials about the cost and other things such as maintenance fees, we have now been able to negotiate a very good settlement for the citizens of Citrus County. My special thanks to Commissioner J.J. Kenney for all of his direct involvement in this purchase. I had always said that the price was too high and

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the maintenance fee had to be dropped. The savings of \$700,050 from this sale plus the adoption of the roadway that will save us another \$700 a month is what I call a very good deal. This sale has another underlining factor, and that is the sale of commercial reality property in Citrus County is on the rise. This is a great prize as to location in the real estate market for any commercial enterprise.

Charles Knecht Sr.  
 Dunnellon



# Slip-sliding all the way back to the 1970s

A concept that has become very popular with the advent of Facebook is "Throwback Thursday." On Thursdays, some folks make it a point to post photographs taken years ago. Today, I've decided to do a "Slip-sliding Away Sunday" and take us all back to the 1970s.

Have you ever wondered who was responsible for the '70s? I know many of you readers weren't even born yet and others probably really loved the '70s, but when I mentally flash back to that decade, the vision that usually comes to my mind is a huge question mark.

Who was responsible for double-knit, polyester clothing? More specifically, who designed and decreed as fashionable double-knit polyester leisure suits?

Whose idea were dresses or skirts so short that they bottomed out (pun intended) some 12 to 18 inches below the waistline?

Who decided platform shoes were "in?"

Who selected colors for cars, especially the burnt orange so popular for Volkswagen minivans and AMC Gremlins?

Think about the hairstyles. Hair, hair everywhere, on males and females alike.

Who invented disco? Our son was just a toddler during the later part of the disco decade. On one special occasion his mother and I dressed him fashion-

ably in a little plaid double-knit polyester leisure suit accented by a yellow shirt with a phenomenally big collar. Then we committed the ultimate injustice: We had a photographer take his picture. His sisters still refer to him as "disco baby" when they see that photo. It wasn't his fault, he was just a baby and didn't know any better, but he has taken grief about the picture for most of his life.

Who was responsible for the concept of "free love?" Nothing comes without a price. Many people paid and some are still paying

dearly for what was perceived as being free during the 1970s.

Think about who was running the country. The presidents during the 1970s were Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. I can still find qualities in all of these men to admire, but I can also remember Watergate and the double digits (inflation, interest rates and unemployment) which were the hallmark of the Carter administration.

But, I confess: The '70s weren't all bad.

Two of our three children were born during the decade, Becky in 1970 and Fred 3 in 1977. And, yes, I have a pretty good idea who was responsible for that!

Some time ago, I saw an



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Fred 3 as a disco baby in 1978.

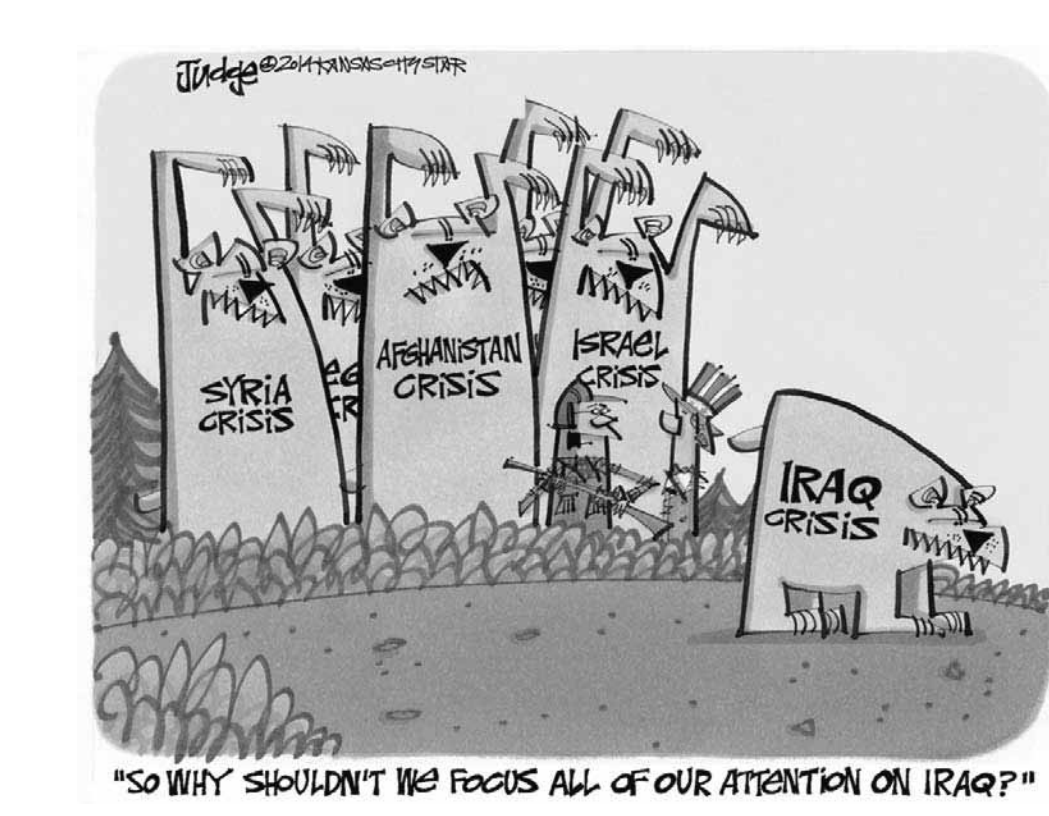
ous error ... no one could have served 12 years during the 1970s ... maybe the '60s and '70s, or even the '70s and '80s, but not during the 1970s alone.

Then it dawned on me that perhaps the writer has the same recollections I have, maybe he remembers the decade with the same absence of affection that I do, and maybe it seemed to him as though it lasted for 12 or 15 or maybe even 20 years!

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Fred Brannen  
A SLICE OF LIFE



## Letter to THE EDITOR

### Inform yourself, then vote

I have lived in Citrus County for some time now; I came from the midwest. Citrus County looked like the best place to live as I am getting older (77) and, of course, I was right.

I served on the county commission in Kansas, the City Planning Board and the County Planning Board, so I stayed interested in county government and what was going on. I am truly amazed at the money this commission collects and spends.

Calvin Coolidge said "Nothing is easier than the expenditure of public money. It doesn't appear to belong to anyone. The temptation is overwhelming to

bestow it on somebody." It appears four of our county commissioners think he made that a law. They raised our taxes and now they want more. They are now talking about new ways to raise our taxes again. Is more sales tax next, or will they put up toll booths at every entrance into the county?

I think it is time for voters to put a stop to this taxing and spending! The board just bought a building for over \$3 million. As I understand it, the county only needs 25,000 to 30,000 square feet of space and this building has 75,000. It appears they have 50,000 square feet too much. The upstate and tax revenue lost will be a huge number. No wonder they are talking about more sales taxes.

The county just does not need that much building!

This election, we voters should do the best we can to break up the spending spree.

Please go to the polls and vote! We do not need any more taxing and spending. This time around, spend a little time looking into those who are running. Is he/she truthful? Does he/she have a good grip of what is going on? It feels good to pick a winner who can fill those chairs, will save us money and spend wisely.

Get yourself up to speed. It is your tax money they are spending. Vote with knowledge!

George Sell  
Hernando

## REVIEW

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international conferences pushing for lower tariffs. As a result, today tariffs are much lower than they were, and that has, as Ricardo predicted, led to more trade and an improvement in global economic production.

However, as the author observes, many of the countries that have benefited the most from the rising trade don't realize how much their countries benefit from lower tariffs.

That is the broad picture, but individual states still want tariffs on goods that would undersell their domestically produced products. Of course, they want lower foreign tariffs against goods they produce and, of course, lower tariffs abroad on whatever goods or services they export. All countries have lobbyists trying to get protection for various products. Mandelbaum is a realist who is well aware of the cobweb of exceptions that continue to exist restricting the easy movement of goods and services, but he predicts that trade barriers will continue to be lowered as more and more countries recognize that this is in their national interest. Meanwhile, there remain some obvious and much-criticized obstacles, such as China's undervaluation of the yen to make itself more competitive.

The author also offers an illuminating look at the pros and cons of the euro

and how this influences America's growth rate.

To me, the best section of the book analyzes the BRIC nations (Brazil, Russia, India and China). He argues that these states have the potential to prosper and hence have a positive impact on the living standards in the rest of the world. All of those countries have been showing good economic growth rates which are, he argues, of benefit to us all because they create more markets for our goods. But each of the BRIC nations has its own problems and advantages. Mandelbaum points out Russia has important energy reserves, but that it has not made many of the changes needed for economic growth in the other sectors, in part due to the remnants of Soviet ideology and its anticapitalist tendencies.

Brazil has experienced recent economic growth due to the wise policies of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, who led the country from 1995 to 2003. He was a leftist who had the foresight to help Brazilian industries prosper while ending inflation. But Brazil's problem since 2002, Mandelbaum says, is the belief that the government can increasingly provide services and welfare. Raising taxes at this point can hurt the internal flow of foreign and domestic investment.

India has boomed in part by providing services in information technology. It has a large pool of well-educated young people, many of who are servicing American companies. Indian politics started out

well after independence, but have never been able to help the poorest half of the population, which drags national development down. Furthermore, the memories of British colonialism have left an unfortunate residue of resistance to foreign investment. Add to this the caste system which impedes upward mobility and various other impediments which must be addressed.

As for China, it "has sustained the highest annual economic growth rate of any major country — almost 10 percent — which is the best performance in

recorded history," Mandelbaum writes. However, the government has never recognized the concept of property rights, particularly in the rural areas. Who wants to invest in farming if the government can take the land away from you? The government has also been slow to give the majority of its citizens personal rights or opportunities. As we know, China is the world's largest air polluter, which makes any global agreement on pollution difficult. India has the same unwillingness to cooperate on attempts to write a global set

of standards on pollution.

Economics is often referred to as "the dismal science" because it is so often pessimistic and sometimes too dense or depressing for the normal reader. Mandelbaum is not — "The Road to Prosperity" is approachable, even for the layman. This is an important book worth reading.

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raccoon trap and help give vacation trips to his own bevy of beauties.

This was the one Friday afternoon of the year where I had actually caught up with all the work around the office, and I agreed to drive home and pick up the cage.

I was relaxed and in a good mood that the grandkids were coming to visit for the weekend.

As I drove back to Crystal River to fetch the cage, I stopped at the four-way intersection at Cutler Spur and Fifth. There was another car arriving at the intersection at the same time, and we both looked at each other. I was to her right and she waved me on.

I drove forward for the very last time in my favorite car ever.

As I pulled through the intersection, a young woman in a pickup truck — using a cell phone — blasted through the four-way stop without ever touching the brake.

She ran right through the front end of my vehicle and bounced me off a pole. She continued over a rock wall and put half her truck onto the front lawn of a home.

Just like that, your life changes.

Fortunately, neither of our lives ended. Lots of folks are not that lucky.

We both walked away from the accident, but I did end up spending the night in the emergency room with a knee that got smashed.

My favorite car of all time ended up being a total loss and I had to spend a couple of weeks in a rental before I could arrange another.

When we got back that evening from the emergency room, it was late and the weekend was already looking a lot less relaxing than it had a few hours before. I hobbled up the stairs and had a look out on the front porch.

There sat a raccoon.

I'm not sure raccoons can laugh, but this little guy sure looked like he had a smile on his face.

Mike Wright did eventually get the raccoon cage and managed to capture five of his night visitors. They've been relocated to the state forest.

At the Mulligan household we have called a temporary truce with raccoons. If they will stop smiling, I will stop trying to relocate them.

Gerry Mulligan is the publisher of the Chronicle. Email him at gmulligan@chronicleonline.com.

## RUN

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funding, never turning away a family in need. "Run for the Money" is the major fundraiser that makes this possible, and that is why I am so passionate about it.

I know my time with Dorothy is limited, but she is always in my heart. For as long as I'm blessed with the ability to run, Dorothy will be there with me.

Phil Royal is a retired captain with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office who participates in the annual "Run for the Money."

**WEST CITRUS ELKS #2693**

**1st Scallop Festival**

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See why West Citrus Lodge #2693 has become the 4th largest in the state.

The Citrus Community Concert Choir is proud to present

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Questions? Call 352-503-4263

**2014 ANNUAL CITRUS COUNTY GATOR CLUB INDOOR TAILGATE PARTY**

"A DAY AT THE SWAMP"  
Citrus County Fairgrounds Auditorium  
Inverness, Florida

**AUGUST 9 5PM TO 9PM**

\$15 IN ADVANCE  
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CHILDREN 5 & UNDER FREE

Special Guest Speaker  
**Florida Gator Great ~ Brady Ackerman**

All proceeds benefit the Citrus County Gator Club Scholarship Fund.

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# Small investments in struggling families can pay big dividends

In the spring of 2013, the United Way of Citrus County launched a new way of assisting those in need in our community. Under the leadership of our Board of Directors, local leaders and our staff, a vision for permanent change has become a reality over the past 18 months. We call our new platform The Prosperity Center. This is not a new building and we won't begin a capital campaign for this program. This concept is truly defined as a resource for hope.

Many folks in our community struggle financially. These working families really don't even live paycheck-to-paycheck. As soon as they do receive their weekly wages, they are quickly expended on food, gas, childcare, rent and utilities. What they need most is a true living wage that can support their families, and have some funds left over to begin saving. The problem is that many of these individuals lack the education or professional certification to obtain a better job. That's where The Prosperity Center steps in to help.

We have formed strong partnerships with Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI) and the College of Central Florida (CF) to assist their students in successfully reaching their educational goals, which will result in family-sustaining income. Both of these schools of higher learning understand that we want to invest in individuals who are determined to accomplish results. WTI and CF refer students to us at the beginning of each semester. These are students who exemplify a willingness to complete their programs, but also face some barriers that need to be mitigated. The United Way interviews each candidate to understand what those barriers might be and we develop a plan to resourcefully solve those problems.

Some of the most common obstacles are the cost of transportation, cost of childcare, rent and utilities, and not having enough food in the home. We step in with gas cards or bus passes. We reach out to our network of childcare providers like the YMCA, Early Learning Coalition or the Boys & Girls Clubs to obtain high-quality, safe learning environments for the children of our students. We make sure funding is available to assist with monthly bills. A small investment now will pay dividends in the future for these individuals and their families. Just by earning a GED, an individual's annual income increases by \$6,500. A bachelor's degree can increase the annual income by nearly \$15,000.

Another obstacle our students and their

families face is strained family relationships. Financial hardships can cause stress at home. We have partnered with CASA and The Centers to bring our students free relationship training and coaching. CASA provides eight weeks of valuable education on how to build and maintain healthy relationships not just at home, but also in the workplace or any other environment. The Centers offers an eight-week curriculum on parenting. All of this adds so much to the students overall ability to succeed.

Allow me to share a brief story about one of our most determined students, DJ. DJ is 24 years old and dropped out of high school six or seven years ago. When we first met him, he was enrolled in the GED program at WTI. He doesn't own a car and lives with his parents in Lecanto. For the first two months of school, he walked every day. It's 11 miles each way, 22 miles round trip. This was in January and February of this year. He said it took him about four hours to walk 11 miles. He said sometimes he would sleep in the woods. But through all of this, he never missed one day of school. Our first order of business was to get him a bike. He said the bike cut his travel time by

three hours each way and made such a huge difference. DJ graduated in May with his GED and was given a full scholarship to CF, where he begins classes next month. He is now working at a local bike shop.

Another great success is a woman named Kelly. Kelly earned her GED last year and went straight into a three-month medical program. She is now working full-time at local medical facility and recently reported to us that she is completely off of food stamps, something she never thought would have been possible.

As the old saying goes, most folks just need a leg up, not a handout. This program invests community dollars into hardworking, dedicated individuals and results in real, lasting change for their futures. When you contribute to United Way, you are helping local people, right here in Citrus County, to improve their lives. It costs approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 for each student to achieve their desired success. Our favorite part is seeing the exponential dividends that our community receives. Join us today as we change lives in Citrus County. God bless and "Live United."

Amy Meek is the president and CEO of United Way of Citrus County.



Amy Meek  
GUEST  
COLUMN

## A horse to water

To the party who wants the fire hydrants off her street: All I can say is ... I live in Beverly Hills. I have a fire hydrant in my front yard and I am so glad it is there surrounded by my flowers. God forbid if you have a fire; where is the water coming from? Think about it. So it is for your own safety. Take care.

## Get rid of EDC, TDC

Unbelievable what's going on in our county government. They want to raise the bed tax. They want to hire another administrator to just shadow the present administrator — only \$25,000 a year, plus benefits. Why don't we eliminate the TDC and the EDC completely? When has this county commission ever cut the size of the government? Why are we spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to attract more people? We have plenty of people. Word of mouth is the best advertising. Eliminate those two agencies.

## Where's the repairs?

After I wrote 15 letters to the county commissioners, which I never got a reply, and about 10 to the *Chronicle*, which two were printed, I see that more and more people are starting to jump on this road repair situation. And I'd like to point out that I have never, ever seen road repair trucks in Citrus County in the last year. And if all the money that comes in for gas tax is supposed to go to road repair, what's happening to it? Any chance of me getting a refund on mine because they sure ain't spending it on me.

## OK'd at least once

My comment is in reference to the stub-out that has been irritating everybody for a while now. I wonder, having done a lot of survey work in my life, who would not have believed that that stub was originally surveyed into that property for exactly what that developer wants? And guess what? The county approved it at that time. Now the wisdom is that they are going to disallow this to happen.

## Dessert desert

We need a restaurant out (State Road) 44 East. Do you know that there's only one restaurant between the Wildwood truck stop and Inverness on (S.R.) 44? It would be a great location for it.

## Geography lesson

Citrus County does have a Dunnellon area. I am calling in response to a citizen who said that Dunnellon is part of Citrus Springs. I have to disagree with that. There is a part of Citrus County that has a title called Dunnellon. It is not part of the Citrus Springs area. Citrus Springs is a subdivision inside Citrus County. Dunnellon is a postal area, 34434, identified inside Citrus County as a sector of Citrus County. We are not part of the Citrus Springs Association at all.

## Book it

The used book store is Bookaneers. It's 33 S. Melbourne St., Beverly Hills. The telephone number is 352-270-8891. It's a great store and she could use the help and other people could use knowing where it is.


## ZIP it

This is in reference to the person complaining about the crimes not being printed for Citrus Springs because it's considered Dunnellon, but he knows the streets so he knows crime's not being printed. You live in Citrus Springs but you have a Dunnellon post office ZIP code. That's why you're considered Dunnellon because of your ZIP code. Does it really make a difference about them posting Citrus Springs for crime if you know the street? If that person knows the street, what is the big deal if they print Citrus Springs or Dunnellon? It doesn't make a difference if you know the streets.


## Missing home cooking

Does anyone know of anyone or a company in the area of Inverness that makes home-cooked meals and delivers them? I sure would appreciate some help.





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## Celebrity Pet "Paw"ty

Monday, August 11, 2014  
5:30pm - 7:00pm  
at Fat Cat Grill in Crystal River

Celebrity Bartenders:  
Jewel Lamb and Maggie Hypes  
& Celebrity Pet Photo Contest

Tickets: Call Lois at (352) 382-0777  
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## Political Forum

Thursday, August 14, 2014

CITRUS COUNTY AUDITORIUM

DOORS OPEN: 6PM  
FORUM STARTS AT 7PM

Meet the local candidates and hear their positions.

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**July 28**  
We Care Food Pantry  
Golfers Against Hunger Raffle Drawing  
Raffle Ticket: \$10 per ticket  
Contact Phone: 422-2939 or 697-1783

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**August 8 • 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**  
Citrus County Chronicle Healthcare Heros  
Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club  
Contact Email: tstones@chronicleonline.com

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SnippetCitrus Celebrity Pet "Paw"ty  
Fat Cat Grill, Crystal River  
Entrance Fee: \$15 per ticket  
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**August 14**  
Citrus County Chronicle Political Forum  
Citrus County Auditorium  
Doors open at 6PM, Forum begins at 7PM

**August 19 • 6PM**  
City of Crystal River Music in the Park  
Kings Bay Park Bandshell  
Contact Phone: 795-4216

**August 30 • 9:00 AM**  
Citrus County Craft Council  
25th Annual Harvest Moon Craft Show  
Citrus County Auditorium  
Contact Phone: 352-503-6329

**September 20**  
VFW Post 10087 Women's Golf Outing  
The Oaks at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club  
8:30 AM Shotgun Start  
Entrance Fee: \$55 per golfer  
Contact Phone: (352) 586-7267

**September 27 • 9:00 AM**  
Business Women's Alliance  
of Citrus County Chamber of Commerce  
Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo  
Crystal River Armory  
Contact Phone: (352) 726-7517

# Golfers Against Hunger!



**The We Care Food Pantry**  
1st Annual Citrus County Golf Drawing

Win a Foursome at each course!

Drawing on July 28th 2014

Call or text for tickets

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Only 1000 tickets available!  
\$10 per ticket



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# Don't skimp on automotive liability insurance



Bruce Williams  
**SMART MONEY**

**DEAR BRUCE:** How do you know how much liability insurance you should carry on a vehicle? I am 39 years old and will be getting my first vehicle. — **Reader**

**DEAR READER:** I am certain many people will disagree with this information: Most people would think \$100,000 to \$200,000 is adequate, but in my opinion, it's not even close.

The primary policy ought to be \$250,000, plus at least an extra \$2 million on top of that first quarter of a million. The additional \$2 million will be relatively inexpensive and it would give you substantial coverage, which is just barely enough. Frankly, I carry considerably more than that.

You should have enough coverage in case someone sues you for a million and is

successful. Without that additional insurance, you will be paying for the rest of your life or having to declare bankruptcy if you were adjudicated to be at fault. Trust me on this one.

**DEAR BRUCE:** Do you have to be a certain age to check on your credit report? My daughter is 19 years old and already has some debt. She asked me if she has to be 21 to check. — **Brenda**

**DEAR BRENDA:** You don't have to be 21 years old to check your credit report. You can check at any age, assuming there is information to be checked.

There are many services that will give you your credit report without cost, and you are allowed one free report from each of the major reporting agencies each year. A quick search on the Internet will tell you

how to get this information.

**DEAR BRUCE:** My 18-year-old son recently started his first job. He keeps asking me where he should put his money to start saving for his future. He said he can afford to put \$50 a week in a savings account. How much do you think he should accumulate in his savings account before he moves on to

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MORGAN BROWN/For the Chronicle

Woodworker Mark Arnett sits atop a driftwood bench that is just one of his many creations.

## BRANCHING OUT

*From carpentry to cinema, Mark Arnett does it with driftwood*

ANGELA MARIA DEJESUS  
Staff writer

**W**hen you watch “Dawn of the Planet of the Apes,” take a moment to look past the computer-generated apes and into the landscape — you’ll find a piece of Citrus County nestled within the Louisiana landscape.

Every piece of twisted, gnarly wood used to create the scenes of natural beauty and untouched ambiance was imported from Citrus County’s own driftwood furniture creator Mark Arnett.

“If you see anything that’s not straight wood . . . anything that’s got character to it would be my wood,” he said.

Arnett has been collecting driftwood for over 35 years, slowly working his way from collecting for others to transforming his collected pieces into custom furniture. This year his work will be featured in both “Planet of the Apes” and “Dolphin Tale 2.”

“You have to get an eye for it,” he said about his ability to

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Mark Arnett’s driftwood furniture is made of aromatic red cedar driftwood from islands dotting the edge of the Gulf of Mexico and the Homosassa River.

# Beware too-good-to-be-true job offers: They are



Laura Byrnes  
**CAREER SOURCE**

**I**m constantly looking at real estate. It’s part wishful thinking, part window shopping, part hobby. After years of poring through listings plus an admitted obsession with HGTV’s “House Hunters” and “Property Brothers,” I like to believe I have a pretty good idea of what the market will bear.

So when I spot an ideal four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath for rent in a nice

neighborhood with mature trees for \$500 a month, my Spidey senses start to tingle.

You know it and I know it: If something seems too good to be true, it is. Not probably is. Is. So steer clear.

The same can be true when searching for employment opportunities. Job scams abound, ranging from out-and-out fakes to so-called “opportunities” that exist solely to collect

your personal information, empty your wallet or worse.

Google “job scams” and you will find some pretty interesting and instructive reading. There are plenty of sites that aggregate horror stories from unwitting victims. Check out About.com’s “Top Internet Job Search Scams 2014” for a litany of unsolicited job “offers” sent via email.

In reviewing those, some

definite patterns emerge. This is what I’ve noticed, and what I recommend:

If you never applied for the job in the first place, if you never posted your résumé on the private job board the solicitor references, if your skills are nowhere near a reasonable match, repeat after me: It’s a scam.

If there are grammatical errors in correspondence

from someone who is supposedly a professional, or if the job offer reads like it was run through Google Translate and back again, you are wise to avoid it (like the plague).

If you are offered a job solely on the strength of your résumé, run for the hills.

No special skills or training required? No set hours

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# IRS compliance matters, Part 2: Safeguarding the tax-exempt status

Once the purpose and mission of a nonprofit is clearly defined, important information must be communicated about the organization to appropriate governmental agencies. There are six essential forms, five different agencies and a total of 50 to 70 pages of information or more, including supplemental materials.

These filings give legal life and provide multiple benefits to the organization.

Best nonprofit management practices must then be followed for the life of the organization. Avoiding any activity that may jeopardize legal status or state and federal tax exemptions is as important as fulfilling the mission. There will be certain activities that must be restricted and others absolutely avoided.

Ongoing compliance falls clearly on the shoulders of the officers, directors and staff. If audited, the IRS will perform operational tests to determine compliance. If noncompliance is discovered, the risk of losing the tax exemptions is real, as is possible involuntary dissolution.

## INUREMENT AND PRIVATE BENEFITS

If goods, services or monetary benefits are provided to an officer, director or employee that are more than incidental, the transaction could jeopardize the tax exemption. The IRS is categorically clear that net earnings of a nonprofit cannot inure or benefit an insider. An insider is someone with a personal interest in the organization, such as an officer, director or key employee. Payment of unreasonably high income to an employee is considered inurement.

These restrictions are in place to ensure that a tax-exempt organization will serve a public/community interest and not private interests normally allowable in a for-profit corporation. Inurement is codified into the legal system that governs the nonprofit industry.

## EXCESS BENEFIT TRANSACTIONS

All 501(c)(3) nonprofits are considered public charities by IRS. The use of the term charity/charitable organization by IRS, means the organization provides benefits to the community/public in which it resides.

When a 501(c)(3) nonprofit provides an economic benefit to any person who can exercise significant influence over the nonprofit operations, the action is considered an "excess benefit transaction." Goods and services beyond market value are considered excessive.

Excise taxes can be charged to the recipient of the benefits over and above actual value. When a 501(c)(3) realizes an excess benefit exists, management is obligated to

divulge this fact to the IRS and a tax adviser should be consulted. The IRS has a process by which this situation can be resolved.

## POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND INTERVENTIONS

501(c)(3) Nonprofits are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating or intervening in any political campaign irrespective of the candidate or political party seeking public office.

Monetary contributions to, or public comments, endorsements and criticisms about parties or candidates, when discovered, are subject to revocation of the tax exemption. Additionally, imposition of excise taxes and strong potential for involuntary dissolution can follow.

Statements or comments in support of or against candidates or parties seeking public office are the most common infraction of the political/intervention rules.

## BEST PRACTICES MUST PREVAIL

Best practices strongly suggest keeping politics out of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Negative or positive statements about candidates or political parties does not belong inside the nonprofit boardroom, at committee meetings or at any kind of public gathering. This includes education programs, seminars, conferences and annual meetings. Avoid any comment that can be perceived as political at all costs.

## ALLOWABLE NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

Not every form of political activity of a 501(c)(3) is forbidden. Conducting voter educational programs presented in a strictly nonpartisan manner is allowed. Programs that encourage people to engage in the electoral process in a nonpartisan forum are acceptable. Drives to help with voter registration absent political bias are acceptable.

The basic criterion to all of the above is the nonpartisan communication of all that is said, written or otherwise directed to an audience. A detailed review of certain situations in this most important activity will follow in the next Nonprofit Briefs column on Aug. 17.

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**NONPROFIT BRIEFS**

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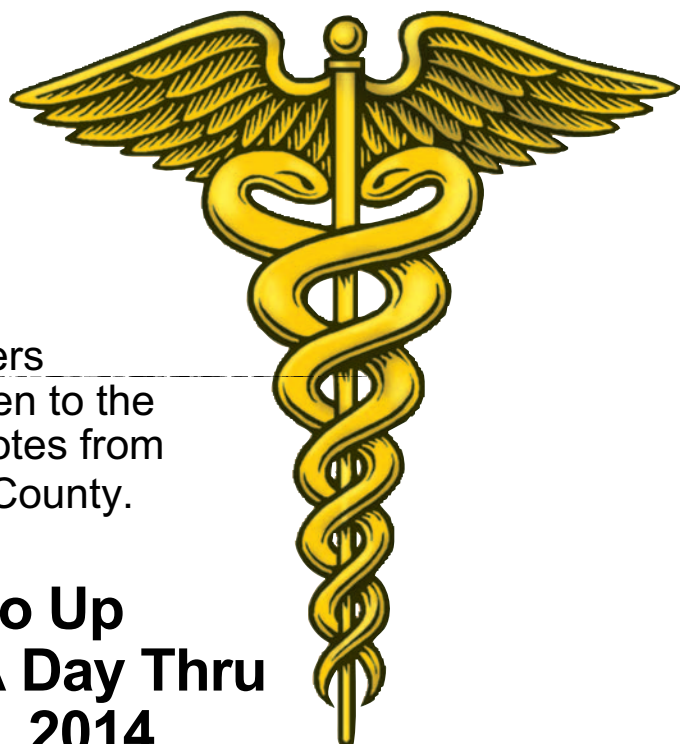


2013 Healthcare Heroes

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# Amazon rolling out 'Kindle Unlimited'

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Amazon is rolling out a new subscription service for Kindle devices that will allow users unlimited access to thousands of books and audiobooks for \$9.99 a month.

The company said Friday the Kindle Unlimited service will give users the ability to read as much as

they want from more than 600,000 Kindle books. They can also listen as much as they want to thousands of Audible audiobooks.

Subscribers will get a free three-month Audible membership. A Kindle Unlimited logo will be attached to eligible titles. The service is accessible via Kindle devices or with Amazon's free Kindle reading apps.



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# Chamber Connection

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## Chamber events

For more information on events, visit [CitrusCountyChamber.com/events/](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com/events/), [CitrusCountyChamber.com/mobile/](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com/mobile/) or call 352-795-3149.

**July 30** — Business Women's Alliance general membership Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Realtor's Association of Citrus County, 714 S. Scarsboro Ave., Lecanto.

**Aug. 8** — Chamber Luncheon, Health Care Heroes Awards sponsored by the Citrus County Chronicle, Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Reservation online.

**Aug. 14** — Mixer hosted by Trotter Realty, 5 to 7 p.m., held at "castle," 6850 S. Hancock Road, Homosassa.

**Aug. 19** — Be Resourceful/Be Ready Inverness Area Business Workshop, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Withlacoochee Training Institute (WTI), 1201 W. Main Street, Inverness.

**Aug. 27** — New Chamber Member Orientation, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., HPH Hospice Conference Room.

**Aug. 28** — Mixer hosted by Clawdaddy's Raw Bar and Grill, 5 to 7 p.m., 1601 S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

**Sept. 6** — Business Expo, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave., Inverness.

**Sept. 27** — Business Women's Alliance BWA Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crystal River Mall.

## Community events

**July 22** — Inverness City-Wide Budget Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Inverness Government Center.

**July 25** — Mystery Dinner Theater, Unity of Citrus, 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served during the intermission at approximately 8 p.m. More information and reservations call 352-746-1270.

**July 26** — Arts & Crafts Indoor Market at Crystal River Mall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 1801 N.W. U.S. 19, 40-plus vendors.

**Aug. 1** — Pine Street Jam, downtown Inverness, 6 to 10 p.m., the music of Jimmy Buffet with the Caribbean Chillers. For more information, call 352-726-2611.

**Aug. 2** — Inverness Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Inverness Government Center City Square.

**Aug. 2** — Back to School Fashion Show at the Crystal River Mall. Call the mall for time and details. 352-795-3149.

**Aug. 1 to 3** — Inaugural Scallop Festival in Homosassa presented by the West Citrus Elks. The three-day festival will feature blues, classic cars, cook-off, arts and crafts. The Elks dining room will prepare casual grill specialties. Scallop and seafood dishes prepared by an award-winning chef. Lounge and ballroom will be open. Vendors wanted. 727-504-4488. 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa. For more information, call 352-503-2010.

**Aug. 4** — Crystal River Mall welcomes Rural King to the mall.



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**CALL ANY CHAMBER TRAVEL AGENT TO BOOK. CABINS ARE LIMITED!**

### DATES

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**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
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**Sunday, Nov. 9**  
 Port Canaveral

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Interior rooms start at \$325; oceanview rooms start at \$355. \$100 holds your spot.

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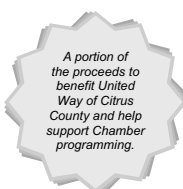
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## The Hagar Group recognized as a distinguished agency

Greg Hagar is pleased to announce that the Hagar Group has been recognized by Allstate as 2014 distinguished agency. Bob Jackson, regional sales leader for Allstate, presented the award for setting the standard for growth and performance in our market.

## Kingery achieves state credential



Amy Kingery, public relations coordinator at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, is the first member of the Florida Public Relations Association's Nature Coast chapter to achieve the certified public relations counselor credential.

## Online auction to boost local causes

Unity Church of Citrus County is conducting an online auction! The purpose of the auction is to enable Unity to continue supporting local charities such as CUB, SOS Food Pantry, the Family Resource Center, Mission in Citrus Veteran's Homeless Shelter and others. The auction opens on July 1 and runs through Aug. 16 and is at [www.nat.73.com](http://www.nat.73.com). Visit to bid on items solicited from local merchants in support of this worthy cause. For more information, call 352-746-1270.

## Hero Project from Inverness Lowe's gives back to Boys & Girls Clubs

On Saturday, June 21, a crew from the Inverness Lowe's store representing the Hero Project teamed up with Cub Pack/Boy Scout Troop No. 2693 to give the outside of the Robert Halleen Homosassa, Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County a makeover.

This group power washed and painted the outside of the building, replaced lights, repaired rotted playground equipment, and donated picnic tables. The pack and troop worked at spreading mulch in the playground area and clearing vines and other vegetation from the playground fence. The troop leader, Phil Reiner, said they would like to adopt the club and come back out to clear and create nature trails with signage for local foliage, thus teaching both the troop and club members about plants.

We are very grateful for all those who came out and donated their time.



**Pictured:** Lowe's store manager Tim Graff, Lena Graff, Tori Graff, Robert Cordero, Victor Cordero, Victor Rodriguez, Carrie Esslinger, Keith Zig, Daniel Bac, Austin Hollback, Heather Hollback, Julie Bartonowski, Steve Valiente, Jeanette R, Bobbie Jo Fozaskie, Bobby Ford, Tom Copp, club member Nathan Copp and Darian Jones. From Boy Scout Troop No 2693: Troop leader Phil Reiner, Bretton, Anthony, Hunter, Hari, Mason, Jackson and club member Evan Copp. From Cub Scout Pack No. 2693: Mrs. Ashley Ginther, Trace, Willem and Zack. Not pictured is Vicky Copp of the Lowe's team.

## A message from Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill

In the Aug. 26 Primary Election, there will be a universal primary in the race for County Commissioner District 4.

Florida is a closed primary state, which means voters are limited to choosing candidates in their

own party in the primary election.

However, in the race for County Commissioner District 4 between Scott Carnahan and Winn Webb, both of the candidates are in the Republican Party. Therefore, the race becomes

a universal primary and will be decided in the primary election. The race for County Commissioner District 4 will be on all ballots, allowing all voters to vote in this election.

This differs from school board

and judicial races because these races are nonpartisan races governed by F.S. 105. Nonpartisan races appear on the primary election ballot. If there are more than two candidates, the winner must receive 50 percent plus 1

vote or the race will appear on the general election ballot as a race between the top two candidates from the primary election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 352-341-6740.

## BUSINESS DIGEST

### Travel Authority's Bernard selected for exclusive event

Travel Weekly, the leading travel industry publication, announces that Robert Bernard of Homosassa's The Travel Authority was selected from among hundreds of applicants to attend the Global Travel Marketplace, which took place at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood/Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 9 to 11. GTM is a three-day appointment-only event for travel agents and suppliers seeking to conduct business face-to-face.

In an industry of thousands of travel entrepreneurs, only 103 North American applicants met the strict requirements to attend, which included booking a minimum of \$1 million in annual sales and maintaining a global book of business. More than 11,000 appointments were requested, 5,316 face-to-face meetings were conducted and 144 presentation sessions were hosted during the three-day event.

"What an amazing experience it was for me to have the opportunity to attend this extraordinary event. I have come away both refreshed and enlightened by what I have learned these past few days. Gwen and I are both very appreciative that our small agency was given such a valuable opportunity to learn, grow and serve our clients better," Bernard said.

### Pine Ridge tax professional celebrates milestone anniversary

Jean Desrosier, of The Tax Lady, celebrates 25 years of professional affiliation with the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), a nonprofit professional association founded in 1979 and committed to excellence in taxation. NATP members dedicate themselves to continued education and a high code of ethics and professional conduct.

Desrosier started tax preparation in 1976, joined NATP in 1989, continued education and earns 20 to 40 CPE credits yearly. She moved her business here to Florida in 2001, from Massachusetts. She is an IRS-registered tax return preparer.

### Board names new chairman, officers

Kevin Cunningham, a certified real estate broker from Citrus County, is the new chairman of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion's regional board of directors. His two-year term began July 1.

Cunningham, broker/owner of RE/MAX Realty One in Hernando, was instrumental in creation of the workforce development region nearly 20 years ago and served as its second board chairman from 1997-98.

His community involvement includes having served as president of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and Citrus County Economic Development Committee. He is a founding director and former secretary of the Citrus County Economic Development Council. He was also a member of the Citrus County School Board, active with the United Way of Citrus County and has also been named the United Chamber Person of the Year and RE/MAX Broker of the Year.

After a 10-year hiatus, Cunningham returned to the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion board in 2011 and had been serving as vice chairman since 2012. He replaces Darlene Goddard, executive director of human resources for Jenkins Auto Group of Ocala. Goddard, who joined the board in 2008, had served as chair since 2011, first stepping in as interim chair and then elected to a full term.

During its quarterly board meeting, held in Chiefland on June 25, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion's board of directors also named Michael Biskie as vice chairman and reaffirmed Fred Morgan as secretary/treasurer. Biskie, who has served on the board since 2002, is director of human resources for Monterey Boats in Williston and Morgan, a board member since 2008, serves as local union representative from Reddick. Both were elected to two-year terms.

The board of directors also welcomed Jorge Martinez, interim regional economic self-sufficiency director with the Florida Department of Children and Families. In addition, the following are returning to the board or cycling back onto the board from a committee:

■ Paula Anspach, consultant from Citrus County.

■ Pete Beasley, director of Rasmussen College's Ocala campus.

■ Diana Hammond, president of Taylor College in Belleview.

■ Theresa Flick, program and services director of the Key Training Center in Lecanto.

■ Robert Goldberg owner/manager of Spherion Staffing Services in Ocala.

■ Judy Houlios, the Ocala Housing Authority's housing programs director.

■ Patricia Keelean, operations manager for Mid Florida Community Services serving Citrus County.

■ Carol Jones, career pathway/literacy coordinator for the School Board of Levy County.

■ Desmond Knight, human resources director for Central Florida Electric Cooperative in Chiefland.

■ Ted Knight, United States Marine Corps League Detachment 819 of Citrus County.

■ Becky Magwood, administrative manager of Capital City Bank in Chiefland.

■ Richard Martinez, director of operations for ACE Construction Solutions.

■ Lanny Mathis, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1205.

■ Mike Melfi, director of sales of Champs Software Inc. of Crystal River.

■ Mark Paugh, vice president for the College of Central Florida's office of instructional affairs.

■ David Pieklik, executive director of the Nature Coast Business Development Council (Levy County Economic Development Council).

■ Pat Reddish, an Ocala consultant.

■ Kevin T. Sheilley, president and chief executive officer of the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership.

■ Eddie Sencer, Experience Works — Senior Workers, Levy and Marion counties.

### Travel Authority hires Barton as consultant

Travel Authority of the Nature Coast announced that Karen Barton, CTC, DS, EP, has joined the travel agency to further develop its growing business around the country. Barton comes with a wealth of experience within the travel industry, having been in the travel industry since 1997. She has numerous industry certifications and designations.

Barton joins the Travel Authority as travel consultant.

"I am excited to start a new challenge within the Travel Authority and look forward to working with the team to further develop their already extensive travel business," she said. "I am fortunate to be joining such a respected company that prides itself on top-quality service."

Barton is very involved with the Marine Corps League Auxiliary locally and through the national level, with the American Cancer Society's "Look Good, Feel Better" program as Citrus County's coordinator and with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. She does a lot of fundraising for these causes and is a breast cancer survivor.

### Seven Rivers appoints physicians to staff

Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center appointed six physicians to its medical staff in June.

Mohammad Ansari, M.D., specializes in cardiology. Dr. Ansari is a graduate of Rangaraya Medical College in Kakinada, AP, India. He completed his residency in internal medicine as well as a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Ansari is board certified in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine.

Hari Kannam, M.D., specializes in interventional cardiology. Dr. Kannam is a graduate of Siddhartha Medical College in Vijayawada, India. He completed an internal medicine residency and a fellowship in cardiology at Westchester Medical Center University Hospital of New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. He completed an interventional cardiology fellowship at Detroit Medical Center University Hospital for Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Kannam is board certified in interventional cardiology, cardiovascular disease and internal medicine.

Bose Manyam, M.D., specializes in cardiology. Dr. Manyam is a graduate of Rangaraya Medical College in Kakinada, AP, India. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Elmhurst, New York. Dr. Manyam is board certified in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine.

Nishant K. Nerella, M.D., specializes in cardiology. Dr. Nerella is a graduate of Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, India. He completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Nerella is board certified in cardiovascular disease, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and internal medicine.

Suman Pasupuleti, M.D., FACC, CCDS, specializes in cardiology. Dr. Pasupuleti is a graduate of Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, AP, India. He completed his residency in internal medicine and a cardiovascular disease fellowship at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. He also completed a fellowship in clinical cardiac electrophysiology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pasupuleti is board-certified in cardiovascular disease, nuclear cardiology, cardiac device therapy and internal medicine.

Stephen H. Stark, M.D., specializes in interventional cardiology. Dr. Stark is a graduate of University of Tennessee Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee. He completed an internal medicine residency and a cardiology fellowship at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa. Dr. Stark is board certified in internal medicine.

## MONEY

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a better-earning investment? — **B.C.**

**DEAR B.C.:** You son is starting off on the right foot. At \$50 a week, he can certainly save \$500 in 10 weeks. At that point, he should consider investing in the stock market. He can't buy large quantities, but he could buy an initial stake of \$500 and add to it every month with \$200 in savings.

If he establishes the appropriate habits now, he will be very successful in life. I think he must have you to thank for his good judgment.

**DEAR BRUCE:** Does it really make a difference if you earn a high school diploma versus getting a GED? — **Harold**

**DEAR HAROLD:** They are both valuable tools, but given the choice between the diploma and the GED, I would go for the diploma every time.

**DEAR BRUCE:** When I purchased my house, this area was the most desirable place to live. After 15 years, the neighborhood is going down the drain because of drug dealers, robbery, etc. I can't afford to move since I am on a fixed income.

I have made many phone calls to the code enforcement department to try to get help, but they want me to give them my name and address in order to make a complaint about my neighbors. I am not going to do that. What other options do I have? — **Reader**

**DEAR READER:** I sympathize with the house mar-

ket going down the drain. You say you can't afford to move because you are living on a fixed income, but it may very well be that you ought to think about selling this house and renting in a better neighborhood, perhaps a small apartment.

Regarding code enforcement, there are not many other options, but if you are in a modestly sized community, I would consider calling your city councilman or the mayor's office and making a complaint directly to them, explaining the situation. They are there to help you, and they should.

Send questions to [bruce@brucewilliams.com](mailto:bruce@brucewilliams.com). Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns.



MORGAN BROWN/For the Chronicle

Standing in front one of his own creations, woodworker Mark Arnett describes how he rents out his wedding arch and then carefully hauls the piece to its temporary destination.

## ARNETT

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look at a tree stump and see a dining room table.

His talent does not lie solely in turning a washed-up piece of wood into a bench or wedding arch, but in understanding that there are some pieces that are best left untouched and to be placed in such a way that their natural beauty shines.

His workshop, located on

the what remains of the old K.C. Crumps property in Homosassa, is a treasure trove of collected driftwood and old tree stumps, some pieces dating back to a time when the cities within Citrus County were a part of the then-larger Hernando County and the cedar found here was an economic engine.

Arnett builds his furniture by himself, creating mirrors, tables, chairs, benches, arches and countless other custom designs. No two pieces are identical,

and depending on the piece's size and complexity, can cost roughly anywhere from \$400 to \$1,500 or more.

Though woodworking can have its challenges and risks, it's nothing that Arnett can't handle.

"I don't really hit too many obstacles building," he said. "If it's not coming together, sometimes you have to back off and try something different."

Contact Mark Arnett at [arnettart@hotmail.com](mailto:arnettart@hotmail.com), 352-628-6747 or 352-220-2651.

## BYRNES

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or deadlines? Starting pay at \$37 an hour? Wow! Really? Uh ... no, no and NO.

If you have to sign up for anything, become a member or provide personal information (i.e. submit to a credit check) just to apply, don't apply.

Do not send anyone money up front ever for any reason. Oh, they say you need to pay for special software to get started with medical billing? No you don't. They say you have the job but just need to register for a master's degree program that they'll help you with? I don't think so. Can't pass up an opportunity to work overseas, but need to cover the costs for a visa first? Nope.

Of course, you may run across a perfectly legitimate enterprise. Many companies, for example, outsource call centers and the like. I recently made airline reservations with a ticket agent who was in her kitchen (and she was terrific). But fake or misleading employment opportunities are posted on legitimate job boards all the time. I easily found scores. These not only target stay-at-home moms and those interested in supplemental income, but with the average length of unemployment in Florida hovering around 48 weeks, so-called "opportunities" may start to look mighty enticing to anyone who has been out of work for an extended period of time.

There are many variations, but here are some basic scams to watch out for:

### RESHIPPING

They send you stuff. One posting listed "golden and silver wares, watches, electronic appliances and collectibles." Another described it as "customer's correspondence in remote corners of the world," which you then repackage and ship via UPS, FedEx, USPS. Job titles run the gamut from "logistics manager" to "transportation operations manager" to "worldwide shipping supplier" to just plain "agent."

Whatever they call you, you'll probably be guilty of receiving and shipping stolen goods — then the only job you'll have is trying to stay out of prison.

### CHECK CASHING

You'll hire on as a "mystery" or "secret" shopper and your mission will be to go undercover as a pretend customer at a local bank and describe your experience. You'll

receive checks, money orders or wire deposits that you'll be asked to cash. You'll fill out official-looking surveys and get to keep a percentage of the cash withdrawal as your payment, sending most back to the scammers. No surprise, the check/money order/wire transfers are fraudulent, and guess who'll end up holding the (empty) money bag? You will be held liable for the lost money; if you're lucky, that's all you'll have to pay (see above reference to prison time).

So what do you do to protect yourself and to ensure that the jobs you apply for are legit?

First, and it should go without saying: buyer beware. It may take a little sleuthing, but do your due diligence. Google the company if it seems fishy and sign up for the Better Business Bureau's scam alerts;

*Do not send anyone money up front ever for any reason. Oh, they say you need to pay for special software to get started with medical billing? No you don't. They say you have the job but just need to register for a master's degree program that they'll help you with? I don't think so. Can't pass up an opportunity to work overseas, but need to cover the costs for a visa first? Nope.*

in the last month alone, the BBB of Central Florida issued six alerts, including warnings about secret shopper and work-from-home scams.

Other places to go for tips and resources include [Employ Florida at employflorida.com](http://EmployFlorida.com) and the Federal Trade Commission at [consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov).

Second, don't rely exclusively on Internet job searches. When you work with one of our placement specialists, you benefit from the effort and expertise of a real, live person who is not going to send you down a rabbit hole. Staff-assisted services, which are available to you at no charge, include career counseling, résumé building, help with interview and other employability skills, interest and skills assessments and job-search assistance and referral.

Simply throwing your resume up on a job board and hoping for the best is not a successful job-search strategy. Plus, doing so can also leave you vulnerable to those trolling through a sea of eager job seekers hoping to hook one; don't take the bait.

If your job search feels overwhelming, and you need a good, trustworthy place to start, give us a call at 352-249-3278 to set up an appointment for staff-assisted services or stop by our one-stop career center at 683 S. Adolph Pkwy in Lecanto.

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The class encompasses the entire home buying process including preparing your credit and finances, shopping for a home, home inspection, fair housing, available loan products, loan pre-approval, and closing. A variety of industry professionals will present to the class and answer questions throughout the session.

There is no charge to attend these sessions, but you must reserve a seat.

# Home construction slowing

*Rate drops 9.3 percent to worst in nine months*

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — U.S. home construction fell in June to the slowest pace in nine months, a setback to hopes that housing is regaining momentum and will boost economic growth this year.

Construction fell 9.3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 893,000 homes, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That was the slowest pace since last September

and followed a 7.3 percent drop in May, a decline even worse than initially reported.

Applications for building permits, considered a good indicator of future activity, were also down in June, dropping 4.2 percent to a rate of 963,000 after a 5.1 percent decline in May.

The worse-than-expected June performance reflected a big drop in activity in the South, where construction plunged by 29.6 percent last month.

Analysts, however, said that the June decline in construction may have been influenced by temporary factors such as heavy rain in parts of the South which could have held back housing starts in that region.

Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO, said it was too soon to conclude that the housing recovery has stalled. "After all, job growth continues, mortgage rates are near

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## Real Estate DIGEST

### Davis continues to soar at ERA

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# New homebuilding trend: Pet amenities

*Furry friends often a big concern for families*

*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — These homes are set apart by their amenities — for dogs.

Standard Pacific Homes is building and selling these homes in 27 of its 190 developments from Florida to California and is believed to be the first to offer a pet suite as an option in every one.

The most lavish suite is a 170-square-foot pet paradise with a step-in wash station, handheld sprayer and leash lead; tile walls and floors; a designated drying area with a commercial sized pet dryer; a water station; automated feeders; a large bunk-style bed; cabinets for toys, treats and food; a stackable washer and

dryer; a French door that opens to a puppy run; and a flat-screen television set.

Standard Pacific, based in Irvine, decided to offer pet suites after conducting livability studies with homeowners. Pets were a constant theme, said Jeffrey Lake, vice president and national director of architecture for Standard Pacific.

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**A new dog-friendly home by Standard Pacific Homes. The company is building and selling 27 new home communities from Florida to California and billing them as the first to offer pet paradise as an option in every one.**

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# Endangered bats find haven at golf course

*Species one of the most elusive in the world; scientists still gathering information*

**JENNY STALETOVICH**  
*Miami Herald*

CORAL GABLES — Giselle Hosein peers into the dark sky above a manicured fairway on the Coral Gables Granada Golf Course, trying hard to see what she can so far only hear: an elusive Florida bonneted bat, among the rarest in the world.

"It took me three or four months before I was actually able to see one," she said.

The bats, which number fewer than a thousand, have found an unlikely foraging ground at the nine-hole course. By day, the former orchard draws mostly duffers and retirees, or joggers cruising the perimeter past ritzy villas and condos — lawyer Roy Black and wife Lea, of Real Housewives fame, live in one walled compound. Former Gov. Jeb Bush once occupied a condo. But at night, the bats come out to play, feasting on insects to a steady rhythm of trills and tweets.

"When it gets dark, you hear them right next to you, but you can't see them," said Hosein, a research assistant to a Florida International University biologist and bat expert. "It's like your mind is playing tricks on you."

Then she sees it: a dark outline soaring against white clouds dotting the midnight blue sky. Just as quickly, the bat vanishes. Yet its calls — constant chirps to get its bearings mingled with chatter that could signal mates, pups or predators — fill the muggy night like a mockingbird on fast forward. Over the next hour, Hosein spots more bats, or the same one, a dozen times. A sound meter tucked into a ficus tree on the course typically records a thousand calls each night.

The bats, which have the smallest range of any bat species in the western hemisphere, are one of the New World's most vulnerable, found mostly around South Florida. In November, U.S. wildlife managers added them to the endangered species list, citing both habitat loss and annual mosquito-spraying as critical threats.

The government and biologists

are now trying to determine where the bats live and whether their habitat can be protected. But the bats aren't cooperating.

"We literally know nothing about them. We know they have a low reproduction rate, but we don't know how fast ... or what they're eating, so we don't know what to protect," said Dr. Frank Ridgley, head of conservation and research at Zoo Miami. "Until we answer those questions, it's hard to get a recovery plan."

Despite years of study, finding natural roosts has been difficult, making it hard for scientists to scrutinize how they live. Until last year, no roosts had been found since the 1970s. The single roost — discovered by a biologist looking for woodpeckers in tree holes at the Avon Park Air Force Base in Central Florida — contained a single bat.

"We're still finding out what we do know and what we don't know. We haven't listened everywhere and we might find it somewhere else," said Dana Hartley, supervisor of the endangered species program for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which plans on releasing a draft proposal addressing potential habitat on Sept. 30.

The bats — officially *Eumops floridanus*, or *Eumops* for short — show up most frequently at the golf course and sometimes near Zoo Miami. Biologists think the fuzzy bats, with ears so round they form a brim-like bonnet, historically roosted in pine rocklands and wetlands that development shrunk over the years.

A colony also roosts in several man-made bat houses in Punta Gorda and Fort Myers. Last year, two trained dogs from Auburn University spent 21 days hunting for roosts in South Florida, but only turned up

a single rice-sized bit of scat that a trainer keeps frozen, hoping to find a lab that can accurately test its DNA.

*Eumops* also tend to be sneaky. While other bats form massive colonies, leaving roosts in noisy, thundering herds, the hamster-sized *Eumops* may live in small, restless harems that attach to a single male and frequently change roosts.

*Eumops* are one of the few bats that can be heard, said Kirsten "Kisi" Bohn, the FIU biologist whose work on bat songs is featured in the current *Science* magazine.



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# Average 30-year loan slides to 4.13 percent

*Yellen signals that low rates likely to continue*

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Average U.S. mortgage rates declined slightly this week with rates remaining near historic lows.

Mortgage company Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the nationwide average for a 30-year loan dipped to 4.13 percent, down from 4.15 percent last week. The average for the 15-year mortgage, a popular choice for people who are refinancing, edged down to 3.23 percent, compared with 3.24 percent last week.

Mortgage rates are below the levels of a year ago, having fallen in recent weeks after climbing last summer when the Federal Reserve began talking about reducing the monthly bond purchases it was making to keep long-term rates low.

Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages were 2.39 percent this week, down from 2.40 percent last week, while rates on five-year adjustable rate mortgages were 2.97 percent, down from 2.99 per-

cent last week.

At 4.13 percent, the rate on a 30-year mortgage is down from 4.53 percent at the beginning of this year. Rates have fallen modestly even though the Fed has been trimming its monthly bond purchases. Fed Chair Janet Yellen told Congress this week that the purchases will likely end altogether at the end of October.

But at the same time, Yellen said during congressional testimony that the Fed still sees the need to keep its benchmark short-term rate at a record low near zero to give the economy support.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

The average fee for a 30-year mortgage was 0.6 point, down from 0.7 point last week.

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Jane Weber

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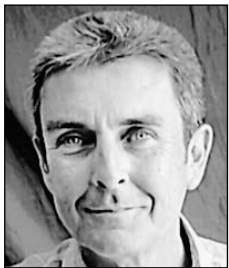
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For current property transactions, use the search features on the website for the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office: [www.pa.citrus.fl.us](http://www.pa.citrus.fl.us).

# Painter still active today; hunting knife from Scotland

**Dear John:** I have this watercolor: I am not sure what the picture is, maybe a tree reflecting in the water. It is signed "Mike Schofield" and the paper is stamped in the lower right corner a rcher's brand. I was wondering if you could tell me if it is a true watercolor or not.



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S  
ATTIC**

I have enclosed some pics and the size of the watercolor is about 21 inches tall by 29 wide from the edges of the matting. — R., Internet

**Dear R.:** The artist Mike Schofield was born in Orlando, Florida in 1947 and continues into current times producing landscape paintings and prints. Currently there is little secondary art market interest in his works.

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**Dear John:** I was wondering if you could tell me any information about this antique knife.

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**This painting is by Mike Schofield, a Florida-born artist who is still actively painting. It's difficult to tell from a photograph if this picture is an actual watercolor or simply a print.**

Special to the Chronicle





Associated Press

**A construction crew at work in New Bern, N.C.**

## HOMES

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their lows for 2014 and homebuilder confidence has been increasing," she said in a research note.

The overall weakness reflected a 9 percent fall in construction of single-family homes, the biggest part of the market, and a 9.9 percent drop in construction of apartments and other multi-family units.

All of the June weakness was confined to the South, where about 40 percent of home construction occurs. Construction was up 14.1 percent in the Northeast, 28.1 percent in the Midwest and 2.6 percent in the West.

Home construction has struggled to gain traction this year, limiting its ability to contribute to economic growth. Part of the weakness reflected an unusually severe winter which hampered construction. But rising home prices, a rise in mortgage rates from historically low levels and tighter lending standards imposed since the financial crisis have also been a barrier, especially for potential first-time buyers.

There still is hope that housing will perform better in the second half of the year although Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen told Congress this week that the slowdown in housing is one of the concerns at the Fed and that its forecast for an economic rebound may prove to be too optimistic.

The National Association of Home Builders, however, reported Wednesday that homebuilder confidence surged in July, reflecting heightened

expectations that the second half of the year will see rising sales. The builders' sentiment index rose to 53, up four points from a revised reading of 49 in June. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor. The July reading was the first month above 50 since January when the index stood at 56.

New home sales surged 18.6 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 504,000, the highest level in six years, while sales of previously owned homes rose 4.9 percent, the biggest one-month gain in nearly three years, to a rate of 4.89 million homes.

Even with the big May increases, sales of new homes are still running at just about half the pace of a healthy real estate market.

Economists expect there is a lot of pent-up demand for homes after many potential buyers put off purchases during the 2007-2009 recession and the weak recovery since that time. Job growth has accelerated in recent months, with an increase of 288,000 jobs in June. That has helped to push down the unemployment rate to a nearly six-year low of 6.1 percent in June.

There is optimism that employers will step up their hiring further in the second half of this year as they respond to a rebound in overall economic growth following a weak winter.

The economy shrank at an annual rate of 2.9 percent in the January-March quarter but analysts believe growth rebounded to around 3 percent in the April-June quarter and will remain around that level for the remainder of this year.

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# KITCHEN COLOR



Big Chill/Associated Press

With strong color trending in kitchens, Big Chill's vibrant hues in fridges, ovens and range hoods hit the mark. Clockwise from top left, ovens are shown in buttercup yellow, pink lemonade, and orange.

## *Experts give tips on giving your cook space extra flair*

**KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

Kitchens in traditional and vintage homes often are dressed in conservative garb: neutral hues, stainless steel, white-on-white or beige-on-beige.

Historically, however, kitchens were actually pretty peppy, according to Deborah Baldwin, editor of *This Old House* magazine.

"Pastel greens, blues, creams and peaches reigned until the early 1930s, when casual, built-in eating areas were painted Kelly green, red and even black," she says.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Jane prepares to make blackberry jam, just one of the many ways that blackberries can be prepared.

# Blackberries make a sweet treat



Jane Weber  
**JANE'S GARDEN**

**B**lackberries are ripe in Central Florida from June to July. They are one of 250 species in the *Rubus* genus which occur in most parts of the world in temperate to sub-arctic zones 2-11. Sand Blackberry, *Rubus cunifolius*; Highbush Blackberry, *R. betulifolius*; Northern Dewberry, *R. flagellaris*; Hill Raspberry, *R. niveus*; and

Southern Dewberry, *R. trivialis* all grow in Florida, according to Gil Nelson's book "The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida."

Sand Blackberry is a common, prickly bramble in the sand hills of Central Florida. It ranges throughout Florida north to New York, New Hampshire

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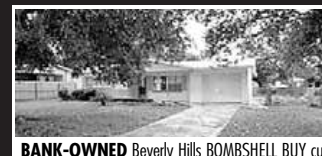
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# PETS

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“Devotion to pets is second-to-none,” he added. “They are family.”

The American Pet Products Association reports that 68 percent of Americans own pets and contribute to an industry worth more than \$55 billion annually.

Real estate officials say building homes designed to cater to pets is a new concept, but that remodels for pet owners have been available for some time.

Adam Cowherd Construction in Ozark, Missouri, installs pet-friendly additions to homes. Cowherd said he recently finished a job where there was an open shelf on the end of a kitchen island to hold pet bowls.

“Owners want it uniquely functional, very contemporary and something that catches the eye,” Cowherd said.

However, only once in the last 10 years has he been asked to build a whole room for a pet, he added.

Melanie Dean lives with her family near Dallas in a Standard Pacific home with a pet package for their dog, Lola.

Lola’s room “makes life much easier,” Dean said. “We don’t have to use the kitchen sink to wash yucky stuff anymore.”



Standard Pacific Homes/Associated Press

**This Standard Pacific Homes model includes a 170 square-foot pet suite and spa with a step-in wash station.**

# COLOR

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“We have readers who are introducing brightly colored cabinets and appliances in tomato, pumpkin and daisy,” she adds.

At this spring’s Architectural Digest Home Design Show in New York, manufacturers were showing lots of vibrantly hued kitchen equipment.

Bertazzoni’s Arancio range came in orange, burgundy and yellow. Big Chill displayed a wall full of paint-box hues including jadeite (a milky green), cherry and pink. AGA’s Signature line of beefy, professional-grade ranges comes in intriguing colors like aubergine, duck-egg blue, heather, pistachio, claret and British racing green. (www.bertazzoni.com; www.bigchill.com; www.aga-ranges.com)

Fans of metallics might go for Blue Star’s dramatic collection of ranges, wall ovens and hoods in copper, gold and a chocolate-y ginger, as well as several hundred other colors and finishes. (www.bluestarcooking.com)

Kitchens of any vintage can look great with colorful walls. Pumpkin, cobalt and deep Prussian blue enhance all kinds of woods, whether you’re working with 19th century pine, Craftsman-era oak or midcentury walnut.

Or consider the ceiling. In a small galley kitchen, bold color on the ceiling creates a “jewel box” effect. Deep hues like eggplant, navy, magenta or carmine compliment white cabinetry in a large kitchen, and look great in both natural and artificial light.

New York designer Gideon Mendelson applied a pea-green gingham canvas cloth to the ceiling of a country house kitchen, and painted the island in a

**Kitchens of any vintage can look great with colorful walls.**

similar shade. With a collection of vintage baskets displayed along the tops of snowy wood cabinetry, the vibe is relaxed, fresh and contemporary. (www.mendelsongroupinc.com)

Meg Caswell, a designer and host on HGTV’s “Great Rooms,” loves to add color to kitchens. She used a backsplash of crisp, blue and green fused-glass tiles as a counterpoint to a rustic, Old World-style metal and wood kitchen island, glossy black cabinetry and citrine wallpaper in an Art Deco-era home.

In another home, she mixed sleek teal-and-white glass with farmhouse blue cabinets. (www.megcaswell.com; www.hgtv.com)

Baldwin, of This Old House, advises painting upper and base cabinets different colors, or painting an island or hutch in a contrasting shade.

“This helps reinforce their freestanding furniture look, which harks back to 18th- and 19th-century kitchens,” she says. (www.thisoldhouse.com)

“Painting the floor — either one color or in a pattern like checkerboard — can reinforce the vintage look too,” she notes. Options include graphic designs or stencils, or illustrated rug motifs. Better Homes & Gardens’ website has lots of ideas. (www.bhg.com/kitchen)

If you’re in a rental with limited decorating options, go for color accents like Fiesta ware, rag rugs, a couple of snazzy stools, and counter appliances in candy hues.



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# JANE

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and Massachusetts and west to Louisiana. Its erect, arching stems, 4 to 5 feet tall, are armed with stiff, curved thorns.

Be sure to wear heavy jeans and a long-sleeved shirt when picking the juicy, tasty fruit. Compound leaves, usually with three leaflets, alternate along the stem. Leaf stems also have prickles. The green leaves have distinctive white hairs underneath.

Rubus flowers are five-petaled, white to pinkish in color, and resemble a little single rose. They are in the Rose family. Sand Blackberry flowers are in loose clusters at the ends of the stiff canes. They bloom from May to June locally, so the fruit, called a drupe, is ripe from late May to July. Ripe fruit turns black. Unripe green or reddish fruit is hard and too tart to eat.

Typically, Sand Blackberries quickly colonize abandoned cleared fields, city lots and unmowed roadsides. There are many patches of blackberries along U.S. 41, State Road 200 and County Road 484. When headed home, I stop the car, get out and enjoy a pleasant hour picking wild blackberries and listening to birds. The sweet fruit is worth the effort.

I prefer to drop the luscious berries into a wide wicker basket. At home, I rinse the fruit and then soak it for a few minutes to see if any insects will emerge and swim to the sides of the sink or bowl. Pour off the water and any debris, then spread the berries on a paper towel and pat dry.

Blackberries may be eaten fresh, sprinkled on morning cereal, frozen in freezer bags, baked into muffins and quick breads, dehydrated or preserved in jams, jellies and preserves. Cooked and very ripe berries quickly turn into a mush which can be crushed with the bottom of a glass or mug, sieved or strained through cheese cloth and made into syrup and juice concentrate. Blackberry flavored wine is available commercially. So far I have not tried to make wines, as I have never picked enough fruit to ferment a large enough batch.

Thornless hybrid blackberries are available in retail nurseries. Red Raspberry, *R. indaeus*, Zone 4-9 and Black Raspberry, *R. occidentalis*, zone 3-9 also grow well in Central Florida.

Be aware that *Rubus* bears fruit on second year canes. Old canes are usually cut to the ground after harvest. The healthy root system quickly sends up another colony of canes. These grow tall and lose their leaves for winter. Leaves emerge in early spring. New flowers cluster at the branch tips in late spring locally.

Grow blackberries in full sun in moderately rich, well-drained, moist soil. Many exotic *Rubus* species become naturalized and can invade natural habitats, displacing naturally occurring species.

## Blackberry jam

- 4 cups washed, fresh-picked blackberries.
- 1 cup water.
- 1.5 cups granulated white sugar or honey.
- 1 tablespoon of butter.
- 4.5 tablespoons "Low or No-sugar Needed" Pectin.

*Crush the blackberries and water with a potato masher or liquefy in a blender to crush the seeds.*

*Bring berries and water to a rolling boil in a large steel pot.*

*Add sugar and re-boil, stirring constantly. Add 1 teaspoon of butter to reduce foaming.*

*Sprinkle in the pectin powder, stirring constantly for one minute.*

*Pour jam into hot, sterilized, tempered mason jars.*

*Wipe rims clean of any spills with a wet paper towel. Cap with hot sterilized lids and hand-tighten rings.*

*Boil in a deep canner for five minutes. Set jars on wire rack out of air movement to cool. Listen for the lids popping, which indicates a vacuum seal. Yields seven half-pint jars.*

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**Sand Blackberry is a common, prickly bramble in the sand hills of Central Florida. The fruit, called a drupe, is ripe from late May to July.**

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# Teardrop trailers becoming popular among adventurous

*Compact, stylish designs offer compromise between comfort and affordability*

**DAVE ORRICK**  
*St. Paul Pioneer Press*

MINNEAPOLIS — Several years ago, a friend told Minneapolis furniture designer Bert Taylor he should look up “teardrop campers” on the Internet.

It changed his life. “This was a scale I could work with,” Taylor, 63, said. “These were basically the size of large pieces of furniture.”

Today, Taylor and a small staff build sleek, compact, retro-style camper trailers from a workshop in Minneapolis’ warehouse district.

His 3-year-old enterprise, Vistabule, is modest but growing; he built 12 campers last year and this year, his goal is 36.

Vistabule is a portmanteau word combining vista — drawn from the signature gaping window that affords its occupants ample views — and vestibule, suggestive of the cozy confines of the 5-foot-by-10-foot trailers.

“I wanted to take the cave on wheels and turn it into an observatory on wheels,” he told the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* while showing a reporter around his workshop.

The place smells of a woodworking shop — sawdust from the blonde-hued Baltic birch that forms the interior paneling of the campers. The workforce on this day consists of his brother Dave, 67, and friend and partner Don Grandbois, 77. The average age is reduced by Bert Taylor’s daughter Lilly, 26, who works the computer.

The atmosphere is relaxed and joking. Two containers of Franzia boxed wine are perched on a cabinet, ready for dispensing. Among Taylor’s numerous endeavors over the years, he’s also taking a stab at growing vineyards.

“I started this venture late in life,” he chuckled. “I didn’t really realize how much effort this would take, mentally and physically, but I feel lucky to be doing it. And I love solving design problems.”

Originally, Taylor had been interested in campers for two reasons. He wanted to buy one because he appreciated the



DAVE ORRICK/The St. Paul Pioneer Press

**Bert Taylor sits in an early prototype of his Vistabule camper in a warehouse in Minneapolis, Minn. Taylor, 63, and a small staff built 12 of the sleek, compact, retro-style camper trailers last year; this year, his goal is 36.**

design of vintage models like Airstream and he figured as he aged he’d appreciate a camper more than a tent. The second was that he wanted inspiration for designing furniture.

When that friend told him to research teardrop campers — small trailers that offer a place to sleep out of the elements but don’t attempt to offer living rooms, showers and other

amenities of full-size recreational vehicles — it inspired him to try to build one himself. For fun.

“We don’t see ourselves as RVers, but as campers,” he said.

He purchased plans and started to build one, but his propensity for design improvement got in the way.

“I realized this was the work of an amateur,” he said. “It might have been good for the trailer he wanted, but not for the one I wanted. It was claustrophobic. I knew I could do better.”

The creation he eventually built in 2011 was a head-turner. When asked to describe the genre, he uses word like “iconic,” “from the 1930s and ’40s,” “nautical” and “vintage UFO.”

“We took it to the Grand Canyon, and the response we got was unbelievable,” he said. “Everyone wanted to talk to us and look inside.”

Teardrop trailers are a niche at the tiny end of the camper trailer continuum.

But they have a devoted following. The premise is a level of comfort, but a compactness that makes for storage in any garage and lightness that can handle being towed by most cars. (Vistabules are lighter than 1,300 pounds, within the threshold for many sedans.)

One small maker of retro-style aluminum-skinned models is Necedah, Wisconsin-based Camp-Inn. Big Woody Campers builds wood-paneled versions out of Elk Mound, Wisconsin. The big guy on the block is Little Guy, based in Ohio.

Little Guy offers campers starting as low as \$4,400. Vistabules, on the other hand, generally range from \$14,000 to \$17,000.

The difference in price was well worth it for Stephanie Weiss of West St. Paul. In the summer of 2012, she was in the market for a teardrop camper. “Every time I camped, it seemed like I was always

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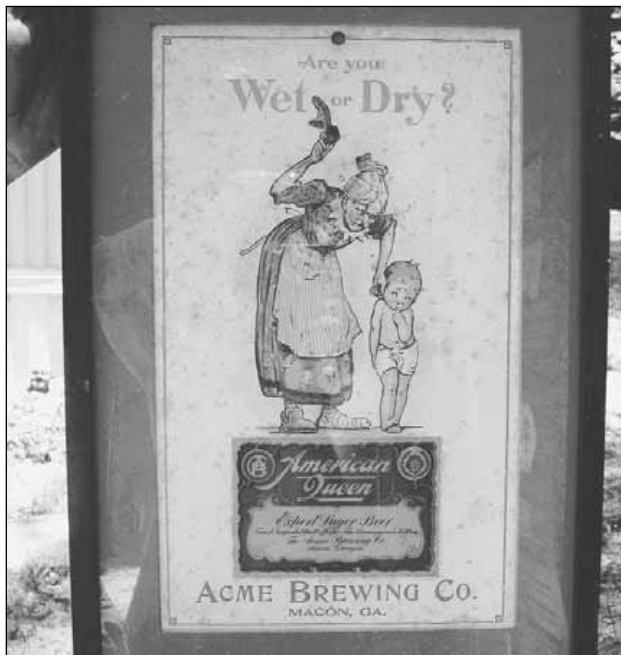


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Acme Brewing Company was based in Macon, Georgia from 1893 to 1916. The phrase "Are you Wet or Dry?" could be a reference to the national push for Prohibition, which was finally enacted in 1920.

## TRAILER

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waking up in a puddle of water," said Weiss, 47, the director of news and media services at Augsburg College. "As I got older, I just wanted to be more comfortable."

She stumbled across Taylor's ad on Craigslist just hours, it turned out, after he had first posted it — his first attempt to sell a Vistabule.

"I told him I wanted to hire him to build me one," she said. "I think he thought I was crazy."

What sold Weiss, who has a history in sailing, was the nautical theme, the relative roominess and, of course, that huge picture window — an element perhaps unique to the Vistabule.

As for the cost: "If you give a rip about aesthetics, it's absolutely worth it," she said. "You get something so beautiful. If you want to sleep in a Clorox bottle, go buy a fiberglass one."

Weiss' enthusiasm for her camper is unequivocal. From the ease of trailering and backing into campsites — the large windows allow the driver to see right through the thing — to the functionality of the kitchenette, or "galley," she said it's become an integral part of summer travel for her, her fiance and their dogs.

"I will hook it up Friday evening or Saturday morning, and if the sweetheart can't go with me, I grab a dog and just go," she said.

After-dark setup involves little hassle, unlike a tent, and the purchase has allowed her to start working through a bucket list of state parks within a couple hours' drive of the Twin Cities. Family events and weather have cramped her camping so far this season, but she said it's often substituted for a motel or fold-out

## ATTIC

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made out of silver. I am thinking it is from the 1800s. I need all the help I can get! The first two hallmarks read "TE," and I cannot really make out the other three. — *R.T., Internet*

**Dear R.T.:** You have an interesting hunting knife. The impressed words "made in Scotland" on the metal indicate it was made in the 20th century — no earlier.

I cannot make out the two letters "TE" or the other impressed marks. Take it out in the bright light and look closely with a magnifier. If the decorative metal portions are silver, one of the marks will indicate such. Let me

know what you discover and I will finish the story.

**Dear John:** Here is a photo of an Acme Brewing Company Prohibition-era sign for American Queen Beer. This is a cardboard poster. The actual beer label is applied. Can you tell anything about this and is it original? — *K., Internet*

**Dear K.:** I have no reason to doubt your advertising poster is genuine. The Acme Brewing Company located in Macon, Georgia, was in business from 1893 to 1916. The words at the top of the poster, "Are you Wet or Dry?" could have a connection to Prohibition, but I am not sure.

I can see the poster could use some restoration. I suggest you contact William Morford at Morford Auctions; he specializes in high-quality advertising memorabilia.

The website is [www.morfauction.com](http://www.morfauction.com). The phone number is 315-662-7625. Good luck.

**Dear John:** A while back in your column someone asked about getting a broken porcelain figurine repaired. I wish I had made a note about the restorer, but I did not. Now I need their services because of an unfortunate accident.

My son and his wife were here for a visit with the kids. While playing, one of them bumped into my china cabinet and one of my porcelain figurines toppled over and the arm was broken into three pieces.

Can this badly broken

arm be restored? — *F.C., Internet*

**Dear F.C.:** Yes, the arm can be restored. In fact, after proper restoration, you will not be able to see where the arm was broken.

Leak Enterprises is located in Belleview. The phone number is 352-245-8862.

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sofa at family functions, affording her solitude and a view.

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Taylor said he's constantly tinkering with improving the design and functionality. Door and window latches, for example, are custom made.

"I didn't design it for off-the-shelf parts," he said. "That would limit me too much."

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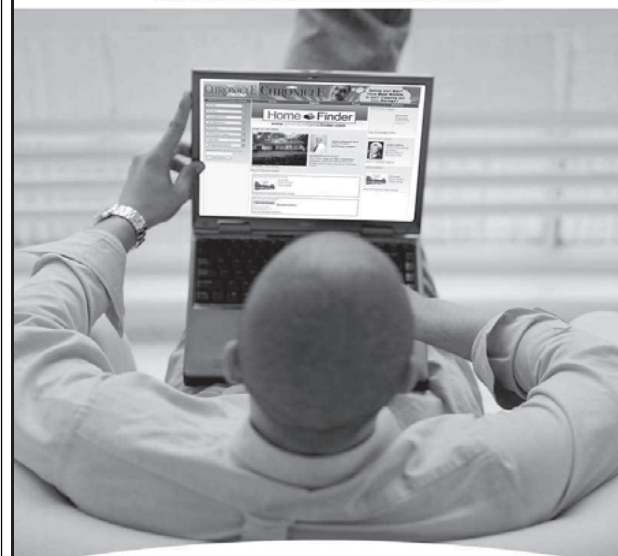
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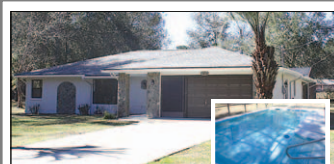


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