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Visa snafu trips up new shelter vet

County pays more than \$3,000 for legal work and fees to expedite immigration paperwork

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Since being hired in June, the county's animal shelter veterinarian has worked just two weeks. That's as a result of a snafu with immigration

paperwork required because the doctor moved to Citrus County from Canada.

In an effort to resolve the complications, county officials hired a Virginia attorney for \$1,500, plus paid \$1,550 in fees in hopes of getting Dr. Danesh

Ayromloo back on the job as soon as possible, according to county records.

They hired the law firm without first running the idea by County Attorney Kerry Parsons, who learned only after the fact that the county had contracted

with the immigration lawyer, county spokeswoman Tobey Phillips said Monday.

The shelter has gone without a full-time veterinarian since Dr. Julie Rosenberger left in April for a similar job in Hernando County. Since then, the

county has relied on part-time veterinarians to provide medical care to animals, as well as perform sterilization services for dogs and cats before they are adopted.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Meet candidates at upcoming forums

Candidates for the two county commission races will be featured in a forum at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Beverly Hills Lions Club on Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

The forum is sponsored by the Beverly Hills Civic Association.

All seven candidates for county commission — five in District 2 and two in District 4 — have agreed to participate.

The Citrus County Chronicle will have its primary forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness.

The auditorium is on U.S. 41 just south of Inverness at the county fairgrounds.

The forum features candidates whose names are on the primary ballot for county commission District 2 and 4; school board District 1, 3, 4 and 5; and circuit court judge.

Plus, other candidates in the general election will be on hand to meet with voters.

Doors open at 6 p.m. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County will sell refreshments.

The Chronicle's general election forum is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto.

—From staff reports

COUNTY CURIOSITIES



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Sue Buchheister, left, and Judy Hemer place decorations last week around Bubbles, a gigantic manatee on display in front of the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Visitors Center on U.S. 19. Bubbles is but one of several roadside objects of interest in Citrus County.

Area oddities attract attention along Citrus roadways

They're the things that make you go, "Huh."

You're driving along the highway and there it is — a giant horned shark hanging from a tree, a pink elephant, a manatee wearing a hat or decked out for a day at the beach. When you see them you go, "Huh. What's the story on that?"

Citrus County is home to a number of such roadside oddities, each with a story.

Recently, Chronicle reporters Eryn Worthington and Nancy Kennedy, with help from Chronicle photographer Matthew Beck, took their cameras and notebooks out into the county to learn about some of the unusual, over-sized, novelty landmarks that dot the landscape.

The gentle giant at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Visitors Center on U.S. 19 is one of those statues that routinely becomes a part of tourists' photo albums.

She's at least 30 feet long and is too large to take a selfie with, but people have to get a snapshot with Bubbles.

"People look forward to her next outfit and theme," said park volunteer Sue

Buchheister: "Everyone loves her and we enjoy decorating her."

The 12-year-old fiberglass sea cow once resided at the Bella Oasis Hotel next door. Former park manager Art Yerian finalized a deal with the hotel to purchase Bubbles and relocated her to her current spot in 2012.

"The park volunteers have been decorating her since," said park volunteer Judy Hemer.

New York snowbird volunteers Chris and Bob Matijas design the outfits based on the upcoming holiday or park theme.

Currently, she is dressed in her Summer Fun attire and ready for a dip in the springs.

— Eryn Worthington

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Milestone

Once-conjoined twins celebrate a milestone anniversary. /Page C1

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Inverness man arrested on meth-trafficking charge

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff writer

An Inverness man is facing a slew of drug charges including a major felony charge of trafficking in methamphetamine.

Kristin Blake Robinson, 34, of East Maid Court, also is facing charges of resisting an officer, violation of probation and driving while license revoked or suspended. His bond is \$68,000.

On Friday, a Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy went to serve a warrant on Robinson at his residence and was knocking on the



Kristin Robinson

door when he smelled and noticed smoke emanating from the backyard.

As the deputy was walking to the back to investigate the source of the smoke and to see if Robinson was also there, he reportedly smelled chemical odors associated with a methamphetamine lab.

The deputy was unable to locate Robinson and left the residence and was reportedly on the lookout for Robinson's truck.

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Alliance wants to grow Movember

PAT FAHERTY
Staff writer

The annual Movember effort to raise awareness about men's health issues could be stepping up its profile this year with greater public exposure.

Going into its fourth year, the local observance of Movember, sponsored by the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County, is part of a month-long global movement.

Traditionally held in November, it starts with a public shave-off for participants. They re-grow what facial hair they can for the next

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ALLIANCE

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30 days for a Mo Show (mustache and beard) judging competition.

Women also get involved in a variety of creative ways, with individuals and teams competing and raising funds for the fight against prostate cancer.

The event has been growing, but the alliance wants to see even more participation.

Monday, following updates on the annual Economic Development Council's Industry Appreciation Month barbecue, Oct. 16 at M&B Dairy, and Farm-City Day, Nov. 15 in downtown Inverness, Theresa Foster suggested tying the events together with Movember.

“ We want it to be a fundraiser. But the focus is on men’s health awareness, not money. ”

Dale McClellan
Agriculture Alliance of Citrus County president.

Farm-City Day is planned in Inverness in conjunction with Farm-City Week.

“Maybe tie into EDC’s barbecue and Farm-City Week for men’s health awareness,” said Foster, who chairs the Movember effort. The shave-off would be at the barbecue and the Mo Show finale at Farm-City Day.

Dale McClellan, alliance president, agreed the approach would provide a one-month time period and not conflict with

Thanksgiving weekend, which has been a concern in the past.

“I think it will be a big event with a lot of stuff going on,” said member and Farm Bureau representative Jimmy Brooks, who has been working on Farm-City Week. “The farmer’s market at Inverness will be held that day.”

The alliance passed a motion supporting the idea; now the issue remains whether Inverness, the Farm Bureau and the EDC will agree to it.

“We want it to be a fundraiser,” said McClellan. “But the focus is on men’s health awareness, not money.”

In other discussion: Ag Alliance member Fred Clark announced there will be a fundraiser for Kelly Thomas and her family Sept. 6 at the Havana House Café.

Thomas, a 2013 graduate of Lecanto High School and student at the College of Central Florida, was severely injured in a traffic accident. There will be food, beverages and entertainment for a \$20 ticket, available at the café.

Sept. 6 is also the date for Speak Up Homosassa Springs. The event, sponsored by the Florida Conservation Coalition, will focus on water conservation and protecting the environment. Possible guest speakers include former

U.S. Sen. Bob Graham and state Sen. Charles Dean. There will be entertainment by the Magic Bus Band and free admission to the wildlife park that day.

EDC manager Ardath Prendergast provided an update on Industry Appreciation Month, which kicks off Oct. 2 with the second annual Fire Up Citrus event.

There was a special guest presentation by Ed Craig with the Southwest Florida Water Management District on the FARMS (Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems) program and the district’s other agricultural programs.

The next alliance meeting will be 8 a.m. Sept. 8 at the county Extension Service facility. The meetings and alliance membership are open to the public.

State BRIEF

Apartment fire kills man and his dog in Dunedin

DUNEDIN — Tampa Bay area detectives are investigating a fire that killed a man and a dog.

The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office reported that the fire broke out early Sunday inside the Scottish Towers II apartment complex in Dunedin.

Officials identified the man as 54-year-old Ronald Riley. His dog was named Niles.

Reports stated that the fire appeared to have started near the bed in the studio apartment. The cause of the fire wasn’t immediately known, but deputies said it does not appear suspicious.

—From wire reports

VET

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County officials sent paperwork on Monday, Aug. 4, to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, or USCIS, for Ayromloo to receive his work visa. The USCIS has 15 days to respond; it can approve the application, deny it, or seek more information, records show.

Ayromloo owned a veterinarian clinic in British Columbia, Canada, which he sold in March to move to Citrus County where his wife was hired at Citrus Memorial hospital as a family care physician.

He was one of nine applicants and among three

qualifiers who interviewed in May with Human Resources Director Sherry Anderson and Community Services Director Amy Engelken.

Anderson said Monday in a memo to commissioners she knew throughout the interview process that if they chose Ayromloo, his visa would have to be changed.

Anderson said she contacted Immigration and Customs Enforcement to see if Ayromloo could begin work under his current visa. She said the enforcement agency said he could and that it would take a certain period of time for him to receive a correct visa and Social Security number.

Instead, though, the agency did not approve Ayromloo’s new visa.

Meanwhile, the county pulled Ayromloo off the \$76,000-a-year job. He hasn’t worked for the county since the end of June and hasn’t been paid since that time.

Ayromloo, at the county’s suggestion, contested the non-confirmation. County officials were told to prepare a letter of support for Ayromloo, which they did. The immigration office, however, requested more information.

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Anderson then contacted

the county attorney’s office for assistance. She said neither Parsons nor the county’s Tallahassee law firm, Nabors, Gibling and Nickerson, had experience in immigration law, although they offered to review the form and help in the submission, the memo states.

Instead, however, Anderson and then-County Administrator Brad Thorpe agreed to a \$1,500 contract with the Tungol

Law Office of Woodbridge, Va., to handle the visa application paperwork. Anderson said she received that law firm’s name from Citrus Memorial, which had hired Tungol to help with the work visa process with Dr. Ayromloo’s wife.

“My concern was if the forms were submitted incorrectly, it would cost an additional \$200 and cause a delay in obtaining the correct visa,” Anderson’s memo states.

Attorney Kristine Tungol Cabagnet told Anderson it could take up to three months to process a visa application, but it could be expedited with an additional \$1,225 fee and \$325 filing fee. Anderson said she and Thorpe approved the expenses.

Phillips said administration officials had told county commissioners there was a delay in the new veterinarian starting work, but Monday’s memo was the first time commissioners received details.

Issues with the animal shelter have swirled for months. The shelter’s new director, Kevin Mallory, started work Monday. And the county commission today will hear a proposal from Corrections Corporation of America to build a \$2.8 million animal shelter next to the county jail, which the county would repay through higher daily inmate rates.

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Around the
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**Animal Services
 has deal on cats**

Citrus County Animal Services is offering free cat adoptions through Friday, Aug. 15, for any cat that has already been spayed or neutered.

Every cat adoption includes age-appropriate vaccinations and a microchip. There will be a \$5 license charge for Citrus County residents.

The price for unaltered cats is \$35 and includes spay/neuter surgery, all age-appropriate vaccinations and a microchip. Dog adoptions are \$60; \$30 if they already spayed or neutered.

Kennels are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, with extended hours until 6 p.m. Thursday.

Citrus County Animal Services is located at 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness. For questions or information, call 352-746-8400.

**CCSO Academy
 taking applications**

The next class of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy begins Aug. 21 and runs for 10 weeks. Classes meet Thursdays at the Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center in Lecanto and participants may choose between an afternoon class (1 to 4 p.m.) and an evening class (6 to 9 p.m.).

The free academy, which has vacancies for the upcoming sessions, is designed to provide a better understanding of the sheriff's office and fire rescue and the functions and services of those employed by the agency. Beyond that, the underlying objective is to build a partnership between law enforcement officers, fire rescue personnel and the people served.

The program agenda includes interactive instruction and demonstrations from professionals in road patrol, criminal investigations, vice and narcotics, Animal Control, the Emergency Operations Center/911, Sheriff's Fire Rescue Division, the Sheriff's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT), K-9 Team, identification and evidence and much more.

Applications are available at the Sheriff's Operations Center or any of the agency's community resource offices. Or go to the Sheriff's Office home page at www.sheriffcitrus.org to print out an application form. Interested candidates also may call 352-341-3457 for more information or to have an application mailed to them.

**Crown gets routine
 fumigation**

The former Crown Hotel on Seminole Avenue in Inverness is going through a routine, preventative fumigation. According to owner Carey Jensen, the last time the 28,000-square-foot building was tented was in 1998.

Jensen said the 30 residents all found safe shelter with their families while the fumigation was going on and he expected everyone to be back today.

—From staff reports

Correction

Sunday's Citrus County primary election special section included incorrect information. The annual pay for a county commissioner is \$58,733. A different amount was listed with District 2 commission candidates.

The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

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Suspect in burglary, thefts grabbed

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff writer

A 29-year-old Lecanto man is facing charges that he broke into a gas station by shattering the glass door, swiped items, then tried to redeem stolen lottery tickets at other Citrus County retailers.

Andre Napoleon Kirby, of North Crabapple Terrace, was arrested and charged Friday. His bond was set at \$8,000.

According to Kirby's arrest affidavit, in late July and at 12:30 a.m., Kirby smashed the front glass door of the Chevron Gas Station at 2205 W. Norvell Bryant Highway.

Kirby reportedly then proceeded to grab several cartoons of cigarettes and several lottery tickets.

The store's surveillance system captured the crime in progress, with the image of a person described as having a medium build, standing approximately 5-foot-10 and weighing about 240 pounds. The thief also was dressed in black pants, a black hoodie, white gloves and a black-and-white skeleton mask. The person reportedly used a car jack to smash out the front door.

Investigators also got footage of the getaway vehicle, which was described as a light-colored,

four-door vehicle with large rims.

A Florida Lottery agent told investigators an attempt was made to cash two of the stolen lottery tickets at another gas station and at a supermarket.

When detectives visited the businesses to look at surveillance images of the person trying to cash the lotto tickets, each showed Kirby, according to the report.

Kirby also matched the description of the person from the original surveillance tape.

Investigators also noticed Kirby getting into a gray four-door Dodge Charger in all the surveillance tapes.

Investigators soon paid Kirby a visit after establishing his identity with witnesses through photographic lineups.

Kirby was shown the surveillance evidence and reportedly said that was him trying to cash the lottery

tickets, but said he purchased the tickets from a different Chevron station in Crystal River. He also denied involvement in

damaging the store door and the thefts.

After Kirby was arrested and read his rights, he reportedly admitted to an investigator that he did drive to the Chevron station but was only a lookout.

Kirby alleged others committed the burglary.

He reportedly told investigators that he gave the other unidentified subjects a ride back to Crystal River, where he was given some of the stolen lottery tickets as payment for his role in the burglary.

Contact *Chronicle* reporter A.B. Sidibe at 352-564-2925 or asidibe@chronicleonline.com.



Andre Kirby
 faces charge
 of burglary.

Solid foundations



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

James Stevens and Denise Burke are the owners of Burkes of Ireland on Citrus Avenue in Crystal River. The building, constructed in 1920, was originally the pharmacy and medical office for Dr. Porter Hudson. The original brick walls, tin ceiling and wood floors are part of the historic charm of the pub.

Historic building has seen everything, from house calls to last calls

Editor's note: This is part of an occasional "Then and Now" series spotlighting historic buildings around Citrus County, what they were originally and what they are used for now.

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

SHE CRYSTAL RIVER he doesn't know exactly why, but Denise Burke always loved the brick storefront building at 564 N. Citrus Ave.

Today, it's the Irish pub, Burkes of Ireland. But originally, it was the medical office of Dr. Porter Hudson, one of long-ago Crystal River's most beloved physicians.

"I was friends with Dr. Porter's son, Doc," Burke said. "He would come in here with his wife, even in his wheelchair, and remember it being his dad's medical office."

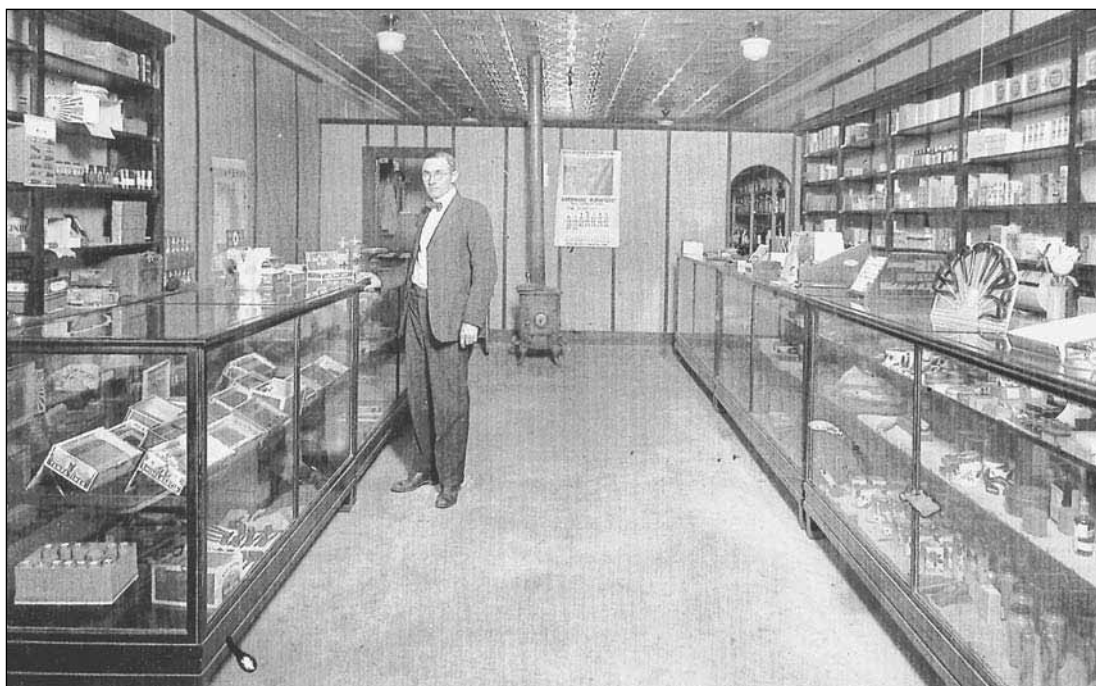
Burke said when she saw that it was for sale back in 2007 — and saw the original brick peeking out from underneath the drywall that a prior owner had put up — she knew she had to have it.

"It still has the original tin ceiling and the same wooden floors from the '40s or '60s," she said. "When we moved in here, it had been vacant for about five years. Prior to that, it was a barber shop, and at one time Doc sold antiques from here."

Back in 1989, the owners of Classic Cuts barber shop applied to have the building put on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the application, the building was also a plumbing shop and a beauty parlor at one time.

But in 1920, it belonged to Dr. Porter James Hudson.

In January 1919, a fire swept through Crystal River, destroying all the buildings on the west side of Citrus Avenue from Third Street to the corner of Citrus Avenue and Mill Street — 16 businesses in all



Special to the Chronicle

Dr. Porter Hudson, at his pharmacy and medical office at 564 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River. He had a small examination room in the back, since he did most of his doctoring by making house calls.

were wiped out, including a theater, a general goods store and the Willis House inn.

Soon after, people started to rebuild the area. Dr. Hudson built his medical office, which was a pharmacy in the front with a small office in the back. In those days, most of the doctoring was done by house calls.

As the story goes, Dr. Hudson often traveled by boat to reach people. He had his own 20-foot boat he named "El Medico," Spanish for "the doctor."

His son, James "Doc" Hudson, who died in 2012, was an amateur historian and recorded stories of Crystal River, including a description of 1920's Citrus Avenue.

In addition to his father's office, he noted the buildings on either side: Helen Sparkman's restaurant and her husband's grocery store and the two-story building on the other side, which was Hugh Barco's Hardware and J.H. Hood's grocery store.

"What's interesting about



Special to the Chronicle

Citrus Avenue, as it looked in 1960. The building with the white awning was Dr. Porter Hudson's office and is now Burkes of Ireland.

Dr. Hudson's building, if you notice it's narrower than the other buildings," said John Grannan, Citrus County Historical Society president. "When the buildings were being built, Helen Sparkman needed more space and bought 20 feet from Dr. Hudson."

Burke said she loves the building for its history and its

architecture. Whenever people come into the pub, she's only too happy to talk about it.

"We love the brick walls," she said. "We love the sense of history and being a part of Crystal River."

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

For the RECORD

Domestic battery arrests

Jeffrey Horrell, 28, of Homosassa, at 12:40 a.m. Aug. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. Andrew Hesketh, 52, of Inverness at 8:22 p.m. Aug. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. Felicia Spafford, 32, of Inverness at 2:27 a.m. Aug. 10 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. Thomas Faulkner, 41, of Crystal River at 4:16 p.m. Aug. 10 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Other arrests

Jesse Laramie Jr., 19, of Beverly Hills, at 10:28 a.m. Aug. 8 on a felony charge of possession with intent to sell a controlled substance, and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. Christopher Downey, 27, of South Snapp Avenue, Inverness, at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 8 on an active Lake County warrant for driving under the influence with great bodily injury to another. Sandy Robinson, 65, of South Old Floral City Road, Floral City, at 3:24 p.m. Aug. 8 on a felony charge of failing to register every six months as a sex offender. Staci Baker, 48, of East Red Robin Lane, Inverness, at 7:41 p.m. Aug. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. Shane Jones, 31, of Beverly Hills, at 9:47 p.m. Aug. 8 on a felony charge of lewd and lascivious molestation on a person between the ages of 12 to 16. Robert Doolittle, 39, of

South Fairway Terrace, Inverness, at 11:52 a.m. Aug. 8 a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. According to his arrest affidavit, Doolittle was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over because the driver had a suspended license. Deputies witnessed Doolittle throw a small baggie out of the window as the vehicle was being pulled over. A field test confirmed the white substance in the baggie was cocaine. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Christopher Perciful, 33, of East Buckskin Lane, Hernando, at 3:51 a.m. Aug. 9 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. He was also charged with misdemeanor violation of probation stemming from an original charge of domestic battery. According to his arrest affidavit, Perciful was being searched after his arrest for violation of probation and a Dilaudid (hydromorphone) pill and a hypodermic syringe were found in his possession. His total bond was set at \$4,855.

Frank Nobile, 55, of East Penbrook Lane, Floral City, at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 9 on an active warrant for a misdemeanor charge of improper exhibition of a firearm. Nobile turned himself in to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Staci Baker, 48, of East Red Robin Lane, Inverness, at 7:41 p.m. Aug. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. According to her arrest affidavit, Baker is accused of shoplifting a 12-pack of Redd's Apple Ale valued at \$13.99 from the Inverness Publix. Her bond was set at \$500.

Alginavon Cleveland, 27, of West Arms Drive, Crystal

River, at 6:57 p.m. Aug. 9 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell. According to his arrest affidavit, Cleveland was pulled over for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. A K-9 unit alerted to possible drugs in the vehicle and 245 grams of cannabis, divided into multiple baggies, was found in his possession. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Shawn Peck, 40, of West Sugarberry Lane, Beverly Hills, at 9 p.m. Aug. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. According to his arrest affidavit, Peck is accused of shoplifting a pellet gun and rope, valued at \$65.84, from the Lecanto Walmart. His bond was set at \$500.

James Godwin, 50, of North Palm Springs Terrace, Crystal River, at 10:47 p.m. Aug. 9 on a misdemeanor charge of trespassing in an occupied structure. According to his arrest affidavit, Godwin is accused of trespassing at Burkes of Ireland pub after being previously trespassed from the site. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Markee Sumerlin, 34, of East Trail 10, Inverness, at 12:05 a.m. Aug. 10 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. According to his arrest affidavit, Sumerlin was pulled over for speeding. He reportedly consented to a vehicle search and approximately 1.5 grams of cocaine and a digital scale were found in his possession. His bond was set at \$3,000.

William Burke, 27, of South Ridge Point, Lecanto, at 2:15 a.m. Aug. 11 on a felony charge of criminal mischief. According to his arrest affidavit, Burke is accused of

driving recklessly and damaging three vehicles in the Riverside Resort parking lot. When deputies spotted his vehicle on Yulee Drive, he was reportedly speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. Deputies had to swerve to avoid being hit, and Burke's truck continued to speed off on the wrong side of the road, and running a stop sign before deputies could pull him over. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Burglaries

A vehicle burglary was reported at 8:23 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, in the 3900 block of N. Bluewater Drive, Hernando.

A residential burglary was reported at 5:01 p.m. Aug. 8 in the 6500 block of W. Riverbend Road, Dunnellon.

A residential burglary was reported at 11:44 p.m. Aug. 8 in the 900 block of W. Hampshire Blvd., Dunnellon.

A vehicle burglary was reported at 12:23 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, in the 1700 block of Forest Drive, Inverness.

A vehicle burglary was reported at 4:09 p.m. Aug. 9 in the 1000 block of State Road 44 East, Inverness.

Thefts

A larceny petit theft was reported at 7:46 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, in the 3400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

A grand theft was reported at 7 p.m. Aug. 8 in the 10500 block of E. Berger Court, Inverness.

A grand theft was reported at 1:50 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, in the 9200 block of N. Peachtree Way, Dunnellon.

A grand theft was reported at 7:26 a.m. Aug. 9 in the 8500 block of W. Mayo Drive,

Crystal River.

A petit theft was reported at 1:35 p.m. Aug. 9 in the 1000 block of W. Main St., Inverness.

A grand theft was reported at 5:26 p.m. Aug. 9 in the 2100 block of N. Sunshine Path, Crystal River.

A petit theft was reported at 8:03 p.m. Aug. 9 in the 1900 block of N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

A grand theft was reported at 9:16 p.m. Aug. 9 in the 8500 block of N. Carpathian Point, Dunnellon.

A larceny petit theft was reported at 9:12 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, in the 10 block of Browallia Court, Homosassa.

A grand theft was reported at 9:20 a.m. Aug. 10 in the 2200 block of N. River Reach Circle, Crystal River.

A grand theft was reported at 2:15 p.m. Aug. 10 in the 2400 block of E. Hayes St., Inverness.

A petit theft was reported at 8:20 p.m. Aug. 10 in the 100 block of S. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

A grand theft was reported at 9:52 p.m. Aug. 10 in the 8300 block of N. Creek Way, Dunnellon.

Vandalisms

A vandalism was reported at 7:26 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, in the 6000 block of W. Homosassa Trail, Homosassa.

A vandalism was reported at 3:35 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, in the 400 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

A vandalism was reported at 6:14 a.m. Aug. 10 in the 2100 block of W. Greenway Place, Dunnellon.

A felony vandalism was reported at 11:52 p.m. Aug. 10 in the 5200 block of S. Cherokee Way, Homosassa.

Lawmakers approve new district maps

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Republican-controlled Florida Legislature on Monday swiftly approved new maps that will alter several of the state's congressional districts after a judge ruled the current districts were illegally drawn to benefit the GOP.

The changes would alter seven of the state's 27 congressional districts, but it's not certain if the revised map will change the makeup of Florida's congressional delegation. Republicans currently hold a 17-10 edge.

The vote was largely along partisan lines as Democrats complained that the new map still doesn't reflect that Florida is a battleground state with a divided electorate. The Senate passed the measure 25-12 with the House following by a 71-38 vote.

Legislators held a three-day special session to fix the congressional map after Circuit Judge Terry Lewis ruled that two districts were drawn illegally. Lewis gave legislators until Aug. 15 to draw a new map.

Republicans who led the effort to draw the new map contended that the changes should pass muster with the judge.

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Obituaries

Enoch Booth, 78
BROOKSVILLE

Enoch Booth, 78, Brooksville, died July 31, 2014.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at Eden Baptist Church, 22308 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville.

Olga Lonergan, 88
LECANTO

Olga Lonergan, 88, Lecanto, Florida, passed away Aug. 9, 2014. Olga was born to the late Timothy and Axenia Sheuchuk Fedorchuk in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and grew up in Salem, New Hampshire. She was predeceased by her husbands, Raymond O' Clare and Jeremiah Lonergan; and her sisters, Mary Fedorchuk Cimics and Ann Fedorchuk Cote.



Olga Lonergan

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Brian McSheffrey of Alabama, Patricia and Robert Campagnone of North Carolina and Susan and George Boden of Florida. She is also survived by two granddaughters and their husbands, Jennifer and David Bosko and Katie and Dixon Gunther; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and good friends.

Interment will be in Massachusetts at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Citrus and The Nature Coast, P.O. Box 64120, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

■ A flag will be included for those who served in the U.S. military.



Margaret O'Neil, 76
COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Margaret Rosa O'Neil, age 76, of Cookeville, Tennessee, died Aug. 9, 2014. Ms. O'Neil was born in Germany and was a supervisor for the U.S. Army at Fort Knox. She was formerly from Crystal River, Florida.

She is survived by her children, Roslyn McCamish of Cecilia, Kentucky, Scott O'Neil of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and Susan O'Neil of Cookeville, Tennessee; grandchildren Crystal Jordan of Sonora, Kentucky, Chadd McCamish of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Megan O'Neil of Delaware, Lukas Walsh of Cookeville, Tennessee, Allison Simmons of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and Brooke Long of California; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Richard C. O'Neil. She was a wonderful mother and a great wife. She had a great and dry sense of humor and could be a little feisty. She will be greatly missed. Bill Head Funeral Homes and Crematory Duluth, Georgia, 770-476-2535.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

■ Deadline is 3 p.m. for obituaries to appear in the next day's edition.

Phyllis Stilts, 90
HERNANDO

Phyllis H. Stilts, 90, of Hernando, Florida, passed away Aug. 8, 2014, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County, Lecanto.



Phyllis Stilts

She was born March 15, 1924, in Corning, New York, to the late Orson and Leona (Jones) Schoonover. Phyllis was a homemaker, and arrived in this area in 1988, coming from Corning. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church, Inverness, and enjoyed crochet, needlework, going to yard sales and spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Stilts, and one brother, Robert Schoonover.

Survivors include her loving husband of 70 years, Raymond Stilts. Other survivors include sons Dale (Bonnie) Stilts and Wayne (Margie) Stilts, both of Hernando; daughter Jan (Alan) Cameron of Dunnellon; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service with committal is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. The family will receive friends at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, prior to the

committal. The funeral procession will depart the funeral home for Florida National Cemetery at 1:15 p.m.

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Daryle Disney, 80
DUNNELLON

Daryle Dean Disney, 80, Dunnellon, died Aug. 9, 2014. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Cleo Marcotte, 94
BEVERLY HILLS

Cleo Marcotte, 94, of Beverly Hills, Florida, died on Aug. 9, 2014.

Elaine Ward, 74
HOMOSSASSA

Elaine M. Ward, 74, of Homosassa, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014.

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Robin Williams dead at 63

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Robin Williams, the Academy Award winner and comic supernova whose explosions of pop culture riffs and impressions dazzled audiences for decades and made him a gleamy-eyed laureate for the Information Age, died Monday in an apparent suicide. He was 63.



Robin Williams dead at 63.

Williams was pronounced dead at his home in California on Monday, according to the sheriff's office in Marin County, north of San Francisco. The sheriff's office said a preliminary investigation shows the cause of death to be a suicide due to asphyxia.

"This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken," said Williams' wife, Susan Schneider. "On behalf of Robin's family, we are asking for privacy during our time of profound grief. As he is remembered, it is our hope the focus will not be on Robin's death but on the countless moments of joy and laughter he gave to millions."

Williams had been battling severe depression

recently, said Mara Buxbaum, his press representative.

From his breakthrough in the late 1970s as the alien in the hit TV show "Mork and Mindy," through his standup act and such films as "Good Morning, Vietnam," the short, barrel-chested Williams ranted and shouted as if just sprung from solitary confinement. Loud, fast, manic, he parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards, impersonating a Russian immigrant as easily as a pack of Nazi attack dogs.

He was a riot in drag in "Mrs. Doubtfire," or as a cartoon genie in "Aladdin." He won his Academy Award in a rare, but equally intense dramatic role, as a teacher in the 1997 film "Good Will Hunting."

His personal life was often short on laughter. He had acknowledged drug and alcohol problems in the 1970s and '80s and was among the last to see John Belushi before the "Saturday Night Live" star died of a drug overdose in 1982.

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Interesterates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.43 percent Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

The price of U.S. crude rose slightly Monday on potentially higher demand for diesel fuel while global crude slipped as tensions in Ukraine eased somewhat. Gold was little changed.



Table with columns: FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE. Lists prices and changes for Crude Oil, Gold, Silver, etc.

MutualFunds

Table with columns: FAMILY, FUND, NAV, CHG, YTD, TOTAL RETURN 1YR, 3YR, 5YR. Lists various mutual funds like American Funds, Fidelity, etc.

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

Stocks edge higher

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks gained on Monday as investors focused on corporate news instead of geopolitical worries.

Kinder Morgan surged after announcing that it would combine a group of businesses that it controls to create the fourth-biggest U.S. energy company by market value.

The stock market was extending a rebound from Friday when it logged its biggest one-day gain in five months following signs that tensions in Ukraine might be easing.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.33 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,936.92. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16.05 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,569.98.

Shares of Priceline Group rose \$27.72, or 2.2 percent, to \$1,309.20 after the company reported second-quarter earnings that topped Wall Street expectations.

Investors were also tracking corporate earnings reports. Shares of Priceline Group rose \$27.72, or 2.2 percent, to \$1,309.20 after the company reported second-quarter earnings that topped Wall Street expectations.

ported earnings for the second quarter. Company earnings are expected to grow by 10.1 percent in the period, according to data from S&P Capital IQ.

U.S. government bond prices were little changed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note held at 2.42 percent from Friday, close to its lowest level in a year.

Longer-dated Treasury notes and bonds have surged this year even though the Federal Reserve is winding down its economic stimulus and purchasing fewer bonds.

Business BRIEFS

US agency moves slowly on investigation requests

DETROIT — People are waiting longer than they should for an answer when they petition the government to open an investigation into what could be serious safety problems.

The Associated Press reviewed all 15 petitions filed by drivers with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration since 2010 and found the agency missed the legal deadline to grant or deny the requests 12 times.

A 1974 law passed to make the agency move faster requires a decision within four months of receiving a petition. But even though the agency has fined automakers such as General Motors and Toyota millmakers for missing deadlines to disclose safety issues, there is no penalty when it's tardy itself.

Busted: Myths about Facebook's messenger app

NEW YORK — Facebook's recent effort to force people to adopt its standalone mobile messaging app has privacy-concerned users up in arms.

One blog from the Huffington Post published in December has gone viral, making the rounds on the social network recently because it claims the app gives Facebook "direct control over your mobile device" and allows Facebook to call phone numbers without a users' intervention.

Barneys to pay \$525,000 in shopper-profiling probe

NEW YORK — Barneys has agreed to pay \$525,000 to resolve allegations that minorities were singled out as suspected shoplifters at its flagship store.

Barneys shoppers and ex-employees complained that detectives followed minority customers around — even after staffers identified them as frequent patrons — and disproportionately investigated their credit-card use.

Chiquita gets buyout offer from Safra, Cutrale

NEW YORK — Chiquita Brands has received a buyout offer worth about \$611 million from investment firm Safra Group and the Brazilian agribusiness and juice company Cutrale Group.

StoryStocks

Stocks rose modestly Monday as investors focused on corporate news instead of the ongoing political tensions abroad. The gains add to the rally the market had on Friday, in which the Dow Jones industrial average rose nearly 200 points.

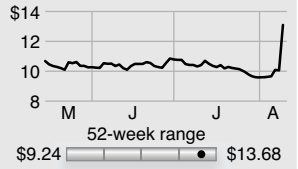
Kinder Morgan KMI Close: \$39.37 ▲3.25 or 9.0% The energy company will combine a group of oil and gas companies that it controls, but which are currently traded separately.



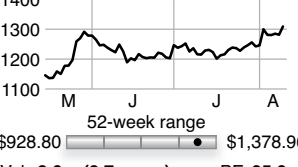
Dean Foods DF Close: \$15.20 ▼-0.61 or -3.9% The dairy processor's quarterly results fell short of expectations and it withdrew its full-year outlook because of higher prices.



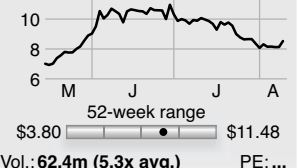
Chiquita Brands CQB Close: \$13.10 ▲3.04 or 30.2% The banana and fruit distributor received a buyout offer equal to a 29 percent stock premium by Cutrale Group and Safra Group.



Priceline Group PCLN Close: \$1,309.28 ▲27.72 or 2.2% The online travel company reported better-than-expected quarterly results, though its third-quarter guidance fell short.



MannKind MNKD Close: \$8.53 ▲0.40 or 4.9% The biotechnology company entered a deal worth up to \$925 million with Sanofi to develop and sell the inhaled insulin Afrezza.



from investment firm Safra Group and the Brazilian agribusiness and juice company Cutrale Group.

Safra and Cutrale are offering \$13 per share, a 29 percent premium to Chiquita Brands International Inc.'s closing price of \$10.06 on Friday.

Chiquita said its board would review it and asked shareholders to await its recommendation.

Mexico opens gas, oil to foreign, private firms

MEXICO CITY — President Enrique Pena Nieto signed into law on Monday new rules governing a historic opening of Mexico's state-run oil, gas and electricity industries to foreign and private companies.

Pena Nieto said the government will let potential investors know by Wednesday which blocks of gas and oil fields will be open for them.

The state-owned oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, has the right under the new rules to take first dibs and set aside some fields for itself.

US agency warns consumers about Bitcoin risks

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are warning consumers about the risks of using virtual currencies such as Bitcoin.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Monday that it will begin fielding complaints from people who rely on products such as Bitcoin and online exchanges for such currencies.

In issuing an advisory warning, the agency noted that the currencies are not backed by the government, have volatile exchanges rates and are targeted by hackers and scammers.

Obama takes step to improve government technology

CHILMARK, Mass. — The White House on Monday announced the creation of a team of digital experts tasked with upgrading the government's technology infrastructure and making its websites more consumer friendly.

The move is aimed at avoiding a repeat of the website debacle that marred the rollout of President Barack Obama's signature health care legislation last year.

The new digital team will be overseen by Mikey Dickerson, an engineer who took leave from Google in order to oversee fixes to the HealthCare.gov site.

—From wire reports

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OPINION

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

► "The fool shall not enter into Heaven let him be ever so Holy."

William Blake, "A Vision of the Last Judgement," 1810

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FIND A BETTER SOLUTION

Over-the-counter medication rules need modification

Citrus school district officials find themselves squeezed between one-size-fits-all state regulations and parent convenience, and thus far rigid rules trump common sense.

Student medication must be strictly regulated with the Florida's departments of education and health setting protocols for how medication should be handled when it becomes necessary for students to bring it to school.

In the past, a doctor wrote protocols for over-the-counter medications that would cover all students in the district. Last year, the Citrus County Health Department withdrew some longstanding rules for medicines used to treat students in school clinics. The doctor who had been writing the protocols received legal advice due to liability potential issues regarding broad authorization of over-the-counter medications.

During research, school district officials reviewed Florida School Health Administrative guidelines, which recommend treating

over-the-counter medication the same as prescription medication. Those rules require a signature of authorization from a doctor. Other school districts, including Marion, Hernando and Pasco, follow the same rules.

School district officials are currently searching for a more convenient solution for parents, but recommend some short-term actions parents might take. For example, Chapstick currently requires parent authorization and district officials suggest applying before coming to school. With about 14,000 students in the Citrus County Schools, applying one rule that fits every child is impossible. There will be no norm that applies universally to all students. Additionally, more rules and regulations mean more work and ultimately cost the district, and taxpayers, more money to enforce.

We ask state officials be flexible in working with local school officials as they seek a less-Draconian measures that protect students and reduce hardships on parents and school staff.

THE ISSUE:

Authorization required at schools for over-the-counter medicine.

OUR OPINION:

Work to find a less troublesome solution.

Hot Corner: SHELTER

Hooray for shelter

Hip-hip hooray, hip-hip hooray for "JJ" Kenney. So glad that the animal shelter might be getting built. And I just read in the *Chronicle* today (Aug. 8) all the negativity from the people. Obviously they don't have a heart like I do. It's hot out there; it's cold out there. There's only several months when a dog is comfortable in a caged-up facility. You people that are against this should have to go out there and just take a look at what it is out there. We definitely need a new kennel and the jailbirds should be trained. I read an article in Reader's Digest where one man who's serving life has trained eight dogs to be of service and use for people. Well, heck, they could even train them to sniff out drugs with the German shepherds. So I am all for "JJ" Kenney, and they can raise my tax up to 7 percent. That would be fine with me. I am not greedy. I am an animal lover, always have been, always will be. They don't have a voice.

Desperately needed

I am just amazed at the amount of Sound Offs I read from people that are opposed to a new animal shelter. Come on,

people. What's wrong with you? We need one desperately. Animals are living beings. Don't you have any compassion at all for these poor creatures? I just don't understand you people. I really don't. You don't like Scott Adams because he's got the guts to stand up ... so now you want Scott Adams out of there. You people amaze me. I just don't know what to think about you anymore.

He envisioned what we can't see

For all those who want a new animal shelter: Why don't you speak to Bob Kroker at Blind Americans. A few years ago, he wanted a new building and he researched the most economical way it could be done. With the help of volunteers, he built the Quonset-type building we see on (State Road) 200, with men and women just building it together and raising each inner section. Yes, it was Bob Kroker, a blind man, who could figure it all out. And he was out there every day fulfilling his passion and now he has a beautiful building. Now can't our residents with sight and a passion accomplish building a new shelter without spending millions of dollars?

Changing look, feel of theater

I just want to know what's the point of making the Valerie Theatre look like something it never looked like. Seems like a huge waste of money. I mean look at the courthouse. I mean they didn't make the

courthouse look like a mall.

Keep it fair

When I call Sound Off, I try to keep it short so that others can be printed. Lately Sound Off has been printing calls that are longer than some letters. Come on. Let's keep this fair.



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A middle course on foreign policy

WASHINGTON With metronomic regularity, there is a choreographed minuet of carnage. Israel is attacked. Israel defends itself. Perfunctory affirmations of Israel's right of self-defense are quickly followed by accusations that Israel's military measures are disproportionate. Then come demands for a cease-fire, and the attackers replenish their arsenals.



George Will
OTHER VOICES

The accusations and demands are ascribed to something fictitious, the "international community." The word "community" connotes a certain cement of shared values and aspirations. So, what community includes Denmark and Yemen, Canada and Iran, New Zealand and Congo, Italy and North Korea? "International community" is empty cant that bewitches the minds of earnest diplomats such as John Kerry but does not interest Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

He surely has told Kerry what he has told others: The point of Israel is that Jews shall never again, like Blanche DuBois in "A Streetcar Named Desire," depend on the kindness of strangers. Such dependency did not work out well for Jews, so Israel exists for Jewish self-defense.

Israel's hardheaded exercise of hard power in Gaza has instructively coincided with a dismal reverberation from the Obama administration's most empty-headed adventure. Among the multiplying foreign policy debacles that are completing the destruction of Barack Obama's crumbling presidency, many are more portentous but none more emblematic, than the closure of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli last weekend. The U.S. military evacuated the embassy staff while the State Department advised U.S. citizens to leave

Libya "immediately."

U.S. involvement in the 2011 decapitation of Libya's government has predictably (for those who have noticed developments in Iraq since 2003) produced a failed state convulsed by rival militias. The attack on Libya appealed to the Obama administration's humanitarians precisely because it was untainted by considerations of national interest. The seven-month attempt to assassinate Moammar Gaddafi with fighter-bombers was a war of choice, waged for regime change. It was not an event thrust upon the United States, which had its hands more than full elsewhere. Because the war against Libya was thoroughly voluntary, it stands as the signature deed of the secretary of state at the time, and should by itself disqualify her from presidential aspirations.

Today there is a torrent of redundant evidence for the Macmillan axiom. When British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was asked what caused him the most trouble, he supposedly replied, "Events, dear boy, events." He certainly used the phrase "the opposition of events." Events, from Ukraine to Syria to Gaza, are forcing something Americans prefer not to think about, foreign policy, into their political calculations.

Having recoiled from the scandal of the Iraq War, which was begun on the basis of bad intelligence and conducted unintelligently, Americans concluded that their nation no longer has much power, defined as the ability to achieve intended effects. The correct conclusion is that America should intend more achievable effects.

Obama has given Americans a foreign policy congruent with their post-recoil preferences: America as spectator. Now, however, their sense of national diminishment, and of an

increasingly ominous world, may be making them receptive to a middle course between a foreign policy of flaccidity (Obama) or grandiosity (his predecessor).

If so, a Republican presidential aspirant should articulate what George Washington University's Henry R. Nau calls, in a book with this title, "Conservative Internationalism." This would, he says, include:

The liberal internationalist goal of spreading freedom, but doing so "primarily on the borders of existing freedom, not everywhere in the world at once." The realists' use of "armed diplomacy" against adversaries outside of negotiations. And the "conservative vision of limited global governance, a decentralized world of democratic civil societies" rather than "one of centralized international institutions as Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt advocated." The blend is conservative internationalism because "states remain separate and armed; national culture, sovereignty, defense, and patriotism are respected; civic virtue and democracy are widespread; the global economy is mostly private; and global governance is limited."

After the shattering of the Democratic Party over Vietnam in 1968, and the nomination of George McGovern in 1972, the party's foreign policy credentials became suspect. This was disqualifying until the end of the Cold War, and of the Soviet Union in 1991, reduced the stakes of foreign policy. Democrats elected a president in 1992.

In 11 ruinous years, beginning with the invasion of Iraq, Republicans have forfeited their foreign policy advantage and Obama has revived suspicions that Democrats' are uncomfortable with American power. There is running room for a conservative internationalist.

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Endorsement LETTERS

Re-elect Kenney

I don't always agree with Commissioner "JJ" Kenney, but when I don't, I don't ever drink Dos Equis. Instead, as a veteran and a 17-year citizen of Citrus County, I pause and consider the man.

For 23 years, "JJ" Kenney served this country honorably as a U.S. Marine. Post Marines, Commissioner Kenney honorably and vigorously served this county's veterans as a VA service officer. Then, in 2010, he ran and won a seat on the Board of County Commissioners, whereat he again performed honorably, honestly and heartily.

"JJ" Kenney does his homework, weighs possible outcomes, and makes conscientious up or down votes. So, while I don't always agree with his votes, I agree

OPINIONS INVITED

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with most of them, and I find "JJ" Kenney the best of a good field running for the BOCC District 2 seat.

Vote for "JJ" Kenney.

James McIntosh
Leconto

Elect McPheeters

I have known Renee Christopher-McPheeters, candidate for Citrus County Commissioner, District 2, for 18 years. I first met her when I worked as a beautician in her beauty salon in Citrus County. I worked there for years and

was inspired by her consideration and helpfulness to myself, fellow beauticians and customers. Renee even provided monthly gift certificates to CASA to give victims of domestic abuse free beauty services in the salon for years.

Renee and I have remained friends over the years. Myself, my husband, Artie, family and friends are voting for Renee Christopher-McPheeters to be our Citrus County Commissioner, District 2, on Aug. 26. Elect Renee — we need her!

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Nation BRIEF

Witnesses: Teen had hands raised when he was shot

FERGUSON, Mo. — A black teenager who was fatally shot by a police officer had his hands raised when the officer approached with his weapon drawn and fired repeatedly, according to two men who said they

witnessed the shooting that sparked a night of unrest in suburban St. Louis.

The FBI opened an investigation Monday into the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown, who police said was shot multiple times Saturday after being confronted by an officer in Ferguson, a suburb of 21,000 that's nearly 70 percent black.

—From wire reports

METH

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The investigator soon saw a white truck matching Robinson's vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

When Robinson was asked to step out of the truck to be served with his warrant, the deputy noticed he was preparing to run and advised him against it.

Robinson, however, reportedly bolted and ran to the front of the vehicle and the deputy used his Taser to stop him and take him into custody.

According to Robinson's arrest affidavit, when the deputy patted him down, he found in his front, left

pocket a small black pouch, which contained two coffee filters and a small plastic baggie which contained approximately 3 grams of methamphetamine. Also in the container was a straw, razor blades and a methamphetamine pipe, according to the arrest report.

While walking Robinson to the patrol vehicle, the deputy noticed Robinson spit out a coffee filter, which later tested positive for methamphetamine.

While investigators were looking through Robinson's truck, they reportedly could smell a strong odor of a methamphetamine lab in the vehicle.

Police eventually found a black bag on the front passenger seat floorboard

that contained a one-pot methamphetamine cook.

Investigators returned to Robinson's unattended burn pile at his residence and could see and smell several items used in manufacturing meth.

Robinson also tipped investigators to the location of various items used in the production of methamphetamine.

According to the report, investigators recovered about 72 grams of liquid methamphetamine from a one-pot cook.

Another 91 grams of two-layered liquid methamphetamine also was recovered from the scene.

Robinson was transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

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Gorilla

Whether he is begging for food, lending a helping hand or waiting on his King Kong bride, the giant gorilla along U.S. 19 is like the gatekeeper of Crystal River.

No one really knows his story as he protects an abandoned business. He was once someone's 12-foot mascot. However, when calling the rent sign above his head, the agent is just as puzzled as you and I are about why he is a loner.

But that's far from the truth — he's not alone at all. With his yellow splash-painted fiberglass fur, he smiles big — showing every single killer tooth — and says "cheese" with his newfound friends who stop for a quick photo or rest on his hand.

Giant jellyfish



ERYN WORTHINGTON/Chronicle

With a "Hello" and "Yes, you have arrived in Citrus County," the nautical creatures that line U.S. 19 are simply doing their job — welcoming people to Homosassa.

"People like the Old Florida feel," said Air Tank Divers Manatee Tours owner Donald Robertson. "The welcome to Homosassa sign (it is no longer displayed) really caught their eyes. It told them that they were there. I did that for the town. I'm the first shop going into Homosassa."

Amongst the hungry shark and pointed starfish is the free-swimming jellyfish. Two years ago, Robertson had an old round fiberglass gas tank lying around. So he put it up and thought it looked like a jellyfish. He decided to add the tentacles and finished off his new creation.

Robertson said recently there was a severe weather event that rolled the shark into the ditch and cracked the whale's tale, which had to be removed. But the big sail of a jellyfish stood firm in concrete and survived the fiasco.

Besides welcoming tourists to Citrus County, Robertson said he enjoys watching them stand in the lit jellyfish as they pretend they are being eaten in pictures.

Sir Charlie the knight



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Standing guard in front of Coffman's Auto Repair on U.S. 41 South, between Inverness and Floral City, is Charlie, a knight in shining armor.

"He was a gift from my uncle in Southern Indiana," said Candi Coffman. "It was a prop from my cousin's high school; they were the Castle Knights. My uncle asked if we wanted it, so the knight traveled here with my dad. We reconstructed it and put it on top of our sign."

They named the knight Charlie, because that's a common name in the family.

"People stop all the time to take pictures," Coffman said. "It gets a lot of 'lookie-loos,' and that's what we wanted."

Iconic figures seen around Citrus County

Rooster



ERYN WORTHINGTON/Chronicle

Are they yard décor, roadside attractions or a decoy for all of the other roosters that might step foot into the yard? No one really knows. But the barbershop rumor is that the two roosters on Mason Creek Road in Homosassa used to guard a chicken farm.

Now, they are "watchdogs" for the quiet Old Homosassa neighborhood.

'Concrete Man,' 'Fishing Man' or 'Tall Man'



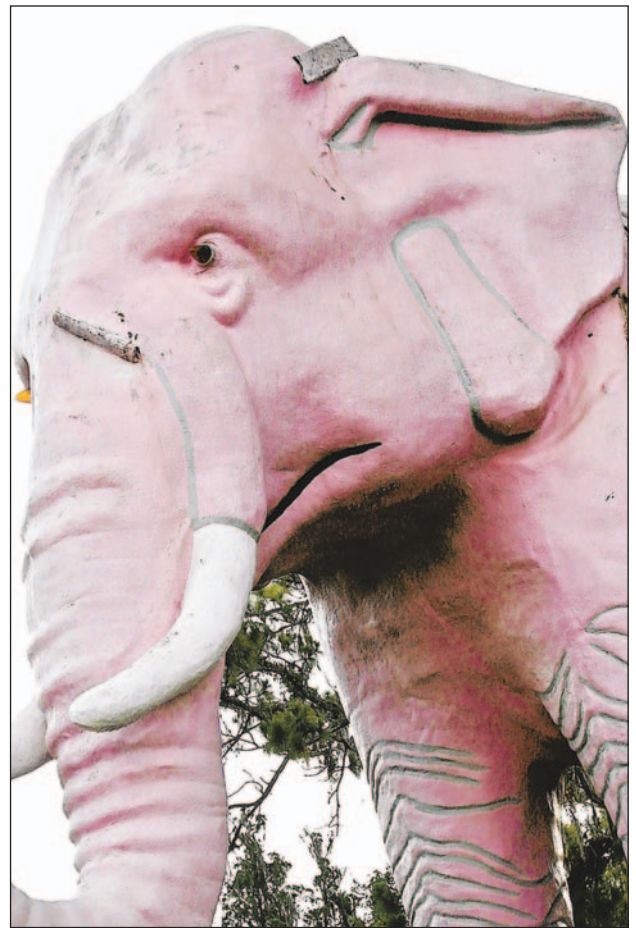
In 1951, Arthur Langlois had a fruit stand on U.S. 41 South near Floral City and wanted something to attract people driving by. Ten years later, he hand-carved the 11-foot "Tall Man" out of a block of concrete and put a grapefruit in one of his over-sized hands and a bag of oranges in the other.

After a citrus-killing freeze, Langlois stopped selling oranges and started selling bait and put a fish in one of Tall Man's hands and a fishing pole in the other.

Langlois died in 1994 and eventually his widow sold Tall Man to Brenda and Eric Spafford and moved about a quarter-mile south where he still stands in front of Spafford Construction & Remodeling south of Inverness. Sometime over the years, the Tall Man lost his hands, and his eyes have gone dim, but he hasn't lost his place in Citrus County lore.

NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Pink elephant



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Years ago — no one knows exactly how long ago — the late used car dealer "Cap'n" Bobby Clark brought the elephant to Florida from Georgia and put it in front of his business on U.S. 41 in "Midway" — midway between Inverness and Hernando. Mike Sims of Sims Auto Sales is the current caretaker of the giant Pepto-Bismol-colored animal.

"He used to have eyeglasses until some college kids climbed on him and broke them," Sims said. "Every day people stop and take pictures. People try to buy him, rent him for their political campaigns. He gets a lot of attention."

A couple of times a month, Sims lights up the elephant's eyes, and it gets washed about every three months.

Although the elephant tends to stay in one place, it did escape one night, with the help of high school students attempting a late-night prank. They loaded the pachyderm onto a trailer, traveled toward Inverness and got as far as the bridge — and got stuck.

"I got a call at 3 a.m. from the sheriff saying, 'Your elephant escaped; he's on the bridge,'" Sims said.

Shark in the tree



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

If you're not looking, you might miss it — a 13-foot great white shark with bull horns hanging from a tree. Located on the Withlacoochee State Trail in front of an industrial complex off U.S. 41 north of Inverness, the fiberglass shark has been hanging around for more than a decade, although no one in the area knows much about it. In 2011, *Chronicle* reporter A.B. Sidibe learned that there once was a fiberglass molding shop in the industrial plaza and it most likely came from there.

Strong man

Being at least 30 years old and surviving the Florida weather, this exploding muscle man still looks good along U.S. 19.

Nestled by the Eagle Buick GMC dealership in Homosassa, he is trying to do one more upper body exercise in his bikini briefs. The heavy letters "GMC" are frozen in position above his head.

Locals say he was once a part of a mini golf course. When it went out of business, the deal to sell the property was to buy Mr. Muscle Man, too.

At one time, he held a golf cart above his head.

ERYN WORTHINGTON/Chronicle



Yogi Bear

He's tucked behind Brannan Bank on State Road 44 near Crystal River, but Yogi Bear — without his sidekicks Boo Boo or Mr. Ranger — is like the waving crossing guard for travelers intersecting S.R. 44 and County Road 486. The tall, happy bear has been an honorary member of the family-owned James White Plumbing Inc. for the past two decades.

Owner James White said the family cartoon character was born in a campground that was going out of business. White decided this fiberglass creature was meant for his company and purchased Yogi — with the rest being history and a photo attraction. He said families frequently stop for a time-capsule photo.

ERYN WORTHINGTON/Chronicle





Miami's Tannehill, Wallace hope to click this year

Associated Press

DAVIE — When it comes to taking advantage of Mike Wallace's speed, the Miami Dolphins need to make strides.

Little progress has been evident in training camp, but quarterback Ryan Tannehill is confident he'll hit Wallace on long passes more often this year. "We built up that connection more in the offseason, and now I feel really good about it," Tannehill said Monday. "Mike and I are more on the same page now than we ever have been in the past, not only on deep balls but in the overall game of football. No matter what the route or the play is, we're able to talk with each other and be open."

Wallace ranks among the fastest players in the NFL, but he was often only a decoy last season, his first with the Dolphins. They targeted him on 34 passes thrown more than 20 yards, and only six were completed — 18 percent.

When Wallace was open deep, Tannehill frequently underthrew him, and the result was an incompletion or interception. After the season, Wallace estimated he should have scored at least 15 more touchdowns.

Instead he scored five times and averaged 12.7 yards per catch, both career lows. Wallace said he was partly at fault and must pursue the ball more aggressively when it's in the air. He also acknowledged

Tannehill needs better accuracy on long passes.

"Ryan's getting better with the deep ball," Wallace said. "It was a problem overall with everybody, not just me. But he's doing a really good job and getting better at it every day."

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Miami Dolphins wide receiver Mike Wallace catches the ball during drills on the final day of their minicamp in Davie on June 19. Wallace was repeatedly open deep last season, and if quarterback Ryan Tannehill could connect with him more consistently, it would give the Miami Dolphins' offense a much-needed boost.

Associated press



Ready or not?



Associated Press

Tiger Woods wins after tee shot on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship Friday at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.

Watson still considering Woods for Ryder Cup, but it will be on Tiger to decide if he's healthy enough to play

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — U.S. captain Tom Watson said he would be foolish not to consider Tiger Woods as one of his three wild-card selections for the Ryder Cup, a decision that ultimately would be based on Woods' words instead of his actions.

Watson has said all year he wanted Woods on his team if he were healthy and playing well. Even though Woods is injured and not playing for the next month, Watson wouldn't rule him out Monday.

"I can't assess his medical condition and I honestly can't assess how he's playing," Watson said. "It really is going to be having to come from information from Tiger

himself. But, again, I don't make this comment loosely. He is Tiger Woods and he brings a lot to the team — if he has the ability to play and he's healthy. He brings a lot to the team. And I'd be a fool not to consider him."

Nine players qualified for the American team after the PGA Championship. Watson has three weeks before he announces his three picks for the Ryder Cup, which is Sept. 26 through 28 at Gleneagles in Scotland.

Woods' season ended when he missed the cut by five shots at the PGA Championship, where he said he played through the pain of a nagging back injury. He is not playing the Wyndham Championship this

week in North Carolina, and Woods is not eligible for the two FedEx Cup playoff events that will serve as an audition for Watson.

"I'll be very, very focused on the players who are high up in the ranks," Watson said.

As for Woods? He made it sound as if he would have a telephone glued to his ear.

"I will continue to speak with Tiger over the next three weeks to monitor his situation," Watson said. "Obviously, he has not been playing well. But I think it's been a result, as you well know, of his injury and his coming back from back surgery."

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Back to the courtroom

NCAA seeks clarification in O'Bannon ruling

Associated Press

The NCAA is going back to court in Oakland, California — to clarify two points in U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken's ruling.

Attorneys for the governing body filed a three-page legal brief Monday in California, asking for clarification of which players will be eligible.

Wilken wrote Friday, in the landmark Ed O'Bannon case, that the decision would apply to athletes who enroll in school after July 1, 2016, or the next recruiting cycle.

The NCAA claims the term "next recruiting cycle" could be ambiguous and would like the court to establish a clearer date. NCAA attorneys also wrote that its member schools want clearer language about who the ruling actually applies to.

"Under existing NCAA rules, student-athletes in the next recruiting cycle (i.e., student-athletes who would first enroll in college in Fall 2016) may receive offer letters from colleges starting on August 1, 2015. Bylaw 13.9.2.2. NCAA seeks to confirm that the existing NCAA rules can remain in force until August 1, 2015, although we understand the injunction would not permit the NCAA to adopt or enforce rules inconsistent with the injunction on or after that date," attorneys wrote in the filing, pointing out that is the first day schools can offer scholarships to players in the 2016-17 recruiting class.

On the second point, the NCAA contends, is Wilken's language regarding the "licensing or use of prospective, current, or former student-athletes" could be interpreted to apply to current players.

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Ed O'Bannon Jr.

Ward crafted reputation as wheelman before death

Associated Press

PORT LEYDEN, N.Y. — Kevin Ward Jr. was crafting a reputation as a wheelman, the kind of driver who could race vehicles on any track without fear.

He'd sit up on his seat, floor it, and zip his way through a maze of cars straight toward the front of the pack.

For points. For fun. Often for little money.

"He would go to tracks that a lot of other drivers wouldn't go to," Chuck Miller, the race director and president for the Empire Super Sprints circuit, said Monday. "If we had co-sanctioned races with other organizations where we really weren't giving

points or anything, but it was a deal where you wanted to see how you stacked up against the other competition, the Wards were willing to go and do that and see where they were at."

Ward began racing go-karts in 1998 at age 4. In 2010, he moved on to sprint cars and was Empire Super Sprint racing rookie of the year in 2012. The 20-year-old raced mostly on dirt tracks a few hours from his home in Port Leyden, a village of 700 in northern New York.

Ward was killed Saturday night about 140 miles away at a clay track in Canandaigua. NASCAR champion Tony Stewart was the big name in the field, racing with the young guys while he was in the area for a Sprint

Cup race at Watkins Glen the next day.

Ward and Stewart tangled, and Ward hit the wall. Ward walked on the track apparently to confront Stewart, and was struck when Stewart's vehicle seemed to fishtail.

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A small memorial of flowers is seen at Canandaigua Motorsports Park Monday in Canandaigua, N.Y. On Saturday night, Tony Stewart struck and killed Kevin Ward Jr., 20, a sprint car driver who had climbed from his car and was on the track trying to confront Stewart during a race at the track in upstate New York.

Associated Press



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Associated Press

Baltimore Orioles first baseman Chris Davis watches his two-run home run in the fifth inning Monday against the New York Yankees in Baltimore.

Davis lifts Orioles in win over Yankees

Smyly gets first win for Rays, 7-0 over Rangers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit a two-run homer after replacing an injured Manny Machado, and the AL East-leading Baltimore Orioles beat the Yankees 11-3 Monday night to drop New York a season-high seven games out of first place.

After Davis put the Orioles ahead in the fifth inning, Nelson Cruz connected with a man on in the seventh and Jonathan Schoop added a three-run shot in the eighth to turn the game into a rout. Cruz now has 31 homers, tied for the major league lead with rookie Jose Abreu of the White Sox.

Machado, a 2013 All-Star third baseman, sprained his right knee in the second inning while hitting a broken-bat grounder to shortstop. He dropped on his back in the batter's box and needed help getting off the field.

Machado will be re-examined Tuesday to determine the severity of the injury and whether a stint on the disabled list is necessary.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Rays 7, Rangers 0

ARLINGTON, Texas — Drew Smyly allowed three hits in his first win since the David Price trade, Matt Joyce had a two-run single and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Texas Rangers 7-0.

Smyly struck out nine in a career-high 7 2/3 innings to beat the Rangers for the second time this season. The left-hander hasn't allowed Texas an earned run in three appearances, including a relief outing when he was still with Detroit.

Smyly (7-10), who lost at Oakland five days after the Price deal at the non-waiver trading deadline July 31, struck out the final batter he faced, Shin-Soo Choo, for the second out with runners at second and third in the eighth.

Colby Lewis (8-9) couldn't build on the momentum of his second career shutout, giving up five runs — two earned — in five innings.

Royals 3, Athletics 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals won their eighth straight game and took over the AL Central lead Monday night when Yorlano Ventura outdueled Sonny Gray during a 3-2 win over Oakland Athletics.

The victory, coupled with a loss by Detroit in Pittsburgh, gave the long-suffering Royals a division lead at the latest point in a season since 2003.

Alcides Escobar drove in a run in the second inning before delivering a two-out single off Gray (12-6) in the seventh, putting Kansas City in front and sending the crowd to its feet.

Kelvin Herrera (3-2) took over for Ventura and tossed spotless seventh inning, and Wade Davis breezed through the eighth. Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 35th save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Mets 5, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — Slumping Anthony Recker hit a tiebreaking,

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gle by Matt Holliday allowing the Cardinals to pull within 6-5. Cishek struck out Matt Adams to end the game.

Jon Jay hit a two-run home run, Holliday had four hits, and Shelby Miller (8-9) allowed five runs in five innings for the Cardinals, who have lost three of four.

Dodgers 6, Braves 2

ATLANTA — Kevin Correia won in his debut with the Dodgers, outpitching All-Star Julio Teheran and leading Los Angeles over the slumping Atlanta Braves 6-2.

Los Angeles has won four of six to increase its NL West lead to five games over idle San Francisco. The Braves have dropped 10 of 12 and fallen four games behind NL East-leading Washington.

Correia was tied for the major league lead in losses with a 5-13 record when he was traded from Minnesota to the Dodgers on Saturday for a player to be named or cash. He excelled for Los Angeles, giving up one run and four hits in six innings, striking out five and walking one.

Teheran (10-9) allowed five runs and nine hits in 7 1/3 innings. Carl Crawford got three hits and drove in two runs for the Dodgers.

Brewers 3, Cubs 1

CHICAGO — Yovani Gallardo pitched seven sparkling innings and Kris Davis had a tiebreaking RBI double, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Gallardo bounced back nicely from a sluggish outing against San Francisco, allowing one run and six hits while improving to 9-3 with a 3.00 ERA in 18 career starts against Chicago.

Mark Reynolds connected for his 20th homer as Milwaukee opened a seven-game trip with its fourth victory in five games.

Coming off his worst start of the year, Jake Arrieta gave up two runs and five hits in 7 1/3 innings for the Cubs. The right-hander was hit hard in a loss at Colorado on Wednesday, allowing season highs of nine runs and 13 hits in five-plus innings.

Arrieta (6-4) retired 13 in a row before Ryan Braun started the seventh with a single to center.

INTERLEAGUE Pirates 11, Tigers 6

PITTSBURGH — Travis Snider hit two home runs, and Starling Marte drove in three runs as the Pittsburgh Pirates coasted to a 11-6 win against the Detroit Tigers.

Pittsburgh loaded the bases against Justin Verlander with one out in the first inning, and Marte cleared them with a triple down the left field line. Snider drove Marte home when his grounder to first took an odd hop, and Victor Martinez couldn't glove it.

Snider knocked in two more in the eighth inning off Phil Coke with his eighth homer, a two-run opposite-field shot after the Pirates scored a run on Russell Martin's sacrifice fly.

Snider was 3 for 5 with four RBIs and three runs scored.

Verlander (10-11) left after one inning with right shoulder soreness. He gave up five runs — four earned — on four hits. He walked two and struck out three.

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Rays schedule

Schedule table for Tampa Bay Rays.

Crimson Tide comeback

Alabama hoping for another powerful rebound



Associated Press

Alabama coach Nick Saban speaks to reporters after practice Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Reeling from a loss that ended Alabama’s national championship hopes during the 2008 season, the Crimson Tide followed up with a shaky Sugar Bowl performance.

After losses to Florida and Utah, respectively, the Tide rebounded with three national championships and 49 wins over four years. The challenge now is to do it again after a similar end-of-season fade — a last-play loss to Auburn and a beating from Oklahoma in New Orleans.

“The time is now to resurrect the identity of the Alabama football program,” coach Nick Saban said.

It might be more of a reboot than a resurrection, but the ending did cast a pall on a season that seemed pointed toward a shot at a third straight national title.

There’s little question Alabama remains talented enough to again contend for at least a Southeastern Conference title, even minus stars like quarterback AJ McCarron and linebacker C.J. Mosley.

The T.J. Yeldon-led backfield is loaded. Amari Cooper headlines a deep, talented group of receivers. The defense has preseason first-team All-SEC picks in safety Landon Collins, linebacker Trey DePriest and defensive end A’Shawn Robinson.

And the latest No. 1 recruiting class is in place to lend a hand. The newcomers include the leading

contender to be the starting quarterback, Florida State transfer Jacob Coker.

“We’re ready to get back out there and prove to the NCAA that we can be one of the top-notch teams,” safety Landon Collins said.

Five things to watch in Alabama’s season:

QUARTERBACK PLAY: Three-year starter McCarron left with many of Alabama’s passing records, awards and two national titles as starter. His replacement will either be Coker or McCarron’s backup Blake Sims. The 6-foot-5, 230-pound Coker is more in McCarron’s mold, even coming from the same Mobile high school and saw action in 11 games for the Seminoles over the past two years. The 6-foot, 208-pound Sims is athletic enough that he was moved to running back as a red-shirt freshman. He spent time with a quarterbacks coach during spring and summer break trying to improve his passing technique.

LANE CHANGES: Lane Kiffin made his name as an offensive whiz as a Southern California assistant. Fired last year as USC’s head coach, now he’s Saban’s fourth offensive coordinator in eight seasons. The core philosophy should remain the same. “We’re going to run the ball effectively and we’re going to start off with great play-action passes just like we always have,” tight end Brian Vogler said. “It’s our style.”

3 BACKS, 1 BALL: T.J. Yeldon is the first Alabama running back to start his

career with two straight 1,000-yard seasons, while Derrick Henry dazzled in the Sugar Bowl and Kenyan Drake averaged 7.5 yards on 92 carries last season. Even for Alabama, this backfield is imposing, but it remains to be seen how the carries will be divvied.

SECONDARY: Defensive coordinator Kirby Smart is back in charge of a secondary group that built experience even as it was up and down with youth and injuries last season. Landon Collins was a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist while Jarrick Williams is back at the other safety spot. Cyrus Jones, a converted receiver, is likely to start at one cornerback position while the other is up for grabs. Freshman Tony Brown participated in spring practice and is almost certain to be in the rotation, possibly as a starter. Ditto for fellow five-star prospect Marlon Humphrey. Eddie Jackson is recovering from spring knee surgery.

ATTITUDE: Players including McCarron have said a sense of entitlement crept into the locker room last season. If that shortcoming was evident, it was in the Sugar Bowl. Three defenders, including starting nose guard Brandon Ivory, opened camp on suspension. Drake and junior college transfer Jarran Reed were arrested over the summer. Saban said the coaches like this team, but ultimately the outcome may boil down to one question: “What’s their mindset?”

Hunted Auburn striving to be ‘13 seconds better’

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — The theme around Auburn’s football building since January has been about being “13 seconds better.”

Just being better than ‘13 is a lofty enough goal.

The Tigers won’t be able to sneak up on anyone again after winning the Southeastern Conference and making it to the brink of the 2013 national title, before Florida State’s game-winning touchdown with 13 seconds remaining in the championship game.

“This year we’re going to be circled,” said coach Gus Malzahn, who directed the biggest one-year turnaround in SEC history during his debut season. “We told our players that. We’re going to have to be better in every phase, especially early in the season.”

The Tigers might be better and still not duplicate last year’s run that included one win on a deflected Hail Mary (Georgia) and another on a last-play return of a missed field goal (Alabama).

Shon Coleman replaces the second overall NFL draft pick Greg Robinson at left tackle four years after being diagnosed with leukemia. The Tigers also must replace defensive end Dee Ford, also a first-rounder, and Heisman Trophy finalist tailback Tre Mason. Quarterback Nick Marshall, receiver Sammie Coates and leading tackler Cassanova McKinzy are back.

Center Reese Dismukes said the “13 seconds” anthem has been a motivator but a big takeaway from last season is “knowing that we’re never out of it. Anything can happen.”

Five Things to watch during Auburn’s upcoming season:

PASSING MORE: Fans will have to wait a bit to see how much Marshall’s work on his passing has paid off since he won’t start against Arkansas as punishment after being cited for having a small amount of marijuana in his car. Sophomore Jeremy Johnson will open the game but it’s not clear how long Marshall will remain on the bench. Marshall became such a threat with the zone read

and his running ability, that he only averaged 150 yards a game passing. Now, he’s got deep threat Sammie Coates and top junior college prospect D’haquille Williams heading a receiving group that could become a strength of the offense. “We knew coming into the season that we have to be more dynamic in the passing game,” tight end C.J. Uzomah said. “That’s something that he’s been emphasizing. We plan on stretching the field vertically and horizontally.”

LATE-GAME MAGIC: The Iron Bowl and Georgia game weren’t the only times Auburn pulled out a win in the final minutes either with late touchdowns or defensive stands. It was a knack that only failed in the title game with Florida State. Now the question remains if one or two of those type games could go the other way this season.

MISSING STARTERS: Guard Alex Kozan and defensive end Carl Lawson, two of Auburn’s best linemen, could both be lost for the season. Kozan is out after back surgery. Lawson had knee surgery in early May and the Tigers haven’t ruled out a return this fall. Auburn has an experienced replacement at guard in Avery Young. Replacing Lawson’s pass rushing ability could be more challenging, with Gabe Wright moving over from tackle and a package that has linebacker Cassanova McKinzy up front in passing situations.

DIVVYING CARRIES: Corey Grant and Cameron Artis-Payne both ran for 600-plus yards behind Mason last season, when Auburn became the first SEC team to lead the nation in rushing. They’re joined by five-star freshman signee Roc Thomas. Grant averaged 9.8 yards a carry last season. All three should get plenty of chances to establish themselves as the go-to back.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Auburn must replace punter Steven Clark, placekicker Cody Parkey and dangerous return men Mason and Chris Davis. Clark became an effective weapon by burying 26 kicks inside the 20. Grant had a 90-yard kick return last season and could be the answer in replacing Mason. They’re still searching for a punter but redshirt freshman Daniel Carlson appears poised to take over for Parkey.

The replacements

From Manziel to Evans, A&M has holes to fill

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Johnny Manziel has left Texas A&M for the NFL and coach Kevin Sumlin has yet to decide who will replace the Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback.

With less than three weeks before the opener, sophomore Kenny Hill and freshman Kyle Allen are vying for the job.

Whoever gets the job will be left with big shoes to fill, but Sumlin isn’t expecting that player to be “Johnny Football” and has talked to his veterans about helping the starter adjust.

“It’s incumbent on the other 10 guys who are on the field to make the offense quarterback friendly,” Sumlin said. “Our guys understand that because whoever that is, is going to be a young guy going into a very hostile situation in Columbia the first game of the year.”

The Aggies open their season Aug. 28 with a Southeastern Conference game against South Carolina before playing their playing their three game non-conference slate.

Hill had very limited action last season, appearing in four games and finishing with 183 yards passing. Allen was one of the top quarterback prospects in the nation after throwing for more than 8,000 yards and 86 touchdowns in his career at Desert Mountain high school in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Manziel threw for 4,114 yards and 37 touchdowns and had 759 yards rushing with nine scores in leading Texas A&M to a 9-4 record in its second season in the SEC before darting to the NFL with two years of eligibility remaining.

He was the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy in 2012 and brought a level of excitement to College Station that had been missing for many years with his daring improvisational style of play.

His replacement will be decided soon, but Sumlin wouldn’t tip his hand as to which way he’s leaning and said this weekend that the race is “dead even.”

Five things to know about the 2014 Aggies:

DEFENSIVE QUESTIONS: The Aggies have some questions on defense after several players were dismissed or left the team following off-the-field issues this offseason. The biggest loss was linebacker Darian Claiborne, who

was named to the SEC All-Freshman team after piling up 89 tackles, including a team-leading seven for losses last year. He and lineman Isaiah Golden were dismissed from the team after being arrested on drug charges. Golden had 32 tackles last season. Defensive lineman Gavin Stansbury left the team after being arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault. He started 10 games last season and had 47 tackles and three sacks.

STRONG OFFENSIVE LINE: Texas A&M has had an offensive lineman chosen in the top-10 of the NFL draft for the past two years after the Jaguars selected Luke Joeckel second overall in 2013 and Jake Matthews was taken by the Falcons with the sixth pick this year. Despite these big losses, the unit should continue to be a strength of the team. The leader of the group is Cedric Ogbuehi, a three-year starter who will move into the left tackle spot left open with the departure of Matthews. He is expected to be a first-round pick in 2015. The unit also features Jake’s younger brother Mike Matthews, who started 13 games at center last season.

WHO WILL STEP UP AT RECEIVER?: Mike Evans was Texas A&M’s top receiver in 2013, finishing with 1,394 yards receiving and 12 touchdowns before also leaving early for the draft. Senior Malcolm Kennedy is the veteran of the group after starting 10 games last season and finishing with 658 yards receiving. They also have the quick LaQuvionte Gonzalez, who is expected to start this season after appearing in each game as a true freshman in 2013.

RUNNING BACK DEPTH: The Aggies return three junior running backs competing for the starting job. Trey Williams led the three in rushing last season with 407 yards and six touchdowns and Tra Carson was right behind him with 329 yards and seven touchdowns. Williams added 269 yards rushing and a score. Sumlin calls the trio “exceptional.”

THANKSGIVING GAME: The Aggies will play on Thanksgiving again this season after missing the formerly annual tradition for the last two years with their move to the SEC. They’ve replaced longtime rival Texas with LSU in 2014 and will host the Tigers in a night game on Nov. 27.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Twitter campaign backfires on Florida State, Winston

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida State social media campaign turned ugly when the university’s athletic department asked the public to pose questions to Heisman-winning quarterback Jameis Winston.

The “#AskJameis” turned into an all-day mockery of the sophomore.

The department wanted to solicit questions for a video to be posted on the team website. Sports information director Elliott Finebloom says they expected some negativity, but didn’t anticipate the scope of it.

Winston has been heavily criticized for several off-the-field incidents during his time at Florida State.

Social media experts say universities and businesses need to be careful when it comes to this type of marketing — especially when it involves a controversial subject. Robert Stewart, director of the Ohio University school of journalism, says “#AskJameis” was doomed from the beginning.

Bielema expects improvement at Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Bret Bielema has experienced a new sense of excitement heading into his second season at Arkansas.

Simple things — increased intensity during practice and a renewed belief — have been a welcomed reboot for both the Razorbacks coach and an entire program in desperate need exactly that after bottoming out last season.

The 3-9 season, the first losing record of Bielema’s head coaching career and Arkansas’ worst mark since joining the Southeastern Conference, capped a disheartening two-year run for a program considered among the league’s best just a few years ago.

Last season has done little to quell Bielema’s belief in himself, his coaching staff and players — despite being picked to finish last in the SEC West this season.

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ABOVE: Arlene Aguirre, center, tells stories about her son Carl, as she sits with Carl's twin brother Clarence, 12, at the family's home in Scarsdale, N.Y., Thursday, July 31. On Monday, Aug. 4, Montefiore Hospital and the family celebrated the 10th anniversary of the risky surgery that separated the boys, who were born as conjoined twins. **RIGHT:** In this Sept. 9, 2003, file photo provided by Philippine Airlines, 17-month-old Filipino twins Carl, left, and Clarence Aguirre wait at Manila's International airport before their flight to New York. When they were born joined at the head, their mother remembers doctors in the Philippines telling her that she would have to choose which one would live and which would die. But, in 2004, doctors at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx were able to save both boys in an operation.



Dr. Sunil Gandhi
CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE

Birth control pills and breast cancer

Recently, lots of TV and newspapers reported about the increased risk of breast cancer from birth control pills. The coverage in different media was somewhat confusing, so a reader requested me to write about this topic.

Breast cancer is the commonest cancer in women in the U.S. We also know many women use birth control pills. In a nested case-control study, women who had used birth control pills within the previous year had a 50 percent increase in the risk of disease, compared with those who had never or formerly used the drugs, according to Elisabeth Beaber, of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, and colleagues.

They conducted a nested case-control study among women 20 to 49 who had been enrolled in the system for at least a year before a breast cancer diagnosis or (for controls) a similar date between January 1990 and October 2009.

For the study, "recent use" of oral contraceptives was defined as within the previous 12 months.

All told, the study included 1,102 women with cancer and 21,952 controls matched to the cases on age, year, enrollment length, and medical chart availability.

Bottom line, overall risk was increased by 50 percent and if one goes into detail:

- High-dose estrogen increased risk by 270 percent.

- Ethynodiol diacetate increased risk by 260 percent.

- Triphasic dosing with an average of 0.75 milligrams of norethindrone increased risk by 310 percent.

- Other types, including low-dose estrogen oral contraceptives, were not linked to an increased risk, they reported.

The last factor is very important to remember. This is because the most commonly used birth control pill today is monophasic, and it did not increase the risk of breast cancer. This is because it contains a low dose of estrogen.

Another caveat: Though breast cancer is extremely common in women, it is most common after the age of 50. Women under the age of 50 have only less than 2 percent risk of breast cancer.

The most important cause of breast cancer in this group is family history. This study, unfortunately, did not analyze that.

Another study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that women with a strong family history of breast cancer may have up to an 11 times higher risk of breast cancer if they have ever taken the pill. But experts caution that the study

Decade of separation

Once-conjoined twins celebrate milestone anniversary

JIM FITZGERALD
Associated Press

OSCARSDALE, N.Y. — One twin uses an iPad, plays video games and dances to Michael Jackson tunes. The other has significant, possibly permanent, problems walking and talking.

The delicate separation 10 years ago of conjoined twins from the Philippines wasn't perfect, but the boys' mother said their very survival is reason enough to celebrate the anniversary.

"When they were born, the doctors at home told me, 'You have to choose which one is to live,'" Arlene Aguirre said. "I said, 'I cannot choose that.' The doctors here did not ask me to choose."

The boys, now 12, were born joined at the top of their heads, unable to sit up, stand straight, eat normally — or see each other.

Once their case was accepted by the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, leaving Carl and Clarence conjoined was not an option.

"If they hadn't come to us when they did, they would have just withered away and died," said Dr. Robert Marion, the boys' pediatrician, who was at the hospital Aug. 4 to mark the

separation anniversary. "I am extremely proud of having been a part of this. I'm a little disappointed with some of the outcome but, clearly, to see how these kids have survived and are for the most part thriving, is really wonderful."

Montefiore's president and CEO, Dr. Steven Safyer, said, "We are honored to have played a part in helping these boys develop into the unique individuals they are today."

The boys were separated on Aug. 4, 2004, in an operation that climaxed a then-unusual "staged separation" that took four surgeries over nine months.

When it was over, Dr. David Staffenberg, the boys' plastic surgeon, told the mother, "You're now the mother of two boys."

Aguirre, who never left the area after the operation and now raises the boys in Scarsdale, said she throws birthday parties twice a year — on April 21, the day they were born, and on Aug. 4.

"The historical treatment was basically to sacrifice one to save the other," said the lead surgeon, Dr. James Goodrich. "The staged separation turned out to be obviously very successful."

He and his team have since separated four other sets of joined-at-the-head twins in London, Melbourne and Riyadh.

The Aguirre boys shared a "bridge" of brain, 5 or 6 centimeters long, that had to be divided. "When you get beyond 1 centimeter or 2 centimeters, one or both kids takes a hit," Goodrich said.

Eventually, there was some degeneration of Carl's right parietal lobe, which controls the left side, Goodrich said. Carl suffered seizures, now controlled with medication, and has limited use of his left arm and leg.

Carl uses a wheelchair and leg braces, and there's hope he'll eventually be able to walk on his own, though Goodrich doubts there will be a full recovery.

As for speech, his mother said he can utter just a word or two at a time, such as "bye" and "thank you." He spends the school day in classes for kids with multiple disabilities and gets occupational, physical and speech therapy.

She said Clarence, who can be difficult to understand when he speaks, also gets some special instruction in communication. But unlike Carl, he is an attention-seeking preteen who leaps up to high-five visitors and is quick to show them his favorite video games.

"He's kind of a delightful kid," said Marion, who is chief of genetics at the Children's Hospital. "I think he's going

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■ **So you know:** The information contained in the Health & Life section is not intended to cover all possible directions, precautions, warnings, drug interactions, allergic reactions, or adverse effects and is not intended to replace consultation with a physician.

Pet Loss Workshop for adults

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Pediatric hearing problems

Each week, you read my articles about ear, nose and throat problems and sometimes we discuss hearing loss and we tend to focus on adults, but pediatric patients can have hearing loss problems, too.

Each year there are 4,000 to 5,000 infants born in the United States with hearing loss that is considered serious, and up to about 25,000 other births with children having some degree of hearing loss. That equates to about one in 300 or 400 births per year. The vast majority are born to hearing parents. That means their parents have no hearing issues. Screenings done at birth started in the early 1980s. In the early 1990s, the surgeon general set up some preliminary parameters making pediatric hearing loss issues a national priority. Since the early 2000s, screening at birth and screening at clinics and schools has been able to more accurately identify early hearing loss because, as we know, early identification means quick and effective treatment as opposed to delayed intervention.

Twenty-five percent of nerve deafness hearing loss in pediatric patients is acquired, which means things happen and this includes infections such as viruses as early as intrauterine exposure to herpes, chicken pox and syphilis to name a few. Other factors that can affect hearing loss are premature birth, time spent in a neonatal ICU, respiratory problems that require breathing tubes to be placed through the throat or through the neck (such as tracheostomies) and low birth weight secondary to poor prenatal care (despite multiple layers of governmental programs). Also, maternal issues such as use and abuse of drugs and alcohol are a major factor. Sometimes mothers run into problems and have to be treated with certain medications that can have side effects. This also can cause hearing loss in a newborn.

About half the children who have nerve deafness are found to have genetic factors. Some genetic factors show up early after birth in the routine screening process and



Dr. Denis Grillo
EAR, NOSE & THROAT

sometimes they will show up later.

How do you know if your baby or child has hearing problems? Here are a couple of guidelines:

■ From birth to about 3 months of age, the baby should be startled by sounds.

■ At 3 to 6 months you will see your child's eyes turn trying to locate where the sound is coming from.

■ From 6 to 10 months, a child responds to his or her name and begins to understand simple instructions such as "no" and "bye-bye."

■ By about 15 to 18 months, the child should be able to follow simple spoken conversation.

■ By about 2 years to 2-1/2 years there should be a significant vocabulary of about 100 words, even putting two words together if hearing is intact and there are no other issues.

Children with identified hearing loss should not be exposed to excessive noise. There are a lot of electronic devices to entertain infants and noise-emitting devices to lull the child to sleep or calm him or her down. This type of equipment should be used very carefully. Early diagnosis is imperative and sometimes family history and genetic counseling is appropriate. Delayed diagnosis creates all sorts of problems besides the hearing loss and that includes speech issues and social interaction with others.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact your pediatrician. We are very fortunate in Citrus County to have All Children's Hospital doing screening and testing of at-risk children.

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Our amazing mitochondria

Mitochondria are microscopic particles found inside almost all living cells. They're tiny, but essential for life. When they were first detected in the 1800s, they were thought to be inert, like tiny bits of cartilage, for which they were named.

A mitochondrion (pronounced might-oh-con-dree-on) is about the size of a bacterium. Several thousand are located in almost every cell of our bodies.

It took more than 100 years to begin to understand their importance. Scientists are still learning more about them as they dig more and more deeply into molecular and cellular biology. They are sometimes called cellular powerhouses because they are the energy factories of the cells, producing about

95 percent of the energy we use in our lives every day.

Each of the trillions of cells in your body requires oxygen and glucose to survive. The mitochondria are tiny chemical processing works in every cell that carry out the process of cellular respiration, converting oxygen and glucose to adenosine triphosphate (ATP). This provides the energy that cells must have to carry out all their functions, and that we must have for everything we do.

How many mitochondria must cells have to do their work? This depends on the type of cell and its energy requirements. Most muscle cells have several thousand mitochondria per cell, generating the energy that the muscle uses to do its work. Heart muscle cells have the richest supply of mitochondria be-



Dr. Ed Dodge
POWER OF LIFESTYLE

cause the heart beats 24 hours a day. Without them, we would die.

Nearly every cell in the body has some energy requirement on which our lives depend. Our gut cells must have energy to do their work of digesting food and moving intestinal contents along through the action of peristalsis. Our liver, kidney and brain cells all require energy to do their work. Our blood vessels must have energy to move our blood along its 60,000-thousand-mile route.

All of these vital organs depend on mitochondria for the energy they need.

Exercising on a regular basis stimulates our mitochondria to multiply inside our muscle cells to generate more energy. Elite athletes may have twice as many mitochondria in their muscle cells as most people. Even so, we can all benefit from the amazing ability of mitochondria to respond to higher energy requirements. The key point to remember is that the best way to gain more energy is to make good use of the energy capacity we already have.

Unfortunately, the reverse is also true. If we don't use our energy capacity, we lose it. That's a big reason why a sedentary lifestyle undermines good health. Mitochondrial malfunction contributes to many serious health

problems today, such as type 2 diabetes, obesity and premature aging. In view of this, it simply makes good sense to support mitochondrial health to the best of our ability. Research shows that physical activity, healthy eating habits, and meditation all help support mitochondrial health.

I'll conclude by noting that moderate physical activity improves health in many ways. One of the ways is to support the quadrillions of mitochondria in our bodies, a matter of key importance to our health. To keep your mitochondria happy and healthy, devote at least 30 to 60 minutes to some form of moderate exercise every day.

Be well!

Ed Dodge, M.D., MPH, is a retired physician now living in Texas. Visit his website, www.thepoweroflifestyle.com.

Medical staff appoints Michele-Trang Thi Ho

On June 15, Dr. Michele-Trang Thi Ho was appointed to the medical staff at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center; she specializes in internal medicine.

Ho is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. She completed her internal medicine residency at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, N.C. Ho is board eligible in internal medicine.

For more information about the hospital and its medical staff, visit SevenRiversRegional.com.

TWINS

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to be a typical adult."

Clarence shows tenderness toward his quiet twin, and Arlene Aguirre said, "He feels like he's the big brother. He likes to read to Carl, and he's very patient."

Both boys still wear helmets to protect their skulls. Goodrich said that once they're fully grown, the skulls will be patched.

Arlene Aguirre said, "I did the right thing," when

she accepted Montefiore's offer to do the surgery — and absorb the multimillion-dollar cost.

And caring for her sons alone — she's a single mother — is getting easier as the boys grow up in their white house behind a picket fence off a busy road. She has a support network of friends who come over on weekends to stay with the boys while she buys groceries and runs errands.

With Montefiore's support, the family lives in the U.S. on a medical visa. They have not been back to their hometown

of Salay in the Philippines — and Arlene Aguirre said she misses her family. She hopes that she and her sons can eventually become American citizens.

"The boys are Americans, really," she said. "They don't want my Filipino food. They like spaghetti, mashed potatoes — and McDonald's, of course."

CANCER

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involved mainly women who took birth control pills prior to 1975, when it contained much higher levels of the hormones estrogen and progesterin than today's

lower-dose pill.

In short, women should not be scared of breast cancer with today's birth control pills, particularly one with a low dose of estrogen. Birth control pills, like any others, do carry some side effects and that needs to be discussed with your physi-

cian before taking them.

Dr. Sunil Gandhi is a hematologist and oncologist. He is the volunteer medical adviser of the Citrus Unit of American Cancer Society. Write to 521 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, email sgandhi@tampabay.rr.com or call 352-746-0707.

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HEALTH NOTES

Hospice sets orientation and training

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast will provide orientation and patient support training for individuals who are interested in learning more about hospice and hospice volunteer opportunities. The class will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Citrus Facility Team Clinical Office, 3280 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto (off County Road 491 on the campus of the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Hospice House).

The class provides an overview of hospice philosophy and history. Participants will become acquainted with services provided for patients and families, as well as the concept of palliative care and the importance of confidentiality. Attendees will receive information regarding volunteering in several different areas: clerical/administrative, thrift shoppe, community events, pet therapy and patient support. Teens and high school students are encouraged to attend. Volunteering for Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast will provide community service hours for the Bright Futures Scholarship and other academic needs.

To register for this class or to request training for your group, call Volunteer Compliance Manager Lynn Routh at 352-527-2020.

Speaker to offer session

Betty Kay Clements, who serves on the Area 13 Family Care Council, will offer a free public presentation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center (CCLEC), at the Key Training Center, 5541 Buster Whitton Way.

Clements will speak about the Family Care Council and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

Families including a person with a developmental disability (DD) face

challenges most people will never understand. There may be medical, educational, vocational and behavioral issues that parents and other caregivers will need to deal with from birth to death.

And there is help. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and the Family Care Council work together to help families find the resources they may need. Clements, will discuss the interactions of parents, schools and APD in providing services such as behavior therapy, adult day programs and residential placement.

This is a program for parents of young children and families of adult children. APD will be emphasizing person-centered planning, much as the schools have already done, and everyone involved in the life of a DD individual must learn how to plan for his or her independence.

Call Stephanie Hopper at 352-344-0288.

Hospice to present 'Examining Grief'

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Services will present "Examining Grief" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Education Center at 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Suite A, Homosassa.

Losing a person dear to us can be a life-altering experience. Grief is the normal and natural reaction to loss and is a common human condition. Many of us are not taught how to deal with loss and seem to cope, but never completely resolve what the loss has done to us and our lives.

"Examining Grief" will uncover the things that we can do on a daily basis in order to heal.

The program is offered at no cost, is open to the public and reservations are suggested. To reserve space, call Jonathan Beard at 352-527-2020 or 866-642-0962. Visit Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast on Facebook or on the Web at www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

Learn to cook in a crock pot

Learn how easy it is to make healthy, inexpensive crock pot meals at the Healthy Crock Pot Cooking Class to be presented by Food Generation from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Better Health Technologies, 208 W. Highland Blvd, Inverness.

Guests are encouraged to come hungry and ready to try new dishes. Two free crock pots will be given away. There is a \$10 donation to help benefit future classes taught by Jenny Morelli, a certified holistic health and wellness coach and executive director of Food Generation.

To register, call 352-476-6225 or email jenny.morelli@aol.com. Seating is limited.

Elder Options meets in Gainesville

The next Elder Options public meeting is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Elder Options Conference Room A, 100 SW 75th St., Suite 301, Gainesville.

The Grant Review Committee will review and discuss applications submitted by qualified organizations to provide services under the Older Americans act for the program period Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2015. Based upon its review and discussion of applications, the committee will make funding recommendations for consideration by the full Board of Directors during the Sept. 3, 2014, board meeting beginning at 10 a.m.

Should any person wish to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the above-referenced meeting, he/she may need to ensure verbatim recording of the proceeding in order to provide a record for judicial review.

Persons with disabilities should contact Elder Options at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to request any special assistance.

Call Kathy Tolbert at 352-692-5214.

Cancer of the colon, rectum

Cancer of the colon and rectum will be diagnosed in roughly 137,000 Americans this year. Currently, 60 percent of patients who are diagnosed with these cancers will survive for five years, but with recent advances in treatment, this number is expected to rise over the next 10 years or so.

One must realize, however, that cancers of the colon and rectum account for nearly 50,000 deaths per year; third only to lung, breast, and prostate cancers. As with most cancers, early detection leads to a higher rate of long term survival and cure.

Cancers of the colon and rectum are generally seen in the elderly population. Eighty percent of colon cancers and 75 percent of rectal cancers are diagnosed in patients 60 years of age or older. The most common sites are the ascending colon (the first part of the large intestine), the sigmoid colon (the last part of the colon prior to entering the rectum) and the rectum itself.

Many disease processes are linked to an increased risk of colon and rectal cancers. Some of these include a positive family history of excessive colon polyps, the presence of what is termed the inflammatory bowel diseases which include both Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, as well as a genetic predisposition that has been well documented.

If any of these risk factors are present, patients need to undergo frequent regular screening to allow for early detection of these cancers. In patients with a strong family history of multiple polyps, a screening colonoscopy should be performed shortly after they turn 15.

Many of the cancers of the colon are believed to originate from polyps which have been present for a long time. As they grow and enlarge, the risk of developing a cancer in a polyp increases. If multiple polyps are noted, it is generally recommended that they consider surgical removal of the colon



Dr. C. Joseph Bennett

NAVIGATING CANCER

before the age of 30 secondary to the fact that one or more of these polyps will almost certainly turn into a cancer over time. The risk in patients with either ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease is more difficult to estimate; therefore, these patients must also be followed carefully and may also benefit from removal of the colon if the risk seems to be increasing.

There are other factors which may play a role in the development or prevention of colon cancer. The risk of colon cancer in the western world is higher than that seen in the east, the arctic and Finland. The increase in fat consumption appears to increase the risk of developing a colon cancer. This appears to be linked to an increase in the production of bile acids in cultures with a high-fat diet and these levels of bile acids will decrease rapidly with diet modification.

The use of a high-fiber diet, such as that seen in Finland, also appears to play a role in the risk of colon cancer. The higher level of fiber in theory dilutes the concentration of bile acid in the colon and also speeds up the process of stool passing through the colon. All of this combines to decrease the amount of time the colon wall is exposed to the bile acids, and thus appears to lower the risk of colon cancer.

Next week we will discuss the treatment of colon cancer.

Dr. Bennett is a board-certified radiation oncologist. If you have any suggestions for topics, or have any questions, contact him at 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, or email at cjbennett@rboi.com.

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Prevention better than cure for kidney disease

Many elderly patients have chronic kidney disease (CKD), which means a gradual loss of kidney function over time that may vary in severity.

CKD may be caused by diabetes, high blood pressure, longstanding obstruction to the kidney from stones, untreated prostate enlargement or repeated urinary infections. If CKD becomes severe, wastes can build in the blood that can make a patient feel ill. Patients may also develop complications such as high blood pressure, anemia, nerve damage and poor bone density.

Kidney function is best measured by GFR, or glomerular filtration rate that is calculated using a simple blood test. The normal GFR for a person depends on their age, gender and body muscle mass. When the GFR diminishes, then the person is said to have chronic kidney disease. There are five stages of CKD based on the GFR levels, varying from stage 1, which is normal, or high GFR to stage 5, which means the patient's kidney function is so poor that he may require dialysis or kidney transplant.

The management of patients with CKD has to be individualized depending on their age, preferences, other medical conditions they might have, life expectancy and quality of life. Patients might require treatment of their high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol levels to prevent deterioration of their kidney function. Treatment of kidney obstruction related to kidney stone disease or prostate obstruction might also be required in some patients. Patients who have had a nephrectomy or removal of the



Dr. Udaya Kumar
UROLOGY TODAY

kidney for cancer or other causes need close follow-up to ensure that the remaining kidney stays healthy.

Many patients seen in the urological clinic have pre-existing CKD. The severity of their CKD also influences the risks of any urological surgery they might need. Dr. Schmid and colleagues, writing in the International Journal of Urology, stated that patients with stages 3 and 4 CKD had more than twice the odds of having major postoperative complications following major urological surgery than patients with normal kidney function. Patients with CKD need coordination of care between their urologist and nephrologist to improve their surgical results.

Maintaining the right weight and proper diet can tremendously influence in keeping your kidney healthy. Patients with diabetes and high blood pressure should have their GFR and urine checked at regular intervals to check for kidney disease. After all, prevention is better than cure.

Udaya Kumar, M.D., FRCS Urol, Dip. Urol (London), is certified by the American Board of Urology and the Board of Urology of U.K. and Ireland. He is a former professor of urology with University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Contact him at 3475 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34448 or 352-628-7671.

Options for a root canal

Q I have recently been diagnosed with an infection in the root of one of my teeth. I was told that only a root canal could fix this. Of course root canals are extremely expensive. Why can't they just inject antibiotics into the root to fix this? There must be an alternative to an expensive procedure such as a root canal. I am experiencing slight pain when food touches the area. Please give me an alternative. A root canal will cost about \$1,800 with insurance.

A This is a good question, one that I get regularly in this column and at the office. In most cases in the body you are prescribed antibiotics for an infection and the infection is healed. This happens because the antibiotics kill the bacteria and the body's natural defense mechanism gets a chance to help things along.

What you really have is an infection in the bone of the jaw. This infection is a result of bacteria invading the nerve



Dr. Frank Vascimini
SOUND BITES

or pulp of the tooth which has a direct communication with the bone of the jaw. The source of the infection is usually from decay but can be from a traumatic injury to the tooth as well. In either case the nerve of the tooth begins to die, thereby infecting the bone.

The only way to heal an infection like this is to remove the source of the infection. In this case the source is the nerve or pulp. The procedure to do this is commonly known as a root canal. There are times that a root canal alone does not do the job, in which case the patient needs an apicoectomy. An apicoectomy is a surgical procedure that

removes the infection from the bone and seals the tooth from the infected area.

The only alternative to this is removal of the tooth. If there is no intention to replace the tooth removal is the least expensive solution. If, on the other hand, the patient wants the tooth replaced, a root canal and restoration may be more cost effective.

The fee of \$1,800 with insurance seems expensive for a root canal. The fee quoted to you may be for a root canal, post and crown. You might want to check on this because there are certain times that a root canal and filling, with or without a post, can be done. These alternatives may be less costly and still help you save the tooth. I hope this has helped.

Dr. Frank Vascimini is a dentist practicing in Homosassa. Send your questions to 4805 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446 or email them to him at info@MasterpieceDentalStudio.com.

Pizza Villa & Restaurant to hold fundraiser

Special to the Chronicle

Pizza Villa & Restaurant will hold a fundraiser at both of its locations to benefit 19-year-old cancer survivor, Kasey Kupcik. A year ago, Kupcik was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. On Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Pizza Villa will donate 20 percent of the restaurant sales of its Spring Hill location, 13122 Spring Hill Drive, to Kupcik.

On Aug. 11, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of its sales from its Brooksville restaurant location, 7038 Coastal Blvd.

Kupcik just completed her final chemotherapy treatment on July 29 and has been again admitted to Florida State University. She

begins class on Aug. 22, where she will continue her studies in information communications technology.

She graduated from Central High School in May 2013 with her high school diploma and an associate degree from PHSC. One week before leaving for FSU, she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is now considered cancer free, but the medical bills have exceeded far beyond what insurance allows.

Kupcik will soon be featured in Horizon Homecare's entry in the Pink Gloves dance video contest. She is the featured cancer survivor to sky dive in the video.

For more information, 352-683-5629.

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Submit your entry online by August 29, 2014 at www.chronicleonline.com/saveourwaters

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NEWS NOTES

Genealogical group meets today in Lecanto

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto.

The topic will be "Records Created by Quakers." Mary Ann Machonkin, president of the genealogy society, will give a brief history of the Quakers, their beliefs and their records. She will also talk about where to find these records and the type of information in them.

For information, call Mary Ann at 352-382-5515 or go to www.citrusgenealogy.com. Guests are welcome to attend.

PFLAG gathers today at Unity Church

PFLAG Lecanto (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Aug. 12, at the Unity Church of Citrus County 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

PFLAG's mission is to promote the health and well-being of LGBT persons, their families and friends. Meetings are open to everyone.

For information, call Linda at 352-419-2738 or email pflag.lecanto@gmail.com.

Corvair Club meets second Wednesday

The Nature Coast Corvair Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 13, at B&W Restaurant in Inverness.

A Dutch-treat dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Herb at 352-344-4210.

Anti-Drug Coalition to hear state director

The next Anti-Drug Coalition membership meeting is at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Citrus County School Board District Services Center basement conference room, 1007 W. Main St., Inverness.

Networking is at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:15 a.m. This meeting will feature Dr. Jessica Spencer, statewide coalition director, who will talk about Amendment 2.

The Anti-Drug Coalition comprises parents, youths, businesses, law enforcement, school district staff, social workers and others who address underage substance abuse. The public is welcome.

Call master gardeners for advice about plants

Citrus County Master Gardeners are on hand with free advice typically between 9 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Extension office, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto.

Bring gardening questions and plant samples for a free diagnosis of pest and nutrition problems.

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Take trip back in time

Citrus County Council to meet at Old Courthouse Heritage Museum

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Council will present Citrus County's colorful past at its next meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, 1 Courthouse Square, Inverness.

Most of the council's usual business agenda will be suspended for this meeting. Instead, the audience will be treated to a special presentation of the colorful

and compelling history of Citrus County by John Grannen, president of the Citrus County Historical Society, and Kathy Turner-Thompson, historical resources manager. A docent-led tour of the new exhibit "Changing People, Changing Springs: Chassahowitzka Discovered!" will round out the meeting.

The meeting will take place in the second floor historic courtroom, accessible by elevator. Coffee and networking will

begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will open at 9 a.m.

Free parking with no time limit is available at the public parking lot east of the Old Courthouse.

The Citrus County Council is a non-partisan, nonprofit consortium of homeowner associations, civic clubs, environmental groups and concerned citizens. For more information about the CCC, visit www.citruscountycouncil.org.

Master gardener talks focus on exotics

Special to the Chronicle

We have all heard about invasive animals (remember the snakes in the everglades?) But, did you know non-native plants can be equally as destructive?

Some invasive plants may be attractive (often why they were imported in the first place), but their beauty does not outweigh the damage they do.

In addition to their environmental

damage, they cost millions of taxpayer dollars each year as we try to control them.

There are steps you can do to help protect our native habitats (both plants and animals). The first step is to learn to identify what these invasive plants are. The remaining schedule for the August free plants seminars is:

■ 1 p.m. today, Aug. 12, at Lakes Region Library

■ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Central Ridge Library

■ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Citrus Springs Library

Master gardener volunteers will be available to discuss this topic, answer questions, identify plant problems and offer solutions to problems.

Gardeners can also contact the Citrus County Extension anytime during business hours at 352-527-5700.

Tourney for Relay effort



Special to the Chronicle

This year's Team Hope Relay For Life Golf Tournament at Black Diamond was a success, netting \$13,355.98 for the American Cancer Society. Double Platinum Sponsors were Bryan Richard of Black Diamond Ranch, Sims Crane & Rentals, Citrus 95.3/The Fox 96.7 and Eagle Buick GMC of Homosassa. Team Hope volunteers in back, from left, are: Brad Bennett, Joe Fielding, Rick Rogers, Laura Baumgardner, Darrell Patrick, Ed Snellings, Victor Nadal and Jim Lightbody. In front, from left, are: Lauren Snellings, Rene Rogers and Michele Snellings, team captain and event coordinator.

Concert Choir wows community with 'Burt'

The Citrus Community Concert Choir kicked off its stellar season with "Burt's Back: The Music of Burt Bacharach," last week, directed by Jacki Scott with accompanist Sally Smith and musician Frank Miller on drums and sax.

The concert, held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Sunday, was dedicated to retiring pastor the Rev. David Bradford.

The Concert Choir, as a nonprofit organization, was created for the presentation of classical choral music of great composers for the benefit of the community who share the love of great music. The choir provides scholarship funding for the vocal arts and the encouragement of the advancement of music in the community.

This year's scholarships were awarded to Jacqueline Miller and Sara Zeable. The all-volunteer choir has grown to 45-plus members providing Broadway, folk, classical, jazz stylings and pop music.

Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Faith Lutheran Church in Lecanto. Always welcoming new voices, auditions are made by calling 352-212-1746.

Host churches for the concerts include Good Shepherd Lutheran of Hernando, Faith Lutheran of Lecanto, St. Timothy Lutheran of Crystal River and First Presbyterian of Inverness.

Burt Bacharach is an American singer-songwriter, composer, record producer and pianist, a six-time Grammy winner and well known for his popular hits from



Ruth Levins

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

the '50s to the '80s. As of 2014, he has written 73 top 40 hits in the United States and 57 top hits in the United Kingdom. Many of the lyrics were written by Hal David as part of the duo, Bacharach and David.

His music is characterized by unusual chord progressions with striking syncopated rhythmic patterns, irregular phrasing, frequent modulation and odd changing meters.

The selection of Bacharach tunes was fabulous, all the hits we've enjoyed through the years, beginning with a perennial favorite, "What the World Needs Now is Love." "I Say a Little Prayer for You" ushered in the addition of Frank Miller on sax and bongo drums. The alto, tenor and bass section was featured with "Trains, Boats and Planes." "Message to Michael" featured soloist Carissa Baker. Shirley Perregaux performed "A House is Not a Home." Clearly, the female voices thoroughly enjoyed "Wishing and Hoping."

After the bass, tenor and alto section completed their rendition of "This Guy's in Love With You," with Miller's sax, he

remarked "Pucker up!"

One of my all-time Bacharach favorites, "The Look of Love," was sung by Mary Mahoney. During a pause in the concert, choir President Larry Jamieson highlighted the choir's recent Normandy concert tour and upcoming concerts and we learned that once again, St. Timothy Lutheran Church will provide refreshments after the concert, in the dining/fellowship hall.

We heard "Walk On By," featuring the female voices and Miller on sax. and "Arthur's Theme," with the familiar line, "The best you can do is fall in love." "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" was another piece featuring the drums. Judy Ozenment's "One Less Bell to Answer" solo received extended applause; a talented alto performer, we want to hear her featured again! Bill Scott sang "Raindrops are Fallin' on My Head," to perfection, accompanied by conductor Jacki Scott on piano.

It was a very lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon with the choir. The concert's finale was "That's What Friends are For."

It's truly amazing what dedicated volunteers can do; friends reaching out to the community, sharing their love of music.

Ruth Levins participates in a variety of projects around the community. Let her know about your group's upcoming activities by writing to P.O. Box 803, Crystal River, FL 34423.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.

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

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

TUESDAY EVENING AUGUST 12, 2014

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'The Tonight Show', 'Jeopardy!', 'Wheel of Fortune', 'The Bachelor', etc.

Bridge section with North-South and East-West hands, dealer information, and opening lead.

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Louis Nizer, an English lawyer who died in 1994, said, "I know of no higher fortitude than stubbornness in the face of overwhelming odds."

That is a good thought to keep in your mind when it seems that you are destined to end a bridge deal with a minus score. Fight on with stubborn fortitude.

In this deal, declarer does not face overwhelming odds, but the thought of being in four hearts with only seven trumps instead of playing in five clubs with nine trumps would daunt some players.

This layout arose during a pair event, where scoring the extra points from a major-suit contract can be very profitable.

Against four hearts, West starts with three rounds of spades. How should declarer continue?

South's three-spade cue-bid asked his partner to bid three no-trump with a spade stopper.

Yes, five clubs is much easier to make. But if South can bring home four hearts for plus 420, that will beat those declarers in five clubs scoring only plus 400.

South apparently has 10 top tricks: four hearts, one diamond and five clubs. But to run the clubs, he must first draw trumps. And the six missing hearts will break 4-2 more often than 3-3 (a priori 48.45 percent versus 35.53 percent). And even if hearts are 3-3, South will always have a diamond loser. So, rather than ruff at trick three, South should discard a diamond.

If West persists with a fourth spade, South ruffs with dummy's heart ace, draws trumps and claims.

JUMBLE word game section with a grid of letters and a list of words to be found.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words.

Dear Annie: I'm a young woman with a degree in education. After spending several years as a student teacher and co-teacher, I decided that I really don't want to remain in teaching. I know I should have switched majors in college, but I hoped this would work out. I also was worried about what my family would think.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

These same well-meaning family members are now actively pushing me to accept a teaching position in a nearby small town. I went to the interview to please them, but the entire time, I was wishing I were somewhere else. I have told only my immediate family that I'm going to turn down the job if offered. So what do I tell these other relatives about my job decision? How do I keep them off my back? I'm already suffering health issues due to anxiety, and I don't know how much more I can take. I'm tempted to move out of the area, but I love living in my town. Any help would be much appreciated. — Ready To Run Away

choice." You don't have to talk about the reasons, nor do you need to create excuses. But you have to be able to withstand the fallout, which will be temporary in any case. This, too, shall pass.

Dear Annie: Last year, my son married a girl we adore. He and his new wife live in the same town. But ever since the wedding, he barely speaks to us. It's as if he started his new life and forgot about his old one. He'll respond when I call or text, but he never initiates contact. He treats his siblings the same way, which makes me sad. The only way we see him is when I invite them over for dinner. We got along fine when he lived at home, so I don't understand how he has seemingly forgotten us. I don't know how to address this with him without coming across as rude. — Lonely Mom

Dear Mom: You are making this an emotional crisis, and it doesn't have to be. Your son still loves and cares about you. Let us explain: When your son lived at home, you saw him every day, and contact didn't require any effort from him. Now that he lives away, it doesn't occur to him to call or text, because he never had to think about it before. He is conditioned to let someone else do the work. Here's how you fix it: Let

him know you miss him and would love it if he'd remember to call or text once or twice a week. But understand that you'll still have to do most of the work. Then make friends with his wife. Call her. Text her. Ask her to go shopping with you or meet you for lunch. But also be sure to give them their space. While they are both part of your family, they are first and foremost a unit unto themselves.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from "My Heart Is Breaking," whose father-in-law wanted to have a second memorial service for his late wife, even though they already had one when she died two years ago. My mother passed away two years ago and was cremated. We only recently put her ashes where she wished, because we wanted the whole family to be there, and many of them lived far away or had other commitments.

We had a wonderful time remembering the good times. It's never too late to commemorate your parents. Mine are always in my heart. — A Grateful Daughter

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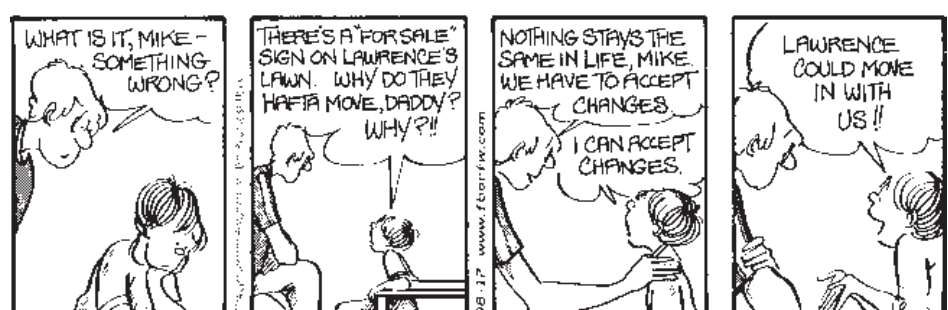
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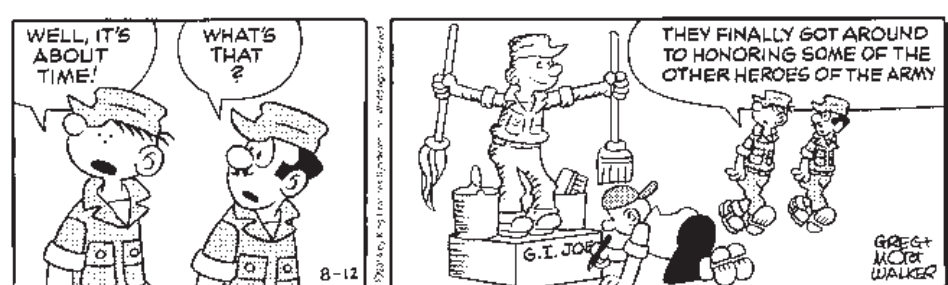
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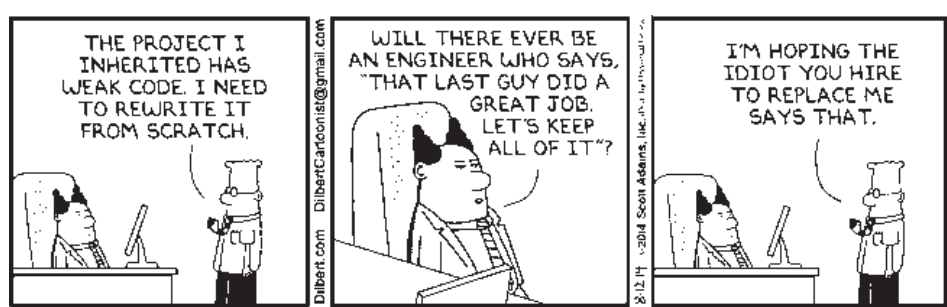
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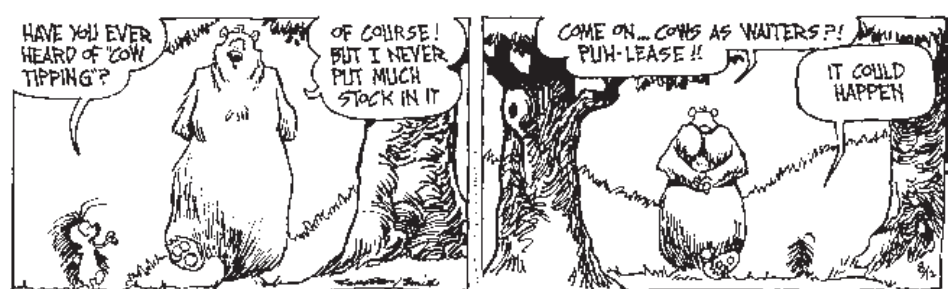
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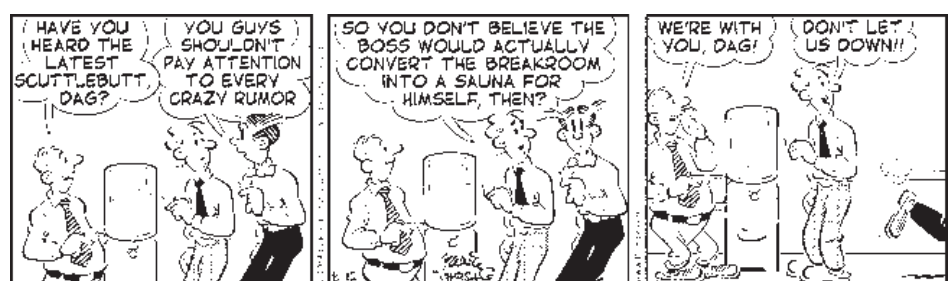
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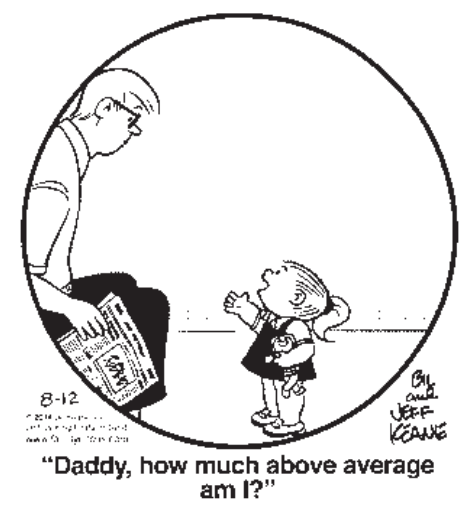
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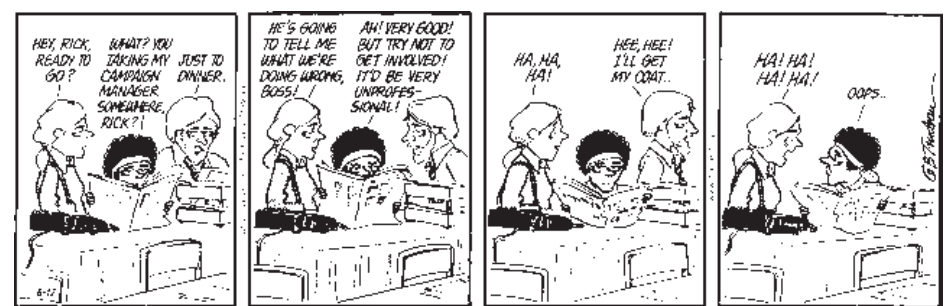
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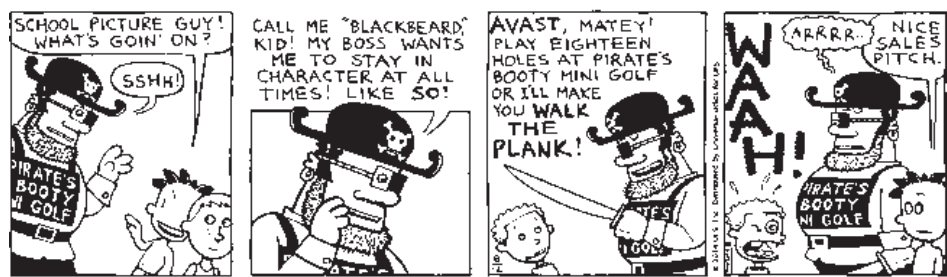
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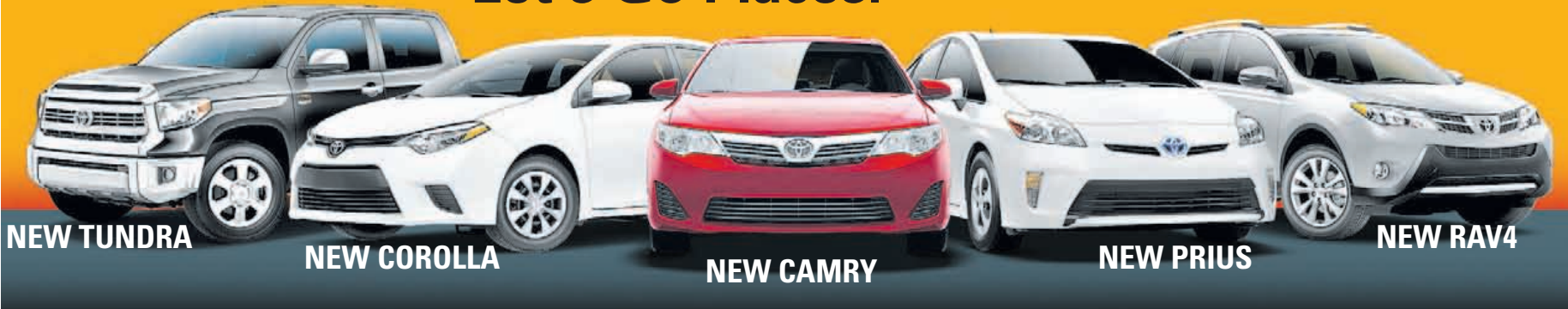
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