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## War gear a 'conflicting message'

*US rethinks giving excess military equipment to civilian police*

*Associated Press*  
 WASHINGTON — After a decade of sending military equipment to civilian

police departments across the country, federal officials are reconsidering the idea in light of the violence in Ferguson, Missouri.

The public has absorbed images of heavily armed police, snipers trained on protesters and tear gas plumes. Against

that backdrop, Attorney General Eric Holder said that when police and citizens need to restore calm, "I am deeply concerned

that the deployment of military equipment and vehicles sends a conflicting message."  
 Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said police

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## 8:56 or faster



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

**ABOVE:** Firefighter/paramedic Shaun Busbee makes his way through a confined space during a portion of the Fire Rescue Agility Test (FRAT). The test, done in full turnout gear weighing roughly 70 pounds, includes 10 physically demanding tasks that mimic the physical demands of firefighting, according to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division. **BELOW:** Using a sledge hammer, firefighter/paramedic Shaun Busbee drives a heavy sled down a carriage frame near the end of the testing course.



### County staff bucking the trend of obese firefighters

**A.B. SIDIBE**  
*Staff writer*

LECANTO

**A**ccording to a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 70 percent of firefighters are obese. And, the study said, nearly half of all deaths of on-duty firefighters are due to cardiovascular events. The study also revealed an increased risk of job-related disabilities spawned by obesity. Citrus County seems to be bucking that trend. Since the merger of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and fire rescue in the fall of 2011, Sheriff Jeff Dawsey reorganized the training process, making it more rigorous. A Fire Rescue Agility Test (FRAT) is the new standard, according Curt Clendenney, fire rescue training coordinator at the Citrus County Fire Training Center in Lecanto. "We currently have an 18-month breaking-in period and then it becomes punitive. But every combat firefighter has to pass the FRAT and to successfully complete it in 8 minutes and 56 seconds or less,"

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## Nuke plant items go to auction

**PAT FAHERTY**  
*Staff writer*

If your next handyman project calls for a crane, power plant components or hand tools, Duke Energy has a deal for you. The company will try to auction off more than 1.3 million individual items from the retired Crystal River Nuclear Plant (CR3). The public auction will consist of a two-day preview and inspection opportunity followed by a three-day live and web-cast auction, Sept. 22 to 26, which is about five years since the plant quit producing power. It was retired last year. According to Duke, proceeds from the sale of the assets will reduce future customer power bill charges related to the nuclear plant. The company contracted Heritage Global Partners, an asset valuation and auctioning services firm based in San Diego, California, to market and auction assets no longer needed at the plant due to its decommissioning. Individuals or companies may view and inspect the tools and equipment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22 to 23 at the Crystal River Energy Complex, at 15760 W. Power Line Street off U.S. 19 north of Crystal River. Participants are required to pre-register and submit an access form by 3 p.m. Sept. 18.

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## Pitch in to rake up algae in Homosassa

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
*Staff writer*

**HOMOSSASSA** — The Homosassa Rotary Club is looking for volunteers to help clean up Lyngbya algae and other vegetation from the Homosassa River.

Setup for the community's first One Rake at a Time-inspired cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, with work running from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are sought to assist Rotarians in the effort. Volunteers are asked to

park at the back entrance of the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park off West Fishbowl Drive. From the parking lot, volunteers can walk to the double gate on the left of the West Entrance Café. This cleanup is in re-

sponse to the successes of the King's Bay and Hunter Springs Park cleanups, initiated by Crystal River Rotary under the direction of Art Jones, who pioneered the One Rake at a Time project. "We've had a lot of folks asking us when we're

going to do the Homosassa River," said Tom Feeney, district trainer for the Homosassa Rotary Club. "We were able to get a district grant from Rotary International to help fund it ... that was going to be our

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# Two Good Soles makes a difference for children

## DONATION BOX LOCATIONS

- Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.
- Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.
- Citrus County Chamber of Commerce (Inverness and Crystal River).
- Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.
- Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.
- Citrus County Extension Services, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.
- Citrus County Libraries — all locations.
- Citrus County Sheriff's Office EOC, 3549 Saunders Way, Lecanto.
- Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.
- Citrus County Tax Collectors Office, Crystal River and Inverness.
- Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.
- Crystal River City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19, Crystal River.
- East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.
- Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main St., Inverness.
- Inverness Community Center, 1082 N. Paul Drive, Inverness.
- Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.
- Nature Coast Bank, 2453 N. Citrus Hills Blvd., Hernando.
- Nature Coast Bank, 1160 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.
- Supervisor of Elections Office, 120 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.
- West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa.

**ERYN WORTHINGTON**  
Staff writer

An act of kindness in the remembrance of 9/11 is bringing the community together to support the children of Citrus County.

As a tribute to those who were lost in the terrorist attacks on 9/11, Sept. 11 has been designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Collecting new tennis shoes and socks for local children in need is the county's Nature Coast Volunteer Center and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's way of serving the community through the 13th annual Two Good Soles drive.

"We do the shoes and socks drive to benefit the children in need," said Laurie Diestler, Nature Coast Volunteer Center supervisor. "The goal is to help hundreds of children."

Twenty collection boxes are set out throughout the county, and will accept donations through Sept. 11.

"The shoes and socks will be distributed Sept. 11 to different organizations at a 9/11 remembrance



ceremony," Diestler said. "We have invited the commissioners, state representatives, fire rescue, sheriff's office, Nature Coast EMS and diverse dignitaries."

Last year, they collected 4,080 pairs of shoes.

"We always hope that we reach that amount," Diestler said. "We don't go into the drive with a goal set. We just hope that the community would come together."

"School Student Services told me that they had a student who benefited this year from what we collected last year," she said. "On the first day of school this year, they replaced his shoes because his shoes were way too small. He wasn't even wearing socks."

the county resource center, where they will be counted and divided among local participating nonprofit organizations to distribute to children. A ceremony with local dignitaries will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Organizations benefiting from the shoe drive include: The Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, the district Student Services department, Daystar Life Center, Citrus United Basket, Family Resource Center, the SPOT Family Center and the Mission in Citrus.

"I have always felt that when students are in school and have worries with their daily life, taking one of their concerns away is pertinent in their educational learning," Diestler said. "One pair of shoes makes a difference in one child's life. I think that is very important."

For information, call 352-249-1275.

**To Our Valued Customers:** There is a pricing error in the 8/17/14 Bealls insert on page 4. The Tervis was incorrectly sale priced at 50% off. The correct price offering should have been \$19.99. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.

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*Around the*  
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**Waters Week  
 planning meeting set**

The Citrus 20/20 Inc. Save Our Waters Week Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, in Room 219 of the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, off County Road 491.

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

For information, call Lace Blue-McLean at 352-201-0149.

**Gardening workshop  
 Tuesday**

Citrus County Florida-Friendly Landscaping is offering a free pest-management workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Gardening practices such as seasonal scheduling, catch-can calibration and selection of plant materials tolerant of droughty conditions are essential to creating a sustainable landscape. Thorough and infrequent watering produces a plant with deeper roots, promoting drought tolerance and hardiness during the cooler seasons. Overwatering is not a beneficial practice and often inhibits a successful lawn or garden.

Classes are at the Citrus County Extension Service, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto. Call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm participation.

For more information about Florida-Friendly Landscaping, visit [tinyurl.com/fffriendly](http://tinyurl.com/fffriendly).

**Precinct changes  
 announced**

The Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Office wants to alert the public to voting precinct changes. They include:

■ The First United Methodist Church (Precinct 400), 3896 S. Pleasant Grove Road in Inverness, has moved to the First Baptist Church of Inverness, 550 Pleasant Grove Road. Because of complications related to a lightning strike, First United Methodist is unavailable this election cycle.

■ The National Guard Armory (Precinct 301), 8551 W. Venable St., has moved to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd., in Crystal River. The armory is undergoing repairs and is unavailable.

■ The former Christian Center Church (Precinct 305) has been rechristened the Apostolic Christian Tabernacle. The address remains the same, 7961 W. Green Acres St., Homosassa.

**Campaign  
 TRAIL**

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

■ The Citrus County Chronicle will have its general election forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto.

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

■ Renee Christopher-McPheeters, Republican for county commission District 2, will meet the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Howard's Flea Market, Booth 68. 352-257-5381.

—From staff reports

**Officers lauded for rescue of stranded women**

**A.B. SIDIBE**  
*Staff writer*

Nancy Patat, 70, and her friends Marie Cohen and Linda Chapell were en route to a clairvoyant for a reading when what they couldn't see coming happened — a wrong turn left their vehicle stuck in sugar sand in a patch of woods in Dunnellon.

Only one of their cell-phones had reception in the area and, worse, they had no clue where they were during the sweltering late July morning. One of the women was on oxygen

and another walks with the aid of cane.

Enter two veteran law enforcement officers: Citrus County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tim Horton and an agency public service officer and supervisor, Sgt. Bob McIntosh.

"We used GPS to locate them in the area off Dunnellon Street in Dunnellon. It is pretty wooded there and they were stuck in the sand," Horton said.

"When we got there, we couldn't drive to their location, so we walked about 300 to 400 yards to get to them," Horton said.

He said they found the trio not really dehydrated, but needing water. The two officers went to work by calling fire rescue to bring the women some water, and also called a tow truck.

Horton and McIntosh also offered comfort to the women.

"They were so nice and wonderful. They checked on us, told us help was on the way and one of them even gave us gum to chew because it was so hot and we were so thirsty," Patat said.

"They are our heroes. I just wanted these officers

recognized for the nice things they did for three women who were stuck in the woods. They deserve the credit," Patat added.

Horton, however, said what they did is "part of the job."

"I am sure Sgt. McIntosh will say the same thing: This is what we do. We are here to help people, and I got into law enforcement to help people. I would do the same for any citizen that needs my help," said Horton, who is a seven-year CCSO veteran who has been in law enforcement for 22 years.

McIntosh echoed Horton's sentiments.

"Just putting those people at ease made it all worth it," McIntosh said.

McIntosh and Horton stayed with the women for more than two hours before their vehicle was removed from the sand.

"I don't know why the psychic didn't predict we were going to get stuck, but thank God for those heroes and their help — we got saved," Patat said.

Contact Chronicle reporter A.B. Sidibe at 352-564-2925 or [asidibe@chronicleonline.com](mailto:asidibe@chronicleonline.com).



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Willy McClain has owned Griff's Bar for the past 18 years. It was originally owned by her former father-in-law Griffin McClain. She bought it from Harold Grumbling, who also owned it for 18 years.

**Going, but not gone**

*Storied Inverness bar to relocate after owner sells property to developer*

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
*Staff writer*

**S**INCE 1947, Griff's Bar has been an Inverness landmark, perhaps the oldest bar still in business in Citrus County.

In a few months, however, this institution is scheduled to be torn down and a two-unit retail building built in its place.

Recently, owner Willy McClain sold the property, but not the business, to Win-Development, of Belleair, for \$800,000.

"They just wanted my dirt," McClain said. "I'm still keeping my liquor license and everything else."

McClain has owned the landmark bar named for her former father-in-law and original owner, Griffin McClain, for the past 18 years, having purchased it from Harold Grumbling, who also owned it for 18 years.

Originally, it was across Main Street in front of where Heidi's Restaurant is now when the Heidi's building was a lawnmower store.

The building where Griff's is now, at 825 W. Main St., was a furniture store for 30 years.

"In 1984, they moved the bar across the street all in one night," McClain said. "They got a bunch of customers to help carry pool tables and everything across the street and they opened here the next day, never missing a beat."

McClain bought the bar in 1994, a few years after she and Griffin McClain's son were divorced.



Special to the Chronicle

Griff's Bar was originally on the north side of Main Street in Inverness, established in 1947 by Griffin McClain.

"It's been a great business," she said.

McClain also said she is well acquainted with the bar's reputation as a rough place, and hasn't been able to change it.

"They call it a 'gun and knife club,' and we had some drug problems in the past, but that was years ago. That crowd has been long gone," she said. "It's been remodeled twice, but it still has that reputation."

The sale came as a surprise earlier this year, with the development company approaching her with an offer.

McClain said it will be sad to see the building demolished, and that she plans to watch it go down.

"There's a lot of history here," she said.

As for the future, she's not sure yet what she wants to do. She owns property in Inverness north on U.S. 41, and may open up a smaller Griff's.

"It will always be called Griff's," she said. "I would never call another place anything else."

On Friday, Chronicle Facebook friends posted their thoughts about Griff's. Here's what a few of them said:

"Griff's provided an income for my family and me. I met the love of my life there who is also a staff member. I've also met some of my greatest friends there. To say that I've seen many interesting things and had been put in situations I've never encountered my whole life is an understatement ... thankfully more good than bad. I've had many, many great memories such as birthday parties, costume parties or even just a great girls' night out." — Lauren Hewes

"It's been a fantastic mecca for Free Poker on Tuesday and Friday nights for the past eight years and will continue until the last day! Friendliest bar in town, no question. I also met the woman of my dreams and some lifelong friends there." — Bryan Frechette

"We had a GREAT time there celebrating my granddaughter's 21st birthday and first bar experience at 2 a.m." — Lynn Dragoun

"Always memories with the most amazing friends. My husband threw my 40th birthday party at Griffs. We also had an event for a friend when her house was taken by fire." — Tammy Tuffy-Mullis

"I played dart tournaments in this bar — great times, sorry to see it go." — Laura Demers

**Former governor's campaign gets another boost from taxpayers**

*Associated Press*

TALLAHASSEE — Former Gov. Charlie Crist is getting some help for his challenge to incumbent

Gov. Rick Scott. And it's coming from Florida taxpayers.

Crist on Friday received more than \$474,000 when he received his second check of public matching

funds. He has now received slightly more than \$1 million in state money to assist his campaign.

Crist is not the only politician getting taxpayer

help. Former state senator Nan Rich has received slightly less than \$200,000.

So far this year, the state has paid out \$2.4 million to candidates, including more

than \$420,000 to Attorney General Pam Bondi, more than \$343,000 to Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and \$360,000 to Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam.



# Today's HOROSCOPES

**Birthdays** — Keeping your emotions in check will prevent you from making costly mistakes this year. Sit back and watch what strategies successful leaders use in their plans. You can come out on top if you learn from the experience of others.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Someone you are close to will discourage you. It will be difficult to make a decision if you are swayed by what others do or say.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Attend a networking event to meet someone who could impact your future. Don't sign contracts or make a commitment.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — You will feel out of control regarding a certain situation. Don't part with your hard-earned money just because someone is hounding you for donations.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Jealousy and deception will be at the root of a problem that develops. A lack of trust in a situation or person is apparent.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — A savvy investment will help ease your financial problems. Use social media or the telephone to conduct your business meetings.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — If you want something done right, you will have to do it yourself. Your peers won't be able to meet your high standards.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — You will end up in a better position than you anticipate. Look closely, and don't be fooled by appearances. An opportunity is waiting to be discovered.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Love connections are looking good, and a long-term commitment or pledge will make you feel secure.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Make plans to have fun. You will be hard to resist and impossible to turn down if you use your wiles to get others to help you reach your goals.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Patience will be necessary. You will be partly to blame for any problems that develop. Have a heart-to-heart talk with whoever is causing you the most concern.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — The improvements you have in mind will not appeal to everyone. If your plans will affect those close to you, get input and approval before you initiate a change.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Don't commit to a monetary deal until you have all the facts and figures. Be prepared to test things out as you go.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Candlelight vigil marks Elvis' death

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Holding flickering candles, fans of **Elvis Presley** made a slow, nighttime walk past his gravesite at Graceland on Friday, marking his death 37 years ago.

Fans strolled quietly through the Meditation Garden at Presley's longtime Memphis, Tennessee, home. Presley's grave is in the garden, and his mother, father and grandmother are buried there.

The home is now a museum and a centerpiece of the Graceland tourist attraction that draws about 500,000 fans each year from around the world.

The scene is repeated each year on the anniversary of the death of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Presley died at age 42 on Aug. 16, 1977, of a heart attack, shocking and saddening his fans worldwide.

**Mark Summers**, 31, said it was his first time attending the vigil. Summers, of Birmingham, England, is an Elvis tribute artist who performs theater shows across Europe.

Summers wore a black shirt, black pants and a hairstyle shaped like a pompadour, just like his idol. He said no other performer "could touch the charisma he had on stage."

Summers said he admired Presley not only for his music and his act, but also for his good qualities as a person. Presley was known for giving money to charities and cars to fans.

The vigil is a highlight of Elvis Week, an annual celebration of Presley's career and his life. This year, other Elvis Week events have included an auction of authenticated Presley artifacts — which included a 1977 Cadillac Seville used by Presley — and the groundbreaking of a planned 450-room hotel at the Graceland tourist attraction.



**Sharon Kestner, left, enjoys the sounds of Elvis as Brian Bush rests his head on her shoulder Friday outside the gates of Graceland during a candlelight vigil in remembrance of Elvis' death 37 years ago in Memphis, Tenn. Kestner and Bush are from Lexington, Ky.**

## Mr. T pities criminals as he awaits jury duty

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. — **Lawrence Tureaud**, better known as Mr. T, was in true form as he waited outside a suburban Chicago courthouse to be called for jury duty.

Sporting his usual Mohawk and wearing an FBI sweatshirt and hat, but not a gold chain, the star of TV's "The A-Team"

signed autographs and made his feelings known. He said, "I pity the criminals today," as he explained he had been designated a potential juror for a trial scheduled for Friday.

*The Daily Herald* in Arlington Heights reports the 62-year-old Tureaud said he never considered "playing hooky" after receiving the jury summons. Mr. T said he understood his duty and said it's not his style to shirk responsibilities. Tureaud wasn't picked as a juror.

## SNL alumnus Kattan gets probation

LOS ANGELES — **Chris Kattan** has been sentenced to three years' probation for driving under the influence and crashing his Mercedes into a Department of Transportation vehicle on a Southern California freeway earlier this year.

The *Los Angeles Times* reports the former "Saturday Night Live" star was also ordered Thursday to pay \$500 fine and attend an alcohol education program.

A restitution hearing will be held next month to determine how much Kattan owes the state for damage to the DOT vehicle.

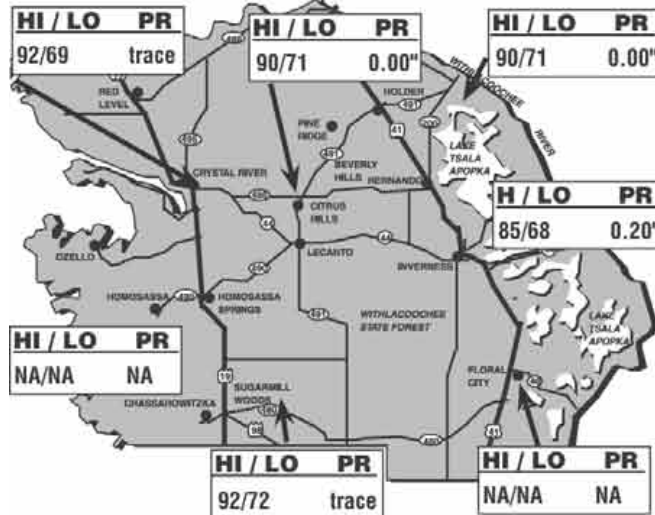
The 43-year-old was arrested in February after he struck the vehicle that belonged to a crew conducting maintenance on a guardrail.

Kattan, who was on 'SNL' from 1996 to 2003, is best known for the character Mango.

He also starred with **Will Ferrell** in "A Night at the Roxbury."

—From wire reports

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 90° Low: 74°  
Partly cloudy, 30% chance of showers or storms.

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
High: 92° Low: 75°  
Partly cloudy, 20% chance of showers or storms.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
High: 93° Low: 75°  
Partly cloudy, 20% chance of showers or storms.

## ALMANAC

<b>TEMPERATURE</b>	Saturday 87/69	<b>DEW POINT</b>	Saturday at 3 p.m. 75
Record* /70		<b>HUMIDITY</b>	
Normal 91/71		Saturday at 3 p.m. 72%	
Mean temp. 78		<b>POLLEN COUNT**</b>	
Departure from mean -3		Today's active pollen: Ragweed, chenopods	
<b>PRECIPITATION</b>	Saturday 0.01"	Today's count: 3.6/12	
Total for the month 5.00"		Monday's count: 5.9	
Total for the year 31.87"		Tuesday's count: 6.3	
Normal for the year 35.71"		<b>AIR QUALITY</b>	
*Official record values from Tampa International		Saturday observed: 31	
<b>UV INDEX:</b> 11		Pollutant: Particulate matter	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>			

## SOLAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
08/17	SUNDAY	12:25	7:15	2:05	7:35
08/18	MONDAY	1:10	8:05	3:00	8:25

## CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT	8:06 p.m.
SUNRISE TOMORROW	6:59 a.m.
MOONRISE TODAY	12:26 a.m.
MOONSET TODAY	2:05 p.m.

## BURN CONDITIONS

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

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: [http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire\\_weather/kbdi](http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi)

## WATERING RULES

Lawn watering limited to two days per week, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., as follows:

EVEN addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday.

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Hand watering with a shut-off nozzle or micro irrigation of non-grass areas, such as vegetable gardens, flowers and shrubs, can be done on any day and at any time.

Citrus County Utilities' customers should CALL BEFORE YOU INSTALL new plant material 352-527-7669. Some new plantings may qualify for additional watering allowances.

To report violations, please call: City of Inverness @ 352-726-2321, City of Crystal River @ 352-795-4216 ext. 313, unincorporated Citrus County @ 352-527-7669.

## TIDES

\*From mouths of rivers \*\*At King's Bay \*\*\*At Mason's Creek

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	12:00 p.m. 0.6 ft.	5:17 a.m. 0.3 ft.
Crystal River**	9:54 a.m. 2.1 ft.	11:55 p.m. 0.2 ft.
Withlacoochee*	6:26 a.m. 3.4 ft.	8:40 p.m. 2.5 ft.
Homosassa***	10:19 a.m. 1.3 ft.	11:38 p.m. 0.7 ft.

## FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	92	75	ts	Miami	91	79	pc
Fort Lauderdale	92	80	pc	Ocala	92	73	ts
Fort Myers	94	80	ts	Orlando	95	78	ts
Gainesville	92	73	ts	Pensacola	89	80	ts
Homestead	91	78	pc	Sarasota	92	79	pc
Jacksonville	93	76	ts	Tallahassee	94	75	ts
Key West	90	84	pc	Tampa	91	80	ts
Lakeland	94	79	ts	Vero Beach	94	74	ts
Melbourne	91	75	ts	W. Palm Bch.	90	79	pc

## MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: West winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Few thunderstorms in the morning; then isolated thunderstorms. Tonight: West winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less.

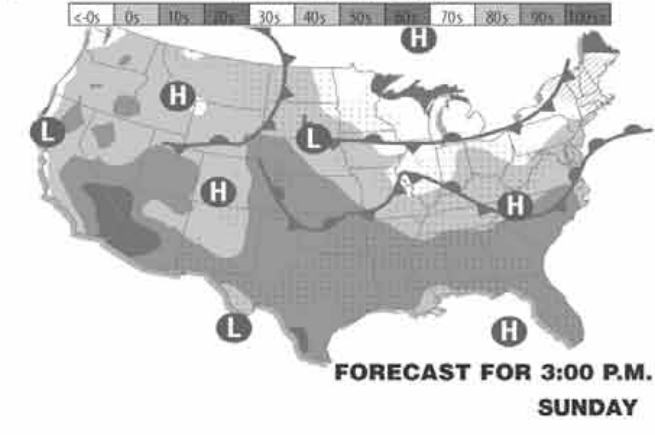
**Gulf water temperature**  
**85°**  
Taken at Aripeka

## LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	31.43	31.40	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.04	38.08	39.52
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.33	39.38	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.51	40.50	42.20

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on a 2.33-year flood, the mean annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

## THE NATION



## FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY

City	SAT H L Pcp.	SUN H L Fcst	City	SAT H L Pcp.	SUN H L Fcst
Albany	75 53	75 57 pc	New Orleans	93 79	91 78 ts
Albuquerque	93 65 .02	90 67 pc	New York City	78 63	81 65 ts
Asheville	82 58	86 65 ts	Norfolk	86 69 .52	91 73 pc
Atlanta	88 67	91 70 ts	Oklahoma City	89 76	97 72 pc
Atlantic City	79 54	86 62 ts	Omaha	85 69 .01	84 67 ts
Austin	101 77	96 77 pc	Palm Springs	110 81	108 83 s
Baltimore	82 55	84 65 ts	Philadelphia	80 61	86 66 ts
Birmingham	86 61	88 58 pc	Phoenix	106 87	107 84 pc
Boise	92 66	91 74 ts	Pittsburgh	77 48	79 62 ts
Boston	78 61	80 64 sh	Portland, ME	74 55	75 57 sh
Buffalo	70 55	72 55 pc	Portland, OR	84 63	86 60 pc
Burlington, VT	67 58 .07	74 55 sh	Providence, RI	78 56	81 61 sh
Charlotte, S.C.	95 76	95 74 pc	Raleigh	89 68	91 70 pc
Charlotte, W.V.	82 53	84 66 ts	Reno	81 60	85 61 ts
Chicago	86 68	93 71 pc	Rochester, NY	70 52	71 56 pc
Cincinnati	78 61	75 63 cd	Sacramento	93 60	91 59 s
Cleveland	82 52	83 68 ts	Salt Lake City	90 63	91 66 s
Columbia, SC	85 68	84 61 68 ts	San Antonio	102 78	99 78 pc
Columbus, OH	82 51	80 66 ts	San Diego	82 70	76 68 f
Concord, NH	75 50	78 54 sh	San Francisco	73 60	69 59 f
Dallas	101 81	98 78 ts	Savannah	94 76	96 74 pc
Denver	90 62	91 60 pc	Seattle	77 60	80 60 pc
Des Moines	79 68 .12	83 65 f	Spokane	81 59	88 61 pc
Detroit	82 52	78 62 pc	St. Louis	81 71 .96	79 71 ts
El Paso	96 77	95 74 pc	St. Ste. Marie	70 57 .08	70 50 pc
Evansville, IN	80 70	82 71 pc	Syracuse	76 55	75 55 pc
Harrisburg	77 50	80 61 sh	Topeka	85 73 .07	89 69 pc
Hartford	78 56	81 57 sh	Washington	85 65	84 66 ts
Houston	98 80	93 79 ts			
Indianapolis	75 59 .09	80 68 ts			
Las Vegas	102 79	108 82 s			
Little Rock	93 67	92 73 ts			
Los Angeles	90 65	87 67 f			
Louisville	83 65	83 72 ts			
Memphis	91 67	91 75 ts			
Des Moines	85 62	68 58 f			
Minneapolis	84 67	77 68 ts			
Mobile	92 69 .10	92 76 ts			
Montgomery	92 66	94 74 ts			
Nashville	88 67	88 73 ts			

**KEY TO CONDITIONS:** c=cloudy; dr=drizzle; f=fair; h=heavy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy.

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# Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2014. There are 136 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

**On this date:**  
In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and killed 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1982, the first commercially produced compact discs, a recording of ABBA's "The Visitors," were pressed at a Philips factory near Hanover, West Germany.

In 1999, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

**Ten years ago:** British police charged eight terrorism suspects.

**Five years ago:** The publisher of Reader's Digest announced plans to seek bankruptcy protection.

**One year ago:** Nick Davilla threw six touchdown passes and the Arizona Rattlers defeated the Philadelphia Soul 48-39 in the ArenaBowl.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Maureen O'Hara is 94. Actor Robert DeNiro is 71. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 68. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 59. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 56. Actor Sean Penn is 54. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 45. MLB player Jorge Posada is 43. Actor Mark Salling (TV: "Glee") is 32. Actor Bryton James is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "A river has no politics." — David E. Lilienthal, American public official (1899-1981).

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# 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb planned

*Fifth annual event slated for Sunday, Sept. 14*

*Special to the Chronicle*

Citrus Memorial Health System, Local 4562 Professional Firefighters of Citrus County and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office are gearing up for the fifth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and Fitness Challenge. This year's event will be at Citrus Memorial hospital on Sunday, Sept. 14, with registration beginning at 7 a.m.

The event is held each year to honor the 343 firefighters, 60 law enforcement officers, eight

emergency medical technicians and 125 military personnel who perished in the World Trade Center Towers and Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Participants in this grueling fitness challenge are tasked with climbing 110 flights of stairs to symbolize the floors of the World Trade Center towers. Many firefighters who participate will have the added challenge of completing the climb in full gear.

"The Professional Firefighters of Citrus County are putting on this athletic challenge to bring awareness to the profession of first responders and firefighters, as well as memorialize those lost on 9/11," said driver engineer Nicholas Faso of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division. "We're

thankful to community members who have participated alongside us in years past and look forward to an even bigger and better event this year as we climb what is essentially a very emotional vertical 5K."

Members of the community and fitness enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in the climb alongside emergency personnel or cheer from the sidelines to motivate participants.

During the climb, families can enjoy refreshments, fire apparatus displays, health information and a free Kids' Firefighter Challenge where children will have the opportunity to compete in an obstacle course and complete their own combat challenge. The Kids' Firefighter Challenge includes an inflatable obstacle course, firefighter sled

and an opportunity for kids to save a victim with the help of a local firefighter. All participants will receive a children's firefighter helmet, wristband and event sticker.

Registration for the climb begins at 7 a.m. and the event starts at 8 a.m. with a group photo, dedication and prayer, followed by a brief moment of silence. Additional moments of silence will be observed during the event at 8:46 a.m. (World Trade Center North Tower), 9:03 a.m. (WTC South Tower), 9:37 a.m. (Pentagon) and 10:03 a.m. (Flight 93) to remember those who lost their lives during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"There's no doubt this event is strenuous even for those in peak physical condition," said Citrus Memorial spokeswoman Katie

Mehl. "The event is both physically and emotionally taxing; participants will leave with a renewed admiration for our first responders."

As they trek up the equivalent of 110 flights, climbers will carry a picture tag of one of the 343 fallen firefighters with them. Water, towels and fruit will be available at various intervals and an auxiliary rest area will be located at the mid-point of the climb.

Those interested in participating can register online at [www.imathlete.com/events/citrusfitnesschallenge](http://www.imathlete.com/events/citrusfitnesschallenge) for a \$35 registration fee, which includes a donation to the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation, commemorative T-shirt, wristband, event patch and sticker. Day-of registration will be \$45.

## GEAR

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responses like that in Ferguson have "become the problem instead of the solution." Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., said he will introduce legislation to reverse police militarization.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said his committee will review the program to determine if the Defense Department's surplus equipment is being used as intended.

One night after the violence that accompanied the presence of military-style equipment in Ferguson, tensions eased when a police captain, unprotected and shaking hands, walked through a crowd in a gesture of reconciliation. The contrast added to perception that the tanks and tear gas had done more harm than good.

As the country concludes its longest wartime period, the military has turned over thousands of surplus weapons and armored trucks to local police who often trained alongside the military.

A report by the American Civil Liberties Union in June said police agencies had become "excessively militarized," with officers using training and equipment designed for the battlefield on city streets. The report found the amount of goods transferred through the military surplus program rose from \$1 million in 1990 to nearly \$450 million in 2013.

"Every police force of any size in this country has access to those kinds of weapons now," said David Harris, a police expert at the University of Pittsburgh law school. "It makes it more likely to be used (and) is an escalation all by itself."

In Louisiana, masked police in full body armor carrying AR-15 assault rifles raided a nightclub without a warrant, looking not for terrorists but underage drinkers and fire-code violations. Officers in California train using the same counterinsurgency tactics as those used in Afghanistan.

"They're not coming in like we're innocent until proven guilty," said Quinn Eaker. SWAT teams last August raided his organic farm and community, the

Garden of Eden, in Arlington, Texas. "They're coming in like: 'We're gonna kill you if you move a finger.'"

Police found no drugs or weapons and filed no charges after their search, which authorities said followed standard procedure.

In 1990, Congress au-

thorized the Pentagon to give surplus equipment to police to help fight drugs, which then gave way to the fight against terrorism. Though violent crime nationwide is at its lowest level in generations and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have largely

concluded, the military transfers have increased.

Police say the equipment, which includes free body armor, night vision goggles and scopes, keeps officers safe and prepares them for the worst-case scenarios.

The U.S. has provided

610 mine-resistant armored trucks, known as MRAPs, across the country, nearly all since August 2013, including at least nine in Los Angeles County, according to Michelle McCaskill, a spokeswoman for the Defense Logistics Agency.

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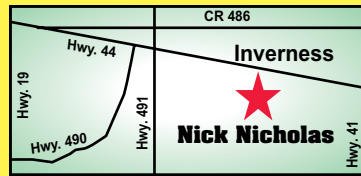


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**Obituaries**



**John Foshee, 78**  
FORT MYERS

John David Foshee, 78, passed away Aug. 1, 2014, at Hope Hospice House surrounded by his family. David was born in Fort Myers, Florida, on March 20, 1936, to James Calvin Foshee and Ione Irene (Arnold) Foshee. He was very proud to be a life-long Florida resident.

At age 7, David moved to Floral City. After high school graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and served a four-year tour in aviation support, earning an honorable discharge. David then attended Central Florida Junior College in Ocala, earned an Associate of Arts degree, and was pleased to be a member of the second graduating class. His years playing high school football had introduced him to his beloved University of Florida, and a close family friend suggested that he pursue a degree in accounting. David then moved to Gainesville, thoroughly enjoyed Gator football, and earned a Bachelor of Science in his chosen field.

During those college years, David married the love of his life, Janet Shelton, and shortly after graduation, a job offer took them to Fort Myers. He attained his CPA and practiced public accounting for over 40 years. David was

an active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, participated in service groups including Kiwanis and Optimist, and loved boating and the beach.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Janet; son John (Stephanie); daughter Patti Blanchard (Bobby); "his boys," adoring grandsons Clayton Foshee, Robert "Bo" Blanchard and Jacob Blanchard; brother Richard; nephews Ray "Junior" (Barbara) and Arnold (Jami) Pumphrey; and niece Linda Pumphrey Smith; his wife's parents, Lloyd and Virginia Shelton; her sisters Faye (Bill) VanHook, Gaye Stokes; two nieces and three nephews. David was predeceased by his parents and sister Helen Pumphrey.

A celebration of life and resurrection will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 4141 DeLeon St. in Fort Myers. Interment will be in Floral City at a later date. Please direct any memorial donations to Hope Hospice or Wesley Memorial. Family and friends may sign the guest register by visiting [www.horizonfunerals.com](http://www.horizonfunerals.com).

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**Paul Yetton Sr., 76**  
BEVERLY HILLS

Paul E. Yetton Sr., 76, of Beverly Hills, Florida, passed away on Aug. 14, 2014, under the care of Hospice and surrounded by loving family.

Paul was born March 7, 1938, to Edwin and Jane Yetton in Washington, D.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Paul worked and retired as a lineman for Florida Power Corporation for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife and loving companion of 48 years, Mary "Tess" Yetton; son Paul E. Yetton Jr. (Karen) of Beverly Hills; brother James Yetton (Vicky) of Live Oak, Florida; sister Betty Jane Brewer (Charlie) of Edgewater, Maryland; sisters-in-law Eva Hogan (Charles) and Linda Boyette; brother-in-law Vasco Landrum (Beverly); and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

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

**Linda Grogan, 65**  
CRYSTAL RIVER

Linda Ruth Grogan, 65, Crystal River, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014. Services and burial will be at a later date. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory.



**Glen Robbins, 90**  
HOMOSSASSA

Glen Taylor Robbins, 90, of Homosassa, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014. He was a Marine Corps veteran. A graveside service with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Fountains Memorial Park, 5635 W. Green Acres St., Homosassa. Arrangements are by Roberts Funeral Homes, Ocala.

**Robert 'Bob' Franssen Jr., 72**  
LECANTO

Robert A. "Bob" Franssen Jr., 72, of Lecanto, Florida, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014. His cremation is entrusted to Wilder Funeral Home.

**Karen Huemrich, 78**  
REDDICK

Karen B. Huemrich, 78, Reddick, Florida, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Citrus Memorial hospital, Inverness, Florida. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, Florida.

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

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Clendenney said. He said the tests are administered quarterly.

Clendenney said the agency has some firefighters who have done all the new tasks in less than 4 minutes, while other have struggled to meet the standard.

"Personally, my time is 5:05, every time I do it," he said.

Clendenney said the new standards have made a difference and that fire rescue is actually gearing up for health assessments for personnel sometime in October.

The tasks involved in FRAT are grueling.

First the firefighter has to don about 70 pounds worth of gear, including an oxygen tank and full-face mask. Then the trainee must pick up a hose weighing about 74 pounds and sling it across a shoulder and begin to climb three flights of stairs — making sure to use every step.

That is followed by a series of tasks including a descent down the same flights of stairs and dragging a 165-pound rescue dummy 50 feet. The tasks also include a simulation of carrying two 46-pound buckets of foam another 50 feet.

"FRAT is very tough, but more than likely these are some of the conditions a firefighter would encounter at a real combat



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**ABOVE:** Citrus County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division training coordinator Curt Clendenney follows Shaun Busbee down three floors, making sure the firefighter/paramedic abides by all rules of the FRAT test. **RIGHT:** Firefighter/driver/engineer Ryan Blevins hoists a hose roll weighing 74 pounds to the top of the three-story Fire Training Center in Lecanto. Upon reaching the top, the hose is lowered back to the ground under control, simulating raising a large extension ladder.

situation," Clendenney said.

"I have to say things have improved since we started doing these tasks in 2012," he added.

Firefighters Ryan Blevins and Shaun Busbee of Engine 71 recently demonstrated some of the tasks at the training facility. Blevins and Busbee seemed to have paced themselves, and completed their tasks in less than 6 minutes.

"I love doing this," Busbee said as he was shedding his gear.

"When I first started working here (two and a half years ago) we didn't

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The training center has been a state-certified facility since 1999. Facilities operated by state-certified instructors include multiple classrooms, a four-story training tower, a 1,200-square-foot burn building, a two-story maze, a vehicle extrication pad and simulated propane props.

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According to Fire Chief Jim Goodworth, the additional funding received from the municipal services benefit unit has had a direct impact on safety enhancements for firefighters and allowed them to better protect the citizens they serve.

- Two new fire engines being delivered in September.
- Refurbishment of squad apparatus.
- Additional staffing added to Inverness fire station.
- 12-hour staffing of Citrus Springs station.
- Purchased two new set of "Jaws of Life."

- Upgraded and replace airpicks — end of life use on old airpicks.
- Purchased new bunker gear for firefighters.
- Remodel Highlands, Citrus Springs fire stations.
- Remodel upgrade Hernando Fire Station.
- Upgrade generator for Homosassa Station.
- Hiring six additional firefighters in October.
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- Order two new engines in October.

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## Voting Precinct Changes

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**The National Guard Armory (precinct 301)**, 8551 West Venable Street has moved to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1070 North Suncoast Boulevard in Crystal River. The Armory is undergoing repairs and is unavailable for voting this election cycle.

**The formerly named Christian Center Church (precinct 305)**, has been re-named to the Apostolic Christian Tabernacle; the address remains the same, 7961 West Green Acres Street in Homosassa.

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# Annual TRIM notices mailed

## Special to the Chronicle

The 2014 Truth In Millage (TRIM) notices were mailed on Friday, Aug. 15, according to Citrus County Property Appraiser Les Cook. The TRIM notices contain proposed taxes and values and are now available online at the appraiser's website.

After receipt of proposed millage rates from each taxing authority, the Property Appraiser's Office reports the proposed property taxes on behalf of the taxing authorities.

The TRIM notice contains important information including the following:

- Page 1 has three column sections that show your taxes and tax rates: column 1, last year's amounts; column 2, if no budget change is made; and column 3, if the present proposed budget change is adopted.

- Dates and times of budget hearings for each taxing authority are listed along with the phone numbers for inquiries concerning tax rates and tax amounts. Please remember that millage rates and tax levies are the responsibility of each of the taxing authorities.

- Certain non-ad valorem assessments are indicated at the bottom of the page. The fire services MSBU that was included on your tax bill last year will appear on the TRIM notice this year. Anyone with questions regarding the fire services MSBU fee should call 352-527-2151.

- The solid waste fee that has typically been \$25 per year was reduced for 2014 based upon ordinance 90-733 (a)(2). Unfortunately, this was not approved by the Board of County Commissioners in time to make any changes to the TRIM notices. However, the reduced solid waste fee will be reflected on tax bills mailed out in November 2014.

- On Page 2, market, assessed, exemption and taxable values are calculated along with a list of the assessment reductions and exemptions that apply to your property.

Market value is the primary value established by the local Property Appraiser's Office. These values were established as of Jan. 1, 2014, based on the prior year's sales and other relevant information and factors.

If you do not see an exemption shown that you believe you applied and qualified for, you should contact the appraiser's office at 352-341-6636 or 352-564-7136.

As values began to stabilize, and in some areas increase, more homestead properties are once again benefiting from the protection of the Save Our Homes amendment that caps assessed value.

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### VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

- If you do not see an exemption shown that you believe you applied and qualified for, you should contact the appraiser's office at 352-341-6636 or 352-564-7136.
- Value questions can be answered by a trained staff appraiser by calling the phone number located midway on Page 2 of the TRIM Notice.
- For information on filing an appeal, contact the VAB clerk at 352-341-6455 or go to [www.clerk.citrus.fl.us](http://www.clerk.citrus.fl.us) and click on "Value Adjustment Board" under "QUICK LINKS."



**Les Cook**  
Citrus County property appraiser.

physical improvements, changes in ownership or exemption status to a property for this year, assessment changes are capped at 1.5 percent. The number of potentially protected properties increased from 9,500 in 2013 to 21,644 in 2014.

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Property Appraiser Les Cook said in a news release. "I encourage property owners to contact the office early by phone, email or in person with their value concerns so that we may offer explanations, exchange information and work toward a resolution. We are committed to taking the time to try to work with property owners.

"While in some cases we will have to agree to disagree, often the facts will dictate a solution that all

parties can agree upon. "Anyone with a difference of opinion that cannot be resolved within the 25-day period may further preserve their right of a formal appeal by filing a petition to the Value Adjustment Board, on or before Sept. 9, 2014."

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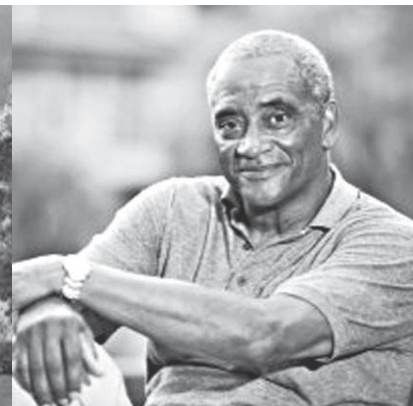
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# Lessons of stigmas, stereotypes in Williams' death

**JAKE COYLE**  
AP film writer

maximum ridiculousness. Said O'Brien: "It's particularly courageous for someone to be that generous of spirit in the face of that kind of depression."

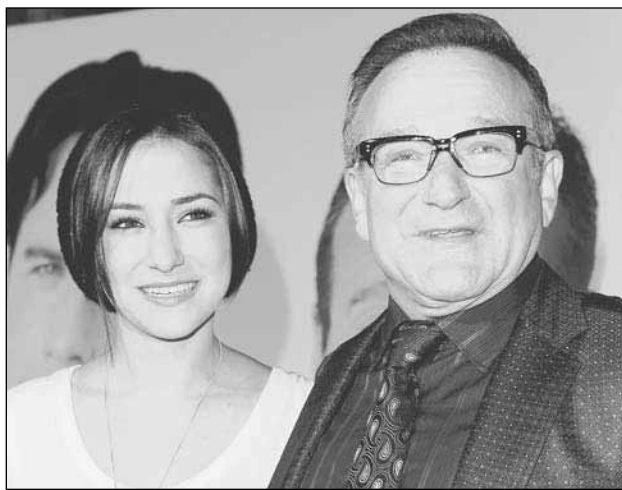
Such tales don't make it any easier to reconcile Williams' life with his sad fate. The magnitude of the shock over Williams' death has been matched only by the outpouring of grief for his loss. "I'll never, ever understand how he could be loved so deeply and not find it in his heart to stay," said his 25-year-old daughter, Zelda Williams. "He was always warm, even in his darkest moments."

Williams' publicist has said he had recently fought severe depression. Williams himself had occasionally spoken about his struggles ("Do I get sad? Oh yeah. Does it hit me hard? Oh yeah," he told Terry Gross in 2006) and funneled his fights with alcoholism and addiction into his act. He largely won his battles with substance

abuse, save for several relapses quickly followed by rehab, including a stint at Hazelden in Minnesota last month. His widow, Susan Schneider, added Thursday that Williams also was suffering from the early stages of Parkinson's disease.

Those factors — along with his heart surgery several years ago — offer a slightly deeper understanding of Williams' mental state in recent days and weeks. But his death also reinforces the long-held stereotype of the sad clown, the tortured funnyman.

Comedian Jim Norton responded to Williams' death with an essay titled



Associated Press

**Zelda Williams, left, stands with her father Robin Williams at the Nov. 9, 2009, premiere of "Old Dogs" in Los Angeles. Robin Williams died of an apparent suicide Aug. 11 at the age of 63. "I'll never, ever understand how he could be loved so deeply and not find it in his heart to stay," said his 25-year-old daughter. "He was always warm, even in his darkest moments."**

"Why the Funniest People Are Sometimes the Saddest" in which he noted that in his 25 years of performing stand-up, he knew eight comics who killed themselves.

"When I find a comedian I admire, my first thing is: What's wrong with this person?" Norton says. "Guys that I've admired the most always had that cloud. And it wasn't a purposeful or a pseudo-artist thing. It was a real thing that they were constantly combating. It was kind of a way to keep sadness or depression off of you, to be funny."

Particularly since the likes of Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor made stand-up into a more personal kind of truth-telling, many comedians have been drawn to the profession as a means for catharsis. Comedian Tig Notaro pushed stand-up perhaps further in this direction than ever before in a famous set in 2012. Days

after being diagnosed with breast cancer, she hit the stage: "Hello. I have cancer. How are you?"

Nowhere has the intersection between comedy and psychological pain been more thoroughly plumbed than on Marc Maron's podcast, which Maron began after he had suicidal thoughts. In lengthy, candid interviews with fellow comics, Maron has explored the often-troubled psychology that drives people to bare themselves before crowds night after night, feeding off the laughter.

Maron's conversation with Williams from 2010 is one of his most naked interviews. In it, Williams called stand-up "the one salvation" and commented: "How insecure are we, how desperately insecure that (it) made us do this for a living?" He

even rified on his suicidal urges, doing a two-man routine between himself and his consciousness.

Replaying the episode this week, Maron reflected: "He was a person with his own problems that he carried with him. And I think part of his genius came from the struggle with those problems."

Studies have shown a correlation between creative minds and such problems. Nancy Andreasen, a leading neuroscientist and psychologist, co-wrote the first empirical study that proved the increased likelihood of mood disorder in creative people.

"There really is no question that there's a statistical correlation of mental illness in highly creative people," said Andreasen, who chairs psychiatry at the University of Iowa. She stressed, though, that mental illness is usually treatable — "It's not a lifetime sentence," she said — and that treatment "does not diminish their creativity."

"The great misfortune is that mental illness is still so stigmatized," said Andreasen, lamenting the lack of care for the mentally ill. "This probably could have been prevented, and it's a terrible misfortune that it wasn't."

A recent study published in the British Journal of Psychiatry found that comedians are both highly extroverted and highly introverted and that they even show lower levels of traits associated with psychosis.

"Humor often requires the ability to 'think outside

the box' or see unusual connections where others don't, and this reflects, in a more muted form, the thought process and pattern seen in psychosis," Victoria Ando said in an email.

But depression also doesn't care what you do for a living. It can strike anyone, any time, regardless of success, income or fame.

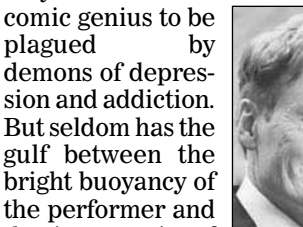
In "The Noonday Demon," an award-winning, multi-disciplinary "atlas" of depression, author Andrew Solomon wrote that his own depression hit hardest when his life was most in order: "All the excuses for despair had been used up," he wrote.

Solomon says he hopes Williams' tragic end serves as a "wake-up call."

"We have to recognize that if you have depression and enormous wealth and success, the love of most of the people in America — you can have all of those things and still be subject to the ravages of depression," Solomon said. "The tragedy is that he didn't have any place to turn."

Improv and sketch comic Chris Gethard has been particularly vocal about his own struggles with depression with the hope of helping others. Following Williams' death, he posted a picture of himself taken after an earlier day spent crying in bed, labeling it: "This is the face of my mental illness."

"All kinds of people get depressed — comedians just happen to be people that professionally deal with the manipulation of happiness, laughter and other positive emotions, so maybe it stands out more or gets more pronounced," Gethard said.



Conan O'Brien

How did someone who suffered such demons summon such starbursts of generosity and glee?

Like countless others this week, Conan O'Brien remembered Williams' great capacity for thoughtfulness and kindness. When O'Brien was feeling down during the "Tonight Show" debacle, a bike arrived out of the blue from Williams, outfitted for

## RAKE

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new project." Lyngbya is a nuisance algae that is often associated with polluted water. "Cleaning that Lyngbya up and all that bad vegetation out of the river definitely aids the river," Feeney said.

In the Homosassa Rotary Club's appeal for volunteers to join Rotarians on Saturday, Feeney said, "It's a way for folks that want to see the rivers get cleaned up and get back into the nice sandy bottom" to make a difference. Volunteers should bring water shoes of any kind, and also a towel. Tools and kayaks to load and transport the Lyngbya will be provided by the Homosassa Rotary Club.

For more information on the cleanup, call Tom Feeney at 352-201-2520.

## AUCTION

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The live auction will occur Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 24 to 26, starting each day at 10 a.m., and consist of a webcast. Individuals or companies may place bids in real time online or in person in the Magnolia Room at the Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail. Online or in-person registration is required for the live auction.

"Hosting a worldwide auction is just one of several methods we have used to sell CR3 assets," Duke spokeswoman Heather Danenhower said. "The auction is marketed internationally, gives us worldwide exposure and enables us to capture the highest possible market price for the tools and equipment.

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"The tools and equipment will be arranged in bundles, called lots. Approximately 100 lots will be sold each hour. Because a third party is hosting the auction, Duke Energy employees — with the exception of those directly involved with the

items of higher value may take longer. "We stratify all lots in the catalog by asset class so, for example, bidders may see a run of pumps, or motors, or electrical gear, and so on in a sequence.

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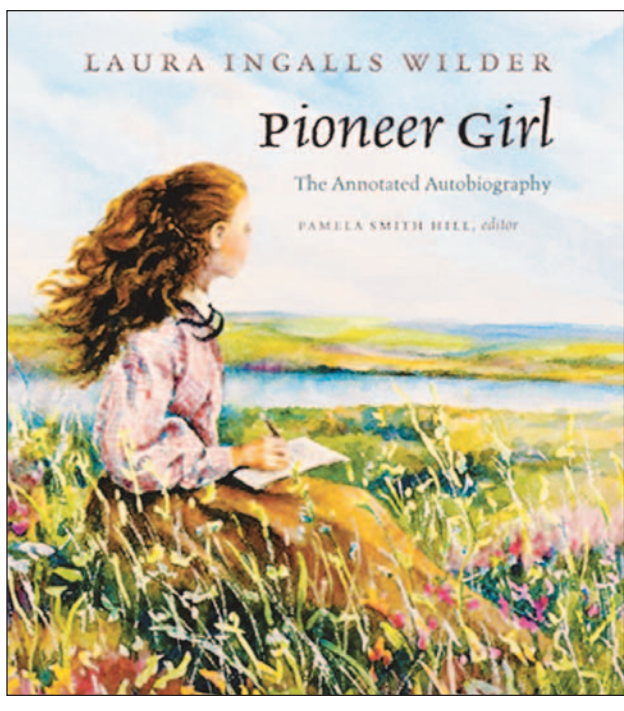


# Wilder memoir to give gritty view of prairie life

Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. — Laura Ingalls Wilder penned one of the most beloved children's series of the 20th century, but her forthcoming autobiography will show devoted "Little House on the Prairie" fans a more realistic, grittier view of frontier living.

"Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography" — Wilder's unedited draft that was written for an adult audience and eventually served as the foundation for the popular series — is slated to be released by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press nationwide this fall. The not-safe-for-children tales include stark scenes of domestic abuse, love triangles gone awry and a man who lit himself on fire while drunk off whiskey.



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Judy Thompson illustrated the cover of "Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography." The original version of the autobiography that Wilder likely wrote in the late 1920s was written on tablet paper with lead pencil. The South Dakota State Historical Society Press plans to publish an annotated version of the work this fall.

Wilder and her daughter Rose Wilder Lane, herself a well-known author, tried and failed to get an edited version of the autobiography published throughout the early 1930s. The original rough draft has been preserved at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum in Mansfield, Missouri, for decades but hadn't been published.

The children's series never presented a romanticized version of life on the prairie — in "Little House in the Big Woods," Laura and her sister Mary gleefully help dissect the family pig before bouncing its inflated bladder back and forth in the yard. But the series also left out or fictionalized scenes that Wilder deemed unsuitable for kids, including much of the time the family spent in Burr Oak, Iowa, and Walnut Grove, Minnesota, according to Pamela Smith Hill, a Wilder biographer and the lead editor on the autobiography.

"So you can read 'Pioneer Girl' as nonfiction rather than fiction and get a better feeling of how the historical Ingalls family really lived, what their relationships were and how they experienced the American West," she said.

Wilder details a scene from her childhood in Burr Oak, in which a neighbor of the Ingalls' pours kerosene throughout his bedroom, sets it on fire and proceeds to drunkenly drag his wife around by her hair before Wilder's father — Pa in the children's books — intervenes.

Scenes like that make Wilder's memoir sound like it's filled with scandal and mature themes, "which isn't exactly true either," according to Amy Lauters, an associate professor of mass media at Minnesota State University-Mankato. "It's just that that first

version was blunt, it was honest. It was full of the everyday sorts of things that we don't care to think about when we think about history," said Lauters, who has read the original manuscript and also is writing a book on Rose Wilder Lane. "And it's certainly not the fantasized version we saw on 'Little House on the Prairie' the television show."

Wilder's story will likely do well in South Dakota, since the author moved to De Smet in the late 1870s with her family, eventually meeting her future husband there.

For fans, the autobiography is chance to see from where Wilder drew her inspiration, said Sandra Hume, a Wilder aficionado who published an internationally distributed newsletter for 10 years and now helps manage Laura-palooza, a conference dedicated to all things Wilder.

# Delays for SC nuclear plant pressure industry

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Expensive delays are piling up for the companies building new nuclear power plants, raising fresh questions about whether they can control the construction costs that crippled the industry years ago.

The latest announcement came this week from executives at SCANA Corp., which has been warned by its builders the startup of the first of two new reactors in South Carolina could be delayed two years or more. SCANA Corp. and plant co-owner Santee Cooper have not accepted that timeline from the companies designing and building the reactors, nor have they accepted responsibility for additional costs.

That announcement may well foreshadow more delays for a sister project in eastern Georgia, and they have caught the attention of regulators and Wall Street.

"Delays generally cause cost increases, and the question becomes, 'Who's going to bear the costs?'" said C. Dukes Scott, executive director of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, a watchdog agency that monitors SCANA Corp.'s spending.

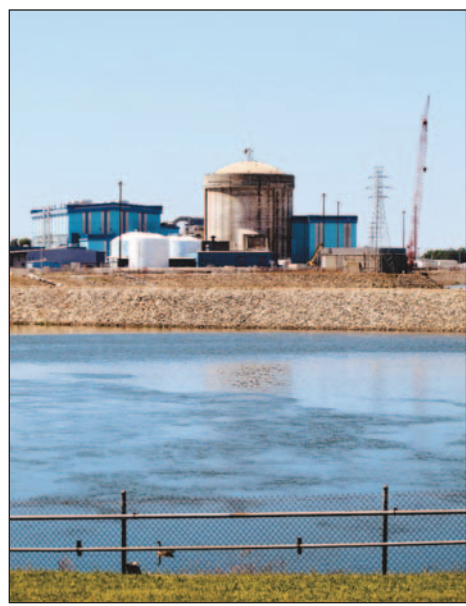
None of this is helpful for the nuclear power industry, which had hoped its newest generation of plants in Georgia and South Carolina would prove it could build without the delays and cost overruns so endemic years ago. When construction slows down, it costs more money to employ the thousands of workers needed to build a nuclear plant. Meanwhile, interest charges add up on the money borrowed to finance construction.

A single day of delay in Georgia could cost \$2 million, according to an analysis by utility regulators.

Utility consumers often end up paying for these extra charges in the form of pricier electricity bills, unless the government intervenes and forces shareholders to absorb all or some of the losses. Despite previous delays and problems, regulators in both states have previously said finishing the nuclear plants is cheaper than stopping and building gas-fired power plants.

"People take it seriously because really the operative word is uncertainty," said Paul Patterson, an analyst for Glenrock Associates. "This is a large and complicated project and any significant delay has the potential to raise expenses."

Originally, the first of SCANA Corp.'s two new reactors was supposed to start commercial operation in April 2016. The company later moved that target startup



Associated Press

The working nuclear reactor is shown April 9, 2012, at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville, S.C. The delays in the nuclear industry are adding up, adding hundreds of millions of dollars to already expensive projects. The latest announcement came from SCANA Corp., which expects a year-long delay in the completion of its two reactors under construction in South Carolina.

date to early 2017.

SCANA Corp. senior vice president Stephen Byrne said contractors now say that date could stretch to late 2018, if steps are taken to speed up construction. Without speeding up work, the first plant would be finished during the first half of 2019. The second of its new reactors would come online one year later.

So far, the consortium building and designing the plant — Westinghouse Electric Co. and Chicago Bridge & Iron — have not told SCANA Corp. how much the schedule change might cost.

"My general experience with contractors though is the first number they hit you with has a lot of shock value in it, and you end up negotiating something more reasonable from there," Byrne said.

Meanwhile, Southern Co. subsidiary Georgia Power and its co-owners are building two of the same reactors at Plant Vogtle. Historically, construction schedules in Georgia and South Carolina move roughly in tandem because they are building the same reactors, rely on the same contractors and get their parts from the same suppliers.

Georgia Power's first new reactor was supposed to start operating in April 2016, with the second starting a year later.

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## Nation BRIEFS

### Moose trap



Associated Press

**Diane Dawson stands next to the moose trap on display in her yard Aug. 7 on Eighth Avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska. Dawson fabricated the trap using a sheet of plywood, an old spring and some copper tubing. She said she's wanted to build one for a long time and finally got around to it a couple of weeks ago.**

### Pair may have plotted more kidnappings

CANTON, N.Y. — A couple accused of kidnapping two young Amish sisters were prowling for easy targets and may have also planned to abduct other children, a sheriff said Saturday.

Stephen Howells Jr., 39, and Nicole Vaisey, 25, were arrested Friday on charges they snatched the 7-year-old and 12-year-old girls from a roadside farm stand in front of their home near the Canadian border.

Howells and Vaisey were arraigned late Friday on charges of first-degree kidnapping with the intent to physically harm or sexually abuse the victims.

### Taxpayers on hook for \$6.5M in scandal

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey taxpayers are on the hook for more than \$6.5 million to the law firm Gov. Chris Christie hired to represent his office in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing scandal.

The state attorney general's office released recent bills from Gibson Dunn & Crutcher on Friday.

The law firm represents Christie's office in the state and federal investigations into last September's lane closures.

Gibson Dunn earlier this year agreed to reduce its rate from the original agreement of \$650 per hour to \$350.

The *Record* reported that taking into account Friday's released bills, the total tab for taxpayers for Christie's office, his staff and those working for the legislative committee investigating the lane-closing scandal is \$7.87 million so far.

### Woman reported dead still alive

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. — A woman who city officials said died in massive flooding this week in the Detroit area has a message to share.

"I'm alive," Jena David said.

Warren Fire Chief David Frederick had said someone pulled a Sterling Heights woman from her car Monday and carried her into a nearby business. She was unconscious when firefighters arrived and placed her in an emergency vehicle. City officials said the woman died.

But, as it turns out, David, 30, regained consciousness in her hospital bed. Doctors discharged the Wayne State University psychology student, and her father drove her home.

David saw a news report about a 30-year-old woman who had died after being carried into a Buddy's Pizza location by an unknown man.

Then, it dawned on her: "They're talking about me. Everyone thinks I'm dead," she told *The Detroit News*.

David said she would like to meet the man who possibly saved her life.

—From wire reports

## Missouri governor declares emergency, sets curfew

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew Saturday in a St. Louis suburb where police and protesters have clashed in the week since a black teenager was shot to death by a white police officer.

Nixon said that though many protesters were making themselves heard peacefully, the state would not allow looters to endanger the community where 18-year-old Michael Brown was shot in a street. The curfew will run from midnight to 5 a.m. Sunday.

"I am committed to making sure the forces of peace and justice prevail," Nixon said during a news conference that was interrupted by people objecting to the curfew and demanding the officer who shot Brown be charged with murder.

"We must first have and maintain peace. This is a test. The eyes of the world are watching," Nixon said. "We cannot allow the ill will of the few to undermine the good will of the many."

Nixon's curfew announcement came after tensions again flared in Ferguson late Friday night. Earlier that day, local police identified the officer who shot Brown as Darren Wilson and released documents and video footage alleging that Brown had robbed a convenience store just before he was shot. Police said Wilson was unaware Brown was a suspect when he encountered him walking in the street with a friend.

Nixon said the U.S. Department of Justice is beefing up its civil rights investigation of the shooting.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson, who is in charge of secu-



Associated Press

**People gather around a makeshift memorial for Michael Brown on Saturday at the site where Brown was shot by police a week ago in Ferguson, Mo. Brown's shooting in the middle of a street following the suspected robbery of a box of cigars from a nearby market has sparked a week of protests, riots and looting in the St. Louis suburb.**

city in Ferguson, said 40 FBI agents were going door-to-door in the neighborhood starting Saturday, talking to people who might have information.

Johnson assured those at the news conference that police would not en-

force the curfew with armored trucks and tear gas but would communicate with protesters and give them ample opportunity to leave. But they were interrupted repeatedly.

"Why is the focus on security and not getting jus-

stice? Why is there not an arrest?" one woman yelled.

Brown's death had already ignited several days of clashes with furious protesters. On Saturday, some residents said it appeared the violent acts were being committed by people who came from other suburbs or states.

On Friday night, Greg Thomas didn't see the familiar faces of protesters who have taken to the streets each night this week. Instead, he saw new people, younger, more eager for a confrontation with police. The 28-year-old former Marine said he left as quickly as he could when he heard people talking about getting their handguns.

"There's three agendas out there," Thomas said. "People who want to party, people who want to be martyrs and get killed by police, and the people here to protest."

## World BRIEFS

### Cat chat



Associated Press

**Visitors pose with a Hello Kitty on Saturday as they have their souvenir pictures taken during an exhibition of Hello Kitty and related items, including interactive games, in Taipei, Taiwan.**

### Report: Germany spied on US officials

BERLIN — Germany's foreign intelligence agency eavesdropped on calls made by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his predecessor Hillary Clinton, German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported Saturday.

The respected news weekly reported that the agency, known by its German acronym BND, tapped a satellite phone conversation Kerry made in 2013 as part of its surveillance of telecommunications in the Middle East. The agency also recorded a conversation between Clinton and former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a year earlier, *Der Spiegel* claimed.

The magazine didn't give a source for its information, but said the calls were collected accidentally, that the three officials weren't directly targeted, and the recordings were ordered destroyed immediately.

### Pope beatifies Korean martyrs

SEOUL, South Korea — Pope Francis beatified 124 Korean martyrs on Saturday, telling hundreds of thousands of people who turned out for his open-air Mass that their ancestors' willingness to die rather than renounce their faith two centuries ago was a model for Asian missionaries today.

The streets leading up to Seoul's iconic Gwanghwamun Gate were packed with Koreans honoring the lay Catholics who founded the church here in the 18th century. Korea's church was founded not by foreign missionary priests, but by members of Korea's own noble classes, who learned of Christianity by reading books about it.

Police in Seoul declined to give an estimate of the crowd size, but the Vatican said about 800,000 people had turned out.

—From wire reports



Associated Press

**An Iraqi Yazidi woman gestures Saturday during the visit of Cardinal Fernando Filoni, special envoy to Iraq, at a school that was turned into a shelter for displaced Christians and Yazidis in Mangesh in northern Iraq. Islamic extremists shot 80 Yazidi men to death in Iraq, lining them up in small groups and opening fire with assault rifles before abducting their wives and children, officials and eyewitnesses reported Saturday.**

## Islamic fighters execute scores of Yazidi men

Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — Islamic extremists shot scores of Yazidi men to death in Iraq, lining them up in small groups and opening fire with assault rifles before abducting their wives and children, according to an eyewitness, government officials and people who live in the area.

A Yazidi lawmaker on Saturday cited the mass killing in Kocho as evidence that his people are still at risk after a week of U.S. and Iraqi airstrikes on the militants.

Meanwhile, warplanes targeted insurgents around a large dam that was captured by the Islamic State extremist group earlier this month, nearby residents said.

In a statement, U.S. Central Command said the airstrikes Saturday were launched under the authority to support humanitarian efforts in Iraq, as well as to protect U.S. personnel and facilities.

Central Command said the nine airstrikes conducted so far had destroyed or damaged four armored personnel carriers, seven armed vehicles, two Humvees and an armored vehicle.

The U.S. began airstrikes against the Islamic State extremist group a week ago, in part to prevent the massacre of tens of thousands of Yazidis in northern Iraq. They fled the militants by scrambling up a barren mountain, where they got stranded. Most were eventually able to escape with help from Kurdish fighters.

Islamic State fighters had surrounded the nearby village 12 days ago and demanded that its Yazidi residents convert or die. On Friday afternoon, they moved in.

The militants told people to gather in a school, promising they would be allowed to leave Kocho after their details were recorded, said the eyewitness and the brother of the Kocho mayor, Nayef Jassem, who said he obtained his details from another witness.

## Liberia expands Ebola treatment

Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberian authorities expanded Ebola treatment centers in the capital Saturday to cope with increasing numbers of patients, while two more airlines announced they were halting flights to the capitals of Liberia and Sierra Leone amid the deepening crisis.

Kenya Airways and regional carrier Gambia Bird join a number of other airlines in temporarily can-

celing flights to avoid transmitting the disease beyond the four countries already affected.

The Kenya Airways flights will stop as of midnight Tuesday, said Titus Naikuni, chief executive officer of Kenya Airways. The decision was made with guidance from the country's health ministry, Naikuni said.

Gambia Bird said it had stopped flying to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

Health experts have warned that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa may

last another six months. At least 1,145 people have died across Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria, and that may "vastly underestimate the magnitude of the outbreak," the World Health Organization says.

New figures released on Friday showed that Liberia now has recorded more deaths — 413 — than any of the other affected countries.

On Saturday, a newly expanded, 34-bed Ebola treatment center was

opened at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medical Center in Monrovia, health officials said.

Assistant health minister Tolbert Nyenswah told the Associated Press the new center "will start admitting patients this evening or Monday."

Another treatment center in the southeastern outskirts of Monrovia was expanded from 80 to 120 beds. That center will eventually be further expanded to take 300 patients.





Special to the Chronicle  
**Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson, 22, stands feet away from the cliff's edge at Beachy Head, England.**

BUSTER THOMPSON/Chronicle

A lone lighthouse signals passing ships of the lowering Beachy Head cliffs. Below are the remains of cars from suicides, unable to be removed.

# Reporter travels to homeland

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
*Chronicle*

On July 16, my parents and I traveled a little over 3,000 miles from the United States to England for our traditional, biennial journey back to my birthplace of Eastbourne in Sussex County.

For three weeks we would reunite with family, old friends and rediscover the refreshing scenery of Britain's southeastern countryside.

Our arrival at London Gatwick Airport was met with a surprisingly courteous customs officer, and a record two hours wait for a rental car.

Sitting in the passenger seat, located on the left side of the car, I was careful not to criticize my father's driving down the M23 motorway, as he slowly accustomed himself to driving on the left side of the road.

Over a quarter of the world drives on the left side of the road, yet the reasons for why it's still in effect spans back to the times of kings and knights.

According to locals, when medieval travelers walked down a road, they made sure their dominant sword arm was between them and a passing stranger on their right. Jousting also fought by dueling on their opponent's right side.

The first of the numerous pubs we would indulge in was called The Tiger; the same pub my parent's frequented when they lived overseas back in 1990.

Inside, the pub was filled with relics of fox hunting, quotes from Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw and other writers, and dogs resting near water dishes after a long hike on the downs with their masters. A stuffed tiger's head also overlooked the bar with an open mouth and bloodstained teeth.

After a large lunch of various cheeses, breads and chutneys, we were bound for The Grand Hotel, a Victorian-style hotel constructed in 19th century, which overlooks the English Channel.

Eastbourne has always been our home away from home. For as long as I could remember our routine summer trips, this ever-growing town of over 100,000 people has always alluded my appreciation until now.

It was founded and developed in 1800 by landowner William Cavendish, also known as the Duke of Devonshire. With a Napoleonic era fort on the seafront, a 1,000-foot pier, and modern buildings, Eastbourne truly represents a part of England that has transitioned well with the times.

Eastbourne was one of many defenses along the south coast to protect against invaders, including Napoleon Bonaparte's armada and Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. During the early 1940s, the town was the unfortunate target of leftover bombs from the Luftwaffe returning home from their missions in London and Coventry.

Bomb craters could still be seen at Beachy Head, located a little west of Eastbourne. Even the hotel we stayed at was the base of operations for the Royal Air Force (RAF) during wartime.

We didn't spend all our time in the almost isolated Eastbourne. For one day, we ventured by train to London.

London rivals only New York in being the most compact and most chaotic city to exist. Just like the yellow taxis flooding the streets of Manhattan, black, beetle-like taxis squeeze through alleyways, in between double-decker buses and the ever-daring cyclists.

The city was infinite. One day could not come close to allowing the experience of even a fraction of the everlasting London.

I accompanied my parents to a restaurant called Simpsons on the Strand. Beginning as a prominent and luxurious chess club, Simpsons hosted some of the most intense chess matches in history, including a nation match between England and France: the oldest

rivals known to man.

Carts holding half a cow were being wheeled in between tables, as carvers, with surgical precision, sculpted and excavated the most perfect slice of meat in town. As a young man, I never take a good slice of meat for granted.

My emotional tie to England, specifically Eastbourne, was always questioned by me. I've lived in the United States since the early 1990s, more than any other country I resided in. The U.S. is my home, but every time I return to my birthplace, I feel like I've never left.

As the weeks passed, I began to entrench myself more and more in Eastbourne, like a British Tommy gazing over the Channel behind his machine gun. Eastbourne became an equal to Citrus County in regard to the affect it had on my history.

I was distraught when the Eastbourne pier caught fire on July 30. For hours, over 85 firefighters tackled the blaze as it consumed two-thirds of the 140-year-old structure.

Shop owners watched from the beach as their uninsured stores were being burnt down.

After a £2 million (a little over \$3 million) pledge from PM David Cameron, and over a thousand pounds in donations, the pier is expected to be repaired next year.

Our three-week trip of nostalgia and reunion seemed like any other family get together: hellos, laughter, arguments, eating, copious amounts of drinking and tearful goodbyes.

I saw members of my family I haven't seen in years, the hospital I was born in 22 years ago and a town that's changing constantly. Although I never fully considered myself a British citizen, even with the passport, I will always treasure the privilege of having the best of both worlds coursing through my veins.



BUSTER THOMPSON/Chronicle

The Grand Hotel, the white, center building, watches over a carnival held every weekend on the Eastbourne grounds.



SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST 17, 2014																	
C: Comcast, Citrus B: Bright House Df: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights																	
	C	B	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	(WESH) NBC	19	19			News	News	American Ninja Warrior	"Miami Finals" PG	America's Got Talent	(In Stereo) PG	News	Access				
3	(WEDU) PBS	3		14	6	NewsHour Wk Arts Plus	End Dieting	Classical Rewind	Classical masterpieces. (In Stereo) G	Being Pirot Behind-the-scenes and on-set footage. (In Stereo) PG		Dr. Fuhrman's End Dieting Forever! G					
5	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	5	41	Return to Downton Abbey	G	Classical Rewind	G	Being Pirot (In Stereo) PG		End Dieting Forever!					
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	American Ninja Warrior	"Miami Finals" The Miami finals course. (N) PG	America's Got Talent	"Quarter Finals 3" Twelve acts perform for the judges. PG	News	Paid Program				
20	(WFTV) ABC	20	20	20		News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos	PG	Wipeout Ex-couples tackle obstacles. PG	Rising Star The singers compete. (N) PG	Castle "Room 147" (In Stereo) PG	News	Spo Night on 9			
10	(WTPS) CBS	10	10	10	10	Evening News	10 News, 6pm (N)	60 Minutes (N)	(In Stereo) PG	Big Brother New heads of households.	Unforgettable "The Island" (N) 14	Reckless "When the Smoke Clears" 14	10 News, 11pm (N)	WEN Hair Care			
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	FOX13 6:00 News (N)	(In Stereo) PG	American Dad "14"	The Simpsons	NFL Preseason Football Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (N) PG	Castle "Room 147" (In Stereo) PG	News	Paid Program				
11	(WCJB) ABC	11	11	4		News	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Wipeout (N) PG	Rising Star (N) PG	Castle PG	News	Inside Ed.				
2	(WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	Brody File	Watchman	CTN Special	Great Awakening	Love a Child G	Grace for Today G	We the People	Daniel Kolinda	Jesse Duplantier	Bridging the Gap	Great Awaken	
11	(WFTS) ABC		11		11	News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos	PG	Wipeout Ex-couples tackle obstacles. PG	Rising Star The singers compete. (N) PG	Castle "Room 147" (In Stereo) PG	News	Castle PG			
12	(WMOR) IND	12	12		16	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Glee "The Rhodes Not Taken" PG	Glee "Vitamin D" (In Stereo) PG	The Office "14" PG	The Office "14" PG	We There Yet?	We There Yet?		
6	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	"Fairy Tale-True"	Great 38	Commun	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Health	Our Is Whacked	Born/Ride	Honor		
21	(WACV) TBN	21	21			Dr. C.Stanley	Rejoice in the Lord	Connec	Time of Turning Point	Journey	Turn Point	Journey	Whacked	Ministries			
4	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	Friends "14"	Friends "14"	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	CSI: Miami "Out of Time" 14	CSI: Miami "Hostile Takeover" 14	Criminal Minds "Solitary Man" 14	Criminal Minds "Solitary Man" 14	Criminal Minds "A Rite of Passage" 14			
16	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	15	Casita Big Dog	Rotary Club	Chamber Report	Senior Club	Your Citrus County Court		I Spy G	Eye for an Eye	The Comedy Shop			
6	(WOGX) FOX		13	7	7	Big Bang	Big Bang	American	Simpsons	NFL Preseason Football	Kansas City Chiefs at Carolina Panthers.	FOX 35 News at 11					
15	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	14	P. Luche	Noticiero	Aqui y Ahora (SS)	"El Bolero de Raquel"	(1956) Cantinflas.	Sai y Pimienta PG	P. Luche	Noticiero				
17	(WXPX) ION		17			Leverage PG	Leverage PG	Leverage PG	Leverage PG	Leverage PG	Leverage PG	The Listener 14					
54	(A&E)	48	54	25	27	Duck Dynasty (In Stereo) PG	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty "Stand by Mia" PG	Duck Dynasty "Lake Boss" PG	Wahlburgers PG	Wahlburgers PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG			
55	(AMC)	64	55			Breaking Bad "Grilled" PG	Breaking Bad (N)	Breaking Bad "Bit by a Dead Bee" PG	Breaking Bad "Down" PG	Breaking Bad "Breakage" 14	Breaking Bad (N) PG	Breaking Bad (N) PG	Breaking Bad Wait returns to work. 14				
52	(ANI)	35	52	19	21	To Be Announced	Rocky Mountain Bounty Hunters PG	Gator Boys "Identity Crisis" (N) PG	Call of Wildman	Call of Wildman	Ice Lake Rebels "Cold Snap" (N) PG	Call of Wildman	Call of Wildman				
96	(BET)	19	96			"Sparkle" (2012, Drama)	Jordin Sparks, Derek Luke. Premiere. PG-13	Sunday Best The top five perform. (N) G	Sunday Best The top five perform. G	TD Jakes 35th Anniversary	Bishop T.D. Jakes celebrates his 35th anniversary. (N)						
254	(BRAVO)	51	254			Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Game of Thrones "14"	Housewives/NJ						
27	(CC)	61	27		33	"Get Him to the Greek"	(2010, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Russell Brand. R	*** "Men in Black" (1997)	Tommy Lee Jones, agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.	Secret	South Park "14"	South Park "14"	South Park "14"				
98	(CMT)	45	98	28	37	"Speed" (1936, Action)	James Stewart, Wendy Barrie, Una Merkel. NR	Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge	Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge	Dog and Beth: On the Hunt PG	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded					
43	(CNBC)	42	43			Paid	Debt/Part On	60 Minutes on CNBC	60 Minutes on CNBC	American Greed	American Greed						
40	(CNN)	40	29	40	41	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Special Report	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt						
46	(DISN)	40	46	6	5	"How to Build a Better Boy"	(2014) China Anne McClain. (In Stereo) NR	Liv & Maddie	Liv & Maddie	Liv & Maddie	Liv & Maddie	Jessie G	Dog With a Blog G	Austin & Ally	Dog With a Blog G		
33	(ESPN)	27	33	21	17	Little League	Countdown	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Atlanta Braves. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N)			
34	(ESPN2)	34	28	34	43	SportsCenter (N)	Little League Baseball	NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil Nationals. From Brainerd, Minn.									
95	(EWTN)	70	95		48	Church	Crossing	World Over Live PG	Preview	Apostolic Journey to the Republic of Korea	Chester	Sunday Night Prime					
29	(FAM)	52	29	20	28	"Mulan"	*** "Tangled" (2010, Musical Comedy)	Voices of Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi. PG	*** "The Little Mermaid" (1989)	Voices of Jodi Benson.	*** "Pocahontas" (1995, Adventure)	Voices of Irene Bedard, Judy Kuhn. G					
	(FLIX)	118	170			*** "Manhunter" (1986, Suspense)	William L. Petersen. (In Stereo) R	*** "The 13th Warrior" (1999)	Antonio Banderas. R	*** "Terminal Velocity" (1994, Action)	Charlie Sheen. (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "Mimic" (1997, Horror)					
44	(FNC)	37	44		32	Fox News Sunday	FOX Report (N)	Huckabee	FOX News Special	Stosel	Huckabee						
26	(FOOD)	56	26			Food Network Star	Chopped G	Kids Cook-Off	Food Truck Race	Cutthroat Kitchen G	Cutthroat Kitchen G						
732	(FS1)	112	732			Horse Rc	SportsMo.	NASCAR UFC	UFC Fight Night Brown vs. Silva.								
35	(FSNFL)	39	35			Bull Riding	World Poker	NFL Preseason Football Miami Dolphins at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.									
30	(FX)	60	30		51	"Earth Stood"	*** "Avatar" (2009, Science Fiction)	Sam Worthington. A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world. PG-13	The Strain "Occultation" (N) MA	The Strain "Occultation" (N) MA							
727	(GOLF)	67	727			LPGA Tour Golf	PGA Tour Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf								
59	(HALL)	68	59	45	54	*** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003)	*** "The Nanny Express" (2009, Drama)	Vanessa Marcil, Brennan Elliot. PG	*** "New in Town" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Renee Zellweger. PG	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
302	(HBD)	201	302	2	2	*** "Trouble With the Curve" (2013)	*** "2 Guns" (2013, Action)	Denzel Washington. (In Stereo) R	True Blood "Love Is to Die" (N) MA	The Leftovers "Cairo" (N) MA	Last Week To.	True Blood To.					
303	(HB02)	202	303			*** "Gravity" (2013)	Sandra Bullock. PG-13	Last Week To.	True Blood "Almost Home" MA	*** "Kick-Ass 2" (2013)	Aaron Taylor-Johnson. R	*** "The Long Kiss Goodnight" (2001)	Genea Davis. R				
23	(HGTV)	57	23	42	52	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Flipping the Block	Vacation House	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
51	(HIST)	54	51	32	42	Mountain Men "Death Trap" PG	Mountain Men "The Deep Freeze" PG	Mountain Men "Predator" PG	Mountain Men Tom's son Chad visits. PG	Ice Road Truckers (In Stereo) PG	Ice Road Truckers (In Stereo) PG	Dark Horse	Dark Horse				
24	(LIFE)	38	24		31	*** "Laws of Attraction" (2004)	*** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy)	Patrick Dempsey. PG-13	Witches of East End (N) 14	The Lottery "Crystal City" (N) 14	*** "Made of Honor" (2008)						
	(LMN)	50	119			"Fatal Acquittal" (2014, Suspense)	Joely Fisher, Denise Richards. NR	"Betrayed" (2014)	Amanda Schull. Julie faces betrayal as she fights for her life. NR	"House of Secrets" (2014, Suspense)	Bianca Lawson, Brendan Fehr. NR						
320	(MAX)	221	320	3	3	*** "Identity Thief" (2013)	Jason Bateman. A victim of identity theft fights back. (In Stereo) NR	*** "R.I.P.D." (2013)	Jeff Bridges. (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" (2013)	Steve Carell. NR	*** "Hypnotika" (NR)					
42	(MSNBC)	41	42			Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Raw 'E3' Present Danger	Lockup: Raw Intimacy in prison.				
109	(NGC)	65	109	44	53	Wicked Tuna "Bad Blood" 14	Wicked Tuna "14"	Wicked Tuna "The Mighty Bite" 14	Wicked Tuna "The Reckoning" 14	Wicked Tuna: North vs South 14	Wicked Tuna: North vs South 14	Wicked Tuna "The Reckoning" 14					
28	(NICK)	36	28	35	25	Hathaways	Sponge.	Sponge.	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends			
103	(OWN)	62	103			Oprah Prime "14"	Oprah Prime PG	Oprah: Where Now?	Oprah: Where Now?	Oprah: Where Now?	Oprah: Where Now?	Oprah: Where Now?	Oprah: Where Now?				
44	(OXY)	123				Snapped PG	Snapped PG	Snapped PG	Snapped (N) PG	Snapped PG	Snapped PG						
340	(SHOW)	241	340		4	*** "Save the Last Dance" (2001)	Masters of Sex "Giants" MA	Ray Donovan "Irish Spring" MA	Ray Donovan "Viagra" (N) MA	Masters of Sex "Blackbird" (N) MA	Ray Donovan "Viagra" MA						
37	(SPIKE)	43	37	27	36	Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG	Bar Rescue "Twin vs. Twin" PG	Bar Rescue "I Smell a Rat" PG	Hungry Investors (N) (In Stereo) PG	Gym Rescue "Battle of the Sexes" PG	Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG						
370	(STARZ)	271	370			*** "Practical Magic" (1998)	Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman. (In Stereo) PG-13	Outlander "Castle Leoch" (iTV) MA	Outlander "Castle Leoch" (iTV) MA	*** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998)	Antonio Banderas. (In Stereo) PG-13						
36	(SUN)	31	36			Trucks Live	Sport Fishing	Ship Shape TV	Sportsman	Reel Time	Fishing the Addictive Flats	Professional Tarpon Tournament Series	ScubaNaton	Travis Johnson			
31	(SYFY)	59	31	26	29	*** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001) R	*** "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003, Horror)	Ray Wise, Jonathan Breck. R	*** "Battle of the Damned" (2013, Action)	Dolph Lundgren, Matt Doran. R	*** "Drive Angry" (2011)	Nicolas Cage.					
49	(TBS)	23	49	16	19	*** "You, Me and Dupree" (2006)	*** "17 Again" (2009)	Zac Efron.	*** "Liebovat" (1944, Drama)	Talulah Bankhead, William Bendix. NR	*** "A Bell for Adano" (1945, Drama)	Gene Tierney, John Hodiak. Premiere. NR					
169	(TCM)	53	169	30	35	*** "Two Smart People" (1946, Comedy-Drama)	Lucille Ball, John Hodiak. NR	Megalodon: The New Evidence	Shark of Darkness: Wrath	Shark of Darkness: Wrath	Naked and Afraid "Himalayan Hell" 14	Naked and Afraid "Paradise Lost" 14					
53	(TDC)	34	53	24	26	Great White Matrix PG, L	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Long Island Medium	Medium	Medium	Who Do You Escaping Alaska 14					
50	(TLC)	46	50	29	30	*** "Alex Cross" (2012)	Tyler Perry. A serial killer pushes Cross to the edge. PG	*** "A Case of You" (2013)	Justin Long. (In Stereo) R	*** "Waiting..." (2005)	Ryan Reynolds. (In Stereo) R	*** "Seven Psychopaths" (2012) R					
350	(TMC)	261	350			*** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy)	Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Liv Ullmann. (DVS)	The Last Ship "Trials" (N) PG	Falling Skies (N) 14	PG	The Last Ship "Trials" PG						
48	(TNT)	33	48	31	34	Teen	Gumball	Adven	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken
38	(TOON)	58	38	33		Food Paradise "Sandwich Paradise 2" G	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Xtreme Waterparks	Food	Food		
9	(TRAV)	106	9	44	55	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Out West	Out West	truTV Top Funniest		
25	(truTV)	55	25	98	55	Cosby	Cosby	The Cosby Show G	Cosby	King	King	King	King	Raymond	Raymond		
32	(TVL)	49	32	34	24	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 14	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 14	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 14	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 14	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 14	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 14	Modern Family	Modern Family				
47	(USA)	32	47	17	18	CSI: Miami "Long Gone" 14	CSI: Miami "Crowned" 14	CSI: Miami "Friendly Fire" 14	CSI: Miami "Terminal Velocity" PG	CSI: Miami "Dead Ringer" 14	CSI: Miami "A Few Dead Men" 14						
117	(WE)	69	117			Funny Home Videos	*** "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004, Action)	Uma Thurman. R	Manhattan (N) 14	Manhattan (N) 14							
18	(WGN-A)	18	18	18	20												

# Mom wants to buy their love

Dear Annie: My husband and I used to be close to my mother-in-law. We took trips together and enjoyed one another's company. But since our oldest child was born, things have changed. Even though she has an open invitation, Mom rarely comes around.

according to the terms. She's never cashed one of our checks. We don't know why or whether we should just give her a cashier's check for the remainder and be done with it. Mom refuses to come to our house and will only meet us in a restaurant, where she seems pleasant. Then she says she's going to the bathroom, and we see her walking out the front door without saying goodbye.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Mom says because we won't let her babysit her grandchildren, she has no interest in seeing any of us. Annie, we have used babysitters maybe twice in the past six years. We have told her we would love to spend time with her as a family, and she says that will never happen. When my husband tries speaking to her in person, she gets angry.



# Marine Corps League at work



Special to the Chronicle

The PFC Samuel R. Wall, Detachment 1139, Marine Corps League recently presented a \$5,000 check to the Injured Warriors Fund of Florida, a not-for-profit organization created to provide financial aid and assistance to severely wounded service personnel and their families. These funds were raised during the annual 2014 pig roast and 2013 golf outing. A patriotic guest observing the ceremony and concerned about injured service members highlighted the event by presenting an additional \$500 donation. In turn, members of the Injured Warriors Fund of Florida, alongside the Department of Florida Marine Corps League commandant, presented a plaque to Detachment 1139 in appreciation of raising nearly \$12,000 from 2011 to 2013 for the Injured Warrior Fund. Pictured, from left, are: Joseph Spoto, judge advocate/golf outing chairman; Wallace Turner, commandant Detachment 1139 MCL; John Piazza, president/ chairman Injured Warriors Fund; Jerry Cecil, past junior commandant; and William Cona, commandant Department of Florida MCL.



Members of the PFC Samuel R. Wall, Detachment 1139, Marine Corps League presented the Nature Coast Young Marines with a \$1,500 donation from funds collected from citizens during its 2014 Rose program. The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through high school age, promoting mental, moral and physical development in conjunction with character building, leadership and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Pictured, from left, are: Commandant Wallace Turner, Private Codie Tusa, LCPL Arianna Leigh and Lisa Gonzales, commanding officer of the Nature Coast Young Marines.



Certificates of appreciation were awarded by the PFC Samuel R. Wall, Detachment 1139, Marine Corps League to local citizens Ron Kitchen, Scott Carnahan and County Commissioner Scott Adams for their support and donations to the Injured Warrior pig roast, entirely funding the meat used for the event. Pictured, from left, are: Commandant Wallace Turner as he makes a presentation to Ron Kitchen, Scott Adams and Scott Carnahan.

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# VETERANS

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## VETERANS NOTES

### Italian Night at Eagles'

American Legion Post 166 will have an Italian Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 5340 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

Chef Kelly's menu for the night is spaghetti, lasagna, garlic bread and a salad for \$8.

For more information and reservations, call Commander Robert Scott at 352-419-8819 or email fl.caller@gmail.com, or call Vice Commander Clay Scott at 928-848-8359.

### Vets planning group to meet

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will meet to discuss Citrus County's 22nd annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the Conference Room of the *Citrus County Chronicle*, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

All veterans' service organizations are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the planning process. Individual veterans are also welcome.

Call Chris Gregoriou at 352-795-7000.

### Case managers unavailable

The Citrus County Veterans Service Department has announced that there is no case manager available Wednesdays at Lakes Region Library in Inverness, Homosassa Library or Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

This will be the case until further notice. Call 352-527-5915 to schedule an appointment at the office in Lecanto.

### Post recognizing personnel

VFW Post 4337 seeks photos of active duty military personnel for display at the post.

Photos must be no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches. Include name, rank, service branch and address. Indicate your relationship to the serviceperson; i.e., nephew, daughter, etc.

Pictures may be dropped off at the post or mailed to: VFW Post 4337, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness, FL 34450. Or, email photos to vfwpost4337@tampa bay.rr.com.

### VFW forming men's auxiliary

Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 in Hernando, at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200, where the helicopter is) is forming a new men's auxiliary.

Men interested in participating may call 352-726-3339 for more information and to become involved.

### DAV auxiliary now forming

A new DAV auxiliary for DAV Chapter 158 is being formed in Crystal River.

The group is awaiting its charter and is a 501(c)3 organization that supports DAV Chapter 158, as well as all veterans and their families.

New members are needed. For more information, call Lucy Godfrey, temporary adjutant, at 352-794-3104.

### Vets sought as service officers

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

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

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

### Vets sought for classrooms

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

Coordinated by the Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Veterans in the Classroom program brings living history to the classrooms of the county's public and private schools, as well as home-school groups. Veterans share with students their firsthand military experiences and travels while serving in uniform around the world in peace and war.

The model Veterans in the Classroom program was recognized in 2008 with a Florida Education Foundation award. The program's success has generated the need for additional veterans to share their experiences with students. Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, Air Force, National Guard and women veterans are especially needed as participants.

Call Mac McLeod at 352-746-1384, email cmcleod670@earthlink.net, or call Bob Crawford at 352-270-9025 or email baddogusme@tampabay.rr.com.

# Lifesaving delay



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Marine veteran Master Sgt. Richard Grier recounts a close call when delivering some equipment and paperwork to a northern outpost in Vietnam. The helicopter that was to take him back to base left without him, but it never made it back. "I never found out if it was mechanical failure or if it was shot down," but he says that, although he feels bad about the 41 Marines who died, he was certainly glad he got held up at the outpost.

## Missed helicopter proves lucky for Marine

C.J. RISAK  
Correspondent

**R**ichard Grier missed his flight. It was a fortunate turn of events for him.

A sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, Grier was then on what he calls a routine mission, although few missions while stationed 60 miles outside of Da Nang, Vietnam in 1968 could be referred to as routine. As an RPS (registered publications system) clerk, one of Grier's responsibilities was maintaining the cryptology gear and issuing the key lists, used to decipher coded messages, to the marine units stationed in the area. Grier was on one of those monthly missions when he was delayed.

"It was the closest call I had, or the most guilty feeling I had," Grier said.

A New Jersey native, Grier now lives in Homosassa.

"I was up in Dong Ha with some gear to deliver, and I wanted to deliver this gear and get my butt back to my outfit," he said. "But there was a delay; these guys were handling hundreds of thousands of messages a month. I had a two- or three-hour delay just to have this lieutenant come out and sign for this stuff.

"I was getting aggravated, I was getting annoyed; you know, just come out and get this stuff. Anyway, he finally comes out and signs for it, and I get a ride back to the airstrip, and I see this big helicopter taking off. I tell them I'm here for my flight and this guy says, 'Sorry, Sarge, you're late. You'll have to spend the night.'

"I was real happy about that. So I spent most of the night in a bunker, dodging rockets. The next morning I catch another helicopter back to Da Nang and my base. I walk in and this guy says 'Grier, what are you doing here? You better check with the first sergeant, they're starting to inventory your gear. You're supposed to be on that helicopter that went down last night.'

"It took two weeks to get a recon patrol in there where the chopper went down. I'm thinking, I was pissed off at this lieutenant because he wouldn't come out and sign for this stuff so I could get my flight.

"Unknowingly, he saved my life."

## In Their Words

**Name:** Richard Grier  
**Rank:** Master sergeant (E8)  
**Branch:** U.S. Marine Corps  
**Dates served:** 1955-77  
**Locations:** Parris Island, S.C.; New River, Ga.; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Okinawa; Tokyo, Japan; Camp Fuji, Japan; Da Nang, Vietnam; Newark, N.J.  
**Jobs:** Communications center; cryptology office; registered publications systems clerk; recruiting office  
**Awards:** Combat Action Ribbon for Vietnam; Good Conduct Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation  
**Veterans organizations:** Veterans of Foreign Wars; Marine Corps League in Citrus County



Marine veteran Master Sgt. Richard Grier shows off the gift from his children on his 65th birthday. Grier served from 1954 to 1977, including two tours and a month in Vietnam.

Grier joined the Marine Corps Reserve his senior year in high school and then, knowing that sooner or later he would be drafted, he joined the Marines shortly after graduation in 1955. Re-enlisting a couple of times, he would stay in the Corps until 1977.

During his tenure in the service, he would be stationed in Japan and in Okinawa, with a couple of tours in Vietnam. In fact, when a large segment of the U.S. population was viewing Vietnam with distaste, Grier was trying to get sent back there.

"When you're in the military, it's

what you train for; it's what you do," he said.

After retiring from the Marines, Grier became a corrections officer in New Jersey, eventually rising to the rank of captain. He remained with that department for 25 years.

And although he had several close calls during firefights in Vietnam, Grier said his memories of the time he spent in the Marines would always be fond ones.

"It played a good role in my life," Grier said. "It gave me a sense of responsibility."

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

■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

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

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



## VETERANS NOTES

### Male descendants sought for group

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

Such men in the Chassahowitzka, Homosassa, Homosassa Springs and the Sugarmill Woods area who are interested in becoming members of the Sons of the American Legion are needed. There is no form or class of membership, except as active membership.

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

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

### Spots still open for vets' Hawaii trip

Dates for the upcoming trip to Hawaii for veterans and their families and friends are Feb. 25 to March 14.

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

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

### World War II vets sought for parade

The 2014 Levy County Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

The parade will be in Inglis this year, with a Veterans Memorial Dedication immediately following the parade.

We would like to have all of

the Levy County World War II veterans to be our honored guests (as grand marshals in the parade and honored afterwards). If you or someone you know fits the bill, call Ruth Ruppert at 352-447-0236.

### Post welcomes all to eat seafood alfredo

VFW Post 4864 will serve seafood alfredo from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the post home, 4864 Citrus Springs Blvd.

Adults are \$8, children younger than 6 eat for \$4.

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

The post will be opening to the public at noon Sept. 7 for football season.

For information, call Eva M. White at 352-746-6667 or email evabus15@yahoo.com.

### Public invited for shrimp scampi

The public is welcome to join the VFW Post 4337 family for shrimp scampi at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the post home, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness.

Dinner is \$8, with music by Nell from 6 to 9 p.m.

The public is also welcome for a prime rib dinner at 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30. Cost is \$10 and entertainment will be a jam session from 5 to 9 p.m. No children are allowed after 8 p.m.

Call 352-344-3495 for information about all post activities.

### All invited to 'Taste of New Orleans'

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

On the menu are gumbo, shrimp boil, crawfish and fried catfish (or for the landlubbers, a half-chicken dinner), all for \$12. Music will be by Guy Smith and Rhonda.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also have a fundraiser: "Duck Pond." Pick a winner,

get a prize.

For more information, call 352-637-0100.

### Cooties to serve roast beef dinner

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

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

For more information, call Post 4252 at 352-726-3339 or call Betty Kimmerling at 352-795-4142.

### 40&8 to have breakfast at CR post

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

Donation is \$6 for adults; special on kids' (8 and younger) meals. Specialty drinks available for \$1. The hall is smoke-free.

Proceeds benefit programs of the 40&8.

### VFW Post 10087 plans golf tourney

VFW Post 10087 will host its eighth annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Citrus Hills Oaks Golf Course. The four-person team scramble will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$60 per person. All proceeds will go to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

Hole sponsors are available for \$100 and super sponsors are \$300, which includes a team of four to participate.

There will be barbecue by "Fabulous Freddie," fun, door prizes and raffles. For information and to sign up, call Jayne at 352-464-3740.

### Golfers sought for third annual outing

The Marines and Navy Corpsmen of Marine Corps League

Detachment 1139, which meets the third Wednesday of each month at VFW 4522 Helicopter Post on State Road 200 in Hernando, will be holding its third annual golf outing on Monday, Sept. 22, at Black Diamond Ranch. Proceeds go to the Injured Warriors of Florida.

The fee is \$80 per person, which includes lunch at the clubhouse. Hole-in-one prizes are a new car, \$10,000, two roundtrip airline tickets anywhere in continental U.S. and premium golf equipment.

Check in is at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. tee time.

Call 352-746-3315 or email reconjoe1939@gmail.com.

### Golf tourney to benefit veterans

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association and the Marion County Composite Squadron 361 of the Civil Air Patrol will have a fundraiser golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Spruce Creek Preserve Golf Club, State Road 200, in Dunnellon.

This will be a shotgun start, best ball tournament to begin at 8 a.m. Cost per player is \$50, to include greens fees, riding cart, lunch and many prizes.

Proceeds will benefit veterans, the AFA Wounded Airmen Program, the Air Force JROTC and Junior AFROTC, as well as CAP Cadet programs.

Call 352-239-1486 to sign up.

### Legion Post 77 invites all to jam, play bingo

Allen Rawls American Legion Post 77 invites the public to its jam sessions with John Thomas and the Ramblin' Fever Band on the first, third and fifth Fridays each month. The post is at 4375 Little Al Point in Inverness.

The public is welcome to come dance, enjoy the entertainment and sing or play instruments. Charge of \$5 at the door covers the cost of the band. Food and soft drinks are available.

Everyone is welcome at bingo on Wednesdays; doors open at 4:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Food is available.

For more information, call Norm at 352-476-2134 or Alice

at 352-476-7001, or the afternoon of the jam, call 352-726-0444.

### Vets can enroll, register at VA clinic

The Lecanto VA Clinic accepting health care enrollments and registrations.

VA enrollment qualifies as Minimum Essential Coverage, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). New patient appointments for primary care and mental health are available.

The clinic is at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed federal holidays.

Call 352-746-8004.

### DAV helps veterans get to area clinics

The DAV transportation network has two vans assigned to the Lecanto clinic — one going from Lecanto to Gainesville, the other from Lecanto to The Villages.

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

### Come play games with VFW Post 8189

VFW Post 8189 in Homosassa invites the public to have some fun.

Bingo is played at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and food is available. Jam sessions are from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

The post is at 8856 Veterans Drive, Homosassa.

### Bingo open to public at Legion post

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

The regularly scheduled big breakfast will resume again Sept. 20. The post is at 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon.

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**VETERANS NOTES**

**Post invites public to have some fun**

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

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

The Labor Day picnic will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1, in the hall. On the menu are half a barbecued chicken with all the accompaniments. Tickets are required and are available for \$7 in the canteen.

For more information, call 352-746-0440.

**'In Their Words' wants stories**

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

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

**Assist Coast Guard Auxiliary**

Ex-military and retired military personnel are needed to assist the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to help the Coast Guard with non-military and non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection.

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Email Vince Maida at vsm440@aol.com, or call 917-597 6961.

**Hospice program assists veterans**

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The program is provided in private homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes, and staff is trained to provide Hospice care specific to illnesses and conditions unique to each military era or war. It also provides caregiver education and a recognition program to honor veterans' services and sacrifices.

HPH Hospice care and programs do not affect veterans' benefits. Call the Citrus Team Office at 352-527-4600.

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~ Agenda ~

Tuesday, August 19, 2014 9:30 a.m.

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Board and Staff Introductions
4. Enter Proof of Publication into the Record

**B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

(Limited to Board and Staff)

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2014
2. MPO ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS - CONFIRMATION
3. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) APPOINTMENTS - CONFIRMATION

**D. JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) FOR SECTION 5305(d) TRANSIT PLANNING FUNDING**

**E. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OUTLINING LOCAL MATCH FUNDING**

**F. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) APPOINTMENTS**

**G. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) AGENCY APPOINTMENTS - CONFIRMATION AND CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

**H. HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB) - CONFIRMATION AND CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

**I. INFORMATIONAL - SR50 CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY UPDATE**

**J. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT**

**K. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**L. BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

*UPCOMING MEETING:* THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M., IN THE JOHN LAW AYERS COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

THE MEETING AGENDA AND BACK-UP MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.HERNANDOCOUNTY.US](http://WWW.HERNANDOCOUNTY.US) OR [WWW.HERNANDOCOUNTY.US/MPO](http://WWW.HERNANDOCOUNTY.US/MPO)





# Red ceramic poppies spill from Tower of London

**DANICA KIRKA**  
*Associated Press*

LONDON — A blood-red sea of ceramic poppies is spilling from the Tower of London to commemorate British and Commonwealth soldiers killed in World War I on the 100th anniversary of its start.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge joined Prince Harry on Tuesday to symbolically “plant” poppies in the dry moat surrounding the Tower to honor the military dead.

The installation, called “Blood Swept Lands And Seas Of Red,” is at the moment made up of 120,000 ceramic poppies, a carpet of crimson. The red tide will widen in the coming months until there are 888,246 poppies — one for each of the British and Commonwealth soldiers killed in the war.

The project is meant to convey an army not as a faceless machine but as individuals, unique and special in their own right.

“I’m literally trying to represent people because a number is a number, but if you see it all like this it is a visual idea of how many people were there,” said its creator, Paul Cummins.

Poppies became a symbol of war dead after the crimson flowers sprang up

across the battlefields of Belgium where hundreds of thousands of soldiers died in World War I. The poem “In Flanders Fields,” written by a Canadian doctor who ran a field hospital during the war, begins with the famous line, “In Flanders fields, the poppies blow — Between the crosses, row on row.”

Poppies were later adopted as a symbol of remembrance and are often sold on holidays honoring veterans to benefit soldiers’ charities.

The installation will continue through Nov. 11, the day World War I ended in 1918.

Each of the poppies in the Tower of London moat took three days to make. They will later be sold for 25 pounds (\$42) each, and sent to the buyers after Armistice ceremonies in November.

The money will go to British charities such as the Royal Legion and Help for Heroes, which serve British veterans.

Some 8,000 volunteers will be placing the ceramic flowers that are attached to sticks and placed in the ground. One of them was 72-year-old Joan Clayton-Jones, whose great-uncle was killed, as was her husband’s grandfather.

“I have a photograph of my great-uncle in my bag today,” she said.



Associated Press

Britain’s Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, center, walks with Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince Harry as they view the Tower of London’s “Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red” poppy installation, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I in London on Aug. 5.

# Greek isles: Views, beaches, sunsets and crowds

**KRISTI EATON**  
*Associated Press*

SANTORINI, Greece — Whitewashed houses stacked like sugar cubes on the cliffs. Colorful sunsets and black-sand beaches. Donkeys, windmills and a local winemaking tradition that goes back to ancient times.

These are some of the things that stood out on a visit to the Cyclades, a Greek island chain in the Aegean Sea.

Little wonder the place draws gaggles of visitors — enough to make even crowd-loving extroverts long for a peaceful island paradise.

Oh, wait — that’s why we were there. And that’s why, whenever we could, we avoided busy town centers in favor of lying in the sun with a lazy glass of wine.

First stop was the island of Mykonos. My boyfriend and I arrived by ferry from Athens, then took a bus to the island’s center of activity, the town of Mykonos, also known as Chora. It’s a busy place: long lines, picture-taking galore and overpriced trinkets bulging from store shelves. I was glad we’d opted to stay in another village, Ornos, about 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) away, in a hotel five minutes from the beach and a handful of restaurants. There we soaked up the sun by the sea and by the pool, drank wine and met some British travelers who also treasured the calm and quiet.

Early morning turned out to be a relatively tranquil time to see Chora — even if the walk there from Ornos meant dodging cars on the sometimes-minuscule shoulder of the road. We spotted a donkey on the way, and in town, with

the few other tourists there that early, we admired large windmills on hilltops that are among the island’s most photographed and visited features. Windmill construction on the island dates to the 16th century.

Then it was off to the winding roads of the Little Venice neighborhood to get lost amid the whitewashed buildings with their colorful balconies. Going early also offered a chance to see a bit of local life behind-the-scenes: shopkeepers mopping up concrete slabs outside their storefronts and arranging their merchandise before the busy day began. We also stopped by to see the ancient urns and memorial statues at the Archaeological Museum.

Mykonos is known for its nightlife, and we had every intention of experiencing it at least once. But staying in laidback Ornos with a glass of wine at a restaurant each night proved too appealing.

Next we visited the island of Santorini. Our hotel was in the village of Perissa, known for its black-sand beach but far less crowded than we expected. One morning, we got a cliff-top view of the island after a hike up Mesa Vouno mountain to Ancient Thira, the site of an excavated city dating to the ninth century B.C.

Later on, we decided for once to brave the crowds and visit the town of Oia, known for its dramatic sunsets. The town is located on steep cliffs offering a panoramic view of the Santorini’s caldera, a volcanic crater that’s partly under the sea. We headed to find a good vantage point with thousands of other visitors eager to watch the sun dip down to

the horizon. A sliver of rail space at a parking lot was as good as we could get.

But it didn’t matter. The sunset was so glorious, I didn’t mind the crowds.



## If You Go...

### ■ CYCLADES:

Greek island chain in the Aegean Sea. Visit [www.visitgreece.gr/en/greek\\_islands/cyclades](http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/greek_islands/cyclades).



Associated Press

This July 2014 photo shows whitewashed homes stacked like sugar cubes on the seaside cliffs of Santorini, part of Greece’s Cyclades island chain in the Aegean Sea. The Cyclades are known for panoramic waterfront views, black-sand beaches and dramatic sunsets.



AP Photo/Kristi Eaton

This July 6, 2014 photo shows picturesque windmills on the island of Mykonos in the Cyclades, a Greek island chain in the Aegean Sea. The tradition of building windmills on the island dates back centuries. The Cyclades are known for panoramic views of the sea, homes tucked into cliffsides and waterfronts and waterfronts, black-sand beaches and dramatic sunsets.

# GREAT GETAWAY

## Sunday’s PUZZLER

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

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

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

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

■ **American Legion Post 166** meetings are the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 5340 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa. The FOE Auxiliary serves dinner that night. The Executive Board meets the second Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Eagles'. Call Commander Robert Scott at 352-419-8819 or email fl.caller@gmail.com.

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

### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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

■ **Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864**, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-4864.

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

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

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

■ **Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries**, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Marty Kloubec at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org.

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

### OTHER GROUPS

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

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

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

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

● **Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit No. 70** meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday. For more information, call Commander Sunny Hayes at 352-527-3395 or

Adjutant Lynn Armitage at 352-341-5334.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)** meets at Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491), Lecanto. Visit www.citrus

purpleheart.org or call 352-382-3847.

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

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

■ **Marine Corps League Citrus Detachment 819** meets at VFW Post 10087 on Vet Lane in Beverly Hills, behind Cadence Bank. Call Morgan Patterson at 352-746-1135 or Bion St. Bernard at 352-697-2389.

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

■ **Landing Ship Dock (LSD)** sailors meet at The Boathouse restaurant in Crystal River at 2 p.m. the last Thursday. Call Jimmie at 352-621-0617.

■ **Suncoast U.S. Navy Armed Guard and Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II** meets at 11:30 a.m. on certain Saturdays at Kally K's restaurant in Spring Hill. Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2014 are: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

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

■ **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Homosassa Flotilla 15-4** meets at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 Veterans Drive. Call Wilbur B.

Scott at 352-628-0639 or email seacapt34447@yahoo.com, or Robert Currie at 352-799-5250 or email rgcurrie@bellsouth.net.

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

■ **Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7** meets at 10 a.m. second Saturday at Elks Lodge No. 2522, 3580 Lemon Drive, Inverness. Visit www.rollingthunderfl7.com, call President Archie Gooding at 352-464-0863 or email GatorDad0527@tampabay.rr.com.

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

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

Members can renew with Gary Williamson at 352-527-4537. Visit www.ccvcfl.org.

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

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

■ *This listing contains only basic information regarding each group. For more information about scheduled activities, meetings, meals and more for a specific post or group, call or email the contact listed. Posts and groups may email changes or corrections to community@chronicleonline.com.*

## Operation American Pride



Special to the Chronicle

Texas Wounded Warriors Foundation president Dick Goetz, left, and Wells Fargo Advisors employees Brandon Johnston and Karen Vaughan pick items Thursday in Tyler, Texas, to place in care packages to be sent to men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces. This was the sixth year Wells Fargo employees volunteered in the Operation American Pride Campaign. Texas Wounded Warriors Foundation accepted cash donations for the campaign which were used to purchase the items the volunteers packed into boxes.



Wells Fargo Advisors employees filled hundreds of boxes with such items at their Tyler, Texas, office Thursday, to be sent to men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces.

## IN SERVICE

### Joshua Swift

Army Pvt. Joshua Swift has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradi-

tion and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map

reading, field tactics, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and more.

Swift is the son of John Swift of Vacaville, Calif. and Angela Soletto of Hernando. He is a 2009 graduate of Citrus High School, Inverness.

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# Bucs fall to Fins



Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Randy Starks, right, sacks Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Mike Glennon Saturday during the second quarter of a preseason game in Tampa.

## Tampa scores late in 20-14 preseason loss to Miami

Associated Press

TAMPA — Backup quarterback Matt Moore led the Miami Dolphins on two touchdown drives in a 20-14 preseason victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Saturday night.

The Dolphins took advantage of a mistake by Bucs rookie Mike Evans.

Evans, the Bucs' first-round pick from Texas A&M, caught a short pass from Mike Glennon in the second quarter and after breaking a tackle, sprinted down the sideline toward a 42-yard touchdown which could have given the Bucs a 14-3 lead.

After a review of the original touchdown call, however, it was ruled that Miami cornerback Brent Grimes had punched the ball out of Evans' hands just before Evans crossed the goal line. The fumble went through the end zone, giving the Dolphins (1-1) the ball.

Moore drove the Dolphins 71 yards to a touchdown in the final 1:41 of the first half, completing 6 of 8 passes including a 9-yard touchdown pass to Rishard Matthews that gave Miami a 10-7 lead over the Bucs (0-2) with 8 seconds left in the half.

### Packers 21, Rams 7

ST. LOUIS — Aaron Rodgers and Sam Bradford each threw a touchdown pass in their preseason debuts and played into the second quarter in the Green Bay

Packers' 21-7 victory over the St. Louis Rams.

Michael Sam played in the second half and got his first sack of the preseason, dropping Matt Flynn for a 10-yard loss in the fourth quarter to force a 49-yard field goal by Mason Crosby. Sam had a tackle earlier in that series.

Rodgers was 11 for 13 for 128 yards and a 3-yard score to Randall Cobb in a no-huddle offense on the opening series.

Bradford showed plenty of mobility in his first action since season-ending left knee surgery last November. He was 9 for 12 for 101 yards and an 11-yard touchdown pass to Lance Kendricks.

Eddie Lacy had five carries for 25 yards on the Packers' 12-play, 86-yard drive to start the game.

### Jets 25, Bengals 17

CINCINNATI — Andy Dalton completed all eight of his passes and led the Bengals to a pair of touchdowns and a field goal during three impressive series before the New York Jets' reserves rallied for a 25-17 preseason victory.

It was Dalton's first game at Paul Brown Stadium since his turnover-filled 27-10 loss to San Diego in the opening round of the playoffs. Also, his first home game since he signed a six-year contract extension.

He went 8 for 8 for 144 yards, one touchdown and a perfect passer rating of 158.3. The Bengals (0-2) rolled up 173 yards while he was in the game.

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## Kelly: No change needed in how Notre Dame recruits

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly on Saturday dismissed talk that he needs to do a better job of recruiting players who are better students to avoid the academic problems that have plagued the football program for the past 15 months.

"I think we've brought in the right young men," he said. "I think we have to continue to do a better job educating them. We have to do a better job of providing the resources."

The news conference was the first time Kelly talked to the media since the university announced a day earlier that starting cornerback KeiVarae Russell, leading returning receiver DaVaris Daniels, defensive end Ishaq Williams and backup linebacker Kendall Moore were being withheld from practices and games until the university completes an investigation into whether papers and homework they

turned in were completed by others.

Kelly said none one involved in the investigation has asked to talk to him or his staff. He cautioned against assuming the players are guilty, saying the investigation is ongoing.

Kelly said it's his job as head coach to create an environment where players know they can't cut corners.

"If you let your players do whatever they want and they feel like they're not accountable, then I don't think you should be a head coach," he said. "I think if you create an environment and you lay out the expectations of your program and their not met, then they should be held accountable."

"Look, this is never a one-sided issue. We have to internally look at providing our student-athletes all of the resources necessary that, if in fact they took shortcuts, that they don't. We have to look hard at that," he said.

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Brian Kelly

## Rays get a taste of Captain Clutch in loss

### Jeter helps Yanks snap losing streak

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Derek Jeter hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning and the New York Yankees ended a five-game skid with a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

Brett Gardner opened the ninth with an infield single off Jake McGee (3-1) and advanced to second on a throwing error by second baseman Logan Forsythe. After failing to lay down a sacrifice bunt, Jeter put New York ahead with a single to right-center on a 2-2 pitch.

Dellin Betances (5-0) worked a perfect eighth before David Robertson got the final three outs for his 32nd save. Rookie Shane Greene allowed two runs, seven hits and struck out a career-high 10 in six-plus innings.



Associated Press

New York Yankees designated hitter Derek Jeter hits an RBI single off Tampa Bay Rays closer Jake McGee to drive in the go-ahead run Saturday during the ninth inning in St. Petersburg.

The Yankees took a lead in the second when Chase Headley drew a two-out walk on a full-count pitch and Martin Prado homered on an 0-2 offering from Drew Smyly,

making his first home start since being acquired in a trade that sent ace David Price to Detroit on July 31.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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NL

Braves hand A's 4th loss in row in 4-3 win at home

Price helps Tigers beat Mariners 4-2

Associated Press

Giants 6, Phillies 5

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Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

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Nationals 4, Pirates 3

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ATLANTA — Chris Johnson drove in two runs with three hits, Julio Teheran threw six strong innings and the Atlanta Braves edged the suddenly struggling Oakland Athletics 4-3 on Saturday night.

The A's, who began the day with the best record in the majors, matched their worst skid of the season by losing four in a row. They've dropped six of seven overall.

Teheran (11-9) gave up two runs on four hits and three walks. The Braves had lost 12 of 15 before winning the first two games of the series.

Craig Kimbrel got his 36th save in 40 chances.

Sonny Gray (12-7) allowed four runs in 5 1/3 innings in his fourth straight defeat.

There was a brief delay in the bottom of the sixth when a nude man ran onto the field. He was quickly tackled by security officers and taken off the field.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Tigers 4, Mariners 2

DETROIT — David Price pitched eight innings of one-run ball, and the Detroit Tigers snapped Seattle's five-game winning streak with a 4-2 victory over Felix Hernandez and the Mariners.

Price allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked three in his first game at Comerica Park since he was acquired in a trade with Tampa Bay last month. Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 25th save, yielding Endy Chavez's RBI single.

It was Nathan's first appearance since making a profane gesture at Tigers fans on Wednesday, and he received a mixture of cheers and boos when he was introduced.

Hernandez was hit on the leg by a hard ground ball in the fourth. He worked the fifth before departing after 92 pitches.

Twins 4, Royals 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Phil Hughes threw seven sharp innings, Kurt Suzuki hit his third homer of the season and the Minnesota Twins beat first-place Kansas City 4-1 to snap the Royals' three-game winning streak.

Hughes (13-8) allowed one run, seven hits and struck out six to outlast hard-throwing rookie Yordano Ventura (9-9), who threw six innings of one-hit ball before the Twins broke through in the seventh.

With runners on second and third, Ventura threw a 99-mph fastball that shattered Danny Santana's bat — but Santana reached base when Billy Butler tried to throw out Suzuki at home. Catcher Salvador Perez's tag was late, allowing the Twins to tie it.

Brian Dozier followed with his 25th double of the season to score pinch-runner Eduardo Escobar and put the Twins ahead for good.

Blue Jays 6, White Sox 3

CHICAGO — Melky Cabrera's two-run double in the seventh inning lifted the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The Blue Jays, who snapped a four-game losing streak, scored three runs in the seventh to retake the lead after the White Sox tied it with three runs in the sixth.

Avisail Garcia went 2 for 4 with a double for the White Sox in his first game since April 9 after recovering from shoulder surgery.

Brett Cecil (1-3) got two outs — both by strikeout — to earn the win. Casey Janssen worked one inning to earn his 19th save in 22 opportunities.

Former White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle allowed three runs in 5 2/3 innings in his first start as a Chicago visitor and third game against his former team. He has one victory in his last 13 starts.

Red Sox 10 Astros 7

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a pair of two-run homers, including his 400th in a Red Sox uniform, and drove in a career-high-tying six runs to power Boston past the Houston Astros 10-7.



Associated Press

Atlanta Braves' Justin Upton, right, scores from first base in front of Oakland Athletics catcher John Jaso (5) on a single by Chris Johnson Saturday during the sixth inning in Atlanta.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games: N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 2; Cleveland 6, Baltimore 0; Detroit 4, Seattle 2; Boston 10, Houston 7; Minnesota 4, Kansas City 1; Atlanta 4, Oakland 3; Toronto 6, Chicago White Sox 3; L.A. Angels at Texas, late.

Today's Games: Baltimore (Gausman 6-4) at Cleveland (Salazar 4-5), 1:05 p.m.; Seattle (C.Young 11-6) at Detroit (Ray 1-2), 1:08 p.m.; Houston (McHugh 5-9) at Boston (J.Kelly 0-0), 1:35 p.m.; N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Heliickson 1-1), 1:40 p.m.; Kansas City (Guthrie 8-10) at Minnesota (Milone 6-3), 2:10 p.m.; Toronto (Hutchison 8-10) at Chicago White Sox (Carroll 4-7), 2:10 p.m.; L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 3-7) at Texas (Tepesch 4-7), 3:05 p.m.; Oakland (Lester 13-7) at Atlanta (Minor 4-8), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games: San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5; Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3; Miami 2, Arizona 1; N.Y. Mets 7, Chicago Cubs 3; Atlanta 4, Oakland 3; San Diego at St. Louis, late; Cincinnati at Colorado, ppd., water main break; Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, late.

Today's Games: Arizona (Collmenter 8-6) at Miami (Koeehler 8-9), 1:10 p.m.; Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (R.Montero 0-3), 1:10 p.m.; San Diego (Despaigne 3-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 14-7), 2:15 p.m.; Philadelphia (D.Buchanan 6-6) at San Francisco (Lincecum 9-8), 4:05 p.m.; Cincinnati (Latos 4-3) at Colorado (Lyles 6-1), 4:10 p.m., 1st game; Milwaukee (W.Peralta 14-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Haren 10-9), 4:10 p.m.; Pittsburgh (Volquez 10-7) at Washington (Fister 12-3), 5:05 p.m.; Oakland (Lester 13-7) at Atlanta (Minor 4-8), 8:05 p.m.; Cincinnati (Axelrod 0-0) at Colorado (Flande 0-5), 9:10 p.m., 2nd game.

Big Papi joined Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski as the only players to hit 400 homers while playing with the Red Sox. Ortiz did it with his shot into the first row of the center-field seats in the third inning.

Ortiz hooked his other around the Pesky Pole in right in the fifth. He has 459 home runs in his career, which started with Minnesota.

Ortiz added a two-run double in the eighth. He left to a standing ovation for a pinch-runner, tipping his helmet as the crowd gave him a curtain call.

Williams hit 521 homers and Yaz had 452. Both spent their entire careers with the Red Sox.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Giants 6, Phillies 5

SAN FRANCISCO — Gregor Blanco hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, helping the San Francisco Giants rally for a 6-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Michael Morse had two doubles and a triple as San Francisco won for the second time in three games following a five-game skid. Blanco went 2 for 2 with two RBIs.

Ryan Howard had three hits and three RBIs for the Phillies, who have

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Indians 6, Orioles 0

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Tigers 4, Mariners 2

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Twins 4, Royals 1

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INTERLEAGUE Braves 4, Athletics 3

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Umpires—Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Paul Schrieber; Third, Laz Diaz. T—3:11. A—40,760 (49,586).



GOLF

LPGA Wegmans Championship

Saturday, At Monroe Golf Club, Pittsford, N.Y., Purse: \$2.25 million, Yardage: 6,720, Par 72, Third Round:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Brittany Lincicome, Suzann Pettersen, Inbee Park, etc.

Wyndham Championship

Saturday, At Sedgewick Country Club, Greensboro, N.C., Purse: \$5.3 million, Yardage: 7,127, Par: 70, Third Round:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Nick Watney, Brad Fritsch, Freddie Jacobson, etc.

Dick's Sporting Goods Open

Saturday, At En-Joie Golf Club, Endicott, N.Y., Purse: \$1.85 million, Yardage: 6,957, Par: 72, Second Round:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Kevin Sutherland, Steve Lowery, John Cook, etc.

BASEBALL

Blue Jays 6, White Sox 3

Baseball score table for Toronto vs Chicago. Includes batting order and statistics for both teams.

Red Sox 10, Astros 7

Baseball score table for Houston vs Boston. Includes batting order and statistics for both teams.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

- 9 a.m. (FS1) NASCAR K&N Pro Series: Watkins Glen. (Taped) 12 p.m. (FS1) Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Road America. (Taped) 1 p.m. (ESPN) NASCAR Sprint Cup: Pure Michigan 400. 3 p.m. (NBCSPT) IndyCar ABC Supply Wisconsin 250. 6 p.m. (NBCSPT) IndyCar Indy Lights Series. (Same-day Tape) 9 p.m. (ESPN2) NHRA Drag Lucas Oil Nationals. (Same-day Tape) 1 a.m. (ESPN2) NASCAR Sprint Cup: Pure Michigan 400. (Same-day Tape)

BASEBALL

- 7 a.m. (ESPN2) Senior League World Series, Final: Teams TBA. (Taped) 10 a.m. (ESPN2) Junior League World Series, Final: Teams TBA. (Taped) 12 p.m. (ESPN2) Little League Baseball World Series: South Korea vs. Puerto Rico. 12 p.m. (ESPNU) Senior League World Series, Final: Teams TBA. (Taped) 2 p.m. (ABC) Little League Baseball World Series: Chicago vs. Las Vegas (Nev.). (Live) 5 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Baseball World Series: Teams TBA. 7 p.m. (ESPN2) Little League Baseball World Series: Teams TBA. 8 p.m. (MLB) High School Baseball All-America Game.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- 1 p.m. (FSNFL) Arizona Diamondbacks at Miami Marlins. 1 p.m. (TBS) Seattle Mariners at Detroit Tigers. 1:30 p.m. (SUN, WYKE 104.3 FM) New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays. 2 p.m. (WGN-A) Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. 8 p.m. (ESPN) Oakland Athletics at Atlanta Braves. 4 a.m. (ESPN2) Oakland Athletics at Atlanta Braves. (Same-day Tape)

BASKETBALL

- 6 p.m. (NBA) WNBA Indiana Fever at New York Liberty. 9 p.m. (NBA) WNBA Phoenix Mercury at Seattle Storm EQUESTRIAN 5 p.m. (FS1) Horse Racing Jockey Club Racing Tour: Saratoga Race Course.

FOOTBALL

- 6 a.m. (NFL) Preseason Football Atlanta Falcons at Houston Texans. (Taped) 9 a.m. (NFL) Preseason Football Detroit Lions at Oakland Raiders. (Taped) 12 p.m. (NFL) Preseason Football Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers (Taped) 4 p.m. (NFL) Preseason Football Denver Broncos at San Francisco 49ers. 8 p.m. (FOX) Preseason Football Kansas City Chiefs at Carolina Panthers. 8 p.m. (FSNFL) NFL Preseason Football Miami Dolphins at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (Taped) 3 a.m. (NFL) Preseason Football Miami Dolphins at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (Taped)

GOLF

- 6:30 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Made in Denmark, Final Round. 1 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Wyndham Championship, Final Round. 3 p.m. (CBS) PGA Tour Wyndham Championship, Final Round. 3 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Wegmans Championship, Final Round. 4 p.m. (NBC) U.S. Amateur, Final. 7 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions: Dick's Sporting Goods Open, Final Round. (Same-day Tape)

MOTORCYCLE RACING

- 7 a.m. (FS1) MotoGP Racing World Championship: Czech Grand Prix. 3 p.m. (FS1) MotoGP Racing Moto3: Czech Grand Prix. (Same-day Tape) 4 p.m. (FS1) MotoGP Racing Moto2: Czech Grand Prix. (Same-day Tape)

OLYMPICS

- 3 p.m. (NBC) 2014 Summer Youth Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, Swimming. (Taped) 8 p.m. (NBCSPT) 2014 Summer Youth Olympic Games Swimming. (Same-day Tape)

OUTDOORS

- 11 a.m. (ESPNU) College Fishing Bassmaster Classic Qualifier. (Same-day Tape)

RODEO

- 6 p.m. (FSNFL) Bull Riding Championship. (Taped)

SOCCER

- 6 a.m. (ESPNU) Women's Soccer FIFA U-20 World Cup - Germany vs Canada. Second quarterfinal. (Taped) 8:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) English Premier League Liverpool FC vs Southampton FC. 11 a.m. (NBCSPT) English Premier League Newcastle United FC vs Manchester City FC.

TENNIS

- 2 p.m. (ESPN2) ATP U.S. Open Series: Western & Southern Open, Women's Final. 4 p.m. (ESPN2) ATP U.S. Open Series: Western & Southern Open, Men's Final.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bills rookie Watkins leaves with rib injury

PITTSBURGH — Buffalo Bills rookie wide receiver Sammy Watkins left Saturday night's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the first quarter due to a rib injury.

Watkins, the fourth overall pick in the draft, walked off the field clutching his side during Buffalo's initial drive of the game after Pittsburgh linebacker Ryan Shazier went over his back during a pass play. Watkins spent a few minutes on the sideline before being taken to the locker room for further evaluation.

Watkins sparkled in Buffalo's joint workouts with the Steelers during the week, routinely getting the better of whomever Pittsburgh lined up to cover him during drills.

X-rays on Raiders QB Derek Carr negative

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders rookie quarterback Derek Carr avoided a serious rib injury from a hard hit that knocked him out of an exhibition game against the Detroit Lions.

Coach Dennis Allen said Saturday that X-rays on Carr's ribs were negative. Carr also suffered a concussion on the hard hit by Larry Webster on Friday night and

must pass the league protocols before he is able to return to practice this week.

Carr played well in his second pro game, completing 9 of 16 passes for 109 yards and a touchdown. He even got one series with the first-team offense, but Allen says Matt Schaub will get most of the time with the starters in the dress rehearsal game at Green Bay on Friday.

Bears, Antonio Holmes agree to deal

CHICAGO — Former Super Bowl MVP wide receiver Antonio Holmes signed a one-year contract with the Chicago Bears on Saturday.

A first-round draft pick by Pittsburgh in 2006, Holmes was the Super Bowl MVP in his third year.

But he was traded to the New York Jets the following offseason after the Steelers tired of his legal troubles.

The Jets released the 30-year-old Holmes in March after he had 23 catches — the second-lowest total of his career — for 456 yards in 11 games. He missed five games midway through the season with a hamstring injury. Holmes was limited to just four games in 2012 and was sidelined for several months after suffering a career-threatening foot injury.

—From wire reports

NFL

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The Jets (2-0) got drubbed 49-9 in Cincinnati midway through last season — Dalton threw a career-high five touchdown passes in that one. Their injury-depleted secondary made it easy for Dalton on Saturday night.

Ravens 37, Cowboys 30

ARLINGTON, Texas — Deonte Thompson returned a kickoff 108 yards for a score after Dallas' Tony Romo threw a touchdown pass in his first game since back surgery last season, and Joe Flacco led three scoring drives in Baltimore's 37-30 preseason victory over the Cowboys on Saturday night.

The Ravens (2-0) also got a 26-yard fumble return for a touchdown when Courtney Upshaw picked up a botched handoff from Romo and stayed on his feet while Romo tried to drag him down by his jersey.

Romo's final play was a 31-yard touchdown pass to Dez Bryant midway through the first quarter.

Baltimore led 14-7 before Flacco took the field for the first time. He threw a 19-yard scoring pass to Torrey Smith for a 24-10 lead late in the first half.

Dallas is 0-2.

Steelers 19, Bills 16

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes in less than a half of work and the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Buffalo Bills 19-16.

Roethlisberger hit Antonio Brown for a

76-yard score on Pittsburgh's second play from scrimmage and found Markus Wheaton for a 16-yard strike to help the Steelers (1-1) won a preseason game for the first time in nearly two years.

Roethlisberger finished 8 of 11 for 128 yards and the two scores. Shaun Suisham's 20-yard field goal as time expired ended Pittsburgh's five-game losing streak in exhibitions.

EJ Manuel completed 17 of 27 passes for 148 yards and an interception while playing the entire first half for Buffalo (1-2), but the Bills' starting offense failed to reach the end zone for the third straight game. Bills rookie wide receiver Sammy Watkins left early in the first quarter with a rib injury and did not return.

Giants 27, Colts 26

INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan Nassib led the New York Giants to two touchdowns in the final four minutes, completing a huge fourth-quarter comeback with a 27-26 victory.

New York trailed 26-0 early in the fourth, but the Colts couldn't hold on.

Former Indy quarterback Curtis Painter finally got New York on the board with a 3-yard TD pass to Kellen Davis. Sixteen seconds later, Spencer Adkins recovered a Colts fumble in the end zone to make it 26-14. Michael Cox then scored on a 2-yard run with 3:59 to go, and Nassib hooked up with Corey Washington on a 6-yard TD pass with 55 seconds to go.

Indy (0-2) had a chance to win it with Pat McAfee's 64-yard field goal with 5 seconds left, but the kick went wide left.

Andrew Luck was 12 of 18 for 89 yards. Eli Manning was 1 of 6 for seven yards for New York (3-0).

RAYS

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Smyly gave up two runs and four hits over seven innings. Price is scheduled to pitch against Tampa Bay for the first time Thursday in the finale of a three-game series in Florida.

After Yunel Escobar had a sixth-inning RBI single, Tampa Bay tied it at 2 on Ben Zobrist's run-scoring grounder in the seventh.

The Rays extended their club-record streak of allowing three runs or less to 12 consecutive games, but have gone just 7-5 over the stretch.

Tampa Bay had become the fourth team ever in the majors to get back to

.500 after being at least 18 games under the break-even point with a 5-0 victory Friday night over the Yankees that gave them a 61-61 record.

TRAINERS' ROOM

Yankees RHP Masahiro Tanaka (right elbow) threw 25 pitches during his first bullpen session since going on the DL July 9. C Brian McCann (concussion) might return Sunday.

Rays: OF David DeJesus (left hand) went 0 for 1 with a walk in his first Gulf Coast League game.

UP NEXT

Yankees RHP Hiroki Kuroda (7-8), 0-3 in his last four starts against Tampa Bay, and Rays RHP Jeremy Hellickson (1-1) are Sunday's scheduled starters.

NOTRE DAME

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Players know the high standards of Notre Dame, Kelly said, adding that his rules of conduct for players are posted in the locker room: "Treat women with respect, don't cheat, don't lie and don't steal."

Kelly said he doesn't have any more information about the investigation than what the university announced at the news conference Friday, saying as a coach he will be "on the outside looking in." He said his reaction to the news was "shock and disappointment."

But Kelly said he's proud that Notre Dame has high standards, saying it's one of the reasons he accepted the job. "We don't look the other way," he said.

The players were informed Friday about the investigation and Kelly said he hasn't talked with them since.

The Irish, who open the season against Rice on Aug. 30, have faced other academic problems. Starting quarterback Everett Golson missed last season because of academic impropriety and Daniels sat out the spring semester. Kelly described them as "good kids who made bad decisions."

If the players aren't allowed to return this season as a result of the investigation, it will be difficult to overcome, Kelly said.

"As players, you don't replace KeiVarae Russell. He's one of the best corners we've had here in some time. But we'll find a way," he said. "You don't replace a guy like that."

Replacing Daniels also will be a challenge, but Kelly said the Irish have depth at receiver.

"We're going to have to count on other players to step up and do the job for us," he said.

Kelly said he's not worried about Notre Dame possibly having to vacate some past victories, including possibly from the 2012 season when the Irish went 12-1 and their lone loss was to Alabama in the national title game. He said it wouldn't change his view of that season.

"I've never really counted my victories," he said. "It's not something I really spend much time thinking about."

It's been a tumultuous time at Notre Dame since Kelly arrived following the 2009 season, with a student manager killed when the scissor lift he was on toppled in high winds in 2010, several high-profile players being arrested and the academic troubles. Kelly was asked whether those issues reflected on his leadership.

"This isn't the time to have a debate on what my leadership or lack thereof is. My focus is on my football team and getting this team ready. There's a time and place for that. People have their opinions and certainly they're entitled to them. I'm going to focus on this football team and getting it ready for two weeks for Rice."



# Lincicome maintains at LPGA Championship

Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Brittany Lincicome maintained her lead Saturday after three rounds of the LPGA Championship, the tour's fourth major championship of the season.

The long-hitting Lincicome began the day at Monroe Golf Club with a three-shot advantage over Inbee Park and Lexi Thompson and shot 1-under 71 to finish at 10-under 206. Lincicome was a shot ahead of Park and Suzann Pettersen. Pettersen had a 67 and Park shot 69.

Mirim Lee was alone in fourth at 7 under after a 69. Seventeen-year-old Lydia Ko had a 71 to join Meena Lee and Gerina Pillar at 6 under. Pillar shot 69, and Lee had a 71.

Thompson finished with a 74 and was at 4 under.

Lincicome won the 2009 Kraft Nabisco for her lone major title and has five LPGA Tour victories. The United States is seeking to win its fourth straight major title of the season.

## Watney takes 1-stroke lead at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Nick Watney birdied the final hole for a 5-under 65 and a one-stroke lead Saturday after the third round of the Wyndham Championship.

Watney made a 20-foot birdie putt from the right edge of the green on the par-4 18th. The five-time PGA Tour winner had a 14-under 196 total at Sedgfield.

Brad Fritsch was second after a 65.

Freddie Jacobson and second-round co-leader Heath Slocum were 12 under. Jacobson shot a 66, and Slocum had a 68.

Former Wyndham winners Brandt Snedeker and Webb Simpson joined second-round co-leader Scott

Langley at 11 under in the final event of the PGA Tour's regular season. Snedeker and Simpson shot 66, and Langley had a 69.

## Canadian, South Korean advance to final

JOHNS CREEK, Ga. — Canadian Corey Connors and South Korean Gunn Yang advanced Saturday to the final of the U.S. Amateur Championship at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Connors defeated Denny McCarthy of Maryland 1 up and Yang defeated Frederick Wedel of Texas in 19 holes in the semifinals.

It's the second straight year that no American has reached the championship match.

Connors won the first hole and never trailed. He made back-to-back birdies at 11 and 12 to take a two-shot lead. McCarthy birdied the 16th hole to cut the lead to one, but was unable to win the final two holes.

The 36-hole championship will take place today.

## Warren, Dredge in lead of Made in Denmark

AALBORG, Denmark — Marc Warren mastered strong winds to shoot a 5-under 66 on Saturday and join Bradley Dredge of Wales for a share of the lead after the third round of Made in Denmark.

Warren surged 12 places up the leaderboard to sit tied with Dredge on 6-under 207, three shots ahead of Garth Maybin of Northern Ireland and England's Simon Wakefield.

Dredge, a two-time winner of the European Tour, held a four-shot lead after the second round but only managed a 73 after mixing four bogeys with two birdies.

Warren had eight birdies and three bogeys.

Denmark's Thomas Bjorn, who is hoping to wrap up a Ryder Cup spot, also made a 73 to drop into a



Associated Press

Brittany Lincicome blasts out of a trap on the 16th hole Saturday during the Wegmans LPGA championship in Pittsford, N.Y.

tie for eighth.

## Sutherland shoots first 59 on Champions Tour

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Kevin Sutherland has shot the first 59 in Champions Tour history.

The 50-year-old Sutherland had a chance to become the first player to

card a 58 in a PGA Tour-sanctioned event with a par on No. 18, but made his only bogey of the day. His par putt from about 6 feet slid just past the hole Saturday at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

Sutherland opened with seven birdies and an eagle on the first eight holes. He had 12 birdies

overall, including three straight coming into No. 18 to set up the chance for a 58.

He settled for a 13-under 59, after shooting 71 in Friday's first round in his third Champions Tour event.

Sutherland owns one career PGA Tour title, winning the 2002 Match Play Championship.

# Parkview Lanes announces bowling leagues for 2014-15

■ Mondays at 7 p.m., 4-person mixed teams, meeting Aug. 18, Joe Brooks, secretary.

■ Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., 4-person mixed teams, starts Sept. 9, John Enders, secretary.

■ Tuesdays at 1 p.m., 4-person

mixed teams, 12-weeks, meeting Sept. 2, house league.

■ Tuesdays at 7 p.m., mixed scratch, no cap, meeting Aug. 26, Dorine Fugere, president.

■ Wednesdays at 1 p.m., 4-person mixed (55+), meeting Aug.

27, Joan Cothorn, secretary.

■ Wednesdays at 7 p.m., 4-man teams, starts Aug. 20, Joe Brooks, secretary.

■ Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., 3-woman teams, meeting Sept. 4, Maggie Savarese, secretary.

■ Thursdays at 1 p.m., 4-person mixed teams, starts Sept. 4, Ken McNally, president.

■ Thursdays at 7 p.m., 4-person mixed teams, 12-weeks, started Aug. 14, Bridget Foley, secretary.

■ Fridays at 7 p.m., 4-person teams, meeting Aug. 22, house league.

Call 352-489-6933 to reserve a spot (either as a team or as individuals), or for more information.



Special to the Chronicle

In a rare feat, these two local bowlers rolled 300s against each other in the same game. It occurred in the Monday Summer Special at Parkview Lanes on July 21. Chris Carr, left, rolled his second career perfect game and Eric Glowacki earned his third perfect game.



Special to the Chronicle

Tim Lawrence rolled two 300 games with a 268 in between during the Summer Scratch League July 30 at Parkview Lanes. The 868 series is a new Citrus County record (the previous record was 855). Lawrence has had six 300 games and two 800 series at Parkview Lanes since 2011.

## Recreation BRIEFS

### Citrus United Soccer Club registration

The Citrus United Soccer Club is beginning a new season in October.

The first registration will be held Aug. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lion's Club in Homosassa and the Fairgrounds in Inverness. The last registration will be held Sept. 6.

Check the website [www.citrusunited.com](http://www.citrusunited.com) for additional times and locations. Programs are offered for ages 3 through 19, including programs for children with disabilities.

Registration fees start at \$75 per child, with a \$5 discount for multiple children. Registration for the First Kicks program for 3-year-olds is \$45. Registration fees for children of an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces are waived.

Any new registrants must provide a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call Ann Withkowski at 352-220-4877.

### Upward youth soccer

Joy Lutheran Church is getting ready for its fall soccer leagues. They are looking for boys and girls from Kindergarten to sixth grade to register for this sports experience.

Registration at the church office begins Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 5. Saturday registration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$65 per child, which includes a reversible jersey, water bottle, socks, car magnet and an end-of-season reward. The fee after Sept. 6 is \$70 and after Sept. 16 is \$80. Scholarships are available. All players must attend one soccer evaluation that promotes equal and

competitive teams as well as a substitution system, to complete the registration process.

The first practice begins Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. The first game is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. All events will occur at Hope Field at Joy Lutheran Church.

Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, registering the participants and organizing the players.

For more information, contact Pastor Ed Holloway at 854-4509, ext. 223, or Fran Johnson at 854-4509, ext. 221.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place at State Road 200, Ocala.

### Registration begins for Nature Coast Soccer Club

Registration begins soon for the recreational league of the Nature Coast Soccer Club. Children ages 4 to 15 are welcome to participate.

Registration dates and times at Central Ridge Park, 6905 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, are:

Monday, Aug. 18 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 21 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23 – 10 a.m. to noon

### Citrus Springs Horseshoe Club

Aug. 9 results

Won all three games – Joe Quadrini High Series – Sam Gonzalez 203, Joe Quadrini 202, Barry Sperber 202 High Game – Joe Quadrini 74, Dick Lenzen 73, Barry Sperber 73, Sam Gonzalez 70

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

The club provides the horseshoes. Call Joe Warburton at 352-489-7537 for information about the club.

### Labor Day three-on-three tourney approaches

Hoops-Link presents the "Citrus Labor Day Showdown," a three-on-three basketball tournament for boys and girls on Aug. 30 to 31 in area local gyms. Three games are guaranteed for each team.

Youth divisions are Primary School, Middle School and High School (varsity-JV). There are also men's and women's Adult divisions; Top Flight division, Recreation division and 40 & Over division.

Entry fee is \$60 for all youth divisions and the adult recreation divisions and \$80 for the adult Top Flight division.

Go to [www.Hoopslinkinc.org](http://www.Hoopslinkinc.org) to register online or by mail or contact Kurt at 352-422-4884 for more information. Deadline to enter is Aug. 24.

### Young ones can come PLAY

Citrus County Parks and Recreation offers a sports opportunity for children that may be too young to join the organized sports leagues within the county.

The PLAY program was created for those children who are "ready" to play sports, but just aren't old enough.

The PLAY programs offered in the upcoming session include; soccer at Central Ridge

District Park on Mondays or at Homosassa Area Recreational Park on Wednesdays, and T-ball at Central Ridge District Park on Tuesdays or at Bicentennial Park on Thursdays.

The next session will begin the week of Aug. 18. Boys and girls, ages 3 to 5, are invited to join the six-week program. The cost of the program is \$45 per participant. After enrollment, each child receives age-appropriate sports equipment and a team T-shirt.

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

For hearing impaired, call 352-527-5901 (TTY) or 352-527-7540 (voice).

### Beverly Hills bowling leagues

■ Senior Open League — Tuesdays  
■ Four-person teams. Meeting is Aug. 19 at noon. Start bowling Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.

■ Hills Gang Senior Mixed League — Thursdays

■ Four-person teams. Meeting is Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. Start bowling Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.

■ Nature Coast Mixers — Mondays

■ Four-person teams. Meeting is Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. Start bowling Sept. 8 at 1 p.m.

■ New league forming is a Friday night match play league. Started bowling Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.

Beverly Hills Bowl will add \$500 to prize money. Minimum of 16 teams

Applications for all leagues are on the desk at Beverly Hills Bowl. Call 352-527-1210 for more information.



# With replay, it's a lot easier to see that open man



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

**W**e love to hate the people we elect to public office.

Or at least, some of us do. This is the political season in Citrus County, and we are rushing toward the Aug. 26 primary elections that will help us decide the future direction of both our county and school governments.

The *Chronicle* held its annual political forum on

Thursday evening and more than 500 citizens showed up to listen to the candidates discuss their positions on the issues. It was for the most part refreshing to hear an intelligent discussion.

One of the refrains you heard time and again during the forum was from candidates who said "if you don't like the direction government is going, then elect me and I will make changes."

For the record, almost no one likes the direction government is going on the local, state or federal level. Ever.

Most human beings — me included — are incredibly arrogant.

Deep down we each believe we are smarter, better-looking and more alert than the next guy.

I admit that I sit and watch my favorite quarterback looking over the heads of

those four 350-pound linemen charging at him and complain that he failed to throw the ball to the open receiver downfield.

Somehow, in my arrogance, I believe I would have gotten the ball to the open man.

In reality, if those linemen came charging at me, I would have sunk to the ground in a whimpering mess and most likely soiled myself.

But sitting in the comfortable living room watching things on the big-screen TV, I can't understand why my quarterback didn't get the job done.

The same is true in politics. We all sit back and criticize actions taken by those caught up in the moment.

It is a good process to sit back and analyze what our

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Associated Press

**Lisa Li, a high school student at the U.S. prep school Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., poses for a photo outside the Stephen Robert Campus Center on the Brown University Campus in Providence, Rhode Island. High schoolers want to escape the rat race in China, where students often study late into the night with little opportunity for extracurricular activities. They also believe studying in the U.S. will help them snag coveted spots at more prestigious American colleges. Li said she felt like a failure if she didn't get the top test score in her class in Beijing. Her academic work in the U.S. is also rigorous, but she says she doesn't feel the same kind of pressure, and is now encouraged to explore other interests, like music composition.**

# IN AMERICA, AN ANSWER

**DIDI TANG**  
*Associated Press*

**A**fter getting a glimpse of the endless cramming for China's grueling college entrance exams from the seniors in his high school, 16-year-old Zhang Kaisheng decided to take a different path.

Like a growing number of Chinese teenagers, Zhang plans to enroll this fall in a private U.S. high school where he and his parents hope he will get a more well-rounded — if far more expensive — education. Tuition, room and board can cost around \$40,000 — three to four times more than an elite private school in China.

"I feel like the U.S. education fits me better and will allow me to do things I like to do," said Zhang, who loves playing basketball.

With more than 333,000 of its students in U.S. colleges and graduate schools, China has long been the top feeder of international students in America. Now Chinese high school students are following suit in astonishing fashion: Last year U.S. schools welcomed 50 times more of them than they did just eight years earlier.

The high schoolers want to escape the rat race at home, where students often study late into the night with little opportunity for extracurricular activities. They also believe studying in the U.S. will help them snag coveted spots at prestigious American colleges.

"The competition has grown fiercer, and there has been pressure to go to U.S. high schools to gain an edge," said Xu Yi, who runs a tutoring and consulting agency for Chinese students called Focus Education.

Though international surveys have shown that Chinese students perform well ahead of their American peers in subjects such as math and reading, top-level U.S. schools remain highly regarded among educated Chinese for developing critical thinking and communication skills.

"China boasts solid elementary and secondary education, especially in math, but it lacks innovation," said Wang Huiyao, president of Beijing-based Center for China and Globalization.

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# No excuse not to exercise your right to vote

**I**f you are still waiting on the sidelines and thinking the primary election is not of any importance to you, then you are missing the boat.

The excuses are myriad. You don't vote because you have no interest in

politics, think your vote will not make a difference, are too busy, don't think the issues matter, find it's too hard, don't know

where or when or don't have enough information.

Every one of these excuses can be argued and rebutted. The

single notion is that by not voting you are, in essence, voting. You have given up your right to vote and let someone else's

vote count. It doesn't matter to what party you belong; the turnout is abysmal for both Democrats and Republicans, and

nonpartisan voters hardly show up at all.

Studies show that early voting helps, but not all that much. Mail-in ballots don't help that much. Various tactics are employed to get the vote out, and yet the turnout has not been impressive, and in some cases has decreased. While it's getting easier and easier to vote, turnout continues to decrease. Let us count the ways your vote matters:

Politics relates to the actions and policies of a government, a group of people who control and make decisions for a country, state, etc. Your vote is for the people making decisions for you.

One vote may seem like a drop in the ocean, but how many drops does it take to fill a bucket? Whose drop do you want in that bucket?

Our lives are affected by many governmental issues from local property taxes to state sales

taxes and federal income taxes (just a few of the issues that may matter to you).

Early voting is being held at several locations in Citrus County: Central Ridge Library, Supervisor of Elections Meadowcrest Office, Homosassa Library or Inverness City Hall, and has been extended for nine days prior to Election Day, with extended hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If

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**ENDORSEMENT**

# Background gives Lyn the edge in race

Turmoil has surrounded the latter part of Judge Sandy Kautz' six-year term and three opponents have stepped forward to take her job, the primary focus of which is family law. Of those three, one, Denise Dymond Lyn, has the qualifications, track record of community service and the *Chronicle's* nod as the best candidate to be the next Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge.

Kautz, of Belleview, is taking a low-key approach to campaigning, saying the demands of the job limit time to stump. Also, she is not seeking or accepting campaign contributions, preferring instead to see what happens in the Aug. 26 primary election. The two top vote-getters in the primary will advance to the Nov. 4 general election unless one of the four receives 50 percent, plus one, of the vote in the primary.

"I've already put in the work. As a judge, I don't have time" to campaign, said Kautz, who threw her hat in the ring after seeing others were running for the seat. Unfortunately, between a sense of indifference toward getting re-elected and turmoil during her time on the bench, the voters would be better served by electing a candidate with a clean slate and greater passion.

The turmoil, in short, includes: Kautz signing a stipulation before the Judicial Qualifications Commission that resulted from an investigation of allegations made against her. Those complaints, loosely related to expressing frustration and anger in the course of her duties; and, issuing rulings where it appeared she wasn't clear on the law or chose not to apply it.

The JQC's findings now rest with the state Supreme Court, which will weigh the appropriateness of a reprimand.

In addition, in 2012, Kautz made an appearance in court on her sister's behalf, violating the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The challengers for the five-county circuit — which includes Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter — are Dymond Lyn of Inverness, Mary Hatcher of Bushnell and Bo Samargya of Ocala.

While Mary Hatcher's professional background appears sufficient to make her a contender, her reluctance to articulate approaches toward enhancing efficiencies, saving money, or considering when there are mitigating circumstances that allow for sentencing options, make the other candidates much more appealing.

While discussing the par-

ticulars of specific cases is not allowed, Mary Hatcher believes Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct prevents her from commenting on the business of being a judge and her philosophy toward the application of the law. Given that her challengers — and others who have run for, and been elected to judgeships — disagree, is reason for voters to narrow their considerations to Lyn and Samargya.

Dymond Lyn and Samargya are both suited to serve as judge — professionally and from a personal disposition standpoint. After rehashing interviews with the candidates, a majority of *Chronicle* editorial board members agreed Dymond Lyn deserves the endorsement. Both are articulate and have well-rounded legal backgrounds. Dymond Lyn, however, has a wealth of experience in family law, which is what's most needed in this position, which is based in Citrus County.

Both know that the job is to apply the law fairly, but that if presented with mitigating factors — such as mental health issues — there are instances in which a judge can deviate from sentencing guidelines. Samargya, who has a strong background in criminal law, sees the potential for efficiencies and cost savings in the scheduling of hearings. Simple cases, he said, could be scheduled on a next-day basis.

He believes the courtroom at the county jail in Lecanto could be used for cases involving existing inmates, rather than transporting them to court in Inverness.

And, Samargya believes a judge should weigh sentencing options for juveniles if there's a probability alternative sentencing could put them on a positive track — which, in the long run would save taxpayers money, he said.

Dymond Lyn sees duplication of services as an area to target for cost savings. Streamlining proceedings would benefit the budgets of both those appearing in court and the judicial system itself, she said. Proceedings relating to families should be coordinated so all concerned are scheduled together, she added.

Dymond Lyn believes all parties in a case deserve ample opportunity to present their evidence and she feels all should be treated with respect — which is something, she said, that's been lacking.

While the public and the judicial system would be well served by either Dymond Lyn or Samargya, it's the depth of experience in family law that tips the scales toward Dymond Lyn in this race.

# Obama must avoid appearing weak

Judging by the way he holds his cards so close to his vest, President Obama must be an awfully good poker player. Here we are halfway through his second term, and few observers can claim to know with any precision exactly what he thinks about critical matters of war and peace. Or what he might do if push

came to shove, an eventuality he appears entirely determined to avoid.

Obama often appears disdainful of the theatrical aspects of the presidency. He avoids playing dress-up. No aircraft carrier landings or make-believe ranching for him. Pretty much all the time, the president carries himself as the middle-aged husband, father, former law professor and professional politician that he is. He avoids confrontation whenever possible.

Even when he speaks out on issues of critical national importance, Obama can sound kind of dorky. Witness last week's qualified endorsement of CIA Director John Brennan. Brennan had been forced to apologize to Congress because (apparently unknown to him) agents spied on Senate Intelligence Committee staffers investigating what the Bush administration euphemistically called "enhanced interrogation."

"Even before I came into office," Obama said, "I was very clear that in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, we did some things that were wrong. We did a whole lot of things that were right, but we tortured some folks. We did some things that were contrary to our values." We tortured "folks?"

Mr. President, you invite folks to picnics or welcome them to Jimmy Buffett shows. You torture "terrorist suspects," "prisoners," or "captives." Calling them folks makes it sound like no big deal.

Which may be exactly what Obama intended. Because the other folks he talked about

were the CIA agents who did the waterboarding.

"It's important for us not to feel too sanctimonious in retrospect about the tough job that those folks had," the president said. "A lot of those folks were working hard under enormous pressure and are real patriots, but having said all that, we did some things that were wrong."

Just not wrong enough to get too upset about.

Even Obama's closest aides, it appears, often can't tell what he's thinking. According to David Remnick's vivid New Yorker account of Vladimir Putin's metastasizing authoritarianism, former U.S. ambassador Michael McFaul still can't figure out if the president's a "realist" or an "internationalist" in foreign policy. That is, should the United States favor national self-interest or promote democratic values around the world?

Both, basically. Obama gives ringing speeches endorsing democracy, but in practice acts with cool calculation. McFaul himself made a show of meeting publicly with anti-Putin activists. He lasted only two years in Moscow.

Another example: A while back, the president explained to "CBS This Morning" why arming "moderates" in Syria's civil war was a bad idea.

"When you get farmers, dentists and folks who have never fought before going up against a ruthless opposition in Assad," he said, "the notion that they were in a position to suddenly overturn not only Assad but also ruthless, highly trained jihadists if we just sent a few arms is a fantasy."

"Folks" again. But almost cynical this time.

Then soon afterward Obama asked Congress for \$500 million to arm and train "appropriately vetted" Syrian rebels.

So was the president craftily calling Republicans' bluff, as

he'd done by asking Congress' permission to bomb Bashar al-Assad's regime in 2013? Permission Obama didn't really want and knew he couldn't get, given public resistance to yet another Middle Eastern war.

If so, why repeat the gesture? Could Obama be hearing foot-steps, as they say in the NFL? That is, listening to the rising chorus from *New York Times* columnist Maureen Dowd to Darth Cheney that wants a manly, decisive president who's more enthusiastic about starting wars?

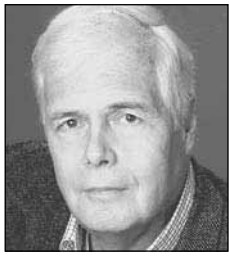
Indeed, before that drunken cast of Dostoyevsky characters under Putin's sponsorship shot down a Malaysian passenger jet in eastern Ukraine, murdering 298 innocent civilians, it had become common to hear GOP partisans wish we had a president more like the virile Russian.

"Putin decides what he wants to do and does it in half a day," Rudy Giuliani declared. "He makes a decision and executes it quickly and everybody reacts. That's what you call a real leader."

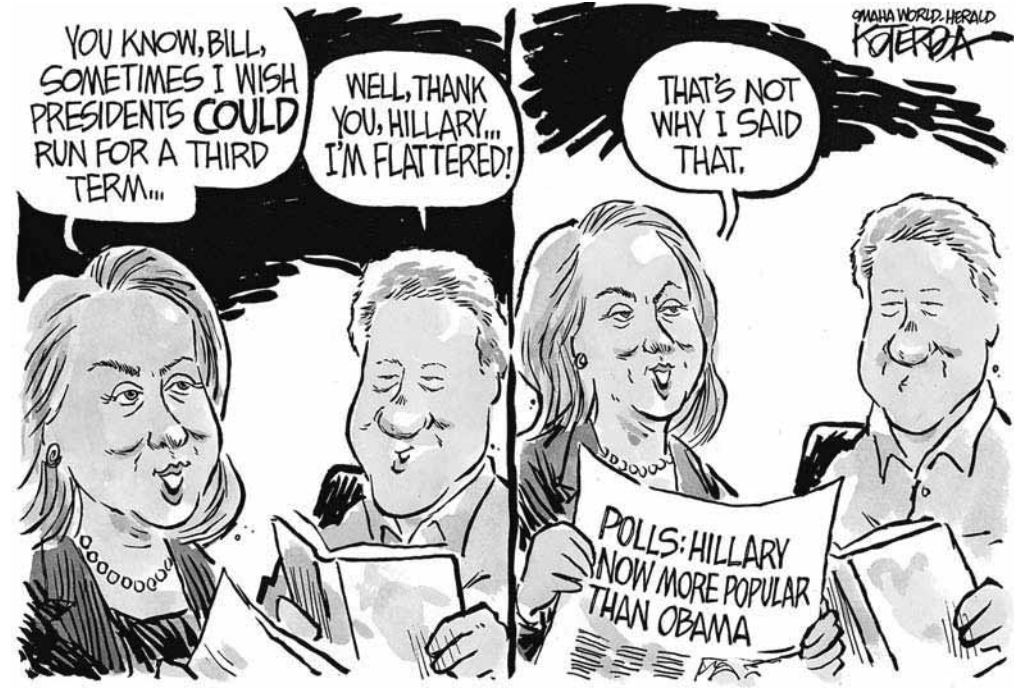
Dowd even wrote a snarky column about Obama the girl-man based on a remark he'd made about hitting singles and doubles in foreign policy instead of more masculine (to Dowd) three-run home runs. She appeared not to grasp the metaphor: Like baseball, foreign policy requires patience. Nobody can hit three-run bombs unless somebody gets on base.

The problem, of course, is that foreign policy isn't poker, football or baseball, and it has a definite theatrical aspect whether Professor Obama likes it or not. Perceptions of character have a way of becoming reality; the perception of weakness can become the most dangerous reality of all.

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**OTHER VOICES**



**LETTER to the Editor**

**Barriers eyesores and unsafe**

I hesitated to write this, but now that the Sound Off of Friday, Aug. 1, has brought this to light, I must speak up.

The barriers at city hall in Inverness are not only an eyesore. First, has anybody on the city council realized you just blocked off a driveway to a public building? Second, in case of fire or a medical emergency, there is only one way in or out. And Pine Street from Main Street is one way in front of Subway. No way back to Main Street. You have to go around the block. Third, the city is telling only half the truth. Big trucks do cut through the parking lot, but it's at 5 a.m. to service downtown merchants.

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Lastly, if I may offer a logical solution: Take down those ugly barriers and place two signs at each entrance saying "No through traffic." Because at one time there was a sheriff's sub station at city hall, having a sheriff's car backed into a parking space would not be out of place. When they cut through, write them up. In a small town like this, word will get out fast. And if you want to put a double whammy on them, place a second sign saying, "Pedestrian crossing, 2 mph, strictly enforced."

Big, black pipe barriers blocking off a driveway to city hall are embarrassing and not a welcome picture in front of a city hall.

Charles Shinsky  
 Inverness

**CHRONICLE ENDORSEMENTS**

Each election season, the *Chronicle* editorial board issues endorsements in the local and state races. The following candidates have been endorsed by the editorial board:

- County Commission District 2:** John "JJ" Kenney.
- County Commission District 4:** Winn Webb.
- School Board District 1:** Thomas Kennedy.
- School Board District 3:** Doug Dodd.
- School Board District 4:** Sandy Balfour.
- School Board District 5:** Linda Powers.
- Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge:** Denise Dymond Lyn.



# Every student should have at least one Mrs. Hancock

Our grandchildren either have begun, or will soon begin, a new school year. Time just continues to rush right on along. From top to bottom, Ariana Brannen is a senior in high school, Emily Lasse is a junior, Kaylee Brannen is a sophomore, Ashley Evans is a freshman, Eric Lasse is in sixth grade and both Joy Evans and Fred Brannen 4 are in fifth.

It has been exciting watching them be excited about their new school clothes, new schools and all of the things that go with growing up and moving on down the road.

For me, watching them fosters memories of my school days, and today, while talking with Joy about beginning fifth grade, I began to recall my personal experiences in the fifth grade.

Honestly, I think that the fifth grade was probably my most meaningful school year.

Why? The teacher. My fifth-grade teacher was Mrs. Zeru Hancock. Yes, that's right, Zeru. It's not a typo.

What was so special about her — that is, in addition to her name?

When she would read or

tell about foreign lands, I'm reasonably sure she had not seen and would never see, she was still able to make you feel as though you were right there.

She made history come alive. It wasn't just some boring recitation of dates and events, when she told us about the past, it became real.

She displayed all of the hallmarks of an excellent

educator, but she was more.

She wasn't just an educator, she was an encourager. She was the first person to make me believe that my artistic efforts were worthwhile and that I should pursue them.

She read the prose of a 10-year-old boy, and made me believe that I could become a meaningful storyteller, maybe even another Mark Twain.



Fred Brannen  
**A SLICE OF LIFE**

I suppose that's really it in a nutshell: She helped me believe in me.

I still paint and sometimes I'm pleased with the results; and, as is obvious, I still write ... certainly not as Samuel Clemens wrote, but I string words together to entertain readers.

In recent years, Cheryl and I have seen many of the places Mrs. Hancock told me about while I was in fifth grade. The reality has been wonderful, but so were the mental pictures given to me in the fifth grade. Seeing my paintings displayed at the Florida Artists Gallery and Café and hav-

ing the showing combined with a book signing for my recently published novel a few months ago is memorable, but so is every compliment that was given to me by Mrs. Hancock.

Every student should have at least one Mrs. Hancock.

*Fred Brannen, an Inverness resident, has been a Chronicle columnist since 1988 and is the author of the recently published novel, "At the Bottom of Biscayne Bay." He may be contacted at fbrannenjr@gmail.com or via brannenbooksllc.com.*

## VOTE

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this is still not an option, you can request an absentee ballot.

In 2012, there were several amendments on the ballot that were so complex in language that even those proficient in legalese would have found them hard to decipher. Fortunately there were resources available to clarify what a yes or no vote would mean, including the League of Women Voters Florida guide. Again this year, the Voter Guide to the General Election will be available in early September to help you make your decisions.

While the League does not support or oppose any candidate, we do request that each candidate provide a biographical and political statement for inclusion in the Voter Guide.

The League of Women Voters wants every voter to be an informed voter. The League's Voter Guides provide information that has been gathered to provide the voter with an unbiased, nonpartisan source of information on the candidates and the amendments on the ballot.

By the time this is printed, it will be too late to register to vote in the local primary, but the upcoming election in November is still within your reach. You can still register to vote in that. Your right to vote is the single most important part of our democracy. The blood, sweat and tears that the patriots of this nation have shed for this right should be enough to convince you to get out to vote. Honor them by exercising your right.

If you need help in finding your polling place for the primary Election Day, Aug. 26, or the general Election Day, Nov. 4, contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at [vote@citrus.com](mailto:vote@citrus.com).

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elected officials do at every level of government. But it's also important to remember that Monday-morning quarterbacking is a lot easier than the real thing.

The real measure of an effective leader is whether they can make decisions in the heat of the moment and get most of them right. No one gets them all right. We can only hope they get most of them right.

Once we elect folks to public office, there is a group of citizens who immediately believe that all of those elected become corrupt and spend their time stuffing their pockets with cash.

Some politicians do, but most don't.

And all of them are human, so they all make mistakes.

Most of us can get it right when we watch the instant replay. Only a very few are willing to get on the football field — or on the election ballot — to publicly take the risk of doing things in real time.

We can all show our appreciation by participating in the Aug. 26 primary. And on Aug. 27, we can get back to watching the game and yelling our loudest about the open receiver downfield.

*Gerry Mulligan is the publisher of the Chronicle. Email him at [gmmulligan@chronicleonline.com](mailto:gmmulligan@chronicleonline.com).*

## Letters to THE EDITOR

### Setting the record straight

On July 15, I was interviewed by the *Chronicle* concerning my desire to (be) elected to the School Board of Citrus County.

Imagine my dismay when, in the published interview on July 26, I was incorrectly quoted as saying, "...I was a good ol' boy," who wanted to return to the "good ol' days."

This is quite the opposite. When I asked for a clarification that was published on July 30, the clarification also mischaracterized me. The term "good ol'" is not generally part of my lexicon, especially when referring to myself. I am not a "good ol' boy/guy" who wants to return to the "good

ol' days." What I said was, "I was an old guy who wanted to return to the old days of teaching the basics of education."

I believe that education is being replaced by ideological indoctrination and, for the most part, the problems of today are caused by the attempt to solve nonexistent problems of yesterday.

I hope these misquotes were simply a misunderstanding of what you thought I said, or perhaps an editorial interpretation, and nothing more.

**Quinton Herrin Jr.**

*candidate for Citrus County School Board, District 3*

### Tired of seeing endorsement letters

Why does the *Chronicle* print all those endorsement letters? Does anyone read them? Does anyone care? Save the trees, print less. Don't we get enough trash through the mail, radio, and TV.

Oh, and by the way, I hope they do not build the medical freeway. Why ruin a perfectly good two-lane, 55-mph road with a dual lane, divided, 45-mph highway, the way they did with County Road 486.

**Lloyd Beasley**  
*Lecanto*



**Sixteen-year-old Zhang Kaisheng smiles near Chinese and U.S. national flags at the lobby of Focus Education, a tutoring and consulting agency in Beijing. Like a growing number of Chinese teenagers, Zhang plans to enroll this fall in a private U.S. high school.**

Associated Press

## ANSWER

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"Chinese students may be able to memorize formulas, but they lack 'soft skills' such as people skills and the ability to communicate with global language and culture."

Young Chinese with U.S. college degrees usually can expect broader career prospects, as China has become increasingly globally minded, with more opportunities for foreign-educated youth.

Last fall, the U.S. issued 31,889 F-1 student visas to Chinese youth planning to attend American high schools, up from just 639 in 2005. China also has overtaken South Korea as the No. 1 origin country of students to U.S. high schools, with its elite families leading the way as their children are vying for spots in prestigious U.S. preparatory schools.

China's rising financial might is fueling the rise.

"Chinese families did not have the choices in the past, and they did not have the financial means, but with the rise of the middle class, Chinese families now can scour worldwide for schools," Wang said.

Chinese parents see the hefty cost of private U.S. high schools as a worthy investment. "If he can develop a multitude of skills and be a well-rounded person, it would be money well spent," said Zhang Kaisheng's mother, Wang Lihong, the president of a state bank branch in Beijing.

For many students, the chance to study in the U.S. opens up new opportunities. Riley Peng, the daughter of a successful entrepreneur, disliked the emphasis on rote memorization in China, and now is engaged in a variety of classes and extracurricular activities at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut,

including running on the cross-country team.

"There are many things I now get to experiment with," she said.

Peng's friend Lisa Li, who attends Lawrence Academy in Groton, Massachusetts, said she felt like a failure if she didn't get the top test score in her class in Beijing. Her academic work in the U.S. is also rigorous, but she says she doesn't feel the same kind of pressure, and is now encouraged to explore other interests — like music composition.

"It is so worth it, although it is highly challenging," Li said. "U.S. prep schools are demanding intellectually, but they also emphasize creativity. It has helped me find my direction — turning the impossible into possibilities."

Her mother, Jin Min, is pleased. "Now she has creativity, instead of being a copying machine of knowledge, or an encyclopedia," she said.

It helps that teens from affluent Chinese families are often well versed in English and American culture. Chinese students usually are required to demonstrate English proficiency before attending American high schools, although some U.S. schools offer remedial courses.

In any case, it's a big adjustment to study far from home. Experts warn parents to think twice before sending their children abroad and urge them to find proper guardianship or choose reputable boarding schools.

Keith Hernandez, vice president of the consulting company Duewest Education, also cautions that an American high school education might not help Chinese students get into the top U.S. universities. Sometimes, too much U.S. experience could hurt an applicant's chances if admissions officers are seeking more diverse backgrounds, he said.

"They are better prepared, but it's not going to be easier," Hernandez said.

Still, the rising demand is creating new opportunities for American schools and enterprising educators.

In Pennsylvania, Chinese investor Jiang Bairong has bought the grounds of an old school and opened the new Princeton International School of Mathematics and Science — miles away from Princeton University — in a partnership with the High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China, an elite school in Beijing.

Principal Max McGee said he had about 30 students last fall and that the goal is to have 250 students in five years. Half would be international students — mostly from China.

"The students are immersed in English, and they learn how to write better," McGee said. "Even after one year, they have become accomplished writers, and they can present with eloquence, power and self-confidence."

American public schools also are jostling for a slice of the cake.

In Michigan, the public Lake Shore High School in the Detroit suburb of St. Clair Shores gets about 90 Chinese students each year, all from the Beijing Haidian International School. The students pay tuition and living expenses to spend 11th grade at Lake Shore High along with American students. A once-abandoned elementary school has been converted for use as a dormitory.

Unlike private schools, U.S. public school districts cannot enroll foreign students for more than one year because of federal restrictions, though a bipartisan bill in Congress seeks change that.

Sponsored by two New York congressmen, Democrat Bill Owens and Republican Chris Gibson, the bill proposes to remove the one-year restriction

on foreign students attending U.S. K-12 public schools as long as they pay the full, unsubsidized per-person cost of attending the school district.

In a written statement, Owens said the change would help public schools improve their bottom line at the time of flagging enrollment.

Lake Shore Schools Superintendent Christopher Loria said his district's program benefits both American teenagers, who "get a better view of the world," and Chinese students, who get a taste of American culture.

"They absolutely love it here. Many will comment that they'd rather stay here sometimes," Loria said. "Obviously they don't, but most of them will come back and go to a college in the U.S."

To ensure that the Chinese students will be able to pass high school graduation exams back home, the Haidian school sends its own teachers to Lake Shore High to provide tutoring classes on math, physics and chemistry. It also provides English tutoring, said Wang Yingkun, a Haidian principal.

Marcus Barnett, a Lake Shore graduate now studying engineering at University of Detroit-Mercy, said Chinese students helped raise the academic bar at his old school.

"They go above and beyond when it comes to studying," he said. "I came to the realization I needed to do the same thing."

Barnett began taking Mandarin Chinese in seventh grade, traveled to China three times and has gained several Chinese "brothers" — students his family has hosted. The experience has helped him understand the importance of being competitive in school and in life.

"They're coming here to go to (college) here. Could that have been my spot if I tried harder?" he said. "On a higher level, what happens after you graduate college? Those same people might want the same thing you want."



## Endorsement LETTERS

### Support McPheeters

I endorse Renee Christopher-McPheeters to be Citrus County Commissioner District 2 and wife Cheryl and I will be voting for her.

Renee is for the people and looking out for our tax dollars. She is a real Republican with patriotic and moral values and ethics.

As assistant to the town leader of the Republican Committee of Babylon, New York, I have the experience to know a great Republican candidate who deserves everyone's vote for Citrus County Commissioner District 2 — Renee Christopher-McPheeters.

**Jeff Mintz**  
Beverly Hills

### Common-sense government

A few years ago I attended a meeting and one of the gentlemen on the panel really impressed me. This man was different. He listened attentively and responded with common sense suggestions and alternatives. He was genuinely concerned with solving problems, not pleasing any special interests. This is the sort of person who should be elected to represent Citrus County and its citizens.

This man is Ron Kitchen.

**Roger Dobronyi**  
Inverness

### Re-elect Powers to school board

Linda Powers has been a valued member of our school board for two and a half terms. Her qualifications for this position are impressive, with her experience spanning nearly every level of education. Combined with her calm demeanor, sincere desire to advocate for students, and ability as an excellent problem solver, she is truly deserving of re-election.

Those who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mrs. Powers are aware of her unique ability to cut to the heart of the problem and define a solution. She will never quit until that problem is solved.

Having a person of this caliber willing to serve our community is an opportunity for all citizens. I urge you to cast your vote for Linda Powers, candidate for the Citrus County School Board, District 5.

**Nancy B. Fitzpatrick**  
Inverness

### Vote McPheeters BOCC seat 2

The citizens should know the candidate for Citrus County Commission District 2, Renee Christopher McPheeters, is the only candidate who supported the Crystal River Mall by attending all of the permitting meetings of the Crystal River Planning Board and Crystal River City Council, speaking favorably at both meetings for permitting acceptance of Rural King.

To myself as manager of the Crystal River Mall, this speaks volumes as to why Renee should be our commissioner as she will promote business in Citrus County, and she does have business experience.

A vote for Renee is a vote for business and a more prosperous Citrus County.

**Millie Bresnahan**  
Crystal River Mall Manager  
Crystal River

### Support Powers for school board

Linda Powers has been outstanding in the Citrus County school system for many years. She is also a wonderful mother and grandmother. Vote for her for the school board.

**Rona Cooper**  
Inverness

### Vote McPheeters for BOCC seat

Our residence is in the interlocal sewer area 112 and during the battle with BOCC to stop the project from going forward, Mrs. Renee McPheeters was extremely helpful by getting involved speaking at BOCC meetings, writing letters to the editor and providing general support. We lost that battle and hopefully we will lose all of the commissioners involved.

Seventy-three percent of the residents sent registered letters objecting to the project to no avail. Many homes have since been abandoned because the previous owners could not af-

ford the sewer money grab. Two of Mrs. McPheeters' opponents were elected officials who voted for the sewer atrocity.

We will be voting for Renee Christopher-McPheeters who respects the citizens' rights and encourage all to do the same.

**Glen Nail**  
**Joe Perruccio**  
Crystal River

### Support McPheeters

I have lived in Citrus County for 88 years, having been born here — so "I take the cake" on knowing about Citrus County.

As the very first Republican elected Commissioner in Citrus County in 1972, I worked hard for the betterment of our county and feel that standing for Republican values is of utmost importance. This is the reason I am endorsing Renee Christopher-McPheeters to be our Citrus County Commissioner, District 2. My wife and my whole family will be voting for her.

I am a disabled veteran and Renee has been working hard to help veterans; she is also for all citizens' welfare and will not waste our tax money.

Please vote for Renee on or before Aug. 26. I thank you in advance for voting for Renee.

**David L. "Dick" DeBusk**  
Inverness

### Vote Dodd for school board

When you vote, please vote Doug Dodd for school board.

When you exercise your freedom to vote, I am confident that you desire to vote for the candidate that will provide the best service to the people of Citrus County. Vote Doug Dodd. In this case, I am confident that you also want to provide our students the best education possible. Vote Doug Dodd. Also, I am sure that you would feel good as a voter if you could help all the students in Citrus County graduate fully prepared to make a positive contribution in our county and to our world. Vote Doug Dodd. As a voter you would be even happier if you knew that our students were prepared academically, socially, physically and mentally when they departed our schools. Vote Doug Dodd.

Can Doug really help in these matters? You better believe it. Please help us promote, encourage, support and elect Doug Dodd. He will make a difference.

Doug Dodd is prepared to make a significant contribution to our school system. This is his time. We need him as a school board member. Do not miss this opportunity to make a difference in our schools. Vote Doug Dodd.

Doug has prepared himself for this hour. He will lead us to have safe and drug-free schools. He will work to efficiently manage our tax dollars. His goal will be to make all our students and schools academically successful.

Have you ever had the urge to do something significant for our kids, for our schools, for our community and for our country? Vote Doug Dodd.

Has there ever been a time in our life when voting for the right person was more important? Vote Doug Dodd for school board.

Did you ever want to just get in there and change things? Vote Doug Dodd.

Did you ever really feel the urge to get on the ol' soapbox and really tell it like it is? Vote Doug Dodd.

Voters. Did you ever want to be proud and tell everyone who you voted for and give the reasons? Vote Doug Dodd.

I have known Doug Dodd for many years and highly recommend him to fill this school board office for District 3. His educational background, his experience on the job, his experience with the youth, his work in our schools and his work and dedication to our community certainly set him apart to serve. I urge you to vote Doug Dodd and give him the opportunity to go to work for our students and for our Citrus County Schools.

**J. Casey Kearse**  
Inverness

### Balfour has my vote

I am a retired teacher originally from Wisconsin, and I volunteered at Homosassa Elementary School. Last fall I had some concerns, especially with Common Core. I emailed all the members of the Citrus County School Board and only received a reply from Sandy Balfour. She visited the classroom in which I was working, and we

also talked at length afterwards about various school concerns. I think this is very telling as to her interest and dedication as a board member. Please vote for Sandy. She will always be available to discuss issues with parents and anyone else who wants to offer their input or suggestions regarding the education of our public school students.

**Marlene Frey**  
Homosassa

### Elect McPheeters to commission

It is imperative that the citizens of Citrus County have Renee Christopher-McPheeters as a county commissioner of District 2. I am a senior citizen and Renee has shown her concern for not only myself, but others in the community. She is an example of the "good Samaritan" and we can all use more help. I have also discussed with her the "political scenario" that would be much improved with Renee on the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners)! Please show her your support as she is truly worthy of this position and will work hard on issues that are important to District 2 and Citrus County as a whole.

Please remember to vote for Renee on Aug. 26 or before. Thank you.

**Peggy Friend, CMA**  
Crystal River

### Fletcher deserves school board seat

I would like to formally endorse Donna Fletcher for Citrus County School Board District 5 seat. I have had the wonderful pleasure of working with Donna in a number of settings. Her heart and compassion for our students, teachers and education system is strong and steadfast. Donna Fletcher has showed on numerous occasions that she is ready and equipped to tackle challenges that our education system faces. I would love to see all of Citrus County to get out and vote, and I would encourage you to vote for Donna Fletcher for District 5 School Board.

**AJ Glenn**  
Beverly Hills

### Keep Kenney on BOCC

I am writing to express my support for the re-election of Commissioner "JJ" Kenney.

He has shown leadership without a personal agenda. He is a calming voice of reason. We need Commissioner Kenney's sound and thoughtful approach to our county's current problems and its bright future opportunities. He served our country with 23 years of military service, including being a Vietnam veteran, then he came to Citrus County and served as our Veterans Service Officer working for the betterment of all local servicemen and women.

As chairman of the commissioners, voted by his peers, the county has stabilized its budget, rebuilt the county's reserves and helped us maintain an AA bond rating in a difficult local market. He is very accessible to all citizens, open to suggestions and criticism, then he makes the best decision for the majority. I ask all voters to help us keep "JJ" Kenney, commissioner, as a voice for all the people!

**Michael Stokley**  
Homosassa

### Herrin best choice for board

I've known Quinton Herrin for over 10 years now, and I was very happy to see him run for school board. Quinton has a lot of new ideas to get our school system back to, again, educating our kids. Seems like the things Quint wants to make policy are really simple, but they will make a big difference. As a retired air traffic controller, the man's got a sharp mind. I've been around Quint long enough to believe that he is the kind of leader the school board needs, a stand-up man who will not be afraid of defending his position and will not be bullied into compromising his principles. Quinton is also the kind of guy who doesn't beat around the bush, and when he tells you something, you know it is not "spin."

I asked him a question one day and two days later he brought me three pages of research. Said he didn't want to guess, so he looked it up. And that is exactly what kind of person this county needs.

**Steve Spurlock**  
Homosassa

### Well said, Katie

I am calling in reference to the letter Katie Lucas of Beverly Hills wrote in the *Chronicle* today, July 31. It is titled, "Do homework before voting." Right on, Katie. We all have a responsibility to do this and thank you for your encouraging letter. I believe that voting is a responsibility as well as a privilege, but we cannot just throw a dart at our ballot.

### Driving lessons

This is for all drivers: Please do not use your cell-phones for calling or picking up or texting. That can wait. And if you want to talk to somebody, please pull over to a parking lot. And plus, all the drivers, please do not tailgate me, because that is a ticket.

### Should've gone sooner

To the person who wrote in about the so-called Speckled Butterbean restaurant over by Wildwood that's been closed: They wrote that they really miss it and it was a great place to eat. According to the editor's note, it's been closed for several years. So obviously they couldn't have missed it too badly to realize that it's been gone and another thing had moved in and they since have gone. So obviously that love for that restaurant wasn't very strong if it's that long before it was realized that it was gone.

### Long-distance blues

I live in Citrus County — in Citrus Springs, to be exact. When I make a phone call, it is not long distance to call Ocala, but I can't even call the *Chronicle* without it being long distance. I don't understand why in a county you can't call countywide and have it not be a toll charge. I hope some other people think about that too.

### No industry here

This is for the person that wants industry in Citrus County, more industry, born here: Well, I was born here, too, and raised here. I don't want any industry. Go, move to Tampa, find a phosphate mine. Illinois, North Dakota, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia has some really crappy towns that are belching out paper mills. I like Citrus County the way it is. The thing is, maybe you should move and let the rest of us stay here. I'm 54. I'm no old fogey, but I'm no young squirt, either. I like Citrus County.

### Forum for us

Will the *Chronicle* be sponsoring a candidate forum at the new Citrus County center in Beverly Hills? The forum that you are now having in south Inverness is quite far away. Be wonderful to have one in the center of our county at our new facility.

**Editor's note:** *The Chronicle hosts two forums every election year. One for the Primary Election, which is at the Fairgrounds; and one for the General Election, which will be at the College of Central Florida. For the comfort of our guests, we attempt to host our forums at facilities large enough to hold between 300 and 500 people.*

### The real good ol' boys

I'm calling regarding Gerry Mulligan's column last Sunday (July 27) when he spoke about the real good ol' boys in Citrus County. He hit the nail right on the head. I've been saying that forever that Charlie Dean and his puppets in the county commission and all are the real good ol' boys and they just like to point back at others and call them the good ol' boys. So great job, Gerry.

### Great service

I'm calling about our pharmacy, Dunnellon Pharmacy. These people are the most helpful, smart people I've ever met. They're very helpful. I haven't met one of the gentlemen or women in that pharmacy that wasn't sweet and real helpful. Very seldom do you wait more than five minutes.

### Donations for Dozer

Regarding a recent Sound Off relating to a shelter dog named Dozer that required surgery for his hip injuries: Since the *Chronicle* editor took the time to get a response from the county, it's

too bad it wasn't clarified that any county money spent for this dog's surgery would have actually come from money that was donated by citizens to the shelter's special needs fund. The county doesn't budget adequately to staff its shelter. It would never take money for its own budget to afford surgery from an outside veterinarian. It is due to the kind donations from our county citizens and hard work of our various nonprofit animal welfare organizations that any type of surgery from an outside veterinarian is afforded for our county shelter animals.

### Dixon wrong on tax

I totally disagree with Dr. Dixon's recent editorial saying that one little tax increase for Citrus Memorial won't hurt us financially and it's the right thing to do. Nonsense. Most of us don't enjoy Dr. Dixon's retirement income and I personally am appalled by the actions of both the board and the foundation over the last several years. These "good citizens" have managed to squander our tax dollars for their own petty grievances and in the process have made two local lawyers wealthy in the process. Their actions demonstrate their total incompetence with regard to money management and the public trust. I'll

bet they even have the gall to think they've done a good job for the people of Citrus County. I say "no" to any more of our money going to this fiasco and let HCA take the deal "as is."

### Mudslinging wrong

Thank you for your piece today, Sunday, Aug. 3, page C2, in the Opinion section. Yes, it appears to be a hostile takeover. I called Sound Off yesterday and reported my thoughts and your article adds to my suspicions exactly. Please, voters, we all need to do our homework and see this scam for what it is. Yes, I said scam. Please take your vote very serious, locally, statewide and nationally. Voting is a privilege. I do not want to lose it — do you? Mudslinging is a form of bullying. This has to stop. This practice is wrong, very wrong. Wake up, voters, and vote responsibly.

### The wealthy rule

I rarely disagree with Gerry Mulligan, but I believe he is way off base if he thinks this country has the best form of government on the planet. The United States is no longer a democracy. We have become an oligarchy. The wealthy rule. They own the majority of the elected officials and the situation will continue to deteriorate locally, and even more so on the national level, until we have an election reform beginning with a constitutional amendment to drastically limit campaign spending.

### Cassette man

I am trying to track down the fellow that put an ad in Sound Off to convert cassette tapes into CDs for music. He said he knew how to do it and I could find nobody else and I'd sure appreciate if you could locate this fellow. The ad was in the paper about five weeks ago...

**Editor's note:** *Here is the Sound Off: "I can transfer cassettes to CDs and I charge \$5 a CD. My number is 352-613-2034."*

### Help the homeless

If we can build an animal shelter for \$2.8 million, can we spend a few dollars on showers for the homeless? I remember in the '40s and '50s in the Army, there was always a shower tent on bivouac and the equipment was portable. If we could do that 55 years ago, surely we can do it now.

### Looking for Lt. Gov.

I just received my sample ballot and I see that the governors are all listed and the lieutenant governors not yet designated. I hope that when the real ballot comes out, we will have a designation of who may be our governor later on after the election because something could happen to the governor and we'd have somebody come in that nobody knows or had anything to do about electing. If they can't decide who's going to be with them, they shouldn't be running.





**Endorsement LETTERS**

**Support Powers and Kennedy**

Linda Powers and Thomas Kennedy are dynamic and caring school board members who have provided successful leadership to our students, teachers and educational community. In my prior role as a school psychologist, I have presented programs and information to the school board on numerous occasions and have always been impressed by the insightful questions and support provided by these two individuals.

Although I am recently retired after 34 years of practice, my daughter is a Citrus County teacher, and two of my grandchildren attend primary school in our district. I have always felt that our school system is highly responsive to the needs of our community, and that school system stability is created when intelligent and proactive board members are able to continue to function in their elected positions.

Mrs. Powers has an extensive background in the fields of mental health and education. Prior to being elected to the school board, she served our community as a licensed mental health counselor and school guidance counselor. Linda's teaching experience at the middle, high school and community college levels have provided her with a broad perspective on a myriad of educational issues and she truly believes that "education is a life time journey." In addition to her teaching experience, Linda has also served as assistant principal and acting principal. In addition to her role as a school board member, she was instrumental in our school district's development and establishment of several crisis-intervention procedures as well as the International Baccalaureate Program.

Linda is dedicated to strengthening our community and has previously served as a board

member for numerous state/county organizations (Florida School Board Association, Legislative committee, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, Citrus County Family Visitation Center, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Eckerd Youth Camp - E-Nini-Hassee and the Citrus Education Foundation). This wide range of leadership experience combined with her calm/analytical approach to complex problem solving situations has positively impacted our community.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy is always striving to find innovative ways to support classroom instruction, and is able to blend his strong business background and personal experiences with input that he constantly seeks from a wide range of our school district's stakeholders. His blog serves as an excellent communication tool, and Thomas truly enjoys talking directly with students, school board

employees and parents. He is passionate about his position on the school board and is a strong advocate for children with special needs.

He is a ubiquitous presence at student award ceremonies and is quick to offer his praise and encouragement for continued success. Thomas' business acumen makes him acutely aware of the "fiscal realities" inherent in school system budgeting as he carefully considers the financial impact of each board's decision on the well being of our students and taxpayers.

John F. Kennedy once said that "Children are the world's most valuable resources and its best hope for the future." It is my strong belief that Linda Powers and Thomas Kennedy are our best hope for the future of children in Citrus County Schools.

**Dr. Andy Nott, NCSPP**  
School psychologist  
Inverness

**Vote Powers for school board**

I am writing to encourage my community to support the return of Linda Powers to the Citrus County School Board for another term. She has been an effective member since 2004. She is already trained in the letter of the law governing our fine schools.

Linda's background in teaching and counseling all grades from elementary through college gives her a great working knowledge of what the needs are for each and every student.

I have witnessed her research efforts to bring everything she has to help her community, and I am very proud of her work. It is much easier for our teachers, students and parents to sleep at night knowing that Linda is working on their behalf.

Since any school board has to be a "complaint department," we all want a great communicator with compassion and intelligence, and Linda's master's degree in counseling

sure does fit the bill. As a resident of Citrus County for over 30 years, I want her to stay right where she belongs. She has the insight we all want for our children and grandchildren. Please join me and my family in supporting the return of Linda Powers to the Citrus County School Board.

**Dianne Brashear**  
Inverness

**Vote for McPheeters**

My wife and I have supported and voted for Renee Christopher-McPheeters to be our commissioner since Renee first ran for county commissioner, as it was clear she is a fiscal conservative and not beholden to special interests.

We encourage everyone to vote on or before Aug. 26, for Renee Christopher-McPheeters to be our Citrus County Commissioner, District 2 — or suffer higher taxes and wasted spending.

**Pat Havey**  
Beverly Hills

**20th Annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride!**  
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014  
on the Withlacoochee State Trail

**Start Time:**  
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. (No mass start) Rain or Shine.

**Location:** The ride will begin at the North Apopka Avenue Trail Crossing in Inverness. Continental Breakfast available, Lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$25 per rider.  
\$15 for riders 12 and under.  
Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

All Door Prizes will be randomly selected and given to those who are pre-registered by 5pm Oct. 3. At least one bike will be included in door prizes.

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Submit your entry online by August 29, 2014 at [www.chronicleonline.com/saveourwaters](http://www.chronicleonline.com/saveourwaters)

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Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club  
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Shotgun Start is at 8:30 am

Sign up and payment due by August 31 or first 120 players. Check payable to Citrus County Veterans Foundation and mail to 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Key #13, Lecanto FL 34461, Attn: Sam Dininno

**Price includes: golf cart, beverages on course, lunch at the clubhouse. Prizes: 1st, 2nd & Last Closest to the Pin Hole in One Prize**

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- Citrus County Chamber of Commerce (Inverness & Crystal River)
- Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River
- Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness
- Citrus County Extension Services 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto
- Citrus County Libraries—all locations
- Citrus County Sheriff's Office EOC, 3549 Saunders Way, Lecanto
- Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto
- Citrus County Tax Collectors Office, Crystal River and Inverness
- Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.
- Crystal River City Hall, 123 NW Hwy 19, Crystal River
- East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf to Lake Hwy., Inverness
- Inverness City Hall, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness
- Inverness Community Center, 1082 N. Paul Dr., Inverness
- Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto
- Nature Coast Bank 2453 N Citrus Hills Blvd, Hernando
- Nature Coast Bank 1160 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River
- Supervisor of Elections, 120 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness
- West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Dr., Homosassa

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**Endorsement LETTERS**

**Elect Balfour**

The time has come in the education of all our children for them to have a solid, knowledgeable voice on the school board. The time has come for all board members to not only talk the talk but to walk and live it as well. The time has indeed come for Sandy Balfour. As a retired teacher and current Citrus County substitute, I know Sandy recognizes the challenges that students and staff are facing. She encourages others to share their ideas for improvements and can be trusted to listen and most importantly, hear concerns from students, parents, staff and community members.

Sandy is a former businesswoman. When her boys were starting school, there were elements of their education that troubled her. Sandy's solution was to become a teacher and really learn how to help her boys. Very quickly, it became apparent to her that other children needed a voice as well. Someone to make their educational experience all that it could be. Sandy Balfour doesn't just pay lip service to the educational process. She has devoted her life to making students life long learners. Sandy has brought her passion and considerable talents to every level of education. Board membership is so much more than a job. School board members should come to this position with a heart-felt conviction to take action for the betterment of all the children they serve. I believe the basis of that conviction has to have its roots in the best possible educational process. There can be no personal agendas. Our

children are the only agenda when it comes to education. We are at a time in our history when it is more important than ever before to enhance our children's education not dummy it down. Sandy Balfour sets a high bar for her students and herself, as well. Raise the bar and others will strive to meet it. Lower it, and watch others cease to care.

Raise the bar with Sandy Balfour on the Citrus County School Board.

**Ann Krukowski**  
Beverly Hills

**Elect Fletcher**

Mrs. Donna Fletcher is a perfect candidate for Citrus County School Board — not only because she works at the Academy of Environmental Science controlling the finances, but also because she is also a wonderful mom who has a son in second grade and knows all the current issues firsthand.

I had the pleasure living with her and her amazing family as an exchange student during the past school year. She was always pushing and encouraging me and changed my way of thinking so much. I know firsthand she works hard for everything she wants to achieve in life, like running for school board and so many other things. Citrus County needs a fresh, young face on its school board. She is so dedicated to giving her son and your children the best possible education. I remember when I said: "I love American high school, because it's so easy, it's not challenging me at all and I just go there to hang out with my friends." She wasn't surprised. We got to know each other's cultures very well during the

time I was staying at her house and she was aware of foreign countries being way ahead in education.

She knows changes have to be made within the system. She feels like she owes it to her son. I believe what most parents want for their children is them having a bright and successful future. In order for us children to achieve this goal, it is very important to give us the education we need. Donna Fletcher can turn those visions into achievements. So please, don't forget to vote for her, whether in an absentee ballot, early voting or in the primary election on Aug. 26. Donna Fletcher makes changes for good.

**Shirlin A. Maar**  
Hernando

**Elect Dodd**

I am writing this letter in support of one of the finest people I know, Doug Dodd. He is an excellent choice for our school board and possesses all of the qualities needed to be a superb member: Doug has integrity, compassion, good judgment and is completely fair in his analytical abilities.

I have known Doug through his work with the Citizen's Academy and the Citizen's Academy Alumni Association. I must say, Doug has a heart for kids, and this is why he developed a high school Citizen's Academy program. The students who attend this high school academy learn not only about our criminal justice system, but also about different career opportunities. They also learn about our

county and state government. It is a great program!

With Doug's education and background of 26 1/2 years with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office he would also have the safety of our children utmost in his mind. We need a professional like Doug Dodd to offer a different perspective and fresh dimension to our school board. For all of the reasons mentioned above, he definitely has my vote. Doug Dodd is an excellent choice for school board District 3!

**Jonna Wing**  
Inverness

**Support Powers**

We have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing Linda Powers for many years. She has the experience of being on the school board for 10 years. She has worked tirelessly for the students of this county. She was instrumental in getting the IB program, which has benefited our children. In the past, parents had to take their children to Ocala, which was extremely hard and disruptive to their busy schedules. We have personally known a few families who had to endure the hardship.

Linda is a very dedicated individual who has been involved in bringing recognition to Art Education and Citrus County, attaining an "A" grade for the last seven years. She has also been instrumental in the expansion of Technical Education and the installation of safety traffic signs in our schools. Linda supports strong basics in curriculum and fiscal responsi-

bility at all levels in the school system.

Linda brings tremendous knowledge as a school board member due to her experience as a teacher, instructor, counselor and administrator in primary and secondary schools and in community college. She has also served on the State Educational Panels Regional Planning Council. She was recognized in 2013 as a friend of Art Education by the Florida Art Education Association, as well as being recognized as the most Admired Educator in 1998.

Linda is very active in our community. She has worked closely with local civic groups such as Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, Citrus County Fair, Leadership Citrus 2005 and Eckerd Youth Camp.

We need board members like Linda Powers to take our schools to the next level. We strongly believe in her experience, integrity and proven leadership skills to achieve this goal. We support her in her endeavor to serve again on the school board. We urge everyone to do the same.

**Dr. Parmanand and Jaya Gurnani**  
Inverness

**Vote Fletcher**

I would like to take the opportunity to recommend Donna Fletcher to serve on the Citrus County School Board. Over two years ago we were interviewing different schools for our grandson to attend. At that time, we were not sure which to choose. One evening, that

all changed. My husband and his guest attended a dinner for AES and had the privilege of having Donna Fletcher, who worked for the Academy, sit at their table. Donna talked about her pride for the school, the students and the incredible staff she worked with. It was obvious that the positions she served in, was more than a job to her — it was a place where she could use her abilities and talents to serve the parents, students and school. It was clear that she left no stone unturned in making each day a better one.

Among her many skills, she has worked in finances, bookkeeping, registrar, guidance counselor and on a daily basis communicates with the students and their parents. She has and continues to help each student prepare the way for not only academic success, but has been a model to them to do their best. Donna has grown up and attended school in Citrus County and now her 8-year-old son is attending school in Citrus County. She has a vested interest in making education and the curriculum the best it can be. Her goal is to use all her talents and abilities to create an environment that will benefit each individual student to help them become the very best they can be. She has already affected the lives of many students and parents at AES and with the opportunity to be a part of the board she can expand and continue her great influence to others as well.

**Helen Widman**  
Dunnellon

**August 2014 National Golf Month**

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**August 19 • 6PM**  
City of Crystal River Music in the Park  
Kings Bay Park Bandshell  
Contact Phone: 795-4216

**August 30 • 9:00 AM**  
Citrus County Craft Council  
25th Annual Harvest Moon Craft Show  
Citrus County Auditorium  
Contact Phone: 352-503-6329

**September 6**  
Driving Change Together  
United Way's Annual Campaign Kick-Off  
Plantation on Crystal River  
\$75.00 per person purchased online at [www.citrusunitedway.org](http://www.citrusunitedway.org)  
or by calling the office 352-795-5483

**September 6**  
Citrus County Veterans Foundation (CCVF)  
10th Annual Citrus County Veterans 4 Person Scramble  
Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club  
Check in; 7:30 a.m.; Shotgun start: 8:30 a.m.  
Entrance Fee: \$55.00  
Contact Phone: 352-382-3847

**September 13**  
Citrus Springs Civic Association Kids Garage Sale  
Citrus Springs Community Center  
Contact Phone: (352) 465-5920

**September 20-27**  
Citrus 20/20 Inc, Save Our Water Week (SOWW)  
Nineteenth Annual Save Our Waters Week  
Contact Phone: 352-382-3847

**Sept 20**  
City of Inverness Farmer's Market  
featuring Cooking Demo with Chef Kulow  
Downtown Inverness  
Contact Phone: 352-423-4408

**Sept 20 • 6:00 AM**  
Citrus 20/20, Inc. - Save our Waters Week  
25th Annual Lakes, Rivers & Coastal Cleanup  
County Wide  
Contact Phone: 352-201-0149

**Sept 20 • 8:30 AM Shotgun Start**  
VFW Post 10087 Women's Golf Outing  
The Oaks at Citrus Hills Golf & Country  
Entrance Fee: \$55 per golfer  
Contact Phone: 586-7267

**Sept 27 • 9:00 AM**  
Business Women's Alliance of the Citrus County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo  
Crystal River Armory  
Contact Phone: 352-726-7517

**Oct 1 - Oct 30**  
Nature Coast EMS Stock Up For Seniors  
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**The community is invited to attend the Driving Change Together United Way of Citrus County's ANNUAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF**

**Sat., Sept. 6, 2014 • 6:30 PM**  
Plantation on Crystal River • 9301 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River

**\$75 per person**  
Tickets may be purchased online at [www.citrusunitedway.org](http://www.citrusunitedway.org) or by calling the office 352-795-5483

Each attendee will receive one drink ticket. No table assignments will be issued for this sit down dinner. Cocktail attire required.

During the event, guests will have the chance to dance, have fun, and learn more about United Way for the 2014-2015 year.

The 2014/2015 will be officially kicked off by campaign chairs...

- Steve & Jewel Lamb of Crystal Automotive,
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- Paul Arduser of Citrus KIA

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# Going from renting to buying at age 70



Bruce Williams  
**SMART MONEY**

**DEAR BRUCE:** I am 70 years old, and my wife is 68. I am finally in a position to buy a house.

I have \$500,000 in an IRA and \$100,000 in liquid assets. We have no bills, and my credit rating is 800. My rent is \$1,150 a month plus utilities. I have a yearly income of \$72,000.

I'm hoping you can give me some advice on pros and

cons about buying a house at our ages. — **W.F., Oxnard, California**

**DEAR W.F.:** There is no right or wrong here. If you have set your mind on buying a house and can find one at the right price, go for it. The question is, what is the right price?

But given the fact that you have \$100,000 in liquid assets, no bills and excellent credit rating, I don't see any

reason at this point to purchase. The amount of money you are spending for rent right now certainly is doable, and you have none of the headaches that a homeowner has.

If you really want to own a house, I wouldn't spend much more than \$150,000 to \$200,000, and in your part of the world, that may be a difficult goal to meet.

**DEAR BRUCE:** My fiance

filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy several years ago before we got together. A year after the wedding will be five years since he filed. Can you give me an idea what effect that may have on my credit rating? — **E.M.**

**DEAR E.M.:** The fact that your fiance filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy before you met should not affect you in any way. The five years will be over, and hopefully the mat-

ter will be put aside. It would have no effect on your credit rating as long as you keep your affairs separate, which I would suggest that you do.

**DEAR BRUCE:** We had three children. One of my daughters passed away suddenly last year. Our desire is that when we are gone, our two surviving children each

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STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

**Dr. Adnan Mohammadbhoy is the new chief of surgery at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. Dr. Mohammadbhoy is a board-certified general surgeon with a private practice on Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. He assumed his new position with Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center effective June 1.**

## THE PERFECT PACE

*New chief of surgery at Seven Rivers finds Citrus a comfortable fit*

**MEGAN CARELLA**  
*For the Chronicle*

**A** desire to return to small-town Florida brought Adnan Mohammadbhoy, D.O., to Citrus County in 2011. Known by one and all as "Dr. Mo," the Florida native is the new chief of surgery for Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, where he performs a wide range of surgical procedures using traditional and minimally invasive techniques.

As chief of surgery, Mohammadbhoy works closely with hospital administration to bridge gaps between the surgeons and administration. He serves as part of the hospital's quality-control team, making sure physicians' paperwork, education and other credentials are up to standards and meet state-mandated requirements.

Medicine is the family business for Mohammadbhoy. His father is an OB-

GYN in their hometown of Arcadia, so becoming a doctor was "always on my mind," he said. But a traumatic experience in college led Mohammadbhoy to pursue surgery as a specialty.

"I was in a car accident as an undergrad. I had to miss a few semesters of school and needed surgery," he recalled. "Seeing surgeons in action made me feel like I wanted to be on the other side."

Mohammadbhoy earned his medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pennsylvania. He completed a rotating internship and his general surgery residency at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia. He practiced in Philadelphia, Maine and Washington state before he and his wife, also from Arcadia, decided to return home to Florida. Knowing they wanted to raise their two daughters in a small community, they took two years investigating opportunities before

choosing Citrus County. For Mohammadbhoy and his family, it's been the perfect move.

"We have access to the water and great public schools," he said. "And even though this is a smaller community, there are so many activities available for the kids. In Philadelphia, everything was so busy and hectic. Here, I can do the work I love but still manage to coach my daughters' sports teams and make it to their dance or music performances."

Board-certified in general surgery, Mohammadbhoy mends hernias, removes gallbladders and performs appendectomies, cancer and emergency surgeries and other procedures. The technological advances in surgical techniques have allowed him to provide a range of minimally invasive surgeries which result in less pain and a shorter recovery time for his patients.

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## Economic crime to get fresh look from sentencing panel

*Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — The federal panel that sets sentencing policy announced Thursday that it plans in the coming year to consider changes to sentencing guidelines for some white-collar crimes.

The U.S. Sentencing Commission, which earlier this year reduced guideline ranges for drug crimes, unanimously approved its latest set of priorities. The top priority will be continuing to work with Congress on reducing the scope and severity of mandatory minimum penalties, but another goal will be evaluating the fairness of sentences for economic crimes like fraud, the commission said.

The panel had been reviewing data for several years, but plans to hear more from judges, victims and others to decide "whether there are ways the economic crime guidelines could work better," the commission's chairwoman, Patti Saris, a federal judge in Massachusetts, said in a statement.

Defense lawyers who long have sought the changes say a window to act opened once the sentencing commission cut sentencing guidelines for drug crimes, clearing a major priority from its agenda.

It's unclear what action the commission ultimately will take, especially given the public outrage at fraudsters who stole their clients' life savings and lingering anger over the damage inflicted by the 2008 financial crisis. But the discussion about tweaking sentences for economic crimes comes as some federal judges have chosen to ignore the existing guidelines in some cases and as the Justice Department, which has said it welcomes a review, looks for ways to cut costs in an overpopulated federal prison system.

Sentencing guidelines are advisory rather than mandatory,

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## Nonprofit revenue compliance concerns, Part 3



Dr. Ferderick Herzog, Ph.D.  
**NONPROFIT BRIEFS**

**M**ost sacred to a nonprofit organization is its purpose and mission. Equally important are the federal and state tax exemptions available to nonprofits. Governmental agencies involved in nonprofit regulations and oversight provide financial benefits via tax exemptions not available to the for-profit business community. Tax exemptions allow a nonprofit optimal utilization

of its revenue streams. Eliminating the cash drain of paying taxes is akin to earning money. Nontax revenue received by a nonprofit is a considerable benefit that preserves cash. It allows a nonprofit the financial capacity to continue supporting its mission.

Nonprofits that receive the exemption benefit have an obligation to identify their sources of revenue on

the Annual Information Return. Should this annual return indicate some revenue outside the organization's purpose and mission, UBIT (Unrelated Business Income Tax) may apply.

### UBIT

Identifying and documenting sources of revenue requires appropriate IRS-suggested bookkeeping practices. If one or more

revenue streams record earnings not within the scope of a nonprofit's acceptable sources of revenue, UBIT may apply. Unrelated Business Income Tax is a liability that nonprofits pay should they unfairly compete with the for-profit businesses that pay tax on net income after expense.

For-profit businesses generate revenue, deduct the cost of doing business ex-

penses, pay shareholder dividends and finally income tax on net earnings. This is the cost burden that exists for the for-profit business entity.

At the other end of this revenue/taxation spectrum is the nonprofit organization. They generate revenue and enjoy tax exemptions on income as long they do not compete directly with the

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## CCBA Fishing Tournament giving bigger every year

CITRUS COUNTY — The Citrus County Builders Association (CCBA) donated \$3,003.36 from the proceeds of its 19th annual Family Fishing Tournament to the Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart during a breakfast commemorating the 232nd anniversary of the Purple Heart Medal hosted by the West Citrus Elks Lodge No. 2693.

The 2014 tournament donation was nearly double the previous year's donation of \$1,682.69. Commander Allen, in return, presented the tournament committee with the official flag of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in appreciation for its support. Erin Ray gave heartfelt condolences to the chapter on the passing of their member, Paul Alan Bell, who has served for the past

three years as the liaison to the fishing tournament and voiced special appreciation for 2014 Purple Heart Sponsor Sodium Fishing Gear.

The 19th annual Family Fishing Tournament, presented by FDS Disposal Inc, was held on April 26 and 27 at the Homosassa Riverside Resort and pledged a portion of its proceeds to a local non-profit for the third consecutive year. The CCBA is proud to have had this opportunity to give back to such a worthy cause and is looking forward to continued community organization partnering in the future. The 20th annual Family Fishing Tournament is scheduled for April 18 and 19, 2015, and will again partner with the Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart, assisted by its new tournament liaison Lee Helschel.



FROM LEFT: Donna Bidlack, CCBA executive officer; Erin Ray, FDS Disposal, Inc., tournament platinum sponsor and 2014 tournament chair; Bud Allen, Chapter 776 commander; CCBA Board Secretary Dusty Porter of Porter's Locksmithing; and Board Director John Porter of Porter's Locksmithing.

## Builders issue endorsements



Meeting at the recent Southeast Building Conference (SEBC) in Orlando, the Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) has endorsed Gov. Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam in their re-election bids.

"I think everyone would agree that when you have a winning team, it doesn't make sense to change the players," said FHBA President Ron Lieberman, a longtime Citrus County homebuilder. "Clearly, that's the consensus of the Florida Home Builders Association and its Political Action Committee with respect to Governor Rick Scott and the members of his Cabinet."

Bondi and Putnam actually attended the SEBC and Scott called into the FHBA Governmental Affairs Committee meeting to tout his jobs-generating agenda.

Speaking at the conference, Bondi thanked the association, its local builders associations and members for promoting economic growth and prosperity.

"I am honored to receive support from the Florida Home Builders Association," Bondi said. "The industry is extremely important to Florida's economy and in helping families realize the American Dream of homeownership."

In addition to the two Cabinet members, the SEBC was attended by Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera, who toured the exhibit hall and gave an inspiring message to high school students involved in the Future Builders of America program.



### Important upcoming CCBA events

Dates have been chosen for some of our favorite events, but details are still in the planning stages. Save the dates and check back soon for more information!

- Aug. 28 — CCBA Elections General Membership Luncheon catered by Joe's Deli from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 per person includes networking and meatloaf luncheon. Only CCBA members are permitted to vote but all members of all Citrus County business associations are welcome and encouraged to attend. For reservations please contact the CCBA at 352-746-9028 or register online at CitrusBuilders.com.
- Feb. 21, 2015 — CCBA Jim Blackshear Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County.
- April 18 and 19, 2015 — CCBA 20th Annual Family Fishing Tournament at Homosassa Riverside Resort.



## Shop Local event Nov. 8 at mall

The *Village Crier* newspaper and the Citrus County Builders Association are excited to announce the Shop Local Community Showcase Expo will be held Nov. 8, 2014, at the Crystal River Mall. This year's expo is the combination of two shows for an even bigger experience. Florida Public Utilities will be the presenting sponsor for this year's event.

A variety of local businesses from all categories will be on hand to showcase and demonstrate their products and services as well as interactive presentations. Additional information will be made available in the upcoming months. For vendor information please call 352-746-9028 or visit the events page of [www.CitrusBuilders.com](http://www.CitrusBuilders.com).

### Jablonskis, Rivera tie knot

The Citrus County Builders Association is pleased to announce the marriage of member Keegan Jablonskis, Bluewater Drafting Inc., to Catherine Rivera on Saturday, July 26, in Inverness. Please join us in wishing them many blessings and congratulations on their nuptials!



### Golf Outing raises thousands



2014 Golf Outing Chairman Dan Kern of Gulf Coast Ready Mix (left) presents Steve Lamb of Crystal Chevrolet (center) with a plaque in appreciation of its presenting sponsorship of the 2014 Jim Blackshear Memorial Golf Outing. Assisting him in presentation was Golf Outing Vice Chairman Kevin Blackshear of Blackshears II Aluminum. With the help of Crystal Chevrolet and the other business that sponsored the event, the CCBA was able to present Charitable Partner Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County with a check for \$3,854.38. The 2015 Jim Blackshear Memorial Golf Outing, in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21. For more information on this event and how to participate, call the CCBA at 352-746-9028 or Boys & Girls Clubs 352 621-9225.



# Chamber Connection

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## EDC Barbecue tickets on sale



Stop by the Chamber offices in Crystal River and Inverness to pick up your tickets to the premiere barbecue event of the season. Come celebrate Industry Appreciation Month with the EDC and Chamber! Buy tickets at [CitrusCountyEDC.com](http://CitrusCountyEDC.com).

### EDC Barbecue

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## Bays talks business on Chamber Report



REBECCA BAYS

Tune into this week's Chamber Report with Josh Wooten. This week he interviews Rebecca Bays regarding the insurance industry and her business, Insurance Resources & Risk Management.



## 2014 CRYSTAL RIVER CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 6



## 2014 INVERNESS CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13



# Home for the Holidays

It's time to start preparing for the Chamber Christmas parades! This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays," and will incorporate elements of travel such as planes, boats, trains, buses and cars. Parade applications and sponsorship applications are online at [CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com). Under "News & Events," click on "Christmas Parades" under the "Quick Links" heading. Email completed applications to [jeff@citruscountychamber.com](mailto:jeff@citruscountychamber.com), fax them to 352-795-1921 or deliver them to the Crystal River or Inverness Chamber offices. Parade applications due by 5 p.m. on Nov. 21.

### Crystal River Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 6  
Begins at 6 p.m.  
**Grand marshal:**  
Andy Houston

### Inverness Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 13  
Starting at 12 p.m.  
**Grand marshal:**  
Charles E. Davis

**Entry/Float Fees:**  
Commercial entry: \$50  
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Commercial entry fee is per unit. Businesses can have one truck, car, boat, motor home, etc. A truck with a trailer is considered one unit. More than one unit per entry will be an additional \$20 per unit. There is no fee for police, fire, government officials currently in office, military, school bands and current-year pageant winners.

## Chamber events

For more information on events, visit [CitrusCountyChamber.com/events/](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com/events/), [CitrusCountyChamber.com/mobile/](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com/mobile/) or call 352-795-3149.

**Aug. 17** — Ribbon-cutting for Rural King, 10 a.m., Crystal River Mall. Will feature high school band, color guard and barbecue.

**Aug. 18** — Ribbon-cutting for Office Max, 4:30 p.m., 1501 S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

**Aug. 19** — Be Resourceful/Be Ready

Inverness-area Business Workshop, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Withlacoochee Technical Institute, 1201 W. Main Street, Inverness.

**Aug. 20** — Ribbon-cutting for Boat-house Restaurant, 8:30 a.m., 1935 S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

**Aug. 22** — Ribbon-cutting for Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church/School, 4:30 p.m., 4221 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto.

**Aug. 25** — Ribbon-cutting for Realty Connect, 4:30 p.m., 119 E. Dampier St., Inverness.

**Aug. 27** — New Chamber member orientation, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., HPH Hospice conference room.

**Aug. 28** — Mixer hosted by Clawdaddy's

Raw Bar and Grill, 5 to 7 p.m., 1601 S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

**Sept. 6** — Business Expo, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave., Inverness.

**Sept. 27** — Business Women's Alliance BWA Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crystal River Mall.

## Community events

**Aug. 15 to 23** — Early voting.

**Aug. 19** — City of Inverness City Council Meeting, Inverness Government Center, More information 352-726-2611.

**Aug. 21** — Storage Auction, 9 a.m. at StoreRight Self Storage, 1227 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Six units up for auction.

**Aug. 23** — Tobacco Cessation Class, 2:30 p.m. at Lakes Region Library branch. Free two-hour tobacco dependence seminar. To register, call 813-929-1000 ext. 204 or visit [gnahec.org](http://gnahec.org).

**Aug. 26** — Citrus County Primary Election. Questions? Contact the Supervisor of Elections office at 352-341-6740.

**Aug. 30** — Courthouse Rock the Block, free festival and fundraiser for the Courthouse Museum, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. More information 352-726-2611.

**Aug. 31** — Movie in the Pines: "The Lego Movie," 7:30 p.m. at Whispering Pines Park.



# MONEY

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receive one-third of our estate, and the remaining third be split equally among the three children of our deceased daughter.

Our bank accounts and annuities have our names on them and the names of our two children. Our home is in our names only. We have completed a will.

Our two surviving children know about the will and what our wishes are. We have done everything we think is right to ensure our wishes are properly carried out. We firmly believe our children will do the right thing, but would like to know if our will protects them all, especially the three children of our deceased daughter. —A.T.

**DEAR A.T.:** It seems to me that you thought this out very carefully. First you say, "Our bank accounts and annuities have our names on them and the names of our two children." Why would their names be on your bank accounts and annuities? Those things should be in your names as well as your home.

If the will is completed and witnessed, it should do the job. You say your two surviving children know about the will and your wishes. Given the fact that you trust your surviving children and you have a will that clearly states who gets what, I think you are in good shape.

**DEAR BRUCE:** I don't believe there is any such

thing as a no-load mutual fund, or anything no-load. For any company to function, there have to be employees and everything to support it. Mutual funds are extremely complex, and tracking the right kind of stocks in the right kind of sectors takes time, effort and lot of money. So they hide the costs.

The important thing to look for is the bottom line and what the return is at the end of the year. No-load does not mean anything except to make the fund a crooked fund to hide the cost. —S.P.

**DEAR S.P.:** I agree with much of what you said until the end, when you said, "No-load does not mean anything except to make the fund a crooked fund to hide the cost." That's just not true.

Some companies charge you up front, and others are no-load, where there is no up-front commission. That is one major variable to consider when choosing a fund, but there are others. If the no-load fund is set up so it doesn't hide anything, but merely spreads the cost over a longer period of time, there is nothing wrong with that.

There are some fine load funds and also equally fine no-load funds. The choice is yours.

Send questions to bruce@brucewilliams.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

# Why global turmoil hasn't sunk US markets — yet

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Europe appears on the brink of another recession. Islamic militants have seized Iraqi territory. Russian troops have massed on the Ukraine border, and the resulting sanctions are disrupting trade. An Ebola outbreak in Africa and Israel's war in Gaza are contributing to the gloom.

It's been a grim summer in much of the world. Yet investors in the United States have largely shrugged it off — so far, at least.

A big reason is that five years after the Great Recession officially ended, the U.S. economy is showing

a strength and durability that other major nations can only envy. Thanks in part to the Federal Reserve's ultra-low interest rates, employers have ramped up hiring, factories have boosted production and businesses have been making money.

All of this has cushioned the U.S. economy from the economic damage abroad. And investors have responded by keeping U.S. stocks near all-time highs. Not even reports Friday of a Ukrainian attack on Russian military vehicles unnerved investors for long, with blue chip stocks regaining nearly all their midday losses by the close.

"We're in a much better place psy-

chologically," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "And it's allowing us to weather the geopolitical threats much more gracefully."

Still, the global turmoil comes at a delicate time.

China, the world's second-biggest economy, is struggling to contain the fallout from a runaway lending and investment boom that's powered its growth since before the 2008 financial crisis. The economies of Japan and Germany, the world's third- and fourth-largest, shrank in the spring. So did Italy's.

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## NONPROFIT

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for-profit firms that carry the tax liability.

Once a nonprofit competes directly with a for-profit business by offering the same product or service, that action creates an unfair business environment. Industry executives, through their elected officials, made this point of unfair competition very clear: Regulatory law and IRS monitoring of nonprofits' income ensued.

### The Annual Information Return

As a nonprofit grows its revenue base, the importance of the Annual Information/tax return becomes more extensive. The sources of revenue streams must be listed and, to be sure, IRS will actively scrutinize for possible taxable income where UBIT applies. Years ago, large nonprofits that enjoyed huge streams of income from trade shows, magazine advertizing

and other revenues IRS labeled as taxpaying nonprofits. Since they competed with for-profit companies in certain income areas, they were required to pay taxes on net income after expenses, retaining only revenue allowable from their nonprofit status.

### The bottom line

There are basic revenue-earning considerations for nonprofits. Keep an accurate set of books. Retain all original source documents for at least seven years. Show and identify all sources of revenue. Indicate income and expenses resulting from new revenue streams. Comply with on-time reporting to IRS and your state of incorporation, county and local municipalities where required.

Dr. Frederick J. Herzog, PhD is Founder and Executive Director of the NonProfit Resource Center in Citrus County. He can be reached via email: fherzog@tampabay.rr.com or phone 847-899-9000.

## DR. MO

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He is also trained in robotic surgery and takes full advantage of Seven Rivers' Robotic Surgery Center.

"When I explain the benefits of robotic surgery to my patients, they seem very comfortable with it," he said. "Afterward, most of them tell me they never want surgery any other way."

Along with the high-tech surgery center, it's the small-town atmosphere Moham-madbhoy appreciates.

"There's camaraderie here; I have a close relationship with the other physicians and the hospital staff," he said. "Just being comfortable working with everybody in a team approach makes things go well. Things go smoother and that's always better for our patients."

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# CRIME

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but judges still rely heavily on them for consistency's sake. Advocates arguing that white-collar sentencing guidelines are "mixed up and crazy" could weaken support for keeping them in place, said Ohio State University law professor Douglas Berman, a sentencing law expert.

The commission's action to soften drug-crime guidelines is a signal that the time is ripe, defense lawyers say. The commission this year agreed to reduce guideline ranges across drug types and then apply that change retroactively to the current inmate population, a move that could permit tens of thousands of drug-dealing felons to seek an early release. The commission says no inmate would be freed early under the change unless a judge determined that the release would not jeopardize public safety.

Just as drug sentences historically have been determined by the amount of drugs involved, white-collar punishments typically are defined by the total financial loss caused by the crime. Advocates hope the commission's decision to lower sentencing guideline ranges for drug crimes, effectively de-emphasizing the significance of drug quantity, paves the way for a new sentencing scheme that removes some of the weight attached to economic loss.

A 2013 proposal from an American Bar Association task force would do exactly that, encouraging judges to place less emphasis on how much money was lost and more on a defendant's culpability. Under the proposal, judges would more scrupulously weigh less-quantifiable factors, including motive, the scheme's duration and sophistication, and whether the defendant actually financially benefited or merely intended to.

The current structure, lawyers say, means bit players in a large fraud risk getting socked with harsh sentences despite playing a minimal role.

"It's real easy to talk about 10, 15, 20 years, but when you realize just how much time you're talking about ... it's too much," said Washington defense lawyer Barry Boss, an ABA task force member.

No one is talking about leniency for imprisoned financier Bernie Madoff, who's serving a 150-year sentence for bilking thousands of people of nearly \$20 billion, or fallen corporate titans whose greed drove their companies into the ground. But defense lawyers are calling for a sentencing structure that takes into account the broad continuum of economic crime and that better differentiates between, for example, a thief who steals a dollar each from a million people versus \$1 million from one person.

Any ambitious proposal will encounter obstacles.

It's virtually impossible to muster the same public sympathy for white-collar criminals as for crack-cocaine defendants sentenced under old guidelines now seen as excessively harsh, which took a disproportionate toll on racial minorities. The drug-sentencing overhaul also was promoted as fiscally prudent, because drug offenders account for roughly half the federal prison population. Tea party conservatives and liberal groups united behind the change.

In comparison, the clamor for changing white-collar guidelines has been muted. The Justice Department, already criticized for its paucity of criminal prosecutions arising from the financial crisis, has said it's open to a review but has not championed dramatic change.

"I don't think there's a political will for really cutting back or retooling the guidelines," Columbia University law professor Daniel Richman said.

# UNSHAKABLE

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It might not take much — an oil-price spike, a prolonged recession in Europe, a plunge in business or consumer confidence — to derail the global economy.

Here's a look at the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. economy and others, and why the calm in markets may or may not last:

## MORE JOBS

Hiring in the United States has surged in the first seven months of this year.

Monthly job gains are averaging a solid and steady 230,000, based on government figures. That's roughly an average of 35,000 more jobs each month compared with last year.

Fewer people are applying for unemployment benefits. And fewer new hires are working as temps. Both trends suggest stronger job security.

Economists say the cumulative effect of all those additional paychecks should propel growth and help insulate the U.S. economy from trouble abroad.

Though low-paying industries account for much of the hiring, many economists foresee more jobs coming from higher-wage industries such as construction, engineering and consulting.

Zandi expects monthly job growth to accelerate to an average of 275,000 sometime next year.

## RECORD PROFITS

Earnings at companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 index are on track to jump 10 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm. That would be the biggest quarterly gain in nearly three years.

That news has helped the S&P 500 index climb nearly 6 percent this year, extending a bull market into its sixth year. The gains have been remarkably steady, too. The stock market hasn't suffered a "correction" — a drop of 10 per-

cent — in nearly three years, twice as long as is typical.

Still, some markets outside the U.S. are falling.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 is down 6 percent this year. Germany's DAX has lost nearly 5 percent, and France's CAC 40 is down 3 percent.

At the same time, global investors have been pouring money into U.S. Treasuries, long seen as a safe bet in troubled times. The yield on Treasury notes maturing in 10 years, which falls when demand rises, hit 2.3 percent on Friday, its lowest level in more than a year.

Christine Short, a director at S&P Capital IQ, worries that more grim news from abroad could send U.S. stocks tumbling. "Markets are ripe for correction," she says. "The only question is, What is the catalyst?"

## HELP FROM CENTRAL BANKS

The Fed has been paring its pace of bond purchases and will end them altogether this fall. The purchases have been intended to hold down longer-term rates and prod consumers and businesses to borrow and spend. But the Fed has stressed that it will keep short-term rates at low levels even if unemployment reaches a level usually linked to rising inflation.

Many economists project that the Fed won't lift short-term rates until mid-2015. Another plus for economies, at least in the short-term: The Fed's low-rate policies have influenced other central banks.

The Bank of Japan is buying bonds to stimulate growth and the European Central Bank is facing calls to do so itself.

## FOREIGN EXPOSURE

Though the U.S. economy has managed so far to withstand the economic and geopolitical turmoil abroad, it isn't immune to it. And the bad news kept coming this past week.

The 18-country eurozone, a key region that emerged from recession last year and accounts

for nearly a fifth of global output, failed to grow at all in the second quarter of the year. "The European recovery is faltering," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

Escalating tension between the West and Russia isn't helping. Exports from the eurozone to Russia account for less than 1 percent of the region's economic output. But Germany, Europe's largest economy, is vulnerable. The German economy contracted 0.2 percent in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. And business confidence in Germany is plummeting.

Nearly half of revenue in the companies in the S&P 500 comes from selling abroad. And exports contributed 14 percent of U.S. economic output last year, up from 9 percent in 2002.

## WHERE ARE THE SHOPPERS?

Retail sales stalled in the United States last month. Wage growth has failed to surpass inflation, leaving many consumers unwilling or unable to spend more. Sales at auto dealers and department stores fell in July. Walmart this week cut its profit outlook. Macy's trimmed its sales forecast.

It's not just U.S. consumers who are spending less. Japan's economy cratered in the April-June quarter, due to a sales tax hike. The economy there shrank 6.8 percent from a year earlier. And shoppers face another sales tax increase in October 2015.

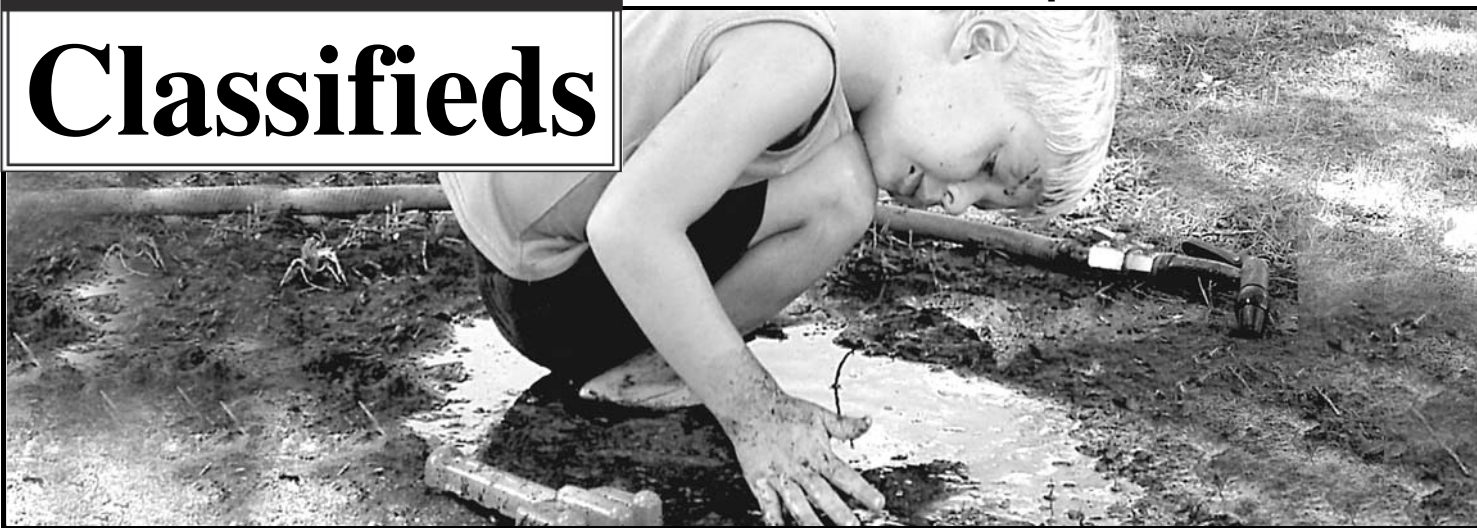
## OIL SPIKE

Will fighting in Iraq and Ukraine upend global energy markets, and raise the cost of filling your gas tank and heating your home?

Europe is worried because it gets much of its natural gas from Russia. And Iraq is the second-biggest OPEC oil producer. Before dropping last month, crude oil prices hit a 10-month high in June on news of victories by Islamic State fighters.

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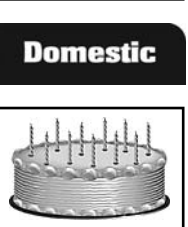
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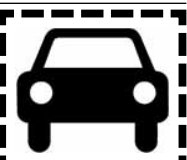
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# Mississippi tea garden in the works

## Grower eyeing upscale specialty market

**SHERRY LUCAS**  
*The Clarion-Ledger*

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Raindrops bead on the green leaves of thousands of young plants in the shade nursery at the Great Mississippi Tea Co. in Brookhaven, a glistening endorsement of Jason McDonald's plan for land where cattle once roamed.

"Healthy little plant," tea consultant Nigel Melican observes, picking one up for a closer look. "In two years, you'll be plucking that for tea."

A steaming cup of comfort from these leaves is still a bit down the road, but that's the goal — Mississippi-made specialty tea, an agritourism draw and a crop that won't get wiped out by a hurricane.

Tourists, too, are still a year or two away, McDonald says.

McDonald's family has been timber farming since the early 1980s on north and central Walthall County farmland that's been in the family since the 1800s.

"When Katrina came through, we lost about 75 percent of the acreage. We're just now recovering on the timber farm," nine years later, he said. "We wanted to find something that would recover quickly or not be damaged at all."

Melican said, "I've never heard of anyone losing tea with a typhoon in China."

McDonald's May 2012 visit to a tea farm in Charleston piqued his interest, as soon as he heard the tea plant was a camellia. High heat, humidity, acidic soil and plenty of rain, "well, that's pretty much a match" with conditions back home. "It went from, 'Gee, let's see if we can do this,' to reaching out to people like Nigel" for a plan to take "this crazy idea" to a model and successful fruition.

The tea farm is destined for the family homestead in Lincoln County on land once used for cattle production.

Teacraft Ltd. managing director Melican, from England, has worked in 26 different tea countries, helping growers improve production, optimize factories and troubleshoot problems.

The opportunity to help a new tea grower in the states was one that was too good to miss.

"If you throw money at tea, you make it grow almost anywhere," he says.

But America's high labor cost, far above that of India, China and countries in Africa, is a hang-up, and the international tea industry has been slow to mechanize. But Japan, which has mechanized, provides a model.

Melican said, "I'd like to make it clear, I'm not just throwing money at tea ..."

"It's guided throwing," Melican clarifies, with mechanization and the specialty market as key, suiting the trend for quality specialty teas of known origin, with a good story, sustainably produced.

"The BMW and Mercedes end of the tea market."

McDonald illustrates the target with a tray of top-flight teas in tins, their aroma an inviting tease.

Melican describes the potential.

"It'll be a tea which, first of all, you will buy to indulge as a luxury. You'll buy it to impress your friends. You'll fall in love with it," he says. "You'll drink it when you're feeling low and you want to cheer yourself up. ... Then of course, you will start to drink it more often, and it will become a habit."

A lot of tea is sold on its story. McDonald's is steeped in history, with family ties stretching back to Daniel Boone and John C. Calhoun, vice president to John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson, and live oaks on the site that came from seedlings grown from Beauvoir oaks.

The boutique tea farm — or tea garden, as that size is known — will have some commodity tea (secondary grades) as well, for bulk tea and ready-to-drink sweet tea. In addition to specialty markets, McDonald's plan includes a shop on the farm, with tea sold, too, through the website, [www.greatmsteacompany.com](http://www.greatmsteacompany.com). Tea fans can keep up with developments there and on its Facebook page.

At present, he's got about 30,000



**Jason McDonald with the Great Mississippi Tea Company, left, and Nigel Melican, managing director of Teacraft of Bedford, U.K., talk about specialty teas at McDonald's home near Brookhaven, Miss.**

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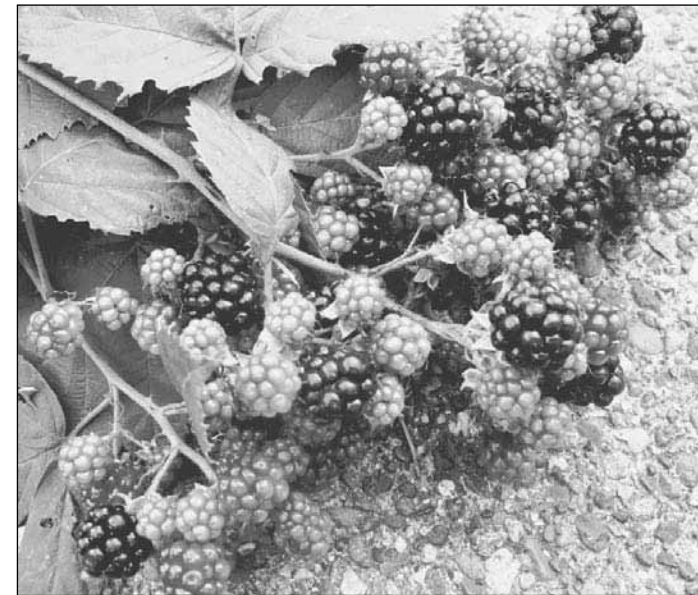
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Smoothies are a nutritious way to stir things up in the kitchen, especially if the ingredients come from your garden.

Few drinks are as refreshing as fresh or frozen fruits and syrups mixed with milk and yogurt. Many people also add greens.

"Follow the harvest and work with whatever is ripening," said Nan Chase, who with DeNeice Guest wrote the new "Drink the Harvest" (Storey Publishing). "We get into canning. The starting point is with the juices."

Smoothies are easy to make. All that's required is a blender,



**Blackberries, like these growing wild on a farm near Langley, Wash., are especially popular for adding beautiful colors and enriching flavors to blended drinks.**

some liquid (milk, juices or water), ice cubes (or ice cream), yogurt, fruits and greens.

Strawberries, blueberries, peaches and blackberries are

great smoothie ingredients because they have a long shelf life when preserved, Chase said.

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DEAN FOSDICK/Associated Press

To make green smoothies for variety, nutrition and flavor's sake, include many herbs along with leafy green vegetables including kale, spinach, collard greens and Swiss chard.

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# TEA

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plants, with about 200 in the ground.

This fall, he'll plant 3 acres, following with another 4 acres the next spring. About 170 acres (4,000-5,000 plants an acre) are needed for the factory (three years out, timed with the first harvest).

They projected first sales of selected small amounts in 2017, with full production in 2020-21.

All tea — green, black, white, oolong — comes from the camellia sinensis species. It's just a matter of how it's processed.

Others are interested, too, particularly with plants' survival after one of the coldest winters in memory.

"That always was the question" of a crop grown in tropical areas sur-

viving the cold, "and they pulled right through," McDonald says.

Research on tea farming in Mississippi, supported by Mississippi State University and a grant from Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce through USDA Specialty Crop Program, is in progress; McDonald's farm and Teacraft are industry collaborators in the effort.

"We really don't know what insects might feed on the tea; we don't know what diseases might arise," says Judson LeCompte, MSU graduate research assistant. "We've just got to find those issues and find those cultivars" that work best here. With similar growing conditions, "it might be a good fit for our blueberry growers as well."

Already 400-500 plants and about five years into that exploration is J&D Blueberry Farm in Poplarville.

Partner Donald van de Werken, spurred by mention on horticulturist Felder Rushing's radio show, followed up with his own research via Google.

"The issue here now is, I still don't know how to process it correctly," says van de Werken, who met recently with the Great Mississippi Tea Co. and MSU for advice, inviting other blueberry growers along. He's propagating and collecting seed; next step is to set aside more acreage. His aim, too, is to turn it into an agritourism operation and commercial venture.

"It sounds viable," van de Werken says. "Camellia bushes grow here like nothing. We're excited about it. And, it can take several cuttings. It gives some sustainability for us as growers. The farmers in Mississippi can grow anything. It's just the art of learning how to make that tea."

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### RE/MAX agents hit new highs for 2014

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pleased to announce that **Debra Pilyn** and **Ron McEvoy** have both passed the multimillion dollar mark in sales volume this year.

They join an elite class of agents who have



**Ron McEvoy**  
RE/MAX  
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accomplished this level in 2014.

Debra is a Realtor in the Inverness RE/MAX office and Ron works out of the Ho-

mosassa office. They are both consistent top producers in the Citrus County marketplace.

The brokers of RE/MAX congratulate these two on their continued success.



**Debra Pilyn**  
RE/MAX  
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# SMOOTHIES

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"We can use them any time of year," she said. "Syrups are a big component of what you can do with the juices."

You gain a lot from a little when blending syrups into smoothies, Chase said. "We find that you get a significant amount of concentrated flavor and you don't need an 8-ounce glass. Just a quarter cup can provide the necessary (daily) nutrient load for fruit."

Some suggestions from Colorado State University Extension for enhancing the flavor and nutritional punch of smoothies:

- Boost the amount of dietary fiber by leaving on the fruit skins (except bananas).

- Nuts and seeds, along with nut and seed butters (like peanut butter), contribute protein, fiber, antioxi-

dants, nutrients and heart-healthy unsaturated fats.

- Try green smoothies for variety. You can use raw, leafy garden vegetables like kale, spinach, collard greens and Swiss chard. Avocados, parsley, fennel, broccoli, carrots, radishes or celery can be added to fruit smoothies for an enriched natural sweetness.

- Go organic with your gardening and wash all produce thoroughly to help prevent food-borne illnesses.

"Use whatever is in your herb garden," Chase said. "Bay leaf and basil can infuse drinks (when boiled down) with a smoky flavor. They give drinks just a little depth without being overpowering."

If you don't have a garden, try a farmer's market for fresh ingredients, or do some foraging outdoors.

"You can come home with a lot of different kinds of produce if you take a container along while hiking," Chase said. "We actually like prickly pear cactus juice."

## WEEKLY LINEUP

- Nearly a dozen medical professionals contribute their expertise to columns in Health & Life./**Tuesdays**

- Read up on all things school-related in the Chronicle's Education section./**Wednesdays**

- Plan menus for the week from the tempting recipes in the Flair

for Food section./**Thursdays**

- Get a jump on weekend entertainment with the stories in Scene./**Fridays**

- See what local houses of worship plan to do for the week in the Religion section./**Saturdays**

- Read about area businesses in the Business section./**Sundays**

## CITRUS RIDGE REALTY

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# Average 30-year loan down to 4.12 percent

*Rates once again nearing annual low point*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates declined this week, approaching their lows for the year.

Mortgage company Freddie Mac said Thursday the nationwide average for a 30-year loan slipped to 4.12 percent from 4.14 percent last week. The average for a 15-year mortgage, a popular choice for people who are refinancing, fell to 3.24 percent from 3.27 percent last week.

Mortgage rates are below the levels of a year ago. They have fallen in recent weeks after climbing last summer when the Federal Reserve began talking about reducing the monthly bond purchases it was making to keep long-term borrowing rates low.

Mortgage rates often follow the yield on the 10-year Treasury note. The 10-year note traded at 2.42 percent Wednesday, brushing its low for the year of 2.41 percent and down from 2.47 percent a week earlier. It fell to 2.38 percent in trading

Thursday morning.

At 4.12 percent, the rate on a 30-year mortgage is down from 4.53 percent at the start of the year. Rates have fallen even though the Fed has been trimming its monthly bond purchases, which are intended to keep long-term borrowing rates low. The purchases are set to end in October.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

The average fee for a 30-year mortgage was 0.6 point, down from 0.7 point last week. The fee for a 15-year mortgage was unchanged at 0.6 point.

The average rate on a five-year adjustable-rate mortgage edged down to 2.97 percent from 2.98 percent. The fee remained at 0.5 point.

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Antique wood

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Real Estate Digest

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For current property transactions, use the search features on the website for the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office: [www.pa.citrus.fl.us](http://www.pa.citrus.fl.us).

# Both painting, edition of Playboy of interest to collectors

**Dear John:** Does this painting, photos attached, by artist Charles Cobelle have any value? I have been told that it is an original painting.

I doubt if this next piece has any value, but today while going through stored boxes I found a 1985 last stapled issue of Playboy magazine. It still is in the original mailing wrapper.

**Dear R.M.:** Charles Cobelle, 1902-94, was a prolific French artist who produced a wide range of paintings, original



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S  
ATTIC**

prints, and watercolors of landscapes, Paris street scenes, circus subjects, harbor, marine scenes and more. His paintings have sold as high as \$2,500; most sell in the mid-hundreds. If your woodland landscape picture is a painting, it would sell below \$500 currently. There is a good chance interest in his pictures will increase over time.

Playboy magazines are a category of collector interest. It is good the issue is still in the wrapper; it will make a difference relative to potential dollar value in the future. Keep

it safe for now.

**Dear John:** I bought the pitcher in the attached photo last year on a trip to Amsterdam. It is 8 inches high and 7 inches across the widest part. On the bottom it says Bergen.

The antiques dealer said it was about a hundred years old and made in Holland. I think it has an Art Deco feel to it and the colors are really vibrant. I thought it made a perfect souvenir. I paid

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**This is apparently a painting by Charles Cobelle, a prolific French artist who died in 1994. Most of his paintings sell in the mid-hundreds, but there is a chance they will go up in value in the future.**

Special to the Chronicle







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This painting of a street scene is done in the Impressionist style, although it likely dates from recent decades.

## ATTIC

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50 euros for it, or about \$70.

No matter what, I will always love it, but did the dealer tell me the truth? What can you tell me about it? — *L.F.R., Internet*

**Dear L.F.R.:** Yes, your attractive Art Deco pitcher is close to if not 100 years old. It was likely made in the Gouda area of The Netherlands. From the 17th to well into the 20th century, Dutch potters produced brightly decorated hollowware that has been a category of interest for a long time. Stylized florals, birds, and geometrics were popular subjects. To get such a decorative piece for less than \$100 was a good buy and a real Dutch souvenir.

**Dear John:** I have a painting given to me about 10 to 15 years ago and would like to know if it has any particular value. I am not good at reading signatures. A short while ago you suggested I send a photo, I hope this helps.

The frame has a stamp, "Hecho en Mexico." The painting is 20 by 24 inches. I am downsizing and would like to sell it if there might be a market for it. — *B.S., Internet*

**Dear B.S.:** I was not able to interpret the signature on the painting. Impressionist French paintings of street scenes are popular. I think the one you have was produced within

the past 40 to 50 years, long after the original period. Potential dollar value is catch-as-catch-can.

**Dear John:** My husband and I have been reading your column in antiques and collectibles for a long time. We recently sold our homestead in Ohio and moved some things down here to Crystal River. After opening one of the boxes, we discovered several pieces of jewelry purchased on a visit to Taxco, Mexico.

My husband seems to recall that you have mentioned Mexican-made sterling silver jewelry in one of your articles, or perhaps it was on your radio show. Anyway, we wonder if you can tell us if there is any interest or not. — *N.M., Internet*

**Dear N.M.:** Quite a few years back I spoke about the future potential interest in Mexican-made sterling silver jewelry. Since then, the collecting interest has continued to increase.

Most of the jewelry is marked and often signed by the designer. I would be glad to help you further. Take good, clear photos and make sure to examine the back side of each piece and include all the information you find.

*John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. He hosts a call-in radio show, Sikorski's Attic, on WJUF (90.1 FM) Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.*

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# WOOD WITH A PEDIGREE



ROBERT WILLET/The Charlotte Observer

The floor in the Oakleaf restaurant in Pittsboro, N.C. features recycled tobacco barn heart pine flooring from Baba Antique Wooden Floors in Pittsboro, N.C.

## *North Carolina man recycles antique wood into high-quality flooring for upscale clientele*

**JOSH SHAFFER**

*The News & Observer of Raleigh*

PITTSBORO, N.C.

In the early days, Jonathan Grumette would drive in circles 50 miles out from Pittsboro, scouting old barns, hunting for heart pine boards as thick as a dinner table and long as a railroad tie. He'd pull them down with a crowbar, and sometimes the old wrecks would

collapse around his head. Other times, he would breathe enough bat guano to choke. Every time, he came home filthy, covered in dust, for the sake of his prize.

"I got farmer's lung one year," he explained. "It was dirty, dangerous work."

Thirty years later, Grumette finds himself in the Chatham County woods, working inside a glass cube, selling antique wood floors to well-to-do customers — including Bruce Springsteen.

At Baba, the company he named after the Indian spiritual master he follows, the recycled wood is hand-sanded and fumed to deepen its color. Grumette's oak and pine boards deck the penthouses of Manhattan, the tech-money mansions of Seattle and the homes of Hollywood big shots, all of it culled from empty tobacco barns and mills gone dormant.

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This discarded wood that once dried tobacco or sheltered horses now commands at least four and sometimes 10 times the price of what you'd buy at Home Depot, made valuable both by the decades it survived and the care spent

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**ABOVE LEFT:** The floor in the Oakleaf restaurant in Pittsboro, N.C. **BELOW LEFT:** Sammy Ortiz looks over some samples at Baba Antique Wooden Floors. Ortiz runs the daily operations as vice president of the Chatham County company near Pittsboro, N.C. **ABOVE:** Baba Antique Wooden Floors employee Martin Lopez mills antique wood for flooring.

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rescuing it from the fate of old things.

Springsteen contacted him through an architect, who asked that the travel-averse Grumette come personally to New Jersey. When Grumette backed off, the country's most famous rock star called him personally, telling him, "Jon, you're the mystery floor man. You need to come up here."

He packed his bags.

"He was a very nice man," Grumette, 69, said. "He said, 'We just want to do something beautiful.'"

Grumette's mill at Baba sits on a 90-acre patch of woods outside Pittsboro — a slowly created campus that calls to mind, on a smaller scale, the private think tanks of 19th-century inventors: Thomas Edison's Glenmont or Frank Lloyd Wright's Oak Park.

Coming in the driveway, you pass a pair of giant granite boulders Grumette had moved to the entrance, one on each side.

Further in on the campus, a large lake sits on the left with a fishing pier. Grumette had that dug, and he imagines floating a houseboat there one day.

Then the mill itself appears, an open-air shelter the size of a high school gymnasium, slabs of wood stacked 15 feet high. The scent of freshly cut wood hangs in the air, drawing wasps and hornets. Until recently, Baba's planer dated to 1934, a green model from Boston with "The Planers of the Woods" stamped on its side. Its modern replacement is only 10 or 12 years old.

Baba's office consists of a single rectangular room walled with floor-to-ceiling glass, floored with unfinished heart pine planks 21 feet long. A boulder serves for a step at the door. Down a trail through the woods, Grumette constructed his bathroom by the same design: floor-to-ceiling glass on three sides, open air on the fourth, facing the lake.

"We tried to create an atmosphere so people would say they love to come work, and they do," said Grumette, who employs about 18 people. "There's never any backbiting."

His sales and marketing representative, Myra Hogan, found her way to Baba's campus after working for a competitor in Los Angeles and

losing a sale to the strange little company in Pittsboro. When she moved to the area, she came asking around, curious.

"They seemed like neat people," she said.

Grumette came south from Philadelphia in 1972, an architect with a pair of Ivy League degrees. He followed his first wife in her social work career and started out building hand-crafted homes until a friend's phone call changed his life.

This friend called to say he knew where to get a load of antique heart pine lumber in South Carolina, cheap. Did Grumette have any money?

"Well," said Grumette, then a young man. "I can get \$6,000 off a MasterCard ..."

They drove south, picked up the wood and unloaded it quickly. This was the thick heart pine that went inside the brownstones of Brooklyn, that helped build the Brooklyn Bridge — harvested so extensively that it has practically vanished.

"We made \$50,000 in one week," Grumette said, chuckling. "And it never happened again. So we got suckered in."

Now oak is the favored wood, and occasionally chestnut. Grumette doesn't fetch it himself any more, relying instead on two main suppliers in Virginia and a string of smaller ones in North Carolina. In the old days, farmers were happy to have their hulks hauled off for free. Now they charge up to \$10,000.

And while that \$50,000 week might have qualified as beginner's luck, Baba is thriving as a high-end supplier of original surface wood flooring, selling for as much as \$40 a square foot.

"We deal with really rich people," Grumette said. "Houses with two people in it and five or six laundry rooms, six or seven washers. The idea is you don't ever have to wait for a second load. But very nice people."

And though Manhattan forms the core of his clientele, you can see Baba flooring locally, particularly at the Oakleaf restaurant in Pittsboro. Built inside the mill that once made silk labels, Oakleaf's floors are tobacco barn heart pine from Durham.

"I'm standing on it right now," chef Brendan Cox said. "This product is some of the best I've seen, and they're local. So it was a no-brainer for us."



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Baba Antique Wooden Floors employee James P. Norwood works in the mill trimming antique wood for flooring.



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**Trees planted as lawn specimens should have at least 3 feet of grass-free ground surrounding the trunk. This tree ring prevents damage from lawn mowers and eliminates the need for a weed whacker.**

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resistance and if it is evergreen or deciduous in winter.

A clump of River Birch, *Betula nigra*, with three to five trunks eventually reaches 40 to 80 feet tall with a 20 to 40 foot spread. If planted to shade a building, it should be 6 to 10 feet away. Rain runoff from the roof will provide extra water, so River Birch can grow more than 25 feet tall in just four years. Branches will have to be eliminated on the building side until 10 feet



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above the roof eaves. As this species sheds its leaves for winter, the weaker winter sun can warm the building. In summer, River Birch can provide dense shade over walls and roofs.

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# WOOD

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Today Grumette spends half the year in Pittsboro and half the year in India, where he has a 7-year-old boy named for the spiritual master Meher Baba, who said he was the avatar, or God in human form.

On his website Baba.com, Grumette explains that his work is aimed at making people happy, doing good for both the client and the world and for celebrating all he holds beautiful.

"We try to uphold the values that would please Meher Baba," Grumette said. "Honesty and integrity. We have never had a board sent back."

Sammy Ortiz started working at his uncle's company 17 years ago, not long after finishing at UNC-Wilmington, and he,

too, started out taking down barns with a crowbar.

Now he runs the mill's daily operations as a vice president with a T-shirt, ball cap and thick beard, his hands stained brown from work.

One quality that immediately sets Baba's wood apart from a lower-end board is its size, 12 to 18 inches wide and an inch thick. If it didn't come from a barn itself, it might come from old growth wood stored inside the barn, maybe only 50 years old but just as thick.

"These farmers saved everything," Ortiz explained.

Another feature is the wood's surface. Baba doesn't plane the surfaces, cutting only from the bottom until it gets to the right length. The tops of boards are each hand-sanded, then fumed with ammonia to pull out tannic acids and darken the wood.

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"If you took a piece of regular oak and let it sit 100 years," Ortiz said, "that's what we're doing with this fuming process."

After that, all the knots and other imperfec-

tions are stuffed with round plugs and rectangular chunks called splines. That way, Baba can use longer boards without having to cut around the holes.

- News notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event.
- During the busy season, expect notes to run no more than twice.

"If a high heel can go in it, it's too big," said Ortiz, explaining the rule.

All around him, the lumber sits stacked 15 feet high, bygone barns waiting their turn.

Among its references, Baba lists the owners of Starbucks and Chanel.

Bunny Williams, celebrated interior designer, endorses their floors.

Ronald S. Lauder, billionaire son of the Estee Lauder cosmetics family, wrote this letter:

"Dear Jonathan, "I should have told you long before now how much Jo Carole and I love the floors. They add so much to the wonderful feeling of the rooms, and they fit into the décor as though they

have always been there." But Grumette still calls his turn in reclaimed wood a happy accident, a chance to turn the unused into something vital, the unwanted into treasure. Clients don't just want it to look pretty. They want it to tell a story.

That was the case for a top executive at Costco. When Baba put in his floors, Ortiz said, the curious client asked exactly where it came from. He enjoyed hearing of its history as a tobacco warehouse, and just for an extra kick, Ortiz told him what now stands in its place.

"It's a Costco now," he said. "He was tickled by that."

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# JANE

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and eliminates the need for a weed whacker. Shed leaves can be blown or raked onto the tree ring as decorative top mulch. Hand gathered pine needles are excellent to deter weed seeds from sprouting.

For the first few years of a sapling's life, always prune off lower branches while they are small so the tree will grow taller faster. The resulting canopy will be higher. Prune at the thickened branch collar and leave no stubs. The tree will heal over quickly from the undamaged collar. Prune annually until the first branch is at least 10 feet high. Branches need to be kept above foot and vehicle traffic. Keep in mind that branches sag with age.

As trees mature and provide a wide shady canopy, grass below will die due to lack of sunlight. Weeds may invade the surrounding ring. These can be pulled while young or killed with a 3 percent to 5 percent glyphosate solution, a non-restricted herbicide.

An alternate solution is to install shade-tolerant plants. Study the base of the tree trunk to see where thick roots are radiating. Try probing with a spike to find spaces between the large anchoring roots where small potted plants could be planted.

Choose three to five shrubs that will mature to about 3 to 5 feet diameter. Shrubs planted 3 feet from the trunk should have enough space and light to thrive. Be aware the established tree roots will be absorbing the rain water and nutrients. You

may need to irrigate understory plants and supply time-released fertilizer annually.

Azaleas can flower in shady tree rings. Study the internet then choose Encore azaleas with the fixed mature height and diameter you want. After selecting the appropriate height, then decide on a color. Patented Encores are worth the extra money, as they repeat-bloom from September to March rather than the three to four weeks of older varieties.

Beneath a River Birch planted to shade the west wall and roof of my garage, I planted an 'Autumn Cheer' and three 'Autumn Angle' Encore Azaleas. Both will mature only 3 feet high and about 3 feet diameter. The little azaleas are 3.5 feet apart. In the spaces between are 'Queen Mum' agapanthus bulbs which will also flower in shade, but not until June or July. Florida violets and native rain lilies are filling in as a self-seeding ground cover.

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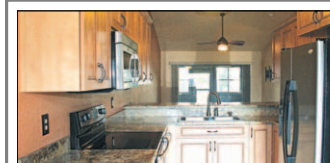
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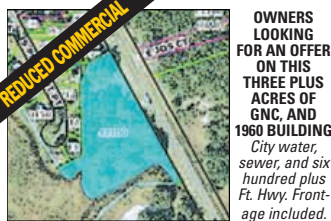
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- Landscaped 1.5 Acre, Self-Cleaning POOL
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- 2 BR, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage
- Florida Room, Eat-In Kitchen

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- Awesome 36+ acres
- Country living
- Stables 36x36 6 stalls
- 3/2 Home 1857 LA
- Needs work
- Barn/Garage 36x64
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- Close to town
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This nicely renovated 2 bedroom, 1.3 bath  
home has large tiles throughout, and an  
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glassed porch and outdoor hot tub. The  
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AC and a new roof in 2011.  
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Upgraded unit features whole house  
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