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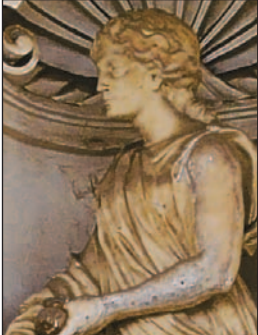
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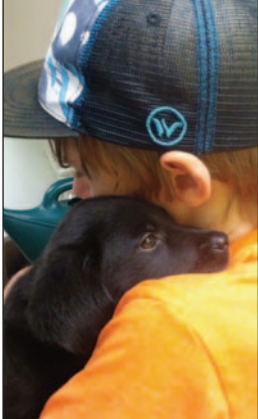
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Smith: Study FC bypass now

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

INVERNESS — State Rep. Jimmie T. Smith sees growth and commerce coming to Citrus County,

and he wants state roads prepared. Smith isn't talking about U.S. 19, which carries the heaviest traffic in the county. And he isn't speaking of

U.S. 41 north of Inverness, where residents, businesses, motorists and local officials are clamoring for widening of the two-lane road that the state Department of

Transportation doesn't see as a priority. Instead, Smith is focused on the U.S. 41 south between Brooksville and

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Long legacy of the law



BRIAN LaPETER/Chronicle file

Erected Oct. 2, 2010, by the local National Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers at the intersection of U.S. 19 and Basswood Drive in Crystal River, this monument honors Florida State Trooper Ronald Smith, who was killed Dec. 23, 1973, by Carl Ray Songer at this location.

Justice follows winding path following trooper's 1973 murder in county

MIKE ARNOLD
Chronicle

One of the more wide-reaching and disturbing chapters in Citrus County's history occurred a little over 40 years ago on a secluded side road off U.S. 19 near the Levy County line. The story stretches from Oklahoma to Miami and back to Citrus County. Florida's Legislature and Supreme Court are involved and so is the Federal District Court of Appeals in Atlanta. The current governor of Massachusetts even had a role in the outcome. Lives were lost, humble men be-



Ronald G. Smith
Florida Highway Patrol trooper.

came reluctant heroes and historical legal precedents were set. It's December 1973, and the story begins in Oklahoma, where two small-time criminals, Carl Ray Songer and Ronald Jones, walk away from a work-release program. High on drugs and booze, the pair head to Miami in a 1965 two-door Chevy Impala. Eventually Songer and Jones, weary of the partying road trip, turn back toward Oklahoma. Out of gas and exhausted, they pull onto a Citrus County dirt road off U.S. 19, two miles south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal Bridge.

'My God, they're shooting him'

Richard Clark Starling and Ralph Morris, who've been tracking deer on their hunting trip, stop to look for their dogs. They spot Florida State Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith approaching a blue car parked along the side road they are traveling. Smith approaches the vehicle cautiously with holster unsnapped and right hand resting on his pistol. He taps on the passenger side window. A head pops up and the trooper motions for Jones, 20, to exit the car. Smith takes Jones to the back of the car, checks his identification and asks him to move away from the vehicle while he heads

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Congressman Nugent seeking veterans' input

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

With more than 20,000 veterans in Citrus County and 111,000 in Congressional District 11, U.S. Rep. Richard Nugent, R-Brooksville, hopes to hear from them all, or at least as many as will write, call or email him their opinions, comments and/or

suggestions about local Veterans Affairs (VA) medical services. "Years ago, we had a meeting with (then Congresswoman) Ginny Brown-Waite about the VA clinic in Lecanto, which was just a little house," said local veteran Chris Gregoriou, who recently spoke to Congressman Nugent about VA inefficiencies.

"We (veterans) formed a coalition and got the veterans organizations together in uniform and went to the county commission and told them they needed to buy the Brown School, renovate it and get the VA clinic moved in there, which they did. We were successful with that, and now here we go again."

Gregoriou is referring to problems he and other local veterans encounter trying to get timely medical care. For example, he said, if a veteran needs an X-ray, he or she is sent to The Villages or Gainesville — often a full day's trip if the veteran goes as part of a group on the DAV



Richard Nugent
U.S. representative.

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Citrus volunteer honored



Special to the Chronicle

Paul Cash of Citrus County was recently recognized as one of the Suncoast YMCA's Community Champions. Cash is the treasurer of the Citrus County branch of the YMCA, serves as the chair of the finance committee and serves on the capital fundraising committee. He is a partner with Williams, McCranie, Wardlow and Cash CPA firm in Citrus County and is very involved in many community functions. Pictured presenting the Y Community Champion Award is Suncoast Y chair Charlie Robinson, Paul Cash and Citrus County Y Executive Director Joanna Castle.

Weekly ROUNDUP

Week in state government: The inevitable battle begins

BRANDON LARRABEE
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — With the unofficial beginning of campaign season just around the corner, Florida voters headed to the polls this week to choose their nominees for governor and seats in the Legislature.

Or, at least, to finish the predetermined coronations in many of those races. There never seemed to be any real danger that either of the leading gubernatorial candidates would lose their primaries. And virtually every incumbent on the ballot Tuesday was still standing on Wednesday.

But the election wasn't the only battle that moved into a new phase. As candidates began to turn their attention to the broader electorate, opponents of the state's de facto school-voucher program were going from the court of public opinion to the actual courts. Almost four months after the Legislature followed through on a promise to expand eligibility for the voucher program, groups opposed to the move filed a lawsuit that could lead to the entire system being overturned.

NOW FOR THE MAIN EVENT

For the most part, there were few surprises in the primaries Tuesday night. Republican Gov. Rick Scott and former Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, now a Democrat, cruised through primaries against lesser-known candidates.

Crist easily defeated former Senate Minority Leader Nan Rich and was officially welcomed by his new party as its nominee. Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a congresswoman from Broward County, praised Crist and runningmate Annette Taddeo as working-class champions.

"Charlie and Annette have embraced policies that will help Florida's middle-class families, a stark contrast to the current governor, Republican Rick Scott, who is beholden to special interests and radical tea party ideology," she said in a statement.

Scott handily defeated two obscure GOP opponents, Yinka Abosedede Aodeshina and Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder. But the Scott team's primary focus has long been on Crist.

"The next few months are about talk versus action," Scott said. "That means Florida will have a choice between a governor who sent our state into a tailspin and a governor who gets results."

In a marginally competitive statewide race, former Department of Children and Families Secretary George Sheldon beat House Minority Leader Perry Thurston in the Democratic primary for attorney general.

"I believe the attorney general is the people's lawyer, not the governor's lawyer, and not the Legislature's lawyer," Sheldon told supporters during a victory party at the Wine Loft Wine Bar in Tallahassee. "Help me give Pam Bondi the job she really wants, as an anchor on Fox News."

Bondi wasted little time in both congratulating Sheldon and challenging him to a debate.

"The voters will have a clear choice between candidates in this election, and they deserve to hear directly from us on the distinct difference in visions and leadership that each candidate will offer to the attorney general's Office," Bondi said in a prepared statement.

Races in the House provided the sole state-level incumbent to go down and the usual bit of Florida elections drama.

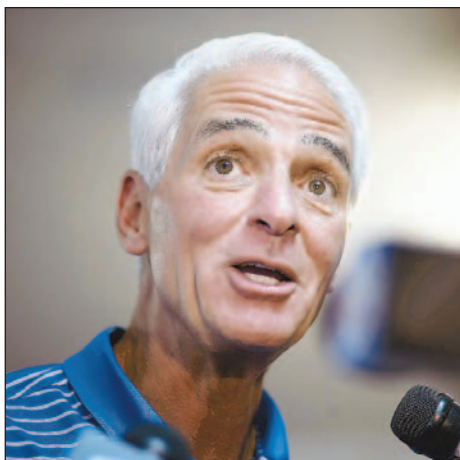
In Central Florida, Rep. Ricardo Rangel, D-Kissimmee, was defeated in his bid for a second term by John Cortes, vice chairman of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida. State Democratic Party Chairwoman Allison Tant seemed just fine with Cortes beating the incumbent.

"From his time as a police officer to his extensive work as an activist in Osceola County, John has always put his fellow community members ahead of himself," Tant said in a statement. "I look forward to working with John to ensure that the residents of District 43 continue to have



Associated Press

Florida Gov. Rick Scott speaks to members of the media April 29 in Fort Lauderdale.



Former Republican Gov. Charlie Crist speaks Tuesday during a campaign stop in Boynton Beach.

representation that puts the middle class first this fall."

Meanwhile, the costly and bitterly fought Republican primary in Duval County's House District 15 turned into a nailbiter between Jay Fant, a tea party-style candidate, and Paul Renner, who had much of the local establishment behind him. Fant, who loaned his campaign \$375,000, ended up with a two-vote margin of victory after a manual recount and is now almost certain to replace Rep. Daniel Davis, R-Jacksonville.

SCHOOLING THE ELECTORATE

Scott didn't wait until he had officially dispatched his challengers to start rolling out what will clearly be one of the central themes of his campaign. He unveiled an education agenda Monday that included promises to review the number of tests being administered to Florida students and to take further steps to rein in the cost of college if he wins a second term in November.

"We want to make sure that our students have every opportunity to succeed in the classroom and in their careers, and we want to make sure our teachers have every tool they need to make that possible," Scott said.

The call for an investigation of standardized testing is noteworthy, given that Republicans interested in education reform have long looked at assessments as a way to judge how well schools are educating children. In 2011, Scott signed a bill that more closely tied teacher pay to student performance on standardized tests.

A brochure outlining Scott's proposals seemed to place the blame for the amount of testing on local school districts.

But Kathleen Oropeza, co-founder of the advocacy group Fund Education Now, said blaming local school districts was disingenuous, because many of the tests they require are tied to state laws. Districts will have to create tests for some courses under the teacher-pay law that Scott signed, Oropeza said.

On higher education, Scott said he would push for a requirement that colleges outline the costs of textbooks and other materials before students register for classes.

In his official capacity, the governor joined Education Commissioner Pam Stewart on a jaunt across the state to welcome students back to school. Crist's

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Around the
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Citrus County

Labor Day closings announced

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■ Citrus County government offices will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

The county landfill will be closed on Labor Day and will return to normal business hours on Tuesday.

All community buildings will be closed. Parks are open for regular business hours, as well as Bicentennial Park pool and Central Ridge pool.

Animal Services will be closed on Labor Day, but will return to normal operating hours on Tuesday.

■ F.D.S. Disposal Inc. will be closed Monday.

All Monday recycle customers, residents within the city limits of Crystal River, and yard waste customers will be collected on Tuesday.

All twice-per-week trash customers will be collected on Thursday.

Animal Services seeking pet food

Citrus County Animal Services is asking for the public's help in meeting the needs of financially challenged citizens who own pets. The goal is to afford those residents the ability to feed their pets.

Animal Services is asking citizens to deliver donations of dog and cat food to their local food bank or to the Animal Services shelter in Inverness to help those residents keep their animals rather than surrender them to the shelter.

Monetary donations may be mailed to Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, FL 34450. The shelter is located at the end of Airport Road, which is off U.S. 41 between the Inverness Airport and the county auditorium/fairgrounds.

For information, call 352-746-8400.

Bradenton

Officials name deputy involved in shooting

Authorities have named the Tampa Bay-area deputy who fatally shot a man who was wielding a samurai sword during a domestic battery call.

The *Bradenton Herald* reported 32-year-old Sgt. Brady McGabe, a 12-year veteran of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, was identified by the sheriff's office.

McCabe works in the patrol division. He remains on paid administrative leave during the investigation.

Authorities said that deputies responded to a Bradenton home Thursday after a woman called authorities claiming that her son had attacked her.

As deputies approached the home, officials say 31-year-old Terry M. Sellars Jr. came out the front door and charged them with a large sword over his head. McGabe fired at Sellars several times. Sellars was declared dead at the scene.

Orlando

Two killed, six injured in crash

Two people are dead and six more were taken to a hospital following a morning crash between a passenger van and a semi-truck.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Wanda Diaz said in a statement the agency responded to the crash on Interstate 95 in Ormond Beach Saturday morning. The two fatalities were both adults. The six people injured were taken to Halifax Hospital.

—From staff and wire reports

Latest home price data a mixed bag for Florida

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The latest data on home prices is a mixed bag for Florida. A report released by the

research firm RealtyTrac shows that while Miami had some of the biggest increases in home prices, other parts of Florida had among the highest rates of

distressed sales. Median home prices in Miami were up 19 percent in July compared to a year ago.

However, Lakeland and

the Fort Myers area had among the highest rates of distressed and short sales. The rate was 30 percent in Lakeland and almost 28 percent in Fort Myers.

A property sale is distressed if it involves foreclosure, and a short sale occurs when a home is sold for less than the amount owed on the property.



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

HIP TO BE ON THE SQUARE

Inverness was rocking to the music of Come Back Alice last night at the Old Courthouse. The Rock the Courthouse festivities included music, food, drink and kids' activities. Proceeds from the fest benefit the Citrus County Historical Society. Several hundred people attended the festival. "You never know how these things will turn out when it's not been done before, and I was kind of nervous, but it's had a great turnout," said Inverness Director of Special Events Sharon Skeele-Hogan.



Annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, Fitness Challenge set for 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 re-

freshments, 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., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m. and 10:03 a.m. 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 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.

Traffic safety team wants your ideas

Special to the Chronicle

Do you have a safety concern regarding a particular Citrus County intersection or roadway? Do you see a possible need for new or replacement lighting, striping or signs on a particular street to improve pedestrian or bicycle safety?

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, or if you are interested in hearing about traffic safety initiatives in the county, you are invited to attend the next meeting of the West Central Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center in Lecanto.

The teams are multidisciplinary, integrating the efforts of the four "E" disciplines that work in highway safety: engineering, enforcement, education/public information and emergency services. By working together with interested citizens and other traffic safety advocates within their communities, the CTSTs help to solve local traffic safety problems related to drivers, vehicles and roadways. One common goal of each Community Traffic Safety Team is to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes within its community.

The West Central Florida CTST conducts education and enforcement campaigns involving red-light running, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and traffic safety. It also participates in "Buckle Up Florida" and "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" sustained enforcement efforts.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. To be included on the agenda or for more information, email Rhonda Grice at Rhonda.grice@dot.state.fl.us, or contact Sue Littnan at 352-563-9939, ext. 235, or slittnan@elc-naturecoast.org.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Delegating your workload will help you go a long way toward achieving the success you desire. Your list of accomplishments will grow if you refuse to give in or be left behind. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Show important people in your life what they mean to you. It is too easy to take people and things for granted. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If your present situation is making you feel unfulfilled or unhappy, think about what changes will bring you greater happiness. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Personal clashes will result if you are too emotional, possessive or aggressive. Be clear about what you want, and don't be misled. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your course of action may be stymied. Don't be fooled by what others want you to see. Refer to your backup plan and wait for the most opportune moment. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Companionship will blossom with a person you have known for a while. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Choose to be a spectator. You'll meet with stubborn opposition if you try to push your likes and dislikes. Bide your time and make your case flawless. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Show your unselfish side by helping others, but don't pay for mistakes you didn't make. Aries (March 21-April 19) — Taking on added duties will be beneficial. Consider assisting people with personal medical, financial or legal affairs. Your help will be rewarded in a most helpful and unusual way. Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Your determination and single-mindedness will help to achieve success. Whether in your personal or business life, you will conquer any opposition that comes your way. Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Don't allow bad habits to jeopardize your health. Keep on track with good eating, sleeping and exercise regimens. Cancer (June 21-July 22) — You will discover a lot about your family history and get a better understanding of who you are by interacting with younger and older relatives. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll be tempted to participate in an unusual or risky venture. Take care that you do not compromise your reputation, health or financial well-being. Protect your assets.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood sputters to worst summer in years

NEW YORK — The movie of the summer might have been Marvel's irreverent hit "Guardians of the Galaxy," the top domestic film at the box office. Or it could have been Michael Bay's sequel-reboot hybrid "Transformers: Age of Extinction," the lone movie to even approach \$1 billion globally. But really, the movie of the summer was "Star Wars: Episode VII." Even though it's not due in theaters for more than a year, no other film captured the popcorn-hunger of moviegoers quite like J.J. Abrams' resurrection of George Lucas' space opera. As the blockbuster-to-come went into production over the summer, every bit of casting news was eagerly consumed; every hint of its plot was carefully parsed. Nothing can stop it, not even the broken leg of an aged Hans Solo (Harrison Ford), at the mercy of a mechanical door on his trusty Millennium Falcon, no less.

The rabid interest for "Star Wars" is good news for Hollywood's 2015. No so much for its 2014.

When the season sputters to a close on Monday, the summer box office — regardless of whatever is added to the coffers by weekend front-runner "Guardians" — will be about 15 percent down from last year's summer, making it Hollywood's worst summer in at least seven years.

Why did this summer fail to ignite at the box office? Here are some take-aways:

THE MOVIES SIMPLY WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH: "Maybe we had a lot of titles that looked good on paper," says Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros. The self-mocking "Guardians," starring Chris Pratt, and the operatic



A woman reacts to a dinosaur Saturday during the 13th annual Dragon Con parade in downtown Atlanta. The parade features fans dressed as their favorite characters from movies, TV, comic books, literature and video games.

apocalyptic tale "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" won the most cheers from moviegoers and critics alike.

SEQUELS DIDN'T POP: Make no mistake about it: Sequels still rule the summer. Of the top 10 films at the box office, how many do you think were original? Zero. The most popular original movie was the Seth Rogen comedy "Neighbors," in 11th place. But many sequels also showed growing audience fatigue.

THE CENTER IS SHIFTING:

Two of the top movies of the year ("Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and "The LEGO Movie") were released in spring. "The studios are starting to realize: Let's take advantage of the soft spots in the calendar," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. Not only that, they're also increasingly focusing overseas. "Transformers" was launched not in North America but in China, where it was also partially shot. And it was rewarded for it: The film made more money in China than in North America.

Comedian Morgan still struggling after crash

TRENTON, N.J. — An attorney for Tracy Morgan says the former "Saturday Night Live" actor is having a tough time recovering from a June accident on the New Jersey Turnpike that left a fellow comedian dead.

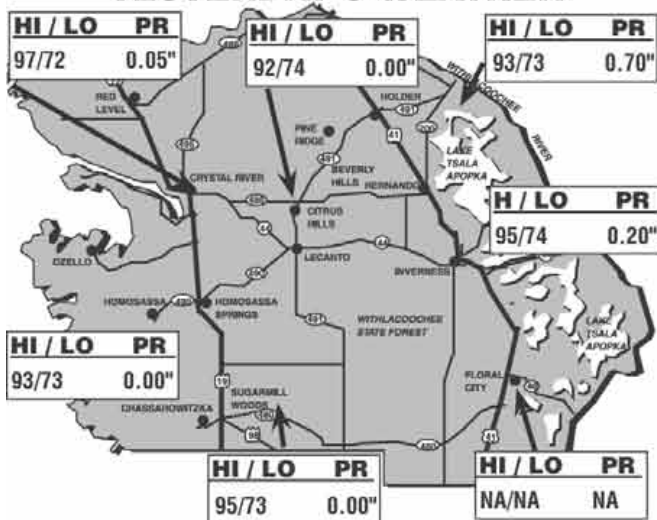
Attorney Benedict Morelli tells The Star-Ledger newspaper Morgan relies on a wheelchair and it may be months before he can fully walk again.

'Chocolate Factory' draft released

LONDON — An unused chapter of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" has been released — 50 years after Roald Dahl's children's novel was first published. The fifth chapter, from a 1961 draft, describes an extra room in the factory called the "Vanilla Fudge Room." The draft also showed Charlie originally went into the factory with his mother, not his grandfather.

The chapter was published in the Guardian newspaper Saturday. —From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast, City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for various Florida cities.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southeast then SW winds 5 to 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Tonight: North winds 5 to 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

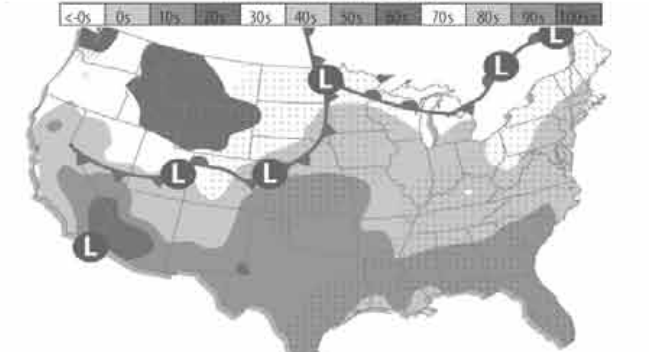
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Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management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

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FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY

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THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 93° Low: 72° Mostly sunny, 40% chance for afternoon and evening storms. MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING High: 92° Low: 72° Mostly sunny, 40% chance for afternoon and evening storms. TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING High: 94° Low: 71° Mostly sunny, 30% chance for afternoon and evening storms.

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Au. 31, the 243rd day of 2014. There are 122 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On Aug. 31, 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern U.S.; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths. On this date: In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, apparently the first victim of "Jack the Ripper," was found slain in London's East End. In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died. In 1994, Russia officially ended its military presence in the former East Germany and the Baltics after half a century. Five years ago: Walt Disney Co. announced it was acquiring comic book giant Marvel Entertainment for \$4 billion. One year ago: Short of support at home and allies abroad, President Barack Obama stepped back from a missile strike against Syria. Today's birthdays: Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka is 102. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 79. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 69. Singer Van Morrison is 69. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 66. Actor Richard Gere is 65. Baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 46. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 44. Actor Chris Tucker is 42. Thought for Today: "Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know." — William Saroyan, American author and playwright (born this date in 1908, died 1981).

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SMITH

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Floral City, where the two-lane road meanders through farmland, an occasional development and scant businesses.

Sure, Smith says, that may be the case today. But decades from now, he believes, the potential exists for residents and business to swarm to Citrus from the south — but they won't if the roadway isn't ready.

Smith, in a guest column appearing in today's *Chronicle*, calls for the state to immediately study widening U.S. 41 between Brooksville and just south of Inverness.

He also said the study should include bypasses for both Brooksville and Floral City.

"I'm kind of pushing a vision of balancing of economics to the east side of both counties," Smith said Friday. "I want to make sure the horse is actually in front of the cart."

Smith wrote that he read recently that many residential transplants to Citrus County are coming from South Florida. He said Citrus and Hernando counties could benefit from a stronger road system on U.S. 41, and that the discussion should start now.

"All these things need to be discussed now before there's a need," he said.

The Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, or MPO, placed the Floral City bypass last on a list of 13 projects it wants funded in Citrus County. Officials said they wanted it on the list to make it eligible for a state planning study, which is scheduled for 2017 at a \$1 million cost to the state.

Smith said the MPO should make the Floral City bypass No. 1 on its list so it receives the study sooner.

The MPO's No. 1 project is continuing the Suncoast Parkway through Citrus County. No. 2 is widening U.S. 41 from State Road 44 in Inverness halfway to Hernando.

Josh Wooten, president

and chief executive officer of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, was surprised to hear Smith is angling for more attention on U.S. 41 south of Inverness than north of Inverness.

"I'm all for proper planning, but we have issues within our own borders right now that need to be taken care of promptly," he said.

"If the state has money for a study on U.S. 41 south, it should be redirected for the construction of road widening between Inverness and Hernando."

Incoming Citrus County commissioner Scott Carnahan, whose district includes Floral City, adamantly opposes a Floral City bypass study.

"Jimmie T. Smith is out of his mind!" Carnahan said Friday. "I don't think the residents of Floral City want that."

Smith: Let's have some vision

Smith would not say if he favors road-widening on U.S. 41 between Brooksville and Inverness before widening the same road north of Inverness. He said once the study concludes, it's up to local officials who make up the MPO to decide priorities.

"If I had my druthers, I would have it towards the top of the list," he said.

Current traffic patterns show a significant difference between U.S. 41 south and U.S. 41 north.

According to county traffic counts from 2012, the most recent data available, about 9,000 U.S. vehicles pass daily through the intersection at County Road 48 in Floral City and only 3,100 daily vehicles cross the Citrus-Hernando county line.

U.S. 41 north of Inverness, however, shows about 14,600 to 16,600 vehicles a day traveling between S.R. 44 and Independence Boulevard.

And C.R. 491, which is scheduled for widening between S.R. 44 and C.R. 486, has nearly 15,000 vehicles a day.

Wooten said chamber members are consistent in

“ All these things need to be discussed now before there's a need. ”



Jimmie T. Smith
Florida House of Representatives.

“ We have issues within our own borders right now that need to be taken care of promptly. ”



Josh Wooten
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Scott Carnahan
incoming Citrus County commissioner.

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their road priorities: Suncoast Parkway; U.S. 41 between Hernando and Inverness; C.R. 491 widening in Lecanto; slowing traffic through Floral City.

As for Smith's concerns that Citrus and Hernando counties will be caught off guard if not preparing U.S. 41 south for growth, Wooten said that's not how business leaders look at it.

"I'm not feeling it and I'm not hearing it," Wooten said.

Told that Smith said a study would gather residents' opinions, Carnahan said he could do that himself.

"I need to set up a town hall meeting in my district and get the opinions of the people there," he said.

Carnahan said Smith is using the U.S. 41 issue to

help with his 2016 state Senate campaign. Smith has already announced he'll run to replace Sen. Charlie Dean, who is being forced out due to term limits.

"He's running for senator and coming out with these big ideas," Carnahan said. "He needs to think about what the people want and not what he wants."

Smith, however, said leadership is planning for years ahead.

"Let's have some vision," he said. "It's going to happen. You can't stop growth. My job is to provide a vision to get us going."

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

State BRIEFS

Bill Clinton to speak at Crist rally

MIAMI — Former President Bill Clinton is headed to Miami to stump at a campaign rally for Florida gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist. Crist's campaign announced the speech on Saturday. Clinton is scheduled to be at Crist's campaign rally Friday at Miami's J.W. Marriott Marquis.



Bill Clinton
former president.

Crist won the Democratic nomination last week to challenge Gov. Rick Scott in November's general election.

Members of the public wishing to attend the rally can get more information at www.charliecrist.com/bill-clinton-sept5.

Historic ship to become museum

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville City Council has agreed to allow an historic U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer to be moored on the banks of the St. Johns River, where it will be used as a maritime museum.

The Florida Times-Union reported that the council voted 16-1 to allow the Downtown Investment Authority to move the USS Adams to town.

The ship will be moored by the vacant Maxwell House plant.

Joe Snowberger, commodore of the Jacksonville Historic Ship Association, says the Navy should turn the ship over within six months.

The group will then work to refurbish the vessel with the goal of displaying it on the river by the end of 2015.

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Obituaries

Winifred Beecher, 68
BEVERLY HILLS

Winifred Patricia Beecher was born on September 27, 1945 in Georgetown, Guyana South America. The fourth of five children, to the late Patrick and Muriel Reid. She was fondly known as "Patsy" to all who knew her. Patsy immigrated to United Kingdom in 1964, to join her sister the late Claudette Jeune, where she studied at Queens General Hospital in Croydon Surrey to become a nurse. Patsy met and married Henry Beecher in 1968 from that union two beautiful children were born, Jennifer and Simon. Patsy worked in the nursing profession for many years in England United Kingdom. Patsy and her family immigrated to United States in 1986 where she proudly continued in her profession as a Registered Nurse with the intention to become a Nurse Practitioner, unfortunately Patsy became ill and her career came to an abrupt end. Patsy was a devoted wife to her husband and a devoted mother to her children. Family was the center of her life everything she did was always for the benefit of her immediate and extended family. Always going above and beyond the call of duty. Patsy en-



Winifred Beecher

ured her family had the best opportunities life has to offer.

She was predeceased by her Father Patrick Reid, her mother Muriel Reid, her brother Victor Reid, her sister Shirley Reid, brother Paul Reid, sister Claudette Jeune, and brother in laws Cyril "Wenick Bowling and Stephen Jeune. She leaves to mourn, her husband Henry "Greg", of Beverly Hills Florida, her children Jennifer (Reggie) of Orlando Florida, Simon of London England, three grandchildren, nieces Paula (Desmond) of Upper Marlboro Maryland, Valerie of Croydon, England, Nephew Patrick of Guyana South America, Compton (Jennifer) of South Norwood, England, many great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Patsy loved the Lord wholeheartedly. She maintained a loving and Christian Spirit during her illness, until her departure from this life. Patsy will be greatly missed and will forever live in our hearts. The Service of Remembrance for Patsy will be held 2:00 PM, Thursday, September 4, 2014 at the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes and Crematory. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

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Ozelle Head, 98
HOMOSASSA

Ozelle Head, 98, of Homosassa, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, at the Citrus Memorial hospital Hospice Unit in Inverness, Florida.



Ozelle Head

Mrs. Head was born in Clermont, Georgia. She moved to Homosassa 16 years ago from Marietta, Georgia. For the past four years, she has been lovingly cared for by the staff at Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Facility, Sugarmill Manor Assisted Living Facility and finally Superior Residence Assisted Living Facility.

She was an executive secretary at the North American Mission Board, and retired in 1978 with 15 years of service. Mrs. Head was a member of the Crystal River First Baptist Church. She loved singing in the choir, and was honored in 2010 for having

sung in a church choir for over 83 years.

Mrs. Head was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, John B. Head. She is survived by two daughters, Andrea Pirkle (Mrs. David A.) and Beverly Howard (Mrs. Michael A.), both of Homosassa. She has four grandchildren, David Pirkle, Lara Beiter, Britt Howard and Michael Howard Jr.; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Crystal River First Baptist Church. The family will begin receiving guests at 2:30 p.m.

She will be returned to Smyrna, Georgia, where funeral services will be under the direction of Carmichael Funeral Home 707-435-4467. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. The family will receive guests at 12:30 p.m. Interment will be at Georgia Memorial Park Cemetery, in Smyrna, Georgia, following the service.

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Clifton Forrester, 74
INVERNESS

Clifton I. Forrester, 74, of Inverness, Florida, died Aug. 23, 2014.

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, with chapel service following at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at Fero Funeral Home.

Entombment to follow at Fero Memorial Gardens.

Eunice Grissen, 91

Eunice Skelton Grissen, 91, died Aug. 26, 2014.

A celebration of life tribute will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at Beverly Hills Community Church. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Hanson, 75
HOMOSASSA

The Service of Remembrance for Margaret Mary Hanson, 75, of Homosassa, Florida, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. She died Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Homosassa, Florida. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, at the Homosassa Chapel. Cremation will be under the direction of Hooper Crematory, Inverness.

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Richard Heintzelman, 85
INVERNESS

Richard R. Heintzelman, 85, of Inverness, Florida, passed away Aug. 28, 2014, at Arbor Trail Health & Rehab Center in Inverness.

He was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to the late Ed and Carrie (Stoner) Heintzelman. Richard was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and a quality control manager for the electronics industry. He arrived in this area in 1997, coming from Loveland, Colorado, and resided in Florida for more than 50 years total. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Crystal River, Florida, and was a member of American Legion Post No. 91 in Cambridge, Maryland.

Richard loved woodcarving and woodburning, and taught both; and was an original surviving member of the Nature Coast Carving Club. During the Sputnik era in the 1960s, he tracked satellites for the Smithsonian Institute. He enjoyed helping people, was a neighborhood handyman, and was previous owner of Heintzelman's Clock Repair for 12 years here in Inverness.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Betty Heintzelman. Other survivors include children Donald (Mary Lou) Heintzelman of Woolford, Maryland, and Catherine Summers, aka "Brenda," of Dobbins, California; one brother, Roy (Phyllis) Heintzelman, and sister-in-law Arlene Heintzelman, all of Gettysburg.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, with graveside services to follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Sign the guestbook at www.chronicleonline.com.

Albert Kirby Jr., 62
LECANTO

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Albert Orville Kirby Jr., 62, of Lecanto, Florida,

will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes.

Cremation will be under the direction of Hooper Crematory, Inverness. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to the Sumter County Association for Retarded Citizens. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Al was born Nov. 26, 1951, in Sycamore, Illinois, son of Albert and Lorena (Sawvell) Kirby. He died Aug. 27, 2014, in Ocala, Florida. He worked as a truck driver for Walpole, Inc. trucking company. Al enjoyed fishing, hunting, model building and riding ATVs. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Orville Kirby Sr.

Survivors include his mother, Lorena Cadle of Inverness; two sons, Alan (Greta) Kirby of Bushnell and Carl Kirby of Lecanto; daughter Jessica Kirby of Bushnell; two grandsons, Justin and Austin Kirby; two brothers, David Kirby and wife Tammy and Kenneth Kirby and wife Lynne, all of Inverness; three sisters, Debbie Reed and husband Glen of Anchorage, Alaska, Lori White and husband Nick of Homosassa and Julie Harp and husband William of Navarre, Florida.

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Wilma Hoffman, 82
CITRUS HILLS

Wilma E. Hoffman, age 82, of Citrus Hills, Florida, passed away August 21, 2014 in Inverness, FL under the care of Hospice of Citrus County and her family. Born February 5, 1932, she was the daughter of the late William and Hazel (Domke) Hoffman. She resided in Fox Lake and Des Plaines, IL and was a bookkeeper for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company in Chicago. After an early retirement, she and her sister Jackie formed "Tender Loving Pet Care", a pet sitting service whose motto was "You leave them, we love them". She always said those were the best 9 years of her working career. Her hobbies included traveling, bowling, reading, planning parties for the railroad company and political clubs in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Her enjoyment of planning parties and events continued down here in the south for the past 19 years via Women's Clubs. She was President of the Citrus Hills Woman's Club, a member of the GFWC Inverness Woman's Club, the GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club, the Red Rose Society, a volunteer at the former Ted Williams Museum and a social member of the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.

Wilma is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Jacquelyne and Richard Superson. A Celebration of Life for Wilma will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Garden Room of Citrus Hills. Please do not talk about death, but share some stories about your friendship with Wilma. Smiles will be appreciated. It is her request that donations or contributions be given to an animal care agency of your choice, in Citrus County. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

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Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Betty Heintzelman. Other survivors include children Donald (Mary Lou) Heintzelman of Woolford, Maryland, and Catherine Summers, aka "Brenda," of Dobbins, California; one brother, Roy (Phyllis) Heintzelman, and sister-in-law Arlene Heintzelman, all of Gettysburg.

Daniel Rohan, 67
BEVERLY HILLS

Mr. Daniel F. Rohan, age 67 of Beverly Hills, Florida, died Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in Beverly Hills.

He was born June 26, 1947 in Brooklyn, NY. He was an entrepreneur, freelance writer, political advisor, insurance agent, and critically acclaimed radio talk show host in New Orleans, LA.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret Bernick of Beverly Hills, son, Brendan D. Rohan of Holder, and daughter, Colleen Rohan of Metairie, LA.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Michael Sullivan, 63
INVERNESS

Michael E. Sullivan, 63, of Inverness, Florida, died Aug. 28, 2014, at Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast in Inverness.

A funeral service for Mr. Sullivan will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1, 2014, at Heinz Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from noon until the hour of service. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, Florida.

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Maxine Jones, 100
VERNON, CONN.

Maxine (Smith) Jones died Aug. 20, 2014, with family and friends by her side at her home at Welles Country Village in Vernon, Connecticut. Mackie, who celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year, was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Winchester, New Hampshire, to Ruth and Arthur Smith. She was predeceased by her husband, William, in 1998; and son, Bruce E. Jones, in 2011.

Mackie is survived by her beloved family: Jeralyn Hankinson, daughter, and husband, Bill, of Tolland Connecticut; Ginny Jones, daughter-in-law, of Tully Massachusetts; grandchildren, who were very dear to her, Missy Reynolds, and husband Scott, Peter Jones and wife Melis, Christopher Hankinson, and Sarah Hankens and husband Jeff; also, her great-grandchildren whom she adored, Patrick, Madeline and Cameron Reynolds, Lexy and Zoe Jones, and Abraham and Josephine Hankens.

Mackie was born in Winchester, New Hampshire, where she attended public schools, then Keene Normal School. She married Bill Jones and they raised their family in Winchester. She was a lifelong member of the United Church of Winchester, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Ladies' Oriental Shrine. Since resettling in Tolland, the United Congregational Church had welcomed her into its church family.

Mackie and Bill enjoyed 27 years in Florida after retirement. They were grateful to have made many friends in Inverness. Sadly, she gave up golfing at the age of 91, and in 2007 returned to New England to be closer to her family. During that time, she especially enjoyed becoming better acquainted with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Everyone at Welles Country Village and, before that, Winding River Village, made Mackie's time there special, for which the family's eternally grateful. The staff and caregivers were exceptional. The kindness dear Sophie showed her during the past few months was especially appreciated. Mackie was a sweet, independent, gentle, but spunky centenarian who was loved by many. She ended her journey with dignity and grace.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 17 at the United Church of Winchester (New Hampshire). Those who wish may donate in memory of Mackie to the Bruce E. Jones Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 298, Orange, MA 01364; or Hospice and Palliative Care, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon, CT 06066.

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Evelyn Miller, 89
LECANTO

Evelyn Louise Miller, 89, of Lecanto, Florida, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, in Lecanto. Arrangements are under the direction of the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

Louise Showalter, 92
BUSHNELL

Louise Showalter, 92, of Bushnell, died Aug. 23, 2014, at her home while under the care of hospice.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Clearwater. A memorial service will be at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, at the Nobleton Community Church.

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JACKSONVILLE — Her mother was the hardest one to do.

Connie Jones went through a box of tissues as she styled her silver hair and deftly applied makeup. What normally would have taken her 20 minutes took two hours.

She cried, reached for a tissue, cried some more, reached for another tissue and talked to her as she worked. It was her final gift to her 83-year-old mother.

"She had been very ill, but she looked absolutely stunning," Jones said.

Jones has made thousands of others look their best before being laid to rest.

For almost 30 years, she worked in a profession that required skill, sensitivity and steely nerves. She was a hairdresser and makeup artist for many of Jacksonville's funeral homes until her recent retirement. The 66-year-old saw it as a calling.

"God gave me this gift, and the last thing you can do for people who've passed is to make them beautiful," Jones said.

At first, the funeral director went into the preparation room with her. Eventually, she was comfortable enough to go in alone.

"I got to the point that I could probably sleep in the funeral home," Jones said. "The person is not going to scare you. You are going to scare yourself. I got through it, and the good Lord was right there with me."

The Jacksonville native has been a hairdresser since 1968 when she went to work for Gino's Hair Fashion in the Gateway Shopping Center. Her husband, John Thornton, a Marine, was killed in Vietnam in 1970. At the time, their daughter Shelly was 18 months old, and she decided to open her own salon, Styles by Shell, at 63rd and Main streets in 1971.

George H. Hewell Sr. handled the arrangements for her husband's funeral and occasionally asked if she would do someone's hair. Friends frequently asked her to work on their relatives. Meanwhile, she still had her shop and put in long hours doing



Connie Jones is seen April 8 with the tools of her trade in Jacksonville. For almost 30 years, she worked in a profession that required skill, sensitivity and steely nerves. She was a hairdresser and makeup artist for many of Jacksonville's funeral homes. She recently retired.

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both. Around 1985, Hewell asked her to become full time.

"George Hewell Sr. taught me so much," she said. "Then I got into doing not only hair but funerals and visitations. I learned how to fold flags. I drove the hearse. I really enjoyed all aspects of the business."

She closed her salon in 1987, but still worked for a friend a couple of days a week. Her reputation spread among funeral directors, and Corey-Kerlin hired her, as well. A few years later, Jacksonville Memory Gardens did the same. Then it was Hardage-Giddens, and she was traveling to 17 funeral homes from Orange Park to Arlington to the Northside.

Jones, who stopped doing live clients in 1995, was on call seven days a week and never knew from day to day which funeral home would need her. Before she began, the bodies were embalmed and the hair washed. If still wet, she blew it dry. She used a curling iron, gels and spray to style the hair. If need be, she touched up the color or dyed it all over. Some family members gave her recent pictures to work from, some 50-year-old ones and some a verbal description of

what they wanted. Since they're lying down, the back of the hair isn't styled.

"When I get to heaven, I hope all these people aren't going to be mad at me because I couldn't do the back of the head," she said in jest.

Jones said elderly women were her specialty and the easiest to do, usually wanting a side bang curled toward the face and only light makeup.

"I'll never forget one of the first little ladies that I did," she said. "She had a box that she wanted buried with her containing letters from her son in Vietnam, and that touched my heart. I just cried."

Linda Gail "Bubbles" Stewart has known Jones for years and admired the work she did on her mother, two sisters and a nephew. Both of Stewart's sisters died of cancer, and with artful application of makeup, Jones lessened the visual impact of the disease.

"She truly cares about people, and she's very talented," Stewart said. "She's got a good sense of humor about everything that makes it comfortable. It helps ease the pain when families see their loved ones looking so wonderful, especially when they

have suffered a long illness."

Even men and children need a little makeup and lip color, she said. Though Jones never had a deceased person that she couldn't work on, children were the most poignant.

"Children got to my heart," she said. "It was just heartbreaking because you don't bury your children."

The reward came when family members saw their loved ones looking as good as they did in life, some even younger. Each one was special, she said, from friends she went to school with to Jacksonville pioneers to former Mayor Jake Godbold's wife, Jean, whose hair she styled in life and death.

Dennis Johnston, a funeral director at Corey-Kerlin, said it takes a special type of person to do what Jones does. And she had the talent, vibrant personality and energetic, upbeat attitude to do the work. Even if she didn't have instructions from the family, she could walk into the prep room, look at the body a few seconds and know what she was going to do, he said. And she was so good that it didn't take her a lot of time.

"Probably the most important

“Children got to my heart.”

Connie Jones
Jacksonville hairdresser

thing is she was always following up behind herself," said Johnston, who worked with Jones for 20 years. "After the family had the opportunity to see their loved one, she would call me to see how they felt and if she needed to come in and make any adjustments."

He recalled how impressed he was when Jones worked on his wife's sister, who died of leukemia in 2006 and had a lost a lot of hair to chemotherapy. Family members discussed getting a hairpiece or wig. Jones, a lifelong friend of his sister-in-law's, asked to try her hand first.

"She took a little bit of hair and made it look like she had a wonderful hairdo," he said. "At the service, everyone said, 'Look at her hair', and Connie took pride in that."

Johnston also was struck by the number of deceased Jones knew or was acquainted with a family member or a friend who knew them.

Jones even met her present husband through her funeral home connections. When hired by Hardage-Giddens, she became friends with the Giddens sister who worked on the business side and her husband. When she died, Jones eventually fell in love with her widower, Frank Jones, a man she describes as her soulmate. They married in 2008.

It's been a good career and a conversation starter, with people expressing surprise at her occupation, said Jones, whose blonde hair is softly coiffured and makeup tastefully applied.

When she wanted a vacation or weekend off, a friend, Pam Belger, stepped in for her. Now that she's retired, Belger has replaced her. Jones said she will reciprocate when Belger wants time off and will still take requests from friends to do their loved ones.

Johnston said Jones always made them happy.

"The only time she didn't make us happy," he said, "was when she retired."

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campaign cried foul on that.

"Floridians should not be fooled by Rick Scott's shameful, taxpayer-funded campaign events this week," spokesman Brendan Gilfillan said in a statement. "Scott's back-to-school tour should be an apology tour for the \$4.8 billion he wanted to cut and the \$1.3 billion he did cut from education."

WE'RE NOT GONNA TAKE IT

"That's all I can stand; I can't stand no more," the cartoon character Popeye used to say—and a coalition of groups including the state's largest teachers' union essentially said the same thing this week in launching a legal assault on Florida's de facto school-voucher program.

The lawsuit comes after the Legislature approved a bill this spring that would expand eligibility for the program and increase the value of scholarships given to participating students. While one of the central claims of the lawsuit—that the program gets in the way of the state's responsibility to provide a quality education to all children—could have been made for years now, those filing the challenge said the expansion forced their hand.

Ron Meyer, an attorney for the groups, said while education advocates were willing to allow the program to go forward initially, "this has become an industry."

"It's a money-maker for scholarship-funding organizations," Meyer said. "And it's a program that we think is a dereliction of the constitutional requirement (to provide public education)."

The Tax Credit Scholarship Program, which could raise as much as \$357.8 million this year, provides tax credits to



Associated Press

Nan Rich, left, touches her daughter Jennifer's face Tuesday after conceding defeat to her opponent Charlie Crist in the primary election for the democratic nomination for Florida governor. At center is her husband, David.

companies that donate money to nonprofit entities that pay for children to go to private schools.

Without the scholarship program, critics say, those tax dollars could be used to help fund public education. But supporters say the program provides better opportunities for low- or middle-income children trapped in failing public schools.

Republicans, who led the charge to institute and then broaden the voucher program, saw things a bit differently. Those attacking the scholarships were actually the special interests.

"This lawsuit is just the latest attack on parental choice by an entrenched education establishment more concerned about protecting the status quo than providing families the opportunities afforded by a great education," said

former Gov. Jeb Bush, who signed the legislation creating the program and is still an influential figure in the state's education debates.

■ **STORY OF THE WEEK:** Primary elections cleared the way for general elections, including the long-awaited battle between Gov. Rick Scott and former Gov. Charlie Crist for control of the governor's mansion.

■ **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We're not the Rick Scott campaign. We can't go whenever and whatever we want on TV. We have to make choices. So why would we make the choice to go spend a bunch of money in a primary that we know we're going to win?" — Steve Schale, a consultant for the Crist campaign, on why the former governor essentially ignored primary opponent Nan Rich.

DEATHS

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Larry Locklear, 65

BUSHNELL

Larry Raymond Locklear, 65, of Bushnell, Florida, passed away Aug. 29, 2014, at his residence in Bushnell.

He was born July 22, 1949, in Tampa, Florida, to the late Fairley J. and Frankie C. (Collins) Locklear. Larry was a truck driver and a Protestant, and arrived in this area in 1996, coming from Tampa. He, along with his wife Cynthia, provided vocals and music for entertainment, which was known as "Mad Cow Music." He enjoyed farming, fishing, hunting, scuba diving, all types of outdoor activities, and making friends and spending time with people.

Survivors include his loving wife of 22 years, Cynthia Locklear. Other survivors include children Ryan Locklear of Greensboro, North Carolina, Robyn (Ricky) Umfress of Clemmons, North Carolina, and stepson Edward E. Linsky of Jacksonville, Florida; brother Randy Locklear; sisters Brenda G. Locklear and Rhonda K. Aubuchon; and granddaughters Rebecca, Brianna and Novalei.

Funeral services for Larry are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, Florida. The family will receive friends in visitation at the funeral home one hour prior to service.

Burial will occur at Bay Hill Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, with military honors immediately following the service.

Sign the guestbook at www.chronicleonline.com.



Larry Locklear

Dorothy Strmiska, 94

CITRUS SPRINGS

Dorothy Mary Strmiska, 94, of Citrus Springs, Florida, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, in Lecanto. Arrangements are under the direction of the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

Janice McCarthy

MELBOURNE BEACH

Janice (Sargent) McCarthy, formerly of Hernando, passed away Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014.

She is survived by her six loving children: Janice (William) Nutt, Jennifer (David) Budden, William (Julieth) Sargent, Jacqueline (William) Malloy, Raymond (Cindy) Sargent and Jill (Scott) Stauber; as well as her brother William (Peggy) Burkhardt. She is also survived by her devoted companion John Hoffman. She leaves behind her much-treasured grandchildren Kelly and Cara Nutt, Shane Budden, Liam, Anna and Samuel Sargent.

She was happily married 20 years to her first husband William Sargent, who passed away in 1978. She was also preceded in death by her second spouse, Justin McCarthy; her parents, William and Marie Burkhardt; and her brother, Kenneth Burkhardt.

Janice radiated joy and found happiness by spending time with family and friends, traveling and sipping Manhattans.

Her service is planned for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Melbourne Beach, Florida. A Celebration of Life will be hosted immediately after the service.

Arrangements are by Beach Funeral Home, 321-777-4640. Please share memories and sign the guestbook at www.beachfuneralhome.com.

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LEGACY

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toward the driver's side. As he reaches in, shots ring out — 11 in a matter of 8 seconds. Songer fires his single-action, 22-caliber magnum Ruger five times into Smith; two bullets hit him in the chest, another in his neck, a fourth in the arm and the other in his leg.

"My God, they're shooting him," Starling says.

'No pulse. No heartbeat.'

Trooper Ronald Smith, 28, has a big day ahead of him. It's Sunday, Dec. 23, and he's planning to drive to Tallahassee in a few hours once his shift ends to meet with his wife and his nearly 2-year-old daughter Alicia. They have just bought a place in Crystal River and, with any luck, will be in their new home by Christmas.

Smith has been with the Florida Highway Patrol for eight months, but is no rookie to law enforcement. He previously served with the Tallahassee Police Department, where his father was a captain.

Smith spots a blue Chevy off the side of the road and investigates. With hand on pistol, he speaks with Jones and returns to check on the man asleep in the back seat. Songer, who is not sleeping, ambushes him. Mortally wounded, Smith somehow fires off six shots of his own. Three hit the car, but the others scatter wildly as he staggers 15 to 20 feet back and collapses to the ground.

Songer sees the deer hunters, who have witnessed the murder, and fires once before he and Jones attempt to speed off in the Impala. Morris returns fire, shooting out the rear tires and gas tank. Songer and Jones flee the vehicle. Jones takes off toward a wooded area, but Morris shoots him. The bullet goes completely through his left foot and



BOB MORELAND/St. Petersburg Times

Carl Ray Songer, left, is led from the Citrus County Courthouse, Sept. 24, 1980, by Citrus County Sheriff's deputies Dwight Gidden and Jim Beebe, right. Songer's attorney filed a motion that day to vacate Songer's death sentence, scheduled for Oct. 3, 1980. The trial judge denied the motion, but the Supreme Court of Florida stayed his execution two days later. It was the first of three stays of execution Songer would receive.

nearly blows off his right foot. Morris draws down on Songer and begins counting to 10. Songer gives up at the count of eight, throws out his gun and crawls on his hands and knees over to Jones, who is screaming for God to help him.

The hunters turn their attention to Trooper Smith, but it's too late.

"There was no pulse. No heartbeat. Nothing," Morris would later say.

Indefinite stay of execution

It's Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1985, and Carl Songer sits in his cell on death row in Florida's state prison in Starke. In 24 hours, he has a scheduled date with the electric chair. In Atlanta, his defense team is feverishly working every angle to have his execution stayed. Songer has faced death in the electric chair twice before, and both times his execution was stayed and then later reaffirmed.

A week earlier, Ronald Smith's now-13-year-old daughter Alicia watches as a final appeal of execution is denied in an Inverness courtroom. Alicia leaves court thinking that after 11 years of courtroom wrangling, her father's killer will finally receive his ultimate punishment. Since

her father's killing, tragedy has revisited the Smith family twice — in the year following his death, Smith's father committed suicide, and several years later his mother died of a heart attack.

With the future governor of Massachusetts, Deval Patrick, representing him, Songer again wins his third stay of execution — and this time it's an indefinite one.

'Horrible nightmare'

The Florida Supreme Court reviews an appeal by Songer's attorneys asserting their client's sentence is disproportionate to others imposed because the mitigating circumstances far outweigh the aggravating circumstances surrounding the crime. The sole aggravating circumstance the justices consider is Songer walking away from a work detail while incarcerated in Oklahoma. The mitigating circumstances are: Songer committed the crime while under extreme emotional and mental disturbance; he was impaired and could not comprehend his actions; and he was only 23 at the time of the murder.

Songer's attorneys also argue their client is sincerely remorseful, he has

engaged in self-improvement while in prison, he had an emotionally impoverished upbringing and he has developed spiritual and religious standards while in jail.

It's been 15 years since a Citrus County court found Songer guilty of murder and originally sentenced him to die in the electric chair, but on May 25, 1989, the justices unanimously agree with Songer's appeal and set aside the death sentence. They order the court to impose a life sentence. Songer will be eligible for parole in 1999.

Six weeks later in a Sumter County courtroom, an attorney for Alicia Smith reads her letter to the court admonishing the Florida legal system.

"Throughout my life, I have only been able to recognize my natural father through pictures and talks with my mother," she writes. "The only hope we had for an end to this horrible nightmare was seeing Songer executed."

"But now it will remain a haunting memory that will help go down in the history of the law to help others get off of death row."

Not forgotten

Alicia (Smith) Hayes, now 39, with sons Rhett, 10, and Cole, 16, by her side, fights back tears as she cuts the ribbon officially marking the renaming of the U.S. 19 barge canal bridge, near where her father was killed. The Trooper Ronald Smith Memorial Bridge serves as a lasting memory of the tragedy that occurred nearly 36 1/2 years earlier.

Months earlier, in October 2010, the local National Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers erects a monument in Smith's honor at the intersection of U.S. 19 and Basswood Drive in Crystal River, the location where the fatal shooting took place.

"It's an honor," Hayes says during the bridge dedication. "It's nice to know people don't forget. There



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Alicia Hayes, right, and her two sons, Cole, 16, left, and Rhett, 10, listen to Marleigh Miller, foreground, sing the national anthem at a ceremony in October 2010 to honor Hayes' father, Trooper Ronald G. Smith.

has been so much negative. This is a positive."

A case with tentacles

Songer's legal case spans 40-plus years, led to the changing of wording in the Florida Constitution and makes an appearance in Anton Scalia's opinion in the Supreme Court case *Hitchcock v. Dugger*. Deval Patrick's opponent in the 2006 Massachusetts gubernatorial race, Kerry Healey, used Patrick's involvement in the case as negative campaign material. Songer himself made history as the first person in Florida to receive three stays of execution. Even

the dedication of the Trooper Ronald Smith Memorial Bridge hit a roadblock when former State Rep. Ron Schultz, R-Homosassa, failed to sponsor a house bill to rename the bridge in 2009. Schultz, citing a communication error, sponsored a companion bill to State Sen. Charlie Dean's bill in 2010. The bridge was dedicated July 19, 2011.

On Jan. 7 of this year, the Florida Department of Corrections denied Songer parole for a third time.

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



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

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Do breast implants increase the risk of getting breast cancer?

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

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

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Buyer's remorse on Common Core for policymakers?

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Millions of students will sit down at computers this year to take new tests rooted in the Common Core standards for math and reading, but policymakers in many states are having buyer's remorse.

The fight to repeal the standards has heated up in Ohio, with state Rep. Andy Thompson, a Republican, saying it's kind of "creepy the way this whole thing landed in Ohio with all the things prepackaged."

It's playing out in Louisiana, where GOP Gov. Bobby Jindal is in a nasty feud involving his former ally, Education Superintendent John White. Jindal has sued the Obama administration, accusing Washington of illegally manipulating federal grant money and regulations to force states to adopt the Common Core education standards.

The standards were scrapped this year in Indiana and Oklahoma. Governors in North Carolina, South Carolina and Missouri have signed legislation to reconsider the standards, even though they still will be used in those three states this fall.

Like many critics, Thompson and Jindal base their opposition on federal support of the standards. But states led the Common Core movement that really took off in 2009, and that effort was voluntary.

The administration offered incentives to states to adopt college and career-ready standards, and Common Core fit the bill. The incentives included cash grants and permission to ignore parts of the much-maligned No Child Left Behind law.

The standards emphasize critical thinking and spell out what reading and math skills students should grasp at each grade level, while leaving how those skills are mastered up to districts and states. The hope was that higher standards shared across state lines would allow for shared resources, comparable student performance measures and smoother school-to-school transitions for children who move, such as military kids.

Nearly every state adopted the standards.

DEBATE SPREADS

The debate over Common

Core has spilled into the national political realm. Among potential GOP presidential candidates in 2016, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush supports the standards; Jindal, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul do not.

Teachers' unions, historically aligned with the Democrats, endorsed the standards and helped develop them. But they now complain about botched efforts to put them in place and say it's unfair to use Common Core-based assessments in new teacher evaluation systems rolling out in much of the United States.

The issue has gotten pulled into a general anti-testing backlash in parts of the country. To ease the testing concerns, Education Secretary Arne Duncan recently said he would allow states to delay using students' test scores in teacher evaluation systems.

"What really has happened is that this has become a politicized issue and it's become an ideological symbol, interestingly, on both sides," said Patrick McGuinn, a political science professor at Drew University. He said the standards and the assessments designed under them are generally considered acceptable or of high quality.

CLASSROOMS PREPARE

Far from the political discourse, American classrooms continue to be transformed by the use of the standards, with new curricula developed and teachers trained. Some parents are perplexed by the new ways their children are completing their lessons.

Supporters like former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Republican who helped lead the governors' group that identified the goals set by Common Core, say politics and mistruths have hijacked a needed and effective education overhaul.

The standards were a response from governors in a defensive mode to keep the federal government out of education, Perdue said, and he supported the changes out of concern for U.S. students' global competitiveness. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is among backers.

"It's just a situation that I don't think should have become polit-

COMMON CORE IN FLORIDA

- Florida officials tweaked the standards among a growing backlash. Beginning the fall, the "Florida standards" will be used in state classrooms.
- While some have asked GOP Gov. Rick Scott and legislators to jettison the standards, high-ranking Republicans have tried to tamp down the controversy in other ways.
- For example, legislators passed a measure that repealed more than 30 mentions of Common Core that were placed into state law just a year ago. Scott initially backed Common Core standards, but after complaints from grassroots conservative groups and activists, he called for public hearings and set the groundwork for the state to pull out of a consortium developing a national test to see if school children are meeting the new standards.

ON THE NET

- **Common Core:** www.corestandards.org

ical, which has become politically toxic and I don't really know how to decontaminate that," Perdue said.

SHIFTING PUBLIC OPINION

A PDK/Gallup Poll released Aug. 20 found a dramatic change in the number of people aware of the standards. Last year, two-thirds of those surveyed said they'd never heard of the standards. This year, 81 percent said they had — and 6 in 10 said they oppose them.

Daniel A. Domenech, executive director of the national organization representing school superintendents, said polling provides more evidence it's important to "slow down to get it right."

This school year marks a milestone. This coming spring, roughly 11 million students in more than half the states are expected to take new computer-based assessments aligned with Common Core standards that were developed by two groups of

states to replace the standardized tests that had been used.

States can choose the assessment to be used, but those decisions have not been without controversy. Some states, including Georgia and Michigan, that originally joined the consortiums, have dropped out and opted for different tests.

AWAITING RESULTS

The rollout of Common Core-based tests will be watched closely for computer glitches and other problems, as well as to see how well students perform.

The ambition of Common Core is "quite broad," said Jonathan Supovitz, co-director at the Consortium for Policy Research in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He said the standards have the potential to bring new tools and technologies into classrooms and lead to greater student mastery of subjects, but it will take time.

"This is not going to happen overnight. It's going to take lots of resources and lots of teacher exposure to new ways of doing things and we're just at the beginning of that process," Supovitz said.

Many state lawmakers aren't willing to wait.

STATE PUSHBACK

Jindal initially supported Common Core. He said that's because the standards were first presented as a bottoms-up approach, but "the reality is what it has become is another tool for the federal government to try to dictate curriculum."

He suspended contracts that the state Department of Education planned to use to buy testing material aligned with the standards. White and education board leaders say the governor overstepped his legal authority, and they sued. A state district judge has since said the governor's actions were harmful to parents, teachers and students and he lifted Jindal's suspension of the contracts. The decision allows White to move ahead with Common Core-tied testing plans until a full trial is held later over the legality of Jindal's executive orders against the standards.

At the same time, 17 state lawmakers who oppose the standards have lodged their own legal challenge, but lost their first round in court.

Education Secretary Arne

Duncan has criticized the Jindal's opposition to Common Core as politically driven. In a June interview with "CBS This Morning," the secretary said of Jindal's switched position: "It's about politics, it's not about education."

In Ohio, some teachers have raised concerns about how the standards came out, Ohio Federation of Teachers president Melissa Cropper said, but most largely support them. Some of the state's largest urban districts, such as Cleveland and Columbus, have spent two years and lots of money preparing for the rollout that started this school year, she said.

Cropper urged state lawmakers to stay the course with the standards, which were adopted in 2010.

"All that time, energy and resources would be wasted," Cropper said. "I think it will absolutely throw our districts in chaos."

State Rep. Thompson, whose wife is a Spanish teacher, isn't convinced. He says Ohio and other states adopted the standards in the wake of the economic downturn because they were in desperate need of money.

"When you take federal leverage, it affected people's behavior," Thompson said.

OTHER VOICES

Parents and educators opposed to the standards in Ohio were allotted three full days of hearings in mid-August to discuss the merits of replacing Common Core. Defenders of the standards were relegated to holding news conferences.

Lincoln Bramlage, a father of three from Ottawa-Glandorf in northwest Ohio, said the standards are "hardly relevant." He added: "We need to fight for the teachers and the kids. This is not education. It's indoctrination."

Carrie Moenster, a parent and teacher, said she's seen her fourth-grade students in tears because they couldn't understand math standards that she called "abstract and developmentally inappropriate."

"One child who was once very confident comes up to our desks repeatedly while working on an independent assignment because he doesn't trust his own mind and judgment anymore," she said.



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Worried That Mom Can't Remember?



South American food chains use Florida as US gate

Associated Press

MIAMI — When El Corral Burgers opened its first U.S. restaurant near Miami last year, Colombian-Americans came in droves to get a taste of home.

They had missed the chain's 20 different recipes of freshly made burgers, which back in the South American country are frequently recommended by proud locals to foreign visitors. An average of 620 Colombians and others showed up each day during the first six weeks.

"We had lines longer than Disneyland. Some came from Tampa and Orlando," says Juan Mario Patino, a vice president of 4JS Management, the company's U.S. franchisee.

El Corral is among a growing number of South American restaurant chains that are using South Florida as the gateway to the U.S. market. Juan Valdez, a Colombian company named after the fictional coffee farmer used in the country's ads, plans to open 60 franchised cafes in South Florida in the next five years in a fresh attempt to challenge Starbucks on its home turf. Giraffas, the Brazilian second-largest fast-food chain, opened its first U.S. restaurant in North Miami three years ago and has launched 10 more since.

With America's fast-food and fast-casual restaurants generating a combined \$231 billion annually in sales, these companies and others are hoping to get a small but growing bite. They bring to the table flavors of a different variety.

"Americans are always interested in something new and different," says Warren Solochek, a restaurant analyst at market research firm NPD Group. "If you have a new sort of restaurant that is coming into an area, people are always going to be interested in trying it out to see if fits their needs."

In the last five years, cities like Miami, Boston and New York have seen an influx of European and Latin American brands looking to test the U.S. marketplace, according to Darren Tristano, executive vice president of Technomic, a food industry researcher.

Given that its population is two-thirds Hispanic, Miami-Dade County is preferred by South American companies because they are familiar to many residents. The companies rely on the role of their fellow countrymen as U.S. ambassadors of their brands.

"I tell all my friends they should come here," says Colombian-born Andres Lopez, 24, at the El Corral restaurant in Brickell, the financial district of Miami. "The quality of their meat is the best."

But the companies say they are aware that to grow they need to appeal to a broader clientele, not just expatriates.

"We don't want to be the brand of Hispanics," says Alejandra Londono, the vice president of international business at Juan Valdez.



Juan M. Patino, vice president of 4JS, the franchisee of El Corral in the United States, poses for a photo Aug. 15 at a Corral restaurant in Miami. Colombian hamburger chain El Corral has over 200 locations in Latin America and arrived to the U.S. in early 2013.



A hamburger ready for serving is shown Aug. 15 at El Corral restaurant in Miami.

The company is targeting coffee lovers and is looking to differentiate itself with varied offerings that include beans from different regions of Colombia and artisanal methods of preparation.

"We want the experience of drinking coffee to be authentic," Londono said.

El Corral and Giraffas are aiming to position themselves in the fast-casual sector, which promises higher quality of food for an affordable price. In 2014, this sector, which includes companies like Panera and Chipotle, is expected to grow 10 percent.

Giraffas, whose menu features steaks and burgers "with a Brazilian twist," was listed among the top 25 movers and shakers in 2013 and 2014 by the website Fastcasual.com.

By 2020, Giraffas wants to have between 100 and 150 U.S. stores.

"To make a difference in the U.S. you have to have hundreds of locations," says Joao Barbosa, the CEO of Giraffas USA.

The real litmus test for these companies is the expansion be-

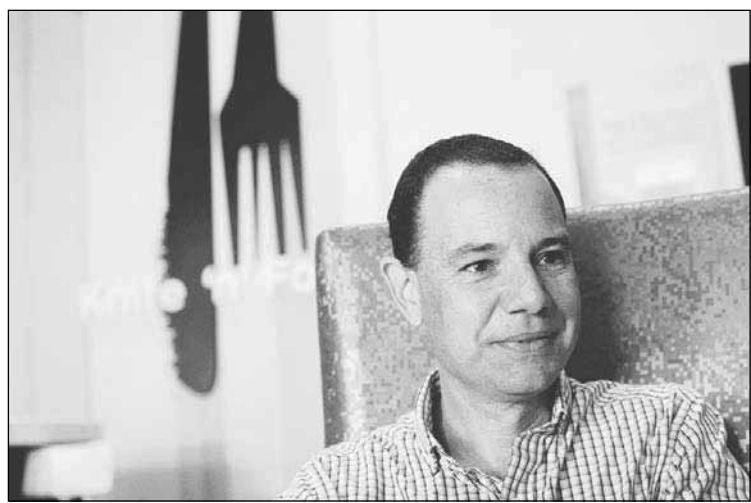
yond cities with a large Hispanic population, says Joseph Ganitsky, the director of the University of Miami's Center for International Business Education and Research.

"They are national champions but if they do not have an aggressive strategy and connect with the national trend, they will not get very far," says Ganitsky.

An example for these companies might be the rapidly growing Spanish chain 100 Montaditos, which entered the U.S. in 2011 through Miami and already has brought 17 of its tavern-style restaurants to four other states: New York, Maryland, Virginia and Iowa.

Its CEO in the U.S., Francisco Javier Cernuda, said the brand has had a good reception in the non-Hispanic majority areas where it has already opened stores, such as Manhattan; Davenport, Iowa or West Palm Beach, Florida. "Our restaurant is so unique that people accept it very well," said Cernuda.

Guatemalan fried chicken chain Pollo Campero also targeted its countrymen when it en-



Joao Barbosa, CEO of Giraffas, stands under the company's logo Aug. 19 as he talks about the growth of his restaurant chain in the United States.



George Beserani enjoys a cafe con leche, milk and coffee, Aug. 15 at a Juan Valdez Cafe in Miami.

tered the U.S. through California in 2002. It has since expanded to 55 locations across the country.

But regardless of whether the companies will expand beyond Florida, they also see their presence here as a showcase to the rest of the world.

Barbosa says that since Giraffas started operations in South

Florida, the company has received dozens of requests from companies all over the world showing interest in licensing the brand.

"With our 11 locations here, we make much more noise in the world than with the 400 we have in Brazil," Barbosa said. "If you reach success in the U.S. the chances to go global are easier."

NUGENT

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"Then you have to wait for the doctor here to get the results and give you an appointment," he said, adding that it would be much more efficient if the local clinic had its own X-ray machine or even was able to outsource simple diagnostic procedures to local medical facilities and get results the same day.

"The most important insight I get is from the people on the ground," the Nugent told the *Chronicle*

Friday. "If you want to know how the VA is performing, ask a veteran; don't ask the PR department at VA headquarters. So when I hear that specific needs aren't being met, that's something specific that I can take back to Washington and push for."

He said that the VA has considerable funding appropriated each year.

"It just changes who gets to decide where specific dollars go," he said. "So if local needs aren't being met, then we push the VA to allocate their resources in such a way that the needs are being met."

Nugent stressed the importance of hearing directly from veterans, so he can reach out and put pressure directly on the VA.

"Their budget comes from Congress and they need to be allocating those resources the right way," he said.

Contact U.S. Rep. Richard Nugent, R-Brooksville, by email through his website at www.nugent.house.gov or write him at: U.S. Rep. Richard Nugent, 1727 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515.

Also, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at

the Crystal River Mall, Nugent will be the guest speaker at the annual Veterans Fair. He will be available to meet and greet the public.

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In quake, barrels became quarter-ton projectiles

Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Napa Valley's seismically reinforced winery buildings generally held up to the largest earthquake to hit Northern California in a quarter-century, but the precious wine piled inside often did not.

In winery after winery, oak wine barrels stacked high and weighing more than a quarter-ton each came cascading down, renewing worries about a lightly regulated threat to safety in fault-riddled wine country.

Vintner Richard Ward, in his south Napa Valley winery in the hours after the Aug. 24 magnitude-6.0 quake to help workers re-stack barrels, was one of many to say the time of the quake — 3:20 a.m. — limited casualties.

Authorities say falling debris seriously injured three people, none apparently at wineries that were then mostly unstaffed.

Had the quake happened one day later, Ward said, gesturing as workers used forklifts to right toppled empty barrels at his Saintsbury vineyard, "this place would have been full of people" working on this year's harvest.

Napa Valley's roughly 500 wineries still are compiling financial estimates for the quake's impact, spokeswoman Cate Conniff of the Napa Valley Vintners trade group said. The most commonly reported damage was the fallen stacks of wine barrels.

The barrels each hold the equivalent of 25 cases of wine. At some wineries and wine-storage centers after the quake, spilled wine from broken barrels pooled over workers' feet and ran under doors to puddle on streets and sidewalks.

Wine barrel storage sites, which can hold thousands of barrels belonging to many owners, said they too were still assessing the loss, but numerous full



Associated Press

Barrels filled with cabernet sauvignon that toppled on one another following an earthquake are shown Aug. 24 at the B.R. Cohn Winery barrel storage facility in Napa, Calif. Napa Valley's seismically reinforced winery buildings generally held up to the largest earthquake to hit Northern California in a quarter-century, but the precious wine piled inside often did not.

wine barrels had spilled to the ground in some.

Beyond general worker safety rules, state officials say there are no specific regulations addressing wine barrel stacks, which a 2004 report by the Oakland-based Earthquake Engineer Research Institute said pose "significant threats to life and property."

In a few wineries with tasting rooms among the barrel stacks, tourists could have been in harm's way, as well.

Materials in workplaces are supposed to be secured, but there are no specific state laws or regulations covering wine barrel stacks, said Peter Melton, a spokesman for the California state division of occupational safety and health.

OSHA inspectors tended to see such stack collapses as inevitable in a large temblor, Melton said, and no wineries have been



Winemaker Tom Montgomery stands in wine as he reacts to seeing damage following an earthquake at the B.R. Cohn Winery barrel storage facility in Napa, Calif.

cited in the latest quake. "I don't think they (barrel racks) were designed for an earthquake," he said.

Beyond the economic

quake safety specialist who has written on easing the dangers of the stacks for more than a decade.

Wineries typically use two-barrel racks to hold barrels, stacking them up to five or six high, well overhead.

After a 2006 fire heavily damaged Napa Valley Silver Oak family winery, CEO David Duncan said he heeded seismic studies written by Marrow and rebuilt winery buildings to incorporate a seemingly simple change — switching to steadier four-barrel racks, even though that required buying bigger forklifts to move them.

At Silver Oak during the latest quake, the towers of wine barrels stood, although three barrels in partially full racks fell. "Every single photograph I've seen" of collapsed barrel stacks elsewhere in wine country "were all on two-barrel racks," Duncan said.

For Silver Oak, each full barrel that stayed put and didn't break represented upward of \$32,500 in wine saved.

For wine-industry colleagues who hesitate at the expense of retooling for different racks, "I tell them it's not as big an investment as having your barrels fall and crack open," Duncan said.

The danger of wobbly barrel stacks in earthquake areas has come up before, said Marrow, including after a 6.5 magnitude quake on California's Central Coast in 2003 and after a 5.2 magnitude quake in Napa County in 2000. Some Central Coast vintners began using shorter barrel stacks as a result of the 2003 quake, said Chris Taranto, spokesman for a vintners' association there.

The recession dissuaded many vintners from spending to switch to steadier stacks, however, Marrow said.

Beyond recommending four-barrel racks, Marrow and other winery seismic safety experts have pointed to ways to better hold barrels in place, such as gates added to the front of them.

Wineries also can build sturdy steel cages in rooms where barrels are stacked, so workers have someplace to run for protection if a quake starts, he said. Shorter stacks of barrels are safer than ones that reach toward the ceiling, he added.

Vintners probably would be looking at lessons learned from the Napa quake after cleaning up damage and harvesting this year's grape crop, said Michael Kaiser of the WineAmerica national trade group.

The issue isn't going to go away, Marrow said, given that the majority of California's vineyards lie in active seismic areas.

"Rolling vineyards generally were created by earthquake faults," he said.

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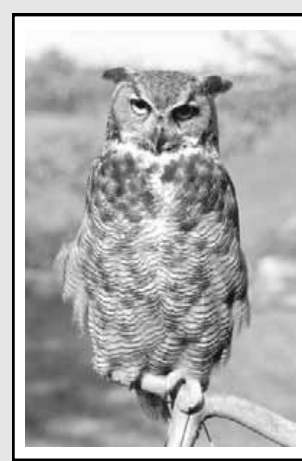
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Ebola takes big toll on already poor health care

Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — When the dreaded Ebola virus began infecting people in the Sierra Leone town of Kenema, Dr. Sheik Humarr Khan and his team were on the front lines. After stepping out of his protective suit following hours on a sweltering ward, he would jump on the phone to coordinate with the Ministry of Health, to deal with personnel issues and tend to hospital business.

He was jovial but forceful. When he walked into a room everyone looked to him for direction and he gave it decisively, said Daniel Bausch, an American doctor who worked with Khan.

But then Khan tested positive for Ebola at the end of July and died soon after. He is one of at least two leading doctors in Sierra Leone who have died in the outbreak, which has also hit Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal. The World Health Organization says it has sickened a higher proportion of medical staff than any other on record, with 240 contracting Ebola and more than half of them dying.

The toll on health workers was felt immediately by grieving and frightened colleagues and by patients who had fewer people to attend to them, and it will likely set back health care systems — poorly equipped amid rampant poverty to begin with — for years to come.

“These are people who were the backbone” of efforts to improve struggling health systems, said Bausch, a professor of tropical medicine at Tulane University. Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone “are trying to dig themselves out of years of stalled or retrograde development and making some progress. This is



A health worker measures a patient's temperature Friday at the Connaught Hospital, which has suffered the loss of medical workers in the past from the Ebola virus, in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

setting them back immeasurably.”

Khan had been an expert in Lassa, which like Ebola is a hemorrhagic fever, meaning he brought tremendous expertise to the current outbreak. He was also key to improving Sierra Leone's health system in general. The region's weak health system infrastructure, along with poverty, helped fuel Ebola's spread.

Modupeh Cole, a top physician at Connaught Hospital in Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, also died of Ebola. He was one of only three senior doctors who supervised junior doctors at the hospital, said Dr. Oliver Johnson, a British doctor who has worked there for two years as part of the King's Partnership

Sierra Leone. Cole's death will hobble the hospital and might render it unable to offer post-graduate specialist training, Johnson said.

The loss of senior doctors makes a huge impact because there are so few of them. Liberia has only one doctor for every 100,000 people, while Sierra Leone has two, according to World Health Organization statistics. In comparison, the U.S. has 245 doctors for every 100,000 people.

Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone are some of the world's poorest countries and have histories of coups or civil war. Many of their brightest citizens, including medical professionals, had abandoned their countries and

governments struggled to provide even the most basic services.

Even before the outbreak, it was common for family members of patients in a Sierra Leonean hospital to be asked to supply basic equipment themselves, popping out to a pharmacy to buy gloves for the doctors, syringes and over-the-counter pain-killers.

In Liberia, the government-run hospital in most counties is lucky to have one surgeon, on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, according to Dr. Frank Glover, an American medical missionary who has worked extensively in Liberia and who founded SHIELD in Africa, which is dedicated to improving health care. Most county hospi-

tals do not have ambulances, X-ray machines or a lab to do blood work, he said.

Since the outbreak, many hospitals and clinics in Freetown and Liberia's capital of Monrovia that are not involved in Ebola care have closed, as staff and patients fled out of fear they would get the virus. Liberia and Sierra Leone have seen health workers walk off the job to demand hazard pay and safer working conditions. That means malaria, typhoid and cholera cases are going untreated — a situation Doctors Without Borders called “an emergency within the emergency.”

Bausch recently found himself on an Ebola ward in Sierra Leone with only one other doctor and 55 patients because the nurses were all on strike.

“When we went in that day, it was a very emotional experience to try to meet the needs of so many people,” he said. “There's people saying, you know, ‘Doctor, I'm hungry, I don't have food,’ or, ‘I'm thirsty, I don't have water.’”

Bausch believes he was working with Khan around the time that the Sierra Leonean doctor became infected — and for Bausch there was no “aha moment.” The mistake can be so small, no one sees or remembers it.

Bausch said the single most important thing the outbreak needs is more people — and not necessarily experts but people to clean wards and do laundry and help medical staff ensure they're using their protective gear properly. That's the best way to ensure patients are being taken care of and that health workers aren't becoming so exhausted that they're making the kinds of mistakes that can lead to infection.

World BRIEFS

EU leaders pick Italian as bloc's new top diplomat

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders on Saturday picked Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini to become the 28-nation bloc's top diplomat for the next five years.

The decision comes as the crisis at the EU's eastern border pitting Ukraine against Russia poses one of the biggest foreign policy challenges for the bloc in decades.

“Federica Mogherini will be the new face of the European Union in our day-to-day dealings with our partners in the world,” outgoing EU summit chairman Herman Van Rompuy said. Incumbent EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, whose term ends in October, has been a frequent interlocutor for U.S. secretaries of state and chairs the negotiations on Iran's nuclear program.

Mogherini, a 41-year-old center-left politician, has been Italy's foreign minister only since February, drawing criticism that she lacks experience. A first attempt to secure Mogherini's nomination in June failed amid resistance from eastern European leaders.

The highly visible job as EU foreign policy chief entails flying across the world and hectoring with the great and powerful to deal with anything from the fighting in eastern Ukraine to the crises in the Middle East.

However, the EU's top diplomat often has had little leeway because the bloc's member nations jealously guarded foreign policy as a national matter, leaving the foreign policy chief the role to hammer out compromise positions.

Missing British boy with tumor found in Spain

LONDON — A critically ill 5-year-old boy who was taken out of a British hospital against doctors' advice has been found in Spain, police said Saturday.

An international search began Thursday for Ashya King, who has a severe brain tumor, after his parents removed him from a hospital in the southern English city of Southampton for unknown reasons.

British police said earlier that a European arrest warrant was issued for the boy's parents, Brett and Naghemeh, both Jehovah's Witnesses. The family had last been seen traveling on a ferry to France.

Police said late Saturday that officers are questioning the couple, and are “waiting to hear on Ashya's condition.” They did not specify where in Spain the family was found.

8 foreigners among 10 killed in Bolivia bus crash

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Bolivian police say eight foreign tourists are among the 10 people killed when a bus returning to La Paz from the Salar de Uyuni salt flats ran off the highway and crashed.

Police Capt. Gonzalo Carrasco said another 24 people, most of them foreigners, were injured and being treated in hospitals in Oruro, the closest big city.

Carrasco said the accident occurred Saturday about 180 miles south of the capital. He said the foreigners included an Australian, two Swiss, two Italians and a Peruvian and that two of the foreigners could not immediately be identified.

The Bolivian fatalities included the bus driver.

Carrasco said the injured included Germans, Italians, Swiss, Canadians, Chileans, Peruvians and an Indian.

He said the cause of the accident was under investigation.

Favela debutante ball in Brazil



A teenage girl from the Santa Marta “favela” slum puts on a pair of high heels Friday for a group debutante ball organized by the Pacifying Police Unit from her neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The ball, which relied on volunteers who coiffed and made up the girls and a formal-wear shop that loaned the dresses, helped build goodwill between pacified favelas' residents and the officers who patrol them.

Tunisia recovers bodies of Syrian boat migrants

TUNIS, Tunisia — Tunisian authorities say the country's coast guard has recovered at least 41 bodies of migrants, mostly Syrians, who drowned trying to sail to Europe.

Mustapha Abdel Kebir, mayor of Ben Guerdone, a border town with Libya, said identity papers recovered from the bodies Saturday indicate that most were Syrian and the dead include women and children.

Abdel Kebir said the boat most likely sailed from Libya and the currents washed the bodies up on Tunisian shores.

He added that fishermen reported seeing many more bodies in the sea in the past days.

With the breakdown in security in neighboring Libya, it has become a major jumping off point for boats carrying Syrian and sub-Saharan African refugees seeking a better life in Europe.

Pakistan protesters march on PM's residence

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani police charged with batons and fired tear gas and rubber bullets at thousands of protesters marching toward the prime minister's official residence and the adjacent parliament building in Islamabad on Saturday, blanketing the route with clouds of white smoke and scattering demonstrators. Nearly 125 people were injured in the clashes between police and demonstrators demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Scores of protesters, mainly women carrying hammers and iron rods, broke down a fence outside the parliament building, enabling hundreds of people to enter the lawns and parking area, according to an Associated Press photographer at the scene and Pakistani television reports.

Islamabad police chief Khalid Khattak said the protesters were armed with big hammers, wire cutters and axes, and even had a crane.

Defense Minister Khwaja Mohammad Asif said police later managed to clear most of the protesters from the parliament building's parking area and lawns.

“Now only women and children are there, and they can take shelter there as long as they want.”

Rebuilding Gaza will take 20 years, group says

JERUSALEM — An international organization involved in assessing post-conflict recon-

struction says it will take 20 years under current levels of restrictions to rebuild the Gaza Strip's battered and neglected housing stock following the war between Hamas and Israel.

Most of the new building would be to make up for the current housing deficit, rather than to address damage from fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants.

Meanwhile, appearing in a round of post-war interviews on Israeli TV channels, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel was not ready to return to the negotiating table with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas unless he distances himself from Hamas militants. Hamas and Abbas' Palestinian Authority have a unity government in Gaza.

Netanyahu has regularly condemned the formal Abbas-Hamas relationship.

The housing assessment by Shelter Cluster, chaired by the Norwegian Refugee Council with the participation of the U.N. refugee agency and the Red Cross, underscores the complexities involved in an overall reconstruction program for the Gaza Strip, which some Palestinian officials have estimated could cost in excess of \$6 billion.

It is based on the current level of goods permitted to be moved from Israel to Gaza — a level that could easily be expanded, which would shorten the time needed to address the territory's housing needs.

Any effort to rebuild Gaza will be hindered by a blockade imposed by Egypt and Israel since the Islamic militant group Hamas seized power in 2007. Israel has severely restricted the import of concrete and other building materials into Gaza, fearing that militants will use them to build rockets and reinforce cross-border attack tunnels.

—From wire reports

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Public Information Meeting Notice

Withlacoochee State Trail - Dunnellon Trail Connector
Gulf Junction Trailhead to CR 39 Trailhead
Citrus County, Florida

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public information meeting regarding proposed improvements to the Withlacoochee State Trail in Citrus County, Florida. The meeting will be held in an open house format on September 15th, 2014, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, Florida 34434. The proposed improvement involves construction of a new trail connection from the Withlacoochee State Trail (Gulf Junction Trailhead) to the Dunnellon Trail (CR 39 Trailhead).

This public information meeting is being held to present the project progress to date and obtain comments from the general public on the trail alignment alternatives being considered. Citrus County representatives will be available during the meeting to informally discuss the project and answer questions. Attendees are encouraged to come to this meeting at any time between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm to review the proposed transportation trail improvements. A brief informational presentation will be given at 6:00 pm.

Public Participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Quincy Wylupek at 352-527-5446 or quincy.wylupek@bocc.citrus.fl.us.



Public Information Meeting

Date: September 15th, 2014
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: Citrus Springs Community Center
1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.
Citrus Springs, FL 34434

For women, some hope for a Rosier future

States, individuals leading efforts to open male-dominated construction industry to women

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Janice Moreno graduated from college with a degree in English literature, but never landed a job paying more than \$12 an hour. Now, at 36, she's back in the classroom — in safety glasses and a T-shirt — learning how to be a carpenter.

"I believe it's going to pay off," she said amid instruction in sawing techniques.

If Moreno's six-week training program in New York City leads to a full-time job, she'll have bucked long odds. On this Labor Day weekend, ponder the latest federal data: About 7.1 million Americans were employed in construction-related occupations last year, and only 2.6 percent were women.

That percentage has scarcely budged since the 1970s, while women have made gains since then in many other fields.

Why the low numbers, in an industry abounding with high-paying jobs that don't require college degrees? Reasons include a dearth of recruitment efforts aimed at women and hard-to-quash stereotypes that construction work doesn't suit them.

Another factor, according to a recent report by the National Women's Law Center, is pervasive sexual harassment of women at work sites.

"It's not surprising that the construction trades are sometimes called 'the industry that time forgot,'" said Fatima Goss Graves, the center's vice president for education and employment. "It's time for this industry to enter the modern era — to expand apprenticeships and training opportunities for women, hire qualified female workers and enforce a zero-tolerance policy against sexual harassment."

Efforts to accomplish those goals are more advanced in New York than in many parts of the country, with pledges by unions, employers and city officials to boost women's share of construction jobs. One key player is Nontraditional Employment for Women, or NEW, a nonprofit which offers training programs such as the one taken by Moreno.



Associated Press

Felicia Zerilli gazes at conduit Aug. 14 in New York while walking down a hallway at a construction site where she works as a shop steward. The latest federal data shows about 7.1 million Americans were employed in construction-related occupations last year, and only 2.6 percent were women.

The organization has arrangements with several unions to take women directly into their multiyear apprenticeships — at a starting wage of around \$17, plus benefits — once they complete the program. After four or five years, they can attain journeyman status, with hourly pay of \$40 or more.

Kathleen Culhane, NEW's interim president, said more than 1,000 graduates have obtained apprenticeships since 2005, and 12 to 15 percent of the apprentices with some leading unions are women.

NEW covers all costs for its students, who must be able to carry 50-pound loads.

Beyond learning job skills, the students do role-playing to get ready for future challenges. Among the topics, Moreno said, is how to distinguish between flagrant sexual harassment that should be reported, as opposed to less egregious behavior.

"They want us to be prepared for the possibility we won't be liked, or we'll be the only woman on the job," Moreno said.

If young women considering a construction career are in search of a role model, Holley Thomas might fit the bill.

She took up welding at a community college in Alabama, landed a job in 2009 with construction giant KBR Inc., and in 2010 became the first woman to take first place in welding at the Associated Builders and Contractors' National Craft Championships, a competition launched in 1987.

Thomas, 29, is now supervising a 10-worker crew at a KBR project in Florida. She speaks occasionally to high school girls, who are impressed by her paycheck that averages more than \$2,000 a week.

"The biggest issue is getting through to the parents of the kids, the counselors at the schools and making clear that construction is a viable career," Thomas said.

Mary Battle also has succeeded with a construction career, although she says it required unwavering tough-mindedness.

Now 50, Battle has been working in cement masonry for 30 years and in 2012 became the first woman elected business manager of Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 891 in Washington, D.C. Under her leadership, the number of women in the local has risen from five to 12, but she says sexist attitudes persist in the industry.

"Men don't perceive of women as someone coming to work, they perceive of women as a sex object," Battle said.

For younger women considering a construction career, Battle tells them: "No matter how much negativity you get, keep on the job and don't quit."

A mother of six, Battle credits a devoted baby sitter with helping her handle long work hours. Many construction jobs start in early morning, complicating child-care arrangements for some single mothers.

Another challenge for women is to get their fair share of working hours, according to Elly Spicer, a former carpenter who is now director of training at a technical college affiliated with New York City carpenters unions.

"You'll find, unquestionably, that women get access to less hours than men," said Spicer. "You can't do this working six months of the year."

The management side of the industry insists it would welcome more women.

"Most of our members are desperate to hire people," said Brian Turmail, public affairs director for the Associated General Contractors of America. "They're looking for any candidate who's qualified to come and join the team — women, minorities, veterans."

Turmail suggested that most women aren't tempted by construction careers, while those who are interested might be hampered by cutbacks in school-based vocational programs.

The Labor Department plans to award \$100 million in grants this year for apprenticeship programs that expand opportunities for women and minorities.

"The reality is that the face of apprenticeship in the construction industry has been white male," Labor Secretary Thomas Perez said in an interview. "We're working to ensure the future reflects the face of America."

A crucial step, Perez said, is to highlight the successes of women who have thrived in construction.

"Women are good at this," he said. "They've punched a ticket to the middle class and speak with great pride of the barriers they've overcome."

Regarding sexual harassment, the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs has pledged to crack down on contractors who fail to prevent serious abuses.

Earlier this year, the office determined that three female carpenters with a Puerto Rico firm were sexually harassed and denied work hours comparable to those of male workers. At times, the company failed to provide the women with a restroom, and they had to relieve themselves outdoors, the office said. Under a conciliation agreement, the company agreed to pay \$40,000 to the three women.



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An era ending



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People play on the beach July 23 in Atlantic City, N.J., near of the Showboat Casino Hotel, center, Revel, foreground right, and Trump Plaza, background top. Showboat and Revel are expected to shut down this weekend. Trump Plaza will close on Sept. 16. Nearly 8,000 workers will lose their jobs when the three casinos shut down, and Atlantic City is planning additional job training for the workers.

Lawmakers pass ban on plastic bags

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California lawmakers have approved a measure that would make the state the first to impose a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags.

SB270 cleared the Senate on a 22-15 vote Friday and sent to Gov. Jerry Brown. It was approved by the Assembly a day earlier.

The bill by Democratic Sen. Alex Padilla of Los Angeles would prohibit single-use plastic bags at grocery stores and large pharmacies in 2015 and at convenience stores in 2016.

It includes \$2 million in loans to help manufacturers shift to producing reusable bags and lets grocers charge 10 cents each for paper and reusable bags.

For years, a statewide ban has been an elusive goal for lawmakers trying to reduce the buildup of plastic waste in oceans and waterways that costs millions of dollars to clean up.

Corvette Museum to fill in sinkhole

A massive sinkhole that swallowed eight sports cars won't be a permanent attraction at the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky.

The museum's board voted Saturday to fill in the entire hole that opened up in February and became a sensation. Curiosity over the hole revved up attendance and revenue for the museum in Bowling Green.

Board members reversed course by deciding against preserving a portion of the hole. Museum officials had been leaning toward keeping part of it and putting a crumpled car back in it to memorialize what happened when the sinkhole opened up.

Museum officials say keeping part of the hole open lost favor because of added costs for safety features.

Lamborghini test drive ends in death

MOUNT SINAI, N.Y. — A New York teen taking a test drive of a family friend's Lamborghini died after crashing the high-powered sports car into a guardrail.

Police said 18-year-old Samuel Shepard was taking the car for a spin on a county road in Mount Sinai early Friday when he lost control. The car's owner, Michael Power, was a passenger in the car and was treated for nonlife-threatening injuries.

Det. Sgt. Michael Fitzharris told *Newsday* excessive speed is believed to be a factor in the crash.

Of the test drive, Fitzharris said, "I think it was probably just a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the kid, and this man chose to give him this opportunity."

Shepard's father, Gene, told the newspaper Lamborghini were his son's favorite car.

—From wire reports

Syrian rebels attack peacekeepers in Golan Heights

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine military chief says more than 70 Filipino peacekeepers have escaped from two areas in the Golan Heights that came under attack by Syrian rebels.

Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang said Sunday in the Philippine capital, Manila, that the Filipino peacekeepers separately moved to positions that were safely away from any further threat.

According to Catapang, the Filipinos were surrounded by the rebels and had to return fire in self-defense before managing to escape after a seven-hour siege.

Catapang says: "We may call it the greatest escape."

The clashes came after Syrian rebel groups, including the Nusra Front, overran the Quneitra

crossing on the frontier between Syrian and Israeli controlled parts of the Golan on Wednesday, seizing 44 Fijian peacekeepers.

Other U.N. peacekeepers were able to flee from a different encampment that that was also surrounded by rebels of the Nusra Front, al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate, they said.

The Nusra Front also surrounded the nearby Rwhana and Breiqa encampments, where other U.N. peacekeepers were holed up.

The gunbattle began early Saturday at the Rwhana base some 1.5 miles from Quneitra, where 40 Filipino peacekeepers were surrounded by Nusra fighters who were ordering them to surrender, said Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The Philippines' Defense



Associated Press

In this handout photo, Military Chief General Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr., left seated, conducts an online video conference with 7th Philippine Contingent to Golan Heights commander Lt. Col. Ted Damusmog, as they meet Saturday at Camp Aguinaldo military headquarters in suburban Quezon city, Philippines.

Secretary Voltaire Gazmin gave a similar account but did not name the armed group.

Abdurrahman, whose information comes from a network of activists throughout Syria, said he was not aware of any fatal-

ities among the 40 Filipino peacekeepers in the Rwhana encampment as sporadic fighting continued throughout the day. A Philippine military spokesman, Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala, also said there were no casualties.



Associated Press

Trucks of the second humanitarian aid convoy to eastern Ukraine are parked in the sunset Saturday near the Russian town of Donetsk, Rostov-on-Don region, Russia. Russia hopes to send the second aid convoy to eastern Ukraine soon. The point where the convoy is to cross the border is still unknown.

EU inches toward new sanctions on Russia

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Saturday warned that the apparent incursion of Russian troops on Ukrainian soil pushes the conflict closer to a point of no return, with new economic sanctions being drawn up to make Moscow reconsider its position.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, who briefed a summit of the 28-nation EU's leaders in Brussels, said a strong response was needed to the "military aggression and terror" facing his country.

"Thousands of the foreign troops and hundreds of the foreign tanks are now on the territory of Ukraine," Poroshenko told reporters in English. "There is a very high risk not only for peace and stability for Ukraine, but for the whole peace and stability of Europe."

French President Francois Hollande and Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said

upon their arrival for the summit in Brussels the leaders will make a political decision and then ask the EU's executive arm to finalize the fine print of new sanctions.

However, because several EU nations fear the fallout of sanctions on their own economies, it wasn't immediately clear whether the required unanimity would be reached for immediate punitive measures, or whether the leaders would set Russia another ultimatum.

But Lithuanian leader Dalia Grybauskaitė insisted Russia's meddling in Ukraine, which seeks closer ties with the EU, amounts to a direct confrontation that requires stronger sanctions.

NATO estimates that at least 1,000 Russian soldiers are in Ukraine even though Russia denies any military involvement in the fighting that has so far claimed 2,600 lives, according to U.N. figures.

British Prime Minister David Cameron also warned that Europe can't be complacent about Russian troops on Ukrainian soil.

Conceding ground in the face of a reinvigorated rebel offensive, Ukraine said Saturday that it was abandoning a city where its forces have been surrounded by rebels for days. Government forces were also pulling back from another it had claimed to have taken control of two weeks earlier.

The U.S. and the EU have so far imposed sanctions against dozens of Russian officials, several companies and the country's financial industry. Moscow has retaliated by banning food imports.

Grybauskaitė said the EU should impose a full arms embargo, including the canceling of already agreed contracts. France has so far staunchly opposed that proposal because it has a \$1.6 billion contract to build Mistral helicopter carriers for Russia.

Russia is the EU's No. 3 trading partner and one of its biggest oil and gas suppliers. The EU, in turn, is Russia's biggest commercial partner, making any sanctions more biting than similar measures adopted by the U.S.

Saudi king warns of terror threat

Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The king of Saudi Arabia has warned extremists could attack Europe and the U.S. if there is not a strong international response to terrorism after the Islamic State group seized a wide territory across Iraq and Syria.

While not mentioning any terrorist groups by name, King Abdullah's statement appeared aimed at drawing Washington and NATO forces into a wider fight

against the Islamic State group and its supporters in the region. Saudi Arabia openly backs rebels fighting Syrian President Bashar Assad, but is concerned the breakaway al-Qaida group could turn those very same weapons on the kingdom.

"If neglected, I am certain that after a month they will reach Europe and, after another month, America," he said at a reception for foreign ambassadors Friday.

Official Saudi media carried the king's comments early Saturday.

"These terrorists do not know the name of humanity and you have witnessed them severing heads and giving them to children to walk with in the street," the king said, urging the ambassadors to relay his message directly to their heads of state.

The Islamic State group has been fighting moderate rebels, other extremists and Assad's forces in Syria for nearly three years. Iraq has faced an onslaught by the Sunni extremists and their support-

ers since early this year, and the country continues to be roiled by instability.

Meanwhile Saturday, police in Iraq said a suicide bomber drove his explosives-laden car into an army checkpoint in the town of Youssifiyah, killing 11 people, including four soldiers, and wounding at least 24 people. Youssifiyah is 12 miles south of Baghdad.

Hours later, a bomb targeting an army patrol killed two soldiers and wounded five in Latifiyah, a town 20 miles south of Baghdad.

The 35 Filipino U.N. peacekeepers at the Breiqa encampment were extracted on Saturday morning, with the assistance of Irish peacekeepers who rushed to the scene, said officials.

The Irish U.N. peacekeeper battalion, which is tasked with emergency responses, evacuated all the Filipino U.N. peacekeepers on Saturday morning, said a military official who spoke on condition that his name and country of origin not be revealed, citing army policy.

He said there was no shooting involved, and no injuries. He said that the Irish battalion also evacuated another base on Friday but provided no further details.

An Israeli military spokesman confirmed a number of U.N. peacekeepers entered Israel. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

World BRIEFS

Having a ball



Associated Press

Hundreds of volleyball fans play with balls Saturday to beat a Guinness world record during an event in Warsaw, Poland, hours before the opening of the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championships.

N. Korea gets taste of pro wrestling

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Koreans got their first look at pro wrestling in about 20 years on Saturday when an ex-NFL lineman and 20 other grapplers from around the world took to the ring for an exhibition put together by a charismatic former Japanese pro-wrestler who is now a member of parliament.

Kanji "Antonio" Inoki, who organized the two-day event in Pyongyang, said he hopes it will pave the way for more exchanges with the North.

When Americans Bob "The Beast" Sapp and Jon Andersen took to the ring, the crowd of about 15,000 didn't seem to know how to respond.

"It was real eerie and a little scary at first," said Sapp. "But we were able to take control of the audience. It went over very well."

Trapped gold miners rescued

BONANZA, Nicaragua — Rescue workers and trapped miners alike frantically dug away at opposite sides of rock and mud that blocked a Nicaragua gold mine, finally succeeding in freeing at least 20 men even as efforts to reach those still missing continued Saturday.

Antonio Diaz said the miners tried to cheer each other up inside the dark, cold shaft, attacking the slide with their picks and shovels by the light of helmet lamps.

He said the miners finally cut a hole through the blockage and started shouting, but at first there was no answer.

"Hours later, someone heard, and when he answered us we felt life coming back into our bodies," Diaz said.

The gold and silver mine is on a concession held by Hemco, which is owned by Colombia-based Minero SA. But the trapped miners themselves are freelancers allowed to work in the area if they sell any gold they find to the firm.

—From wire reports

A step back in time

Czech garden revives its 17th-century look

KAREL JANICEK
Associated Press

KROMERIZ, Czech Republic

A visit to the Flower Garden in the eastern Czech city of Kromeriz is like traveling 300 years back in time.

With its original geometrical layout and high topiary walls, it's a rare example of an early baroque garden style. And it's now reclaiming the unique features it had when it was completed in 1675, including fountains, sculptures inspired by Greek and Roman mythology, a Dutch bulb garden, citrus trees, fishponds and a rabbit hill.

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A woman dances with her granddaughter at the 244-meter-long colonnade at UNESCO's Flower Garden in the city of Kromeriz, Czech Republic.

Associated Press

JOURNAL OF A JOURNEY

Gentleman Brit revealed as Jersey guy

Story and photos by Peter Graulich

Editor's Note: This is the next installment in a continuing series of articles from the travel journals of Peter and Leslye Graulich. After a brief hiatus, they appear weekly in the Chronicle Excursions section.

Day 26

Day 26 is Valentine's Day and the only day so far with no scheduled events. After a month on board, we are well aware of the various options of onboard activities. We choose to make this day a day of leisure, spending time at the pool, seeing a movie in the afternoon and having lunch in the aft buffet, which is one of our favorite locations on the ship.

I spent some time on the scrap heap challenge designing and building the ship's hull. I chose cardboard which I scrounged from the gift shop. I cut the cardboard pieces for the ship with a



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Beautiful, calm Pacific seas on our continuing journey.

SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST 31, 2014. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'American Ninja Warrior', 'The Bourne Supremacy', and 'The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug'.

Report abuse if suspected

Dear Annie: This is about "Worried Grandma," who suspected child abuse. As a retired elementary-school counselor, I worked with many children who had to visit a noncustodial parent. Many times, these people did not know how to love or parent the child, but wanted to "own" the child anyway. They claimed the child when it was convenient for them. Your suggestion of supervised visitation and parenting classes was right on target.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

In Virginia, school teachers and counselors are mandated abuse/neglect reporters. I learned to document in writing any report given to me by a child, family member or neighbor. Then I called Child Protective Services.

Your readers should know that unrealistic expectations (a small child using a lawn mower) and isolation (not eating at the table with the family) these incidences are hard to prove, but they should be investigated. Sometimes what you observe is just the tip of the iceberg.

People should also know that failure to treat a sick child can be medical neglect. Over a three-month period, I repeatedly phoned the mother of a child with a bad cough. He was never taken to the doctor despite promises to do so, and I reported that.

Later, the mother was arrested for making methamphetamine in the home.

There may or may not be abuse in this case, but people should report any suspected abuse to the National Child Abuse Hotline

(childhelp.org) at 800-4-A-CHILD. That will guarantee an investigation. — Worried Counselor Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Email annies mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 Third St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

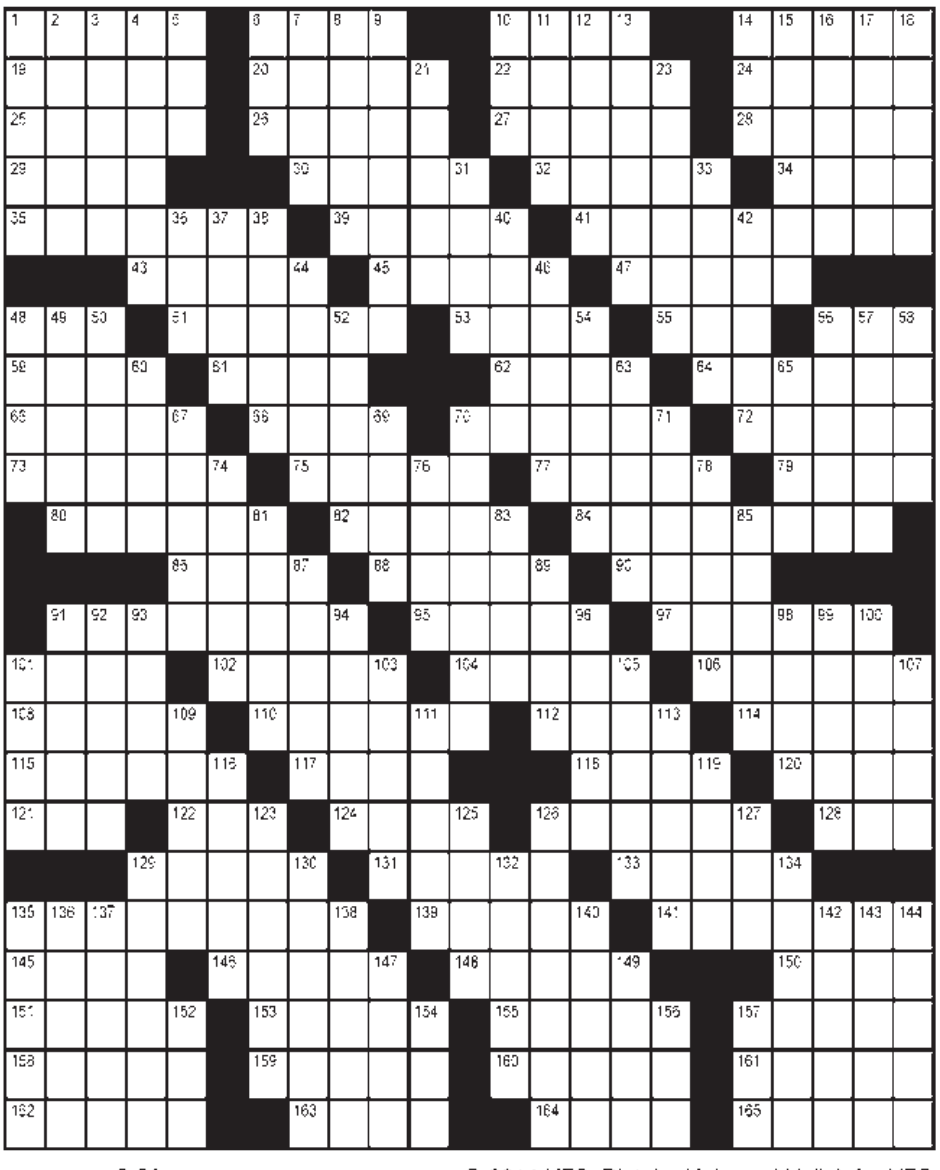
Today's MOVIES

Table listing movies and showtimes for various theaters like Crystal River Mall 9, NGC, NICK, OWN, OXY, SHOW, SPIKE, STARZ, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A.

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VETERANS NOTES

New this week Daystar Life Center reaching out to veterans

Daystar Life Center of Citrus County would like to reach out to the military families needing assistance.

Daystar not only offers assistance with food, but also with rent and utilities. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Daystar is at 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, across from the Publix shopping plaza in Crystal River.

Call 352-795-8668 for more information.

Learn about Legion at Post 77 open house

Allen Rawls American Legion Post 77 will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the post at 4375 Little Al Point (off of Arbor Street) in Inverness.

Entertainment will be provided by Bernie Piquet on the keyboards and 11-year-old Molly Rae singing. Representatives from Bushnell National Cemetery, Davis Funeral Home, Holland Financial Planning, Hospice, Veterans Association, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders will be on hand. Finger foods, coffee and iced tea will be available.

The event is open to the public to bring awareness of the American Legion and the programs supported by the Legion family. For more information, call Norm at 352-726-4257 or 352-476-2134, or the morning of the event, call the post at 352-726-0444.

Public welcome to learn about Vietnam choppers

The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots of Florida (VHPAF) will have its 22nd annual reunion at the Plantation on Crystal River from Sept. 18 through 21.

The VHPAF will have its OH-6 Scout helicopter, known as a LOACH, on display in front of the Plantation's main building. Vietnam memorabilia will be on display and there will be sales of Vietnam helicopter items, to include T-shirts with each helicopter that flew in Vietnam, bumper stickers, "doobers" and more set up on the first floor of the main building. The public is welcome.

The LOACH, which flew in Vietnam, will be open for pictures and will be manned by members that flew helicopters in Vietnam. They will explain the helicopter's mission and use in Vietnam. In addition to the LOACH, both the memorabilia and sales rooms will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Veterans week planners to get together Sept. 17

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its monthly coordination meeting for Citrus County's 22nd annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the conference room of the *Citrus County Chronicle* building, 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.

For more information, call Chris Gregoriou at 352-795-7000.

Purple Heart organization meeting set for Sept. 16

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491), Lecanto, approximately a half mile south of State Road 44.

All combat-wounded veterans and parents, lineal descendants, spouses and siblings of living or deceased Purple Heart recipients are invited to attend the meeting and to become a Chapter 776 member.

Visit the Chapter 776 website at www.citruspurpleheart.org or call 352-382-3847.

Come eat, do karaoke with VFW Post 4337

The public is welcome to join the VFW Post 4337 family for baked spaghetti with meat sauce from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the post home, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness.

Dinner, presented by the Ladies Auxiliary, is \$6 and includes salad, bread and dessert. Entertainment will be announced.

Everyone is also welcome at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the post home for a prime rib dinner; cost is \$10. Entertainment will be karaoke by Roger from 6 to 10 p.m. No children are allowed after 8 p.m. Call 352-344-3495 for information.

Blazing the trail

Eager to serve, vet joins WAVES early

C.J. RISAK
Correspondent

Like so many Americans, Florence McCann couldn't wait. So she lied.

McCann was 18 and, after graduating from South Hills High School and receiving a vocational school diploma outside of Pittsburgh, she wanted to get involved in the war effort. The year was 1943 and McCann had her sights set on becoming part of the WAVES, or Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, a newly formed division of the U.S. Navy.

"They started the WAVES in '42," McCann said. "I wanted to get away from where I was, which was Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I was an orphan from the time I was 11."

McCann was raised by her stepmother, a contentious relationship she wanted to end. "To join the WAVES, you had to be 20 with parent or guardian consent, 21 without," she said. "So I found a baptismal certificate and changed my birth date."

Her reason for joining: "I saw the ad for 'Join the Navy'. It wasn't to see the world because we weren't allowed out of the country.

"But I just needed to get away from here and do something with my life. It was just let me see what I can do to help," she said. "We needed people to take over jobs so the men can go and fight. I thought, OK, I'll do that if I can."

McCann would go through a similar type of training that men endured, including boot camp at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York City.

"From boot camp I went to Oklahoma A&M, which is now Oklahoma State," McCann said, with the idea to learn to "do office work the Navy way."

Now 90 and living in Inverness, McCann would spend nearly three years in the WAVES, serving her entire enlistment in Washington, D.C. As well as her various office duties, she was often called upon to join her fellow WAVES for inspection drills, marching for such dignitaries as Eleanor Roosevelt.

"I was in the Bureau of Ships Research Development Office," she said. "I did have to take dictation. My commander would come and say 'I want a letter written to so-and-so, saying such-and-such. I would type it up and give it to him for his signature.'"

It wasn't until 1942 that the U.S. military had evolved at least somewhat to involve women in their ranks, with the creation of both the WAVES and the WACs (Women's Army Corps, originally known as the WAACs, or Women's Auxiliary Army Corps). By the end of World War II, nearly 90,000 women volunteered for duty with the WAVES and another 150,000 would serve with the WACs.

Both units served with distinction and capably fulfilled their duties, which included "take over jobs so men can go and fight." Indeed, Gen. Douglas MacArthur referred to the WACs as "my best soldiers,"

**In
Their
Words**



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Florence McCann served her country in the U.S. Navy WAVES during World War II. The Inverness resident stays active in a number of veterans' organizations, both local and national.

adding that they worked harder, complained less and were more disciplined than men.

The WAVES were officially disbanded in 1948, when they were absorbed into the regular Navy. The WACs would stick around until 1978, when women finally became a part of the Army.

Still, being in any branch

was a row of barracks that went off a main hallway. We were in the last one down, the rest were all guys. There was no covering on the windows, it was one big room and there were bunk beds.

"The only thing they did (for privacy) was, dumb, on the last male building they put Bon Ami on the inside of the windows to cover them up."

she said. "We had everything you had in the regular Navy excepting if it was a room for one, there were two people in it. That's the way they doubled up and everything."

There was also a lack of adequate office space at the start of the war.

"We were bused in at night," she said. "Where people worked during the day, we would work at night."

The Navy Department had buildings set up next to the Washington Monument; McCann would walk past the White House every day on the way to work.

She met husband Bob when he was on leave from his aircraft carrier, the Block Island, in January 1944.

McCann would later have six sons and a daughter, and she remains active in several

veterans associations, including the American Legion and the Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS). In October 2013, McCann would take a trip back to D.C. on the Honor Flight.

"To see the people who came out to honor us, it was really awesome," she said.

It was an honor that was well earned. As McCann said, the work she and the rest of the WAVES did was imperative.

"It was necessary," she said.

Name: Florence McCann
Rank: Yeoman third class
Branch: U.S. Navy WAVES (Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service)
When: Enlisted June, 1943, discharged February, 1946
Where served: The Bronx, New York City, for boot camp; Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) in Stillwater, Oklahoma, for clerical work training; Bureau of Ships Research Development Office in Washington, D.C.
Jobs: Various clerical jobs, including handling and delivering classified material, throughout World War II
Veterans' organizations: American Legion; Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS); Fleet Reserve Association

of the military service as a woman in the 1940s had its stereotypes.

"When people hear I was in the service, they automatically say, 'Nurse?'" McCann said. "The only nursing I ever did (in the WAVES) was after the service."

Although recognizing the necessity of allowing women into the service, the Navy in the early stages of World War II was not yet equipped to handle the situation.

"They (housed) us at the Navy Receiving Station in Anacostia," she said. "This

Trying to cloud the vision in the men's barracks next door by using a household cleanser was not a viable solution, particularly since that temporary covering could easily be removed with a fingernail. The problem was resolved when the Navy took over portions of hotels throughout D.C., with McCann and many of her fellow WAVES bunking at one of those. She would also be housed for a time at American University.

"We had an officer in charge, we had a curfew,"

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

VETERANS NOTES

New this week

Riders to serve spaghetti dinner

American Legion Riders Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, invites everyone to come enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3. The meal, including bread and salad, is \$7. All proceeds benefit programs of the American Legion. For more information, call 352-795-6526.

Coming up

Post to host 9/11 ceremony

Wall-Rives Post 58 of the American Legion will host a 9/11 Remembrance Service at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the post, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Refreshments will follow.

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.

CCVC yard sale set for Sept. 13

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition has yard sales September through May from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, south of where U.S. 41 and State Road 44 split. Sellers may come and set up the day before (typically Friday afternoon) and are responsible for the security of their own items overnight. The spots are typically 15 feet by 30 feet and cost \$10. A donation of at least one can of food is appreciated. For information and to make reservations, call Dan at 352-400-8952.

VFW Post 10087 plans golf tourney

VFW Post 100087 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.

Golf tourney to benefit vets' programs

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.

Ongoing

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.

Post recognizing service members

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 of mailed to: VFW Post 4337, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness, FL 34450. Or, email photos to vfwpost4337@tampabay.rr.com.

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VFW forming 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 being formed

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.

Become a service officer

Female veterans are being asked to step up to the challenge of becoming a veteran service officer and help their fellow servicemen and servicewomen apply for benefits they may be entitled to due to injuries suffered while in service. The training is free and the position is voluntary, but the rewards are priceless. For information, call Duane Godfrey, DAV Chapter 158, at the Crystal River Mall, 352-228-0337.

Vets sought for classrooms

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its annual Veterans in the Classroom program, Nov. 5 to 14, as part of its 22 annual Veterans Appreciation Week activities. Coordinated by the Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Veterans in the Classroom program brings living history to the classrooms of the county's public and private schools, as well as home-school groups. Veterans share with students their firsthand military experiences and travels while serving in uniform around the world in peace and war. The model Veterans in the Classroom program was recognized in 2008 with a Florida Education Foundation award. The program's success has generated the need for additional veterans to share their experiences with students. Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, Air Force, National Guard and women veterans are especially needed. Call Mac McLeod at 352-746-1384, email cmcleod670@earthlink.net, or call Bob Crawford at 352-270-9025 or email baddogusmc@tampabay.rr.com.

SAR chapter donates to veterans' library



Special to the Chronicle
Compatriots of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently delivered books to the library of the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes. A total of 347 books, and three DVDs were raised in a SAR book drive. Also delivered were supplies for the veterans' bingo games. The SAR chapter has helped support this veterans' home as a special project for several years, including Christmas holiday gift presentations to veterans who have lost all connections with family and relatives. Accepting the donations on behalf of the home was Joanne Burley, activity director. Compatriots pictured participating in the delivery are: Norm Freyer, Larry Sturgeon, Bill Teater and Ron Powell.

Male descendants sought

American Legion Post 166 of Homosassa Springs seeks male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of the American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who died in the service to their country during times of war. Such men in the Chassahowitzka, Homosassa, Homosassa Springs and the Sugarmill Woods area who are interested in becoming members of the Sons of the American Legion are needed. There is no form or class of membership, except as active membership. Those interested in becoming members may contact Clay Scott, vice commander of American Legion Post 166. He may be reached by writing to: American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 767, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447-0767, or by calling 928-848-8359. His email address is eaglerider@gmx.com. Men interested in joining the group 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 open for Hawaii trip

Dates for the upcoming trip to Hawaii for veterans and their families and friends is 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, whale watching 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.

Vets volunteer for Hospice

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast offers volunteer opportunities for veterans who are interested in helping support veteran hospice patients and their families. Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Veteran Volunteers bring military experiences and cultural bond to their hospice work and offer the outstanding ability to relate and connect with veteran patients and their families.

As a partner of the We Honor Veterans program, the interdisciplinary team at Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast acknowledges the service of veterans in its care by honoring their unique medical, social, spiritual and emotional needs and wishes and by providing programs and services that honor and support. For information on veteran volunteer opportunities, call Lynn Routh at 352-527-2020 or 866-642-0962, or visit www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

We want veterans' 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.

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knife I borrowed from the buffet. I assembled the hull and used multiple layers of duct tape to give the ship strength and make it completely waterproof. The rest of our group are constantly patrolling the ship looking for anything that might be incorporated into our design.

The ship has gone all out creating a special Valentine's dinner and everyone at table 49 agrees that this is the finest dinner so far.

At the end of the day, we have traveled 8,708 miles since we left Fort Lauderdale.

Day 27

Day 27 is another at sea day. I attend another lecture by John Maxton Graham, who then follows with an open-floor question-and-answer period. Once again, Mr. Graham is impeccably dressed and the classic example of a British gentleman.

I began the questioning by asking for a brief summary of his life starting from birth. John explained that there were economic problems in England and his parents moved to the United States to escape them. Then he dropped the bomb: John was born at Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey, the same place I was born. He was raised in Montclair, New Jersey, and attended New Jersey



The author and his wife, Leslye, celebrate their wedding anniversary with Princess staff and fellow travelers.

schools. He eventually moved to New York City and that's where he lives today.

Wow! My shining example of the perfect British gentleman turns out to be a Jersey guy. I mean no offense by this, I was just so surprised; he is still among the most interesting people I've ever met in my life and I thoroughly enjoyed my time with him.

At the end of the day, we have now traveled 9,029 miles since we left Fort Lauderdale.

Day 28

Day 28 does not dawn. During the night we crossed the International Date Line and Day 28 disappeared.

Up next: One more day at sea and then you will hear the

words you've been waiting for — land ho!

Peter Graulich first left the country in 1961 for six weeks, travelling Europe and the United Kingdom with his family, returning on the S.S. United States. He has since gathered more than 300 days of cruising with Princess Cruises. Since then, he has visited 97 countries, every state in the United States and every national park. Peter and his wife, Leslye, both originally from New Jersey, came to Florida after he retired from the Camden, New Jersey, police department and she retired as the office manager for a urology practice in Philadelphia. They live in Celina Hills, Inverness, 3 miles from Pete's best friend from high school.



Outside on our ship, looking aft.

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The Flower Garden was created near an archbishop's chateau, but it proved so difficult and expensive to maintain that it was neglected. Ironically, that neglect allowed it to survive for centuries mostly unchanged, though some features disappeared or suffered damage over time.

Restoration efforts began in the 1950s, and the Flower Garden was added to UNESCO's World Heritage list in 1998 together with the chateau and another garden on its grounds. The European Union is now funding restoration of about a third of the Flower Garden, using copper engravings from 1691 as a guide for what it once looked like.

"Here, time has stopped, somehow," said Lenka Kresadlova from the National Heritage Institute. "As it served as a kitchen garden, most of its artistic features, including the topiary, were preserved. It was a fortunate coincidence that allowed this garden to be preserved in its original authentic shape, when all other gardens created in the era ceased to exist. That's why we are so unique."

Kresadlova said the project's goal is "to give the visitors a chance to relive the atmosphere. We might not be faithful to every single detail but the whole atmosphere and the spirit of the place should return to the early baroque time."

Here are some of the restored features from the Flower Garden that offer visitors a glimpse of a 17th-century world.

Dutch Garden

Growing bulbs — called "Dutch" flowers — was a prestigious activity among the upper class in the 16th and 17th centuries. These spring-blooming flower beds have been restored with 20,000 bulbs of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and Kaiser's crown (or crown imperials). The Dutch Garden also includes a fountain with the original statue of a water



Associated Press

Tourists take photos Aug. 7 of UNESCO's Flower Garden in city of Kromeriz, Czech Republic. A visit to the Flower Garden is like traveling 300 years back in time. With its original geometrical layout and high topiary walls, it's a rare example of an early Baroque garden style.

god, and is considered one of the Flower Garden's most authentic spots.

Orange Garden

Originally, this area had three rows of citrus trees. It formed a very prestigious part of the garden because only the richest people could afford citrus trees in Central Europe due to the severe weather. In winter, the area was covered with a wooden shelter and heated, but the structure was difficult to maintain and did not survive.

In the 18th century, it was replaced by an orangery, but that, too, did not survive. It's also not known what the wooden structure looked like, so the citrus trees that are there today were planted in wooden barrels and will be placed in glasshouses in winter.

Trout Ponds

Two square pools with fountains in

the middle survived as ruins. They reclaimed their original look, including stone balustrades.

Despite being called trout ponds, they never housed trout, just carp, and the new ponds will get some fish.

Rabbit Hill

Rabbits lived in a series of burrows in an artificial hill with a statue of Diana, goddess of the hunt, placed on the top.

The hill disappeared over time but has been rebuilt. The statue survived.

Aviary

A large baroque enclosure for birds with 10 huge windows, located in the middle of a pool on an island, survived to the 20th century in poor condition and was not much improved by a partial reconstruction in the 1960s.

The aviary and pool have now been completely renovated.

History

Kromeriz was once a summer seat of bishops and archbishops from the nearby city of Olomouc.

The Flower Garden was commissioned by Bishop Charles II Lichtenstein-Castelcorn, designed by architect Filiberto Lucchese and completed after Lucchese's death by Giovanni Pietro Tencalla in 1675.

It's a rare example of an early baroque style that combined an Italian Renaissance garden with a newer French baroque approach typical of the period of Louis XIV, the Sun King.

Original Layout

The space is divided by a network of paths with a central rotunda, with labyrinths, fountains and a colonnade with 44 sculptures inspired by Greek and Roman mythology.

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Preschool Story time, 11 a.m.
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Pre-GED Math SRA, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 4
File Management, 10:15 a.m.
Mother Goose Time, 10:30 a.m.
Become a U.S. Citizen: Naturalization Information, 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 5
Tai Chi for Seniors, 10:15 a.m.
The Knit Wits of Homosassa, 1 p.m.
Sept. 6
AARP Driver Safety Class, 1 p.m.

Games, WII, Puzzles, 4:30 p.m.
Lakes Region Library
352-726-2357
Sept. 1
Labor Day, Closed
Sept. 2
Friends of the Lakes Region Library business meeting, 10:45 a.m.
Ask a Master Gardener, 1 p.m.
Introduction to Meditation: Benefits and Techniques, 5:45 p.m.
Family Story Time, 6 p.m.
Sept. 3
Genealogy and DNA Help, 10 a.m.
Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, 1 p.m.
Sept. 4
Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Preschool Stories, 10:30 a.m.
Become a U.S. Citizen: Immigration 101, 2:30 p.m.
Living with Tourette's and Special Needs, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 5
Nature Coast Carving Club, 10 a.m.
Mother Goose, 11 a.m.
Write Critique Group, 2 p.m.

Sept. 6
Sabbath Church of God Fellowship, 11 a.m.
Oaklee Grove Condominium Association, 1 p.m.
Central Ridge Library
352-746-6622
Sept. 1
Labor Day, Closed
Sept. 2
Preschool Stories, 11 a.m.
GED Science Class, noon
Fun & Games, 1 p.m.
GED Math Class, 1 p.m.
Sept. 3
Tai-Chi, 10 a.m.
Mother Goose, 11 a.m.
Needles & Hooks, 3:30 p.m.
Central Ridge Quilters, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4
Depression & Anxiety Support Group, 10 a.m.
GED Social Studies, 10 a.m.
Wall Street Coffee Club, 10:15 a.m.
GED Science Class, 12 p.m.
GFWC Woman's Club of Beverly Hills BOD, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 6
Plant Propagation – Starting New Plants, 10 a.m.
Historical Novel Society, 1 p.m.

Homosassa Public Library
352-628-5626
Sept. 1
Labor Day, Closed
Sept. 2
Courtroom Dogs for Kids/ Nature Coast Therapy Dogs, 10 a.m.
Getting Started with Computers I, 10:15 a.m.
Celebrate Reading, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 3

Floral City Public Library
352-726-3671
Sept. 1
Labor Day, closed
Sept. 2
Tai Chi, 11 a.m.
Sept. 3
Preschool Stories, 10:30 a.m.
Ask a Master Gardener, 2 p.m.
Sept. 4
Learn, Connect, Play: Board

ENGAGED

Hayes/Davis

Megan L. Hayes and David J. Davis, both of Floral City, have announced their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hayes of Inverness. She is a dental assistant.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis of Floral City. He is a welder.

The couple plan to



exchange nuptial vows in spring 2015.

60th ANNIVERSARY

The Pattons



Jim and Marcie Patton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 2014.

They were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sept. 4, 1954. Marcie is an active volunteer with Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park and Meals On Wheels. Jim is a retired test pilot from NASA and volunteers for Meals On Wheels and Hospice. The Pattons have lived in Citrus County for more than 25

years in The Islands subdivision.

The couple have three daughters: Kathi and husband Don of Tampa, Dana of Tampa and Ellen of Arlington, Virginia. They have two grandchildren: Brendan was a marine and is currently in Afghanistan doing contract work and Christopher recently graduated from medical school and will become a radiologist after four more years of schooling and internships.

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FOR THE RECORD

Aug. 11-17, 2014
Divorces
David Lee Lyon, Inverness vs. Sandra Lyon, Masury, Ohio
Matthew P. Navarro, Lecanto vs. Victoria A. Navarro, Homosassa
Christy Rivera, Homosassa vs. Marco Rivera, Ocala

Gregory I. Shaw, Lecanto vs. Lois Shaw, Lecanto
Marriages
Warren Charles Anderson Jr., Inverness/Donna Sue Yarborough, Inverness
Steven John Goforth, Crystal River/Autumn Faith Huver, Crystal River

William J. Murphy Jr., Mont Verde/Tammy Squitieri, Beverly Hills
Robert Frederick Opperman, Beverly Hills/Jean Gerani, Beverly Hills
Clifton Leroy Price Jr., Inverness/Alice Renee Mercier, Inverness
Cody Ryan Randall, Dunnellon/Katie Jo Foellmi, Dunnellon

FOR THE RECORD

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 ■ College football/B4
 ■ Local sports/B5
 ■ Golf/B5
 ■ Local recreation/B6

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cast your vote for player of the week

The *Citrus County Chronicle* invites high school football fans to vote each week on the top player that week. Go to chronicleonline.com/playeroftheweek and vote for one of the following players. Readers can cast votes through Wednesday and vote once per day. The winners will be announced Friday.

Sam Franklin returned an interception 76 yards for a touchdown on the last play of the game to lead Citrus High School to a 6-0 win over No. 10-ranked Springstead High School. It was only the second time in school history Citrus has defeated a ranked opponent.

Jeremiah Lucas scored three times, twice on touchdown pass receptions and once on a 75-yard kickoff return in Lecanto High's wild 49-42 loss to Umatilla High. Lucas also returned another kickoff 50 yards to set up a score.

Backup quarterback Khyrel Harvey threw a 31-yard touchdown with time expired to lead Crystal River High to a 26-21 win over Nature Coast. Harvey, who had never played a game at quarterback, also threw another 17-yard touchdown pass and finished the night 5 of 7 for 69 yards.

Keshon Hopkins caught two touchdowns of 17 and 31 yards (the latter the game-winner) and scored on a 58-yard double reverse in Crystal River High School's 26-21 win over Nature Coast. He accounted for three of Crystal River's four scores.

Harvick dominates to win in Atlanta

HAMPTON, Ga. — Kevin Harvick led the final 159 laps to beat Joey Logano and win an unusually wreck-free NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Harvick, who will start from the pole Sunday night in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race, took the lead on the 37th lap and ruled the 1.54-mile tri-oval for his third win of the season in 11 races.

Kyle Larson, who started second, finished third. Kyle Busch was fourth.

There was only one lead change, no crashes and two yellow flags, including one after light rain began to fall on Lap 121. Cars ran 13 laps under caution before the race resumed.

For complete results from this race, see **Page B3**.

US dominates Finland 114-55 in b'ball worlds

BILBAO, Spain — The U.S. held Finland without a basket in the second quarter, opening defense of its title with a 114-55 romp Saturday in the Basketball World Cup.

Silencing the Finns in the second quarter on the scoreboard and in the stands, where their rabid fans filled an entire side of the arena, the Americans allowed just a pair of free throws in the period, outscoring their overmatched opponents 29-2.

The U.S. will play Turkey on Sunday.

—From wire reports

Isner loses to Kohlschreiber in third round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once again, John Isner's trip to Flushing Meadows ended in the third round. Once again, it happened with a loss to Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber at that stage.

And once again, there are zero American men in the U.S. Open's round of 16 — something that had never happened until it did last year at the country's tennis championship, which was first played in 1881.

On a windy, cloudy evening, the 13th-seeded Isner hit 42 aces, saved all five break points he faced — and yet it wasn't enough. Unable to capitalize on plenty of openings, and surprisingly outplayed in a trio of tiebreakers, Isner lost to the

22nd-seeded Kohlschreiber 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4).

"It's disappointing for me personally — not for America as a whole," Isner said.

It was the third straight year that these two men faced each other in the third round in New York, and Kohlschreiber won them all. He eliminated the big-serving, 6-foot-10 Isner in five sets in 2012, and in four sets in 2013.

Isner only converted 1 of 12 break points he accumulated.

"Got a little tight, to be honest, and didn't move my feet on some points that I really needed," Isner said, resting his chin on his left fist. "I had chances. I just didn't convert."

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Associated Press

Serena Williams reacts Saturday after a shot against Varvara Lepchenko during the third round of the U.S. Open in New York.



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays catcher Ryan Hanigan hits an RBI sacrifice fly off Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Allen Webster during the second inning Saturday in St. Petersburg. Rays first baseman James Loney scored on the play.

RAYS TEE OFF ON RED SOX

Odorizzi stellar as Tampa Bay evens series at one apiece

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Jake Odorizzi and two pitchers combined on a one-hitter as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 7-0 on Saturday night.

Coming off a start Monday night in which he gave up a career-high eight runs over four innings in a 9-1 loss at Baltimore, Odorizzi (10-11) allowed a fourth-inning single to Will Middlebrooks, three walks and struck out seven over seven innings.

Jeff Beliveau and Kirby Yates completed the one-hitter. Tampa Bay set a single-season team record with its

18th shutout this year.

Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia was shaken up and removed from the game in the second inning. It appeared Pedroia was struck in the head by the arm of Logan Forsythe as the Rays infielder was sliding head-first into second while advancing on a flyball.

No additional details about Pedroia's injury were immediately available.

James Loney had an RBI double during a three-run second off Allen Webster (3-3) that put the Rays ahead 3-0. Ben Zobrist made it 4-0 on his second run-scoring grounder of the game in the fourth.

Tampa Bay went up 7-0 with a three-run fifth. Two runs scored when catcher David Ross was charged with an error for an off-target throw to first on Brandon Guyer's bunt single.

Webster gave up six runs and five hits over four-plus innings.

The Red Sox loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh when Odorizzi walked three consecutive batters, but worked out of trouble by getting a pop fly from Xander Bogaerts.

The start of the game was delayed 12 minutes after a series of stadium lights at Tropicana Field went out during a thunderstorm just before the scheduled first pitch. The Rays said the problem was caused by lightning striking a nearby electrical substation.

TRAINER'S ROOM: Bogaerts was activated from the seven-day concussion list. He missed six games after being hit in the head by a pitch from Seattle's Felix Hernandez August 22. Rays CF Desmond Jennings was out of the lineup for the second straight game due to a sore left knee.

UP NEXT: Red Sox RHP Clay Buchholz (5-8) and Rays RHP Alex Cobb (9-6) are the scheduled starters Sunday. Cobb is 7-0 with a 2.14 ERA over his last 11 starts.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for East Division teams (Baltimore, New York, Toronto, Tampa Bay, Boston) and their W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away statistics.

Table with columns for Central Division teams (Kansas City, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Minnesota) and their W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away statistics.

Table with columns for West Division teams (Los Angeles, Oakland, Seattle, Houston, Texas) and their W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away statistics.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for East Division teams (Washington, Atlanta, Miami, New York, Philadelphia) and their W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away statistics.

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Table with columns for West Division teams (Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Arizona, Colorado) and their W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away statistics.

NL

Cubs 5, Cardinals 1 (Game 1)

Box score for Cubs vs Cardinals Game 1, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Cubs vs Cardinals Game 1, listing pitchers like Doubront, Ramirez, and Grimm.

Pirates 3, Reds 2

Box score for Pirates vs Reds, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Pirates vs Reds, listing pitchers like Worley and Simon.

Marlins 4, Braves 0

Box score for Marlins vs Braves, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Marlins vs Braves, listing pitchers like Cosart and Russell.

Phillies 7, Mets 2

Box score for Phillies vs Mets, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Phillies vs Mets, listing pitchers like Fister and Lincecum.



New York Yankees left fielder Martin Prado reacts Saturday after being backed off by a close pitch from Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Drew Hutchison during the seventh inning in Toronto.

Blue Jays brush off Yankees 2-0

Associated Press

TORONTO — Drew Hutchison pitched seven shutout innings, Jose Bautista homered for the fourth straight game and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees 2-0.

Mark Teixeira's fourth-inning double was the only hit allowed by Hutchison (9-11), who walked two and struck out nine.

Aaron Sanchez retired all six batters he faced for his first major league save as the Blue Jays improved to 8-17 in August and, at 68-67, avoided falling below .500 for the first time since May 14, when they were 20-21.

Bautista hit a two-out, two-run homer off Michael Pineda (3-3) in the first. It's the second time in his career Bautista has connected in four consecutive games.

Sale (11-3) struck out at least 10 for the 17th time in his career, tying Hall of Famer Ed Walsh for the franchise record.

Jake Petricka pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Orioles 3, Twins 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh, Jimmy Paredes homered and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 on Saturday night.

The Orioles have won five of their past six games and lead the Yankees by eight games in the AL East.

Paredes, who was called up from the minors Thursday, went 2 for 4 with his first homer and had two RBIs.

Davis is batting just .188, but has five RBIs in his past two games.

Zach Britton pitched a perfect ninth for his 30th save — the 10th different Orioles to record that many saves.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Games for American League: Baltimore 9, Minnesota 1; N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 3; Boston 8, Tampa Bay 4; Cleveland 6, Kansas City 1; Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 1; Texas 13, Houston 6; L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 0; Washington 8, Seattle 3.

Saturday's Games for American League: Toronto 2, N.Y. Yankees 0; Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 3, 1st game; Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2; Tampa Bay 7, Boston 0; Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 4, 2nd game; Houston 2, Texas 0; Cleveland at Kansas City, late; Oakland at L.A. Angels, late; Washington at Seattle, late.

Sunday's Games for American League: Yankees (McCarthy 5-3) at Toronto (Happ 8-8), 1:07 p.m.; Minnesota (Nolasco 5-9) at Baltimore (Chen 13-4), 1:35 p.m.; Boston (Buchholz 5-8) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-6), 1:40 p.m.; Detroit (Porcello 15-8) at White Sox (Quintana 6-10), 2:10 p.m.; Texas (Martinez 3-10) at Houston (Keuchel 10-9), 2:10 p.m.; Oakland (Kazmir 14-6) at Angels (Shoemaker 13-4), 3:35 p.m.; Washington (Roark 12-8) at Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6), 4:10 p.m.; Cleveland (House 2-3) at Kansas City (Duffy 8-11), 8:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games for National League: Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1; N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 5, Miami 2; Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 2; Arizona 5, Colorado 2; San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 12 innings; Washington 8, Seattle 3; San Francisco 13, Milwaukee 2.

Saturday's Games for National League: Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 1, 1st game; Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2; Miami 4, Atlanta 0; Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 2; Colorado at Arizona, late; Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, late, 2nd game; L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late; Milwaukee at San Francisco, late; Washington at Seattle, late.

Sunday's Games for National League: Philadelphia (Burnett 7-14) at Mets (Gee 5-6), 1:10 p.m.; Cincinnati (Cueto 15-8) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 3-10), 1:35 p.m.; Cubs (Wood 8-11) at St. Louis (Lackey 2-1), 2:15 p.m.; Milwaukee (Lohse 12-7) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 15-9), 4:05 p.m.; Colorado (De La Rosa 13-9) at Arizona (Anderson 7-6), 4:10 p.m.; Dodgers (Ryu 13-6) at San Diego (Stults 6-14), 4:10 p.m.; Washington (Roark 12-8) at Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6), 4:10 p.m.; Miami (Eovaldi 6-9) at Atlanta (Wood 9-10), 5:10 p.m.

For more box scores, see Page B3.

on May 1, 2013. His previous shutout was Sept. 6, 2013, against the Chicago White Sox. Held hitless for the first five innings by Robbie Ross Jr., the Astros scored twice in the seventh off reliever Phil Klein (0-2). Carlos Corporan doubled to put runners at second and third, and Jake Marisnick had an RBI infield single. Corporan scored on Klein's throwing error to first.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs 5, Cardinals 1 (Game 1)

ST. LOUIS — Starlin Castro hit one of Chicago's three solo homers and Felix Doubront pitched seven strong innings in his National League debut, sending the Cubs to a 5-1 victory over the slumping St. Louis Cardinals in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Logan Watkins and Chris Valaika also connected for Chicago in the makeup of a May 14 rainout. The last-place Cubs hit four home runs Friday, giving them seven in two games against the Cardinals.

St. Louis has lost four in a row for the second time this season. The Cardinals began the day one game ahead of Atlanta and 1 1/2 up on Pittsburgh for the second NL wild card.

The Cubs have won nine of 13.

Pirates 3, Reds 2

PITTSBURGH — Neil Walker hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates made it hold up behind starter Vance Worley, beating the Cincinnati Reds 3-2 for their fourth straight victory.

Walker's 18th home run put the Pirates ahead 3-0 against Alfredo Simon four batters into the game. Pittsburgh's winning streak matches its longest of the season.

Worley (6-4) allowed two runs — one earned — and three hits in 6 1/3 innings to snap a career-worst, three-start skid. Mark Melancon pitched a perfect ninth for his 26th save after Justin Wilson and Tony Watson combined for 1 2/3 scoreless innings.

Despite retiring 12 batters in a row between the third and sixth, Simon (13-9) fell to 1-6 since pitching in his first All-Star game last month.

Todd Frazier homered for the Reds.

Marlins 4, Braves 0

ATLANTA — Jarred Cosart pitched seven effective innings, and the Miami Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 4-0 to stop a three-game losing streak.

Cosart (3-1) allowed seven hits, struck out five and walked one. The right-hander, who was acquired in acquired in a July 31 trade with Houston, is 3-0 with a sparkling 0.65 ERA in his last four starts.

Donovan Solano hit a solo homer in the first and finished with three hits for Miami, which is 8-7 against Atlanta this year. Giancarlo Stanton had two hits and drove in a run.

AL

Blue Jays 2, Yankees 0

Box score for Blue Jays vs Yankees, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Blue Jays vs Yankees, listing pitchers like Pineda and Kershaw.

IP H R ER BB SO for Blue Jays vs Yankees.

White Sox 6, Tigers 3 (Game 1)

Box score for White Sox vs Tigers, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for White Sox vs Tigers, listing pitchers like Scherzer and Fister.

IP H R ER BB SO for White Sox vs Tigers.

Orioles 3, Twins 2

Box score for Orioles vs Twins, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Orioles vs Twins, listing pitchers like Scherzer and Fister.

IP H R ER BB SO for Orioles vs Twins.

Astros 2, Rangers 0

Box score for Astros vs Rangers, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Astros vs Rangers, listing pitchers like Lincecum and Fister.

IP H R ER BB SO for Astros vs Rangers.

Marlins 4, Braves 0

Box score for Marlins vs Braves, including batting order, totals, and game notes.

Pitching report for Marlins vs Braves, listing pitchers like Cosart and Russell.

IP H R ER BB SO for Marlins vs Braves.

PREP FOOTBALL

West Port 17, Dunnellon 6

Table with West Port and Dunnellon scores: 3 7 7 0 - 17 and 3 3 0 0 - 6

Scoring Summary

First Quarter: Dunn. - Z. West 32-yard field goal; WP - K. Haworth 32-yard field goal; Second Quarter: Dunn. - Z. West 27-yard field goal; WP - I. Guthrie 10-yard run (kick good); Third Quarter: WP - V. Patton 17-yard reception (kick good); Individual leaders: Rushing - Dunnellon: M. Livermore 4-28; West Port: K. Duncan 12-155; Passing - Dunn: K. Jones 7-18-0-1; WP: I. Guthrie 8-9-1-1; Receiving - Dunn: J. Williams 4-65; WP: V. Patton 2-22

Umatilla 49, Lecanto 42

Table with Umatilla and Lecanto scores: 14 14 14 7 - 49 and 7 7 14 14 - 42

Scoring Summary

First Quarter: UHS - J. Lewis 3 run (M. Miranda kick), 10:03; LHS - J. Lucas 75 kick return (L. Leiva kick), 9:38; UHS - Robinson 16 run (Miranda kick), 3:44; Second Quarter: UHS - Robinson 93 pass from Lewis (Miranda kick), 8:04; LHS - Lucas 9 pass from T. McGee (Leiva kick), 4:45; UHS - Robinson 44 pass from Lewis (Miranda kick), 4:05; Third Quarter: LHS - McGee 1 run (Leiva kick), 5:20; LHS - A. Anderson 25 fumble return (Leiva return), 5:01; UHS - Robinson 70 kick return (Miranda kick), 4:46; UHS - Robinson 71 run (Miranda kick), 2:11; Fourth Quarter: LHS - Lucas 17 pass from McGee (Leiva kick), 11:48; LHS - A. Crumbley 4 run (Leiva kick), 9:40; UHS - Lewis 2 run (Miranda kick), 6:14; Individual Statistics: Passing - LHS: McGee 10-73-1; Crumbley 19-73-1; UHS: Robinson 8-130-2; Receiving - LHS: 5-93-2; T. Hopkins 4-53-0; Lucas 3-37-1; UHS: Robinson 4-155-2; D. Hammock 4-80-0; Fumble Recoveries - LHS: L. Copeland 2; Anderson; K. Reimer. UHS: Robinson. Interceptions - UHS: Lewis. Penalties - LHS: 6-55; UHS: 7-65.

Crystal River 26, Nature Coast 21

Table with Crystal River and Nature Coast scores: 0 6 6 14 - 26 and 7 8 0 6 - 21

Scoring Summary

First Quarter: NCT - Leonard 92 fumble return (Florkowski kick); Second Quarter: NCT - Smith 65 run (Carnegie run); CR - Hopkins 17 pass from Harvey (Bresson kick no good); Third Quarter: CR - Ellison 2 run (Harvey pass failed); Fourth Quarter: NCT - Carnegie 1 run (Carnegie pass failed); CR - Hopkins 58 run (Harvey run); CR - Hopkins 31 pass from Harvey; Team Statistics: CR NCT; First Downs: 15 7; Atts./Rushing Yds: 47-226 33-185; Comps./Pass/Atts./Int.: 5-8-0 4-8-1; Passing Yds: 69 41; Total Offense: 55-295 41-226; Return Yds: 5-13 3-18; Punts/Avg: 3-39.7 3-35.0; Fumbles/Lost: 6-1 1-0; Penalties: 11-90 20-185.

Citrus 6, Springstead 0

Table with Citrus and Springstead scores: 0 0 0 6 - 6 and 0 0 0 0 - 0

Individual Scoring

Fourth Quarter: CIT - S. Franklin 76 interception return (no kick attempted): 00; CIT SPG; First Downs: 3 12; Atts./Rushing Yds: 34-81 50-189; Comp./Pass Atts./Int.: 6-16-0 2-6-1; Passing Yds: 51 6; Total Offense: 34-81 56-195; Fumbles/Lost: 3-1 2-1; Return Yards: 2-0 2-20; Punts/Avg: 5-36.8 3-18.7; Penalties: 6-38 7-47.

TRITHLON

Crystal River Triathlon Series 2014 winners

Men's overall winner: Jerry Gisclair, Tampa, 3:13:48.6; Women's overall winner: Sherrie Mauzy 3:57:38.9; Men's masters winner: Erik Smith, Hudson, 3:34:01.7; Women's masters winner: Lynne Krueger, St. Petersburg, 4:03:23.7

Crystal River Labor Day Sprint 3 2014 results

Men's overall winner: Jerry Gisclair, Tampa, 1:03:32; Women's overall winner: Celia Dubey, Tarpon Springs, 1:09:17; Men's masters winner: Brian Smith, 1:10:35; Women's masters winner: Sherrie Mauzy, Hudson, 1:19:02

Top 10 finishers

- 1. Jerry Gisclair, Tampa, 1:03:32; 2. Nicolo Pavolini, Rome, Italy 1:07:16.9; 3. Benjamin Fletcher, Gainesville 1:08.44; 4. Jeremy Phillips, 1:08.48; 5. Cillian Martin, Gainesville 1:09:52; 6. Brian Smith, 1:10:35; 7. Chris Whittier 1:10:40; 8. Robert Brockett, Lecanto 1:10:56; 9. Celia Dubey, Tarpon Springs 1:09:17; 10. Darryl Lohrke 1:11:17

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Saturday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.

Lap length: 1.54 miles (Start position in parentheses)

- 1. (8) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 195 laps, 149.8 rating, 0 points; 2. (4) Joey Logano, Ford, 195, 122.9, 0; 3. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 195, 114.6, 0; 4. (3) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 195, 110.3, 0; 5. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 195, 120.4, 40; 6. (11) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 195, 99, 38; 7. (9) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 195, 102.9, 37; 8. (10) David Ragan, Ford, 195, 94.5, 0; 9. (14) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 195, 99.2, 35; 10. (5) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 194, 90, 34; 11. (6) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194, 99, 0; 12. (7) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 193, 85.3, 32; 13. (13) Chris Buescher, Ford, 192, 84.2, 31; 14. (16) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 192, 81.9, 30; 15. (24) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 192, 81.4, 29; 16. (23) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 191, 73.6, 28; 17. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 191, 73.1, 27; 18. (12) Ryan Reed, Ford, 190, 66.9, 26; 19. (18) James Buescher, Toyota, 190, 68.5, 25; 20. (29) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 190, 54.3, 24; 21. (15) Dylan Kwasniewski, Chevrolet, 190, 72.7, 23; 22. (20) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 190, 65.9, 22; 23. (27) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, 189, 57.1, 21; 24. (25) Eric McClure, Toyota, 188, 46.4, 20; 25. (28) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 188, 53.6, 19; 26. (26) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, 188, 55.6, 18; 27. (37) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 187, 39.8, 17; 28. (22) Blake Koch, Toyota, 187, 50.3, 16; 29. (36) Chris Cockrum, Ford, 183, 34.7, 0; 30. (33) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 180, 44.1, 14; 31. (22) Derricke Cope, Chevrolet, 180, 34.8, 13; 32. (21) John Wes Townley, Toyota, engine, 157, 56.9, 0; 33. (17) Dakota Armstrong, Ford, engine, 129, 55.9, 11; 34. (34) Mike Harmon, Dodge, transmission, 92, 32.7, 10; 35. (38) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, overheating, 51, 38.6, 9; 36. (31) Kevin Swindell, Dodge, fuel pump, 43, 45.1, 8; 37. (35) Carlos Conteras, Chevrolet, engine, 35, 30.3, 7; 38. (40) John Jackson, Chevrolet, vibration, 19, 28.3, 6; 39. (39) Carl Long, Chevrolet, overheating, 4, 30.3, 5; 40. (30) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 29.2, 4

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Saturday in the Florida Lottery:



CASH 3 (early) 7 - 7 - 4

CASH 3 (late) 6 - 1 - 3

PLAY 4 (early) 5 - 4 - 1 - 2

PLAY 4 (late) 0 - 0 - 7 - 4

POWERBALL 5 - 28 - 31 - 52 - 59

POWER BALL 27

Fantasy 5 and Florida Lotto numbers were unavailable at deadline. For those numbers, please visit flalottery.com.

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Lucky Money: 5 - 7 - 21 - 23; Fantasy 5: 6 - 19 - 21 - 29 - 33

Lucky Ball: 6; 5-of-5: 3 winners \$74,908.91

4-of-4 LB: No winner; 4-of-5: 332 \$109

3-of-4: 8 \$943.50; 3-of-4 LB: 69 \$239.50

3-of-4: 1,201 \$40.50; 2-of-4 LB: 1,687 \$20

1-of-4 LB: 14,819 \$2.50; 2-of-4: 33,564 \$2

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

10 a.m. (FS1) Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge: Virginia International (taped); 11 a.m. (ESPN2) NHRA Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals, qualifying; 12 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour: Bristol (taped); 1:30 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Camping World Truck Series: Mosport; 5 p.m. (ESPN2) NHRA Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals, qualifying; 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) NASCAR Sprint Cup: Oral-B USA 500. From Atlanta Motor Speedway; 1 a.m. (ESPN2) Oral-B USA 500 (same-day tape)

BASEBALL

1:30 p.m. (SUN, 104.3 WYKE-FM) Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays; 2 p.m. (TBS) Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox; 2 p.m. (WGN-A) Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals; 5 p.m. (FSNFL) Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves; 8 p.m. (ESPN2) Cleveland Indians at Kansas City Royals

BASKETBALL

7:30 a.m. (NBA) FIBA World Cup: Argentina vs. Croatia. From Sevilla, Spain; 9:30 a.m. (NBA) FIBA World Cup: Serbia vs. France. From Granada, Spain; 12 p.m. (NBA) FIBA World Cup: Brazil vs. Iran. From Granada, Spain; 3:30 p.m. (ABC) WNBA Western Conference Final, Game 2: Phoenix Mercury at Minnesota Lynx; 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) FIBA World Cup: Turkey vs. United States. From Bilbao, Spain; 8 p.m. (NBA) FIBA World Cup: Turkey vs. United States. From Bilbao, Spain (same-day tape)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 a.m. (FSNFL) Samford at Texas Christian (taped); 7 a.m. (SUN) Central Arkansas at Texas Tech (taped); 11:45 a.m. (ESPN) Alabama A&M vs. North Carolina A&T. From Orlando; 2 p.m. (ESPNU) LSU vs. Wisconsin. From Houston (taped); 7 p.m. (ESPNU) Clemson at Georgia (taped); 7:30 p.m. (FS1) Southern Methodist at Baylor; 9:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Florida State vs. Oklahoma State. From Arlington, Texas (taped); 12 a.m. (ESPNU) Alabama vs. West Virginia. From Atlanta (taped); 2 a.m. (FSNFL) North Dakota State at Iowa State (taped); 2:30 a.m. (ESPNU) UCLA at Virginia (taped)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

4 p.m. (ESPNU) Gilman (Md.) at St. Edward (Ohio)

NFL FOOTBALL

7 a.m. (NFL) Preseason: Detroit Lions at Buffalo Bills (taped); 10 a.m. (NFL) Preseason: Kansas City Chiefs at Green Bay Packers (taped); 8:30 p.m. (FSNFL) Preseason: St. Louis Rams at Miami Dolphins (taped)

GOLF

7 a.m. (GOLF) European Tour: Italian Open, final round. From Torino; 1 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour: Deutsche Bank Championship, third round. From the TPC Boston in Norton, Mass.; 3 p.m. (NBC) PGA Tour: Deutsche Bank Championship, third round; 3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour: Deutsche Bank Championship, third round spotlight; 5 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Web.com: Hotel Fitness Championship, final round. From Fort Wayne, Ind.; 7 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour: Portland Classic, final round. From Portland, Ore.; 9 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions: Shaw Charity Classic, final round. From Calgary, Alberta (same-day tape)

MOTORCYCLE RACING

7 a.m. (FS1) MotoGP Racing World Championship: British Grand Prix

SOCCER

8:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) English Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur FC vs Liverpool FC; 11 a.m. (NBCSPT) English Premier League: Leicester City FC vs Arsenal FC; 12:50 p.m. (UNI) Futbol Mexicano Primera Division: Deportivo Toluca FC vs CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz; 2:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) MLS: New York Red Bulls at D.C. United; 3 p.m. (ESPN2) NWSL, Final: FC Kansas City at Seattle Reign

TENNIS

11 a.m. (CBS) U.S. Open: Men's third and women's fourth round; 2 p.m. (FSNFL) PowerShares Series: Surprise (taped); 7 p.m. (TENNIS) U.S. Open: Men's third and women's round of 16

TRACK AND FIELD

1:30 p.m. (NBC) IAAF Diamond League: Zurich (taped)

MISCELLANEOUS

1 p.m. (FSNFL) Darts Premier League: Birmingham, Part 2 (taped); Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 140.091 mph. Time of Race: 2 hours, 8 minutes, 37 seconds. Margin of Victory: 0.567 seconds. Caution Flags: 2 for 18 laps.

Lead Changes: 1 among 2 drivers. Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 1-36; K.Harvick 37-195. Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 1 time for 159 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 36 laps.

Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 874; 2. R.Smith, 859; 3. T.Dillon, 839; 4. E.Sadler, 826; 5. B.Scott, 820; 6. T.Bayne, 803; 7. C.Buescher, 713; 8. B.Gaughan, 694; 9. R.Reed, 658; 10. J.Buescher, 646.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race. The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

BASEBALL

Tigers 8, White Sox 4 (Game 2)

Table with Detroit and Chicago scores: Detroit 8, White Sox 4

ab r h bi; RDavis lf 4 2 1 1; Kinsler 2b 5 1 3 3; MClair 1b 3 0 0 1; Cstllns 3b 2 1 1 0; VMrtnz dh 2 1 0 0; JMrtzn rf 4 0 0 1; Avila c 4 0 1 1; DKelly 3b-1b4 1 3 1; AnRmn ss 3 0 0 0; Carrer cf 4 2 3 0; Totals 35 8128; Detroit 002 300 003; Chicago 000 000 040

DP---Detroit 1, Chicago 1. LOB---Detroit 8, Chicago 6. 2B---D.Kelly (4), Carrera (3), Al.Ramirez 2 (30). HR---Viciedo (17). SB---R.Davis (32), Carrera 2 (5). S---An.Romine. SF---J.Martinez.

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Table with pitcher statistics for Detroit and Chicago

Detroit: K.Ryan W,1-0 6 5 0 0 2 1; B.Hardy 1 0 1 1 1 2; J.Johnson 0 1 2 2 1 0; Chamberlain H,24 1 1 1 1 0 1; Nathan 1 0 0 0 0 0

Chicago: Bassitt L,0-1 61-37 5 5 4 4; D.Webb 12-31 0 0 0 1; Cleto 1-3 2 2 2 0 0; Guerra 2-3 2 1 1 0 0; B.Hardy pitched to 1 batter in the 8th; J.Johnson pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP - by Guerra (V.Martinez), by Bassitt (D.Kelly).

Umpires---Home, Pat Hoberg; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Marcus Pattillo. T--3:23. A--23,723 (40,615).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX --- Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Charlotte (IL) and RHP Eric Surkamp from Birmingham (AL).

DETROIT TIGERS --- Purchased the contract of LHP Kyle Ryan from Toledo (IL). Designated RHP Justin Miller for assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS --- Recalled LHP Robbie Ross, Jr. from Round Rock (PCL). Activated LHP Derek Holland from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Nick Tepesch to Round Rock. Designated 1B-OF Mike Carp for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PITTSBURGH PIRATES --- Recalled INF Brent Morel from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned LHP Jeff Locke to Indianapolis.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE LONG ISLAND DUCKS --- Release RHP Rob Whitenack.

FOOTBALL National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS --- Signed QB Kyle Orton and P Colton Schmidt to one-year contracts. Released S Deon Broomfield, LB Jimmy Gaines, WR T.J. Graham, WR Caleb Holley, DE Ikonomosio Iginoson, DE Bryan Johnson, S Kenny Ladler, C Doug Legursky, G Antoine McClain and QB Jeff Tuel.

CINCINNATI BENGALS --- Terminated the contract of S Daniele Manning. Waived WR Cobi Hamilton, DE Dontay Moch, C Trevor Robinson and DT Devon Still. Placed QB AJ McCarron on the injury list.

DENVER BRONCOS --- Released DT Kevin Vickerson, S Duke Ihenacho, QB Zac Dycert.

DETROIT LIONS --- Released G Rodney Austin, LB Shamari Benton, WR Kris Durham, WR Patrick Edwards, TE Michael Egnew, DT Andre Fluellen, CB Chris Greenwood, FB Emil Igwegwu, LB Brandon Hepburn, C Darren Keyton, RB Mikel Leshoure, WR Andrew Peacock, DT Xavier Proctor, S Nate Ness, G Garrett Reynolds, DT Jimmy Saddler-McQueen, CB Mohammed Seisay, LB Julian Stanford, TE Jordan Thompson, DE Darryl Tapp, OT Michael Williams and RB George Winn. Waived/injured S DeJon Gomes.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS --- Waived CB Jamell Fleming, S Sherrod Martin, LB Nate Stupar and WR Kerry Taylor. Re-signed G Tyler Shatley.

NEW YORK JETS --- Waived WR Stephen Hill, RB Daryl Richardson, RB Alex Green, LB A.J. Edds, QB Tajh Boyd, CB Johnny Patrick, TE Chris Pantale and DL Zach Thompson.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES --- Released K Alex Henery, CB Curtis Marsh, CB Roc Carmichael, RB Matthew Tucker, RB Henry Josey, QB G.J. Kinne, WR Damaris Johnson, WR Ifeanyi Momah, WR Will Murphy, WR Quaron Pratt, LB Emmanuel Acho, LB Josh Kaddu, DT Wade Keilkipi, DT Damion Square, OL Kevin Graf, OL Josh Andrews, S Keelan Johnson and S Ed Reynolds. Waived/injured RB Kenjon Barner. Placed WR Arrelious Benn and LB Travis Long on injured reserve.

SOCCER Major League Soccer

SKY BLUE FC --- Loaned F Fanace Kiryu to NTV Beleza (Japan) and G Brittany Cameron Vegalta Sendai (Japan).

RB Demps, S Wright among Bucs' cuts

TAMPA, Fla. --- Olympic sprinter Jeff Demps and veteran safety Major Wright are among the final cuts for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Coach Lovie Smith trimmed the roster to the 53-player limit Saturday, releasing Wright and defensive lineman Ronald Talley and waiving Demps, quarterback Mike Kafka and four other players.

Demps made his NFL debut last year, appearing in two games after joining the Bucs following the close of his track and field season. He was a member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic 4x100 relay team that won a silver medal at London, and initially entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent with New England.

Unable to obtain a full-time commitment from Demps, the Patriots traded him to Tampa Bay in exchange for LeGarrette Blount in April 2013.

Tight end Cameron Brate, linebacker Brandon Magee, defensive tackle Matthew Masifilo and receiver Solomon Patton also were waived.

GOLF Deutsche Bank Championship par scores

Saturday at TPC Boston, Norton, Mass. Purse: \$8 million, Yardage: 7,216, Par 71

Second Round:

Table with player names and scores for the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship

Failed to make the cut

Table with player names and scores for those who failed to make the cut

Portland Classic par scores

Saturday at Columbia Edgewater Country Club, Portland, Ore. Purse: \$1.3 million, Yardage: 6,476, Par 72

Third Round, a-denotes amateur:

Table with player names and scores for the third round of the Portland Classic

Penn State, UCF give Irish eyes a treat

Knights lose on last-second FG

Associated Press

DUBLIN — UCF might have found its replacement for Blake Bortles. Unfortunately, the Knights didn't find him until the second half Saturday in a heartbreaking 26-24 loss to Penn State in Ireland.

Second-string quarterback Justin Holman accounted for all three UCF touchdowns, one in the air and two on the ground. His 6-yard run with just 1:13 left put the Knights ahead for the first time, 24-23, in front of a raucous 55,000-strong crowd in Dublin's

Croke Park, a stadium that normally hosts Gaelic football matches, not American football games.

Those 73 seconds proved to be just enough time for Penn State's sophomore sensation, Christian Hackenberg, to drive the Nittany Lions 55 yards in eight plays for a game-winning 36-yard field goal.

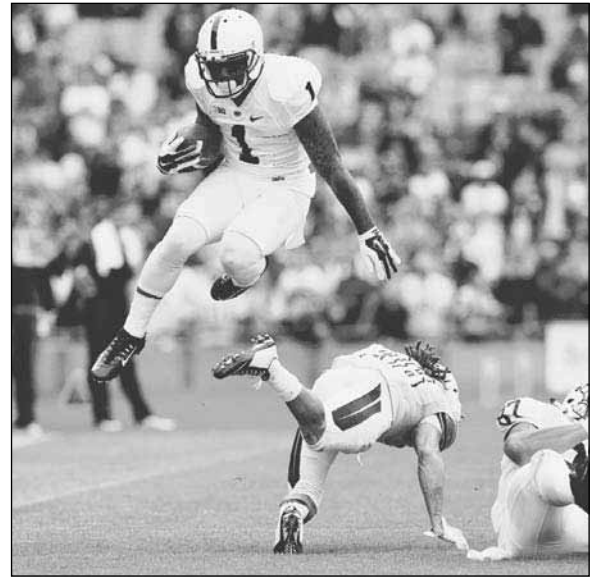
Coach George O'Leary spoke bluntly — at times defensively — when questioned afterward about why he started redshirt freshman Pete DiNovo instead of the more athletic Holman, only to bench DiNovo halfway through his first start after he went just 3 for 8 for a paltry 18 yards. Holman finished 9 of 14 for 204 yards.

Asked whether Holman had ever showed signs of Saturday's performance in earlier practice sessions, O'Leary snapped back, "If he did, I would have been playing him."

Hackenberg — capping a 32-for-47, 454-yard performance — coolly directed a seven-play drive to set up Sam Ficken's fourth successful field goal as the Penn State bench swarmed the field.

Saturday's win was the first for new Penn State coach James Franklin.

On the field, Penn State players received the Dan Rooney Trophy, a football made of ancient Irish bog wood and specially commissioned for the game.



Associated Press
Penn State running back Bill Belton leaps over UCF defensive back Jordan Ozerities on Saturday during the fourth quarter in Dublin. Penn State won 26-24.



Associated Press
Lightning strikes near Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field on Saturday during a weather delay before the game between Florida and Idaho in Gainesville.

Weather plays havoc with first week of football

Due to a combination of early deadlines and weather delays, the *Chronicle* was unable to provide coverage of the Florida Gators, South Florida Bulls and FSU Seminoles games.

The *Chronicle* apologizes for the inconvenience. Please see Monday's edition for complete coverage of those games.

NCAA football SCORES

EAST
Albany (NY) 14, Holy Cross 13
Boston College 30, UMass 7
Bucknell 42, VMI 38
Buffalo 38, Duquesne 28
CCSU 31, Towson 27
Fordham 52, St. Francis (Pa.) 23
Maine 10, Norfolk St. 6
Monmouth (NJ) 52, Delaware St. 21
Ohio St. 34, Navy 17
Pittsburgh 62, Delaware 0
Sacred Heart 28, Marist 7
Wagner 21, Georgetown 3

SOUTH
Alabama 33, West Virginia 23
Alcorn St. 55, Va. Lynchburg 7
Auburn 45, Arkansas 21
Coastal Carolina 31, The Citadel 16
Duke 52, Elon 13
Georgia 45, Clemson 21
Georgia Tech 38, Wofford 19
Kentucky 59, UT-Martin 14
Maryland 52, James Madison 7
NC State 24, Georgia Southern 23
Old Dominion 41, Hampton 28
Penn St. 26, UCF 24
Richmond 55, Morehead St. 10
SC State 63, Benedict 0
Stetson 35, Warner 16
UAB 48, Troy 10
UCLA 28, Virginia 20
Virginia Tech 34, William & Mary 9

MIDWEST
Bacone 41, Northwestern (Iowa) 33
Ball St. 30, Colgate 10
Benedictine (Kan.) 21, Briar Cliff 3
California 31, Northwestern 24
Illinois 28, Youngstown St. 17
Indiana 28, Indiana St. 10
Iowa 31, N. Iowa 23
Marshall 42, Miami (Ohio) 27
Michigan 52, Appalachian St. 14
Missouri 38, S. Dakota St. 18
N. Dakota St. 34, Iowa St. 14
Nebraska 55, FAU 7
Notre Dame 48, Rice 17
Ohio 17, Kent St. 14
Purdue 43, W. Michigan 34
Rocky Mountain 40, Dickinson St. 21
William Penn 52, Bethel (Tenn.) 13

SOUTHWEST
Belhaven 44, Texas College 6
FAR WEST
Air Force 44, Nicholls St. 16
Nevada 28, S. Utah 19
Oregon St. 29, Portland St. 14
S. Oregon 51, Menlo 14
Stanford 45, UC Davis 0
Wyoming 17, Montana 12

Penn St. 26, UCF 24

Penn St. 7 3 10 6 — 26
UCF 0 3 7 14 — 24

First Quarter
PSU—Zwinak 1 run (Ficken kick), 8:20.

Second Quarter
UCF—FG Moffitt 36, 12:26.
PSU—FG Ficken 22, 6:20.

Third Quarter
PSU—FG Ficken 33, 6:56.
UCF—Holman 1 run (Moffitt kick), 2:39.
PSU—Lewis 79 pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick), :55.

Fourth Quarter
UCF—Reese 10 pass from Holman (Moffitt kick), 11:31.
PSU—FG Ficken 24, 3:30.
UCF—Holman 6 run (Moffitt kick), 1:13.
PSU—FG Ficken 36, :00.
A—53,304.

	PSU	UCF
First downs	24	11
Rushes-yards	28-57	29-24
Passing	454	222
Comp-Att-Int	32-47-2	12-22-0
Return Yards	9	0
Punts-Avg.	1-41.0	4-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-47	9-90
Time of Possession	34:07	25:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Penn St., Zwinak 12-32, Belton 10-16, Lynch 1-7, Hackenberg 5-2. UCF, D.Wilson 21-34, DiNovo 3-(minus 5), Holman 5-(minus 5).
PASSING—Penn St., Hackenberg 32-47-2-454. UCF, Holman 9-14-0-204, DiNovo 3-8-0-18.
RECEIVING—Penn St., Hamilton 11-165, Lewis 8-173, James 7-60, Carter 2-21, Godwin 2-13, Belton 1-13, Gesicki 1-9. UCF, Worton 5-83, Perriman 3-81, Reese 2-47, D.Wilson 2-11.

Top 25 ROUNDUP



Associated Press
Arkansas running back Jonathan Williams is tackled by Auburn linebacker Cassanova McKinzy on Saturday during the first half in Auburn, Ala. Auburn won 45-21.

A new beginning

Schools kick off first campaigns of the post-BCS era

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Jeremy Johnson passed for 243 yards and two touchdowns in the first half and Nick Marshall returned from suspension with a 19-yard scoring run to lift No. 6 Auburn to a 45-21 opening victory over Arkansas on Saturday.

The Tigers scored the final 24 points after the Razorbacks managed to force a halftime deadlock. The game was delayed 1 hour, 28 minutes due to lightning in the area during the fourth quarter.

Marshall, who led Auburn to the SEC title last season and national championship game, started the second half after serving his punishment for getting ticketed in July for possession of a small amount of marijuana. Junior college transfer D'haquille Williams supplied the most electrifying performance with nine catches for 154 yards in his debut.

Cameron Artis-Payne rushed for a career-high 177 yards. Jermaine Whitehead returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown.

No. 2 Alabama 33, West Virginia 23

ATLANTA — Blake Sims was good enough to finish his first start at quarterback for Alabama, getting plenty of help from Amari Cooper, T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry, and the second-ranked Crimson Tide held off West Virginia 33-23 Saturday.

Sims was 24-for-33 for 250 yards and added 42 running, playing the entire opener at the Georgia Dome. The fifth-year senior beat out Florida State transfer Jake Coker for the start. Tide coach Nick Saban had suggested both quarterbacks would play, but Sims never came out.

Yeldon (126 yards rushing and two touchdowns), Henry (113 yards rushing and a score) and Cooper (12 catches for 130 yards) provided plenty of support.

No. 5 Ohio State 34, Navy 17

BALTIMORE — Redshirt freshman J.T. Barrett threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut, and the Buckeyes got their 25th consecutive regular-season victory.

Elevated into a starting role after senior Braxton Miller injured his right shoulder on Aug. 18, Barrett went 12 for 15 — including

an 80-yard TD pass to Devin Smith that put the Buckeyes up 20-14 with 4:10 left in the third quarter.

Ohio State (1-0) won despite allowing Navy (0-1) to gain 370 yards on the ground.

Barrett became the second freshman since 1950 to start an opener at quarterback for Ohio State. He ran nine times for 50 yards, did not throw downfield often and relied heavily on a ground game that finally wore down the Midshipmen in the fourth quarter.

After Navy closed to 20-17 with 13:54 remaining, the Buckeyes launched a 10-play drive that featured just one pass. Ezekiel Elliott converted a fourth-and-1 from the Navy 45 and Barrett threw a 19-yard completion before Elliott ran in from the 10.

Barrett's 9-yard touchdown pass to Mike Thomas made it 34-17 with 2:09 left.

No. 7 UCLA 28, Virginia 20

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — UCLA scored three defensive touchdowns before Brett Hundley led them on a critical second-half scoring drive and the Bruins escaped Virginia.

Hundley, widely regarded as one of the nation's top quarterbacks, was harassed all day by Virginia's pressure defense, and made the biggest play of the day for UCLA with his feet. It came on a 6-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter when he overpowered safety Quin Blanding on a 6-yard TD run.

The Cavaliers, 21-point underdogs, trailed 28-20 and had a first down at the Bruins 19 late in the game, but three consecutive running plays netted just two yards and irritated the fans, and linebacker Myles Jack disrupted Matt Johns' fourth-and-8 pass to Doni Dowling and it fell to the ground.

UCLA led just 21-17 and had not scored an offensive touchdown when it took over at its 34 late in the third quarter, but that's when Hundley finally put a drive together against the Virginia defense. The Cavaliers sacked him five times and held him to 39 rushing yards, but couldn't shut him out.

No. 11 Stanford 45, UC Davis 0

STANFORD, Calif. — Ty Montgomery returned his first career punt for a touchdown and caught five passes for 77 yards and another score, and the Cardinal tuned up for a date with No. 15 Southern California next week.

The All-American kick returner, who was cleared by team doctors to play earlier this week, looked ready to be the Cardinal's do-it-all playmaker again. He ran his first punt back 60 yards for a TD and lined up all over the field, including once as a wild-cat quarterback.

No. 12 Georgia 45, No. 16 Clemson 21

ATHENS, Ga. — Todd Gurley ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns, returned a kickoff 100 yards for another score, and No. 12 Georgia gained some early style points in the national race with a 45-21 victory over No. 16 Clemson.

Gurley made the most of his limited touches on a sweltering night, averaging 17.2 yards every time he got his hands on the ball. He set a school record for all-purpose yards with 293, breaking the record of 290 set by Rodney Hampton in 1987.

Georgia (1-0) broke open a game that was 21-21 at the half, shutting down Clemson (0-1) and an offense that didn't look nearly as effective without Tajh Boyd and Sammy Watkins.

No. 17 Notre Dame 48, Rice 17

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Everett Golson threw touchdown passes of 75 and 53 yards and ran for three more scores in his return after missing the 2013 season for academic impropriety.

Golson was 14 of 22 passing for 295 yards and ran for 41 yards on 12 carries. He also had two near-misses on long pass attempts. He scored on an 11-yard run on a planned keeper, a 14-yard scramble and a 4-yard run on a blow handoff.

No. 22 Nebraska 55, Florida Atlantic 7

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ameer Abdullah ran for a career-high 232 yards and Tommy Armstrong Jr. passed for a career-high 271 yards and two TDs.

The Cornhuskers rushed for 498 of their 784 total yards and won their 29th straight opener, the longest streak in the nation.

Florida Atlantic was paid \$1 million to visit Lincoln and will get another \$1 million for playing at No. 2 Alabama next week. The Owls went 75 yards on their first series to tie it at 7, but they gained just 51 more before Nebraska's defense began freely substituting after the third quarter.

Tampa's Gisclair takes two triathlon wins

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — Jerry Gisclair earned the right to flash the ivories Saturday morning.

The 42-year-old Tampa resident won not one but two races in the Crystal River Labor Day Sprint No. 3 Triathlon.

He won the regular race with a 1:03:32 clocking. He also won the men's series with a time of 3:13:48.6.

"I feel proud to win at this age," Gisclair said. "I have never won this race before. I prepared a lot more. I took the lead in cycling. I had a good run. I was ahead 3 minutes going in (on the bike). It really was a beautiful day. I have been doing this race since 2010. It's flat and fast."

Great race director. He does an exceptional job."

Second place went to Nicolo Pavolino of Rome, Italy. He had a 1:07:16. He was recruited by John Hovius of Clermont and is highly ranked in Italy. He does not speak English.

Gainesville resident Cillian Martin is only 13, but he took fifth with a time of 1:09:52. He may be a future triathlon star. He started competing when he was 8. He is in a swim club and is an eighth-grader.

Tarpon Springs resident Celia Dubey, 42, warmed up for her own triathlon by winning the women's race with a 1:09:17. She owns Total Fitness Gym and brought 25 competitors to the race.

The Tarpon Springs Triathlon will be Saturday, Sept. 6, at Fred

■ For a listing of the results of this race and the triathlon series, see **Page B3**.

Howard Park. Dubey sponsors it. It is a fundraiser for college scholarships and she is the volunteer race director.

"I love this race," Dubey said. "Perfect conditions. He (race director Chris Moling) has perfected this race. It is so well-run. I have done the race a dozen times. I have been doing this race since 2000."

Hudson's Sherrie Mauzy was the women's series winner with a 3:57:38.

Lecanto's Bob Brockett was not only named one of Citrus County's "Healthcare Heroes" by the *Chronicle*, but took eighth

in the race. The 59-year-old oral surgeon has found a son-in-law he doesn't have to drag kicking and screaming to the triathlon: Benjamin Fletcher, 24, took third with a time of 1:08:44. He ran with his bride Calli and beat dear-old dad in the race. Fletcher is a nurse's assistant in Gainesville.

"The conditions were great," Brockett said. "No wind. He (Fletcher) passed me on the turnaround and buried me. We are starting a tradition. He has been in four races and hadn't lost in his age class. It's really fun to watch this."

"I'm very surprised," Fletcher said of his success. "It's nice."

"It's a family event," Calli said. "He is just naturally good at everything."

Crystal River High School business teacher Laura Wingate ran in the Chicago Triathlon this summer and is trying to start a triathlon club at Crystal River High School. There were 16 attending a tri club meeting.

"The current was amazing," said Wingate, 49. "The bike was fast and furious. The run was good. It wasn't as hot as I thought it would be. It was great. People are awesome. The women pros were there (Chicago). I did Olympic-level. It was hard. I gained some on the bike and run. I did a sprint up in Travers City in Michigan."

There were about 200 athletes registered for the race.

"We are happy," Moling said. "We have great weather. We are happy to have a good, safe race."

Tigers fall to Wolf Pack in opener

DAVID PIEKLIK
Correspondent

DUNNELLON — Penalties, missed tackles and missed opportunities doomed the Dunnellon Tigers in a 17-6 season-opener Friday against West Port.

After a two-hour lightning delay — the same conditions that caused last week's preseason game to be canceled — Dunnellon soon wished the game against the Wolf Pack never happened. The team was out of tempo all night, with overthrown passes, costly penalties and unrecovered fumbles.

While the team put together a few drives that got the Tigers deep into West Port territory, they had to settle for a pair of Zachary West field goals after failing to get the ball into the end zone.

"Three hundred fifty yards of offense, you've got to get the ball in the end zone," head coach Price Harris said afterward. "You have to finish drives."

Indicative of how the night would go, Dunnellon received the opening kickoff and put together a nearly 6-minute drive and moving the ball to the West Port 30. Then a false start, unsportsmanlike conduct and offensive offside penalty cost field position and took away momentum.

West came up short on his subsequent 43-yard field-goal attempt. On numerous drives, quarterback Kobie Jones had wide-open receives but put over-threw the ball, while a few catchable passes went through receivers' hands.

The Tigers defense didn't fare much better, with missed tackles resulting in gained yardage by Wolf Pack running backs, and a few forced fumbles. Defenders couldn't pounce on in time. Referees didn't help matters, with Dunnellon's Rudy Sinflorant ending up at the bottom of a pile with a ball ruled recovered by West Port.

The Wolf Pack benefitted from a strong running attack on rain-slicked fields, with Kameron Duncan carrying the ball 12 times for 155 yards. Quarterback Ian Guthrie completed 8 of 9 passes with a touchdown, also running one in for a score.

Jones finished with seven completions on 18 attempts for 88 yards. Wide receiver Matthew Livermore said afterward his team wasn't mentally prepared, and that at practice there would be "no more playing around."

Rookie driver injured in wreck at Speedway



SEAN ARNOLD/For the Chronicle

Rookie Hornets driver Tammy Armstrong, of Wildwood, lost control of her car Saturday night during her feature race at the Citrus County Speedway in Inverness. The car went over the wall on the second turn. Don Grinde, track medical official first on the scene, said she was unconscious when medical first arrived, but was awake and able to move all her extremities when she was taken away following the incident and airlifted to Ocala Regional for precautionary reasons. "We took precaution as we do for any accident," Grinde said. "There was medical and fire staff on site, and the response was very fast. She had the best of care from the moment she went over the wall." No other vehicles were involved in the incident.

Kuchar, Palmer, Day vie for lead in Mass.

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — With an orange ribbon on his hat and nine birdies on his card, Matt Kuchar pulled within a shot of the lead Saturday in the Deutsche Bank Championship. Not that he needed a reminder, but a message posted on the scoring table spoke to his emotions.

Players were offered a chance to donate to a trust fund for the 4-year-old daughter of Lance Bennett, his caddie. Bennett's wife, Angela, died of a seizure Wednesday. Kuchar decided to play to raise awareness and get the tour involved in helping the family.

His performance certainly helped. Ryan Palmer overcame a rocky start for an even-par 71. Jason Day struggled at the end for a 68. They were tied for the lead on the TPC Boston going into the third round of a FedEx Cup playoff event that ends on Labor Day.

Kuchar was a shot behind after a 66 that featured six consecutive birdies around the turn. On his bag is Brian Reed, a friend who introduced Kuchar to Bennett several years ago.

Kuchar was overcome by emotion Friday when he saw caddies — and even some players — wearing a black hat with the orange ribbon in honor of Bennett's wife.

Palmer, who started with a 63, made birdie on his first hole and thought he was off to the races. He followed with a double bogey, a bogey and then tried to hang. A

birdie on the final hole put him at 8-under 134.

Day looked as though he might pull away. Day ran off five birdies on the front nine for a 31 to build a two-shot lead, only to drop four shots coming in.

Durant, Daley split lead at Shaw Charity Classic

CALGARY, Alberta — Bob Tway shot a 7-under 63 for a share of the second-round lead with Joe Durant and Joe Daley in the Champions Tour's Shaw Charity Classic.

Durant and Daley shot 68 to match Tway at 10-under 130 at Canyon Meadows.

The 55-year-old Tway is winless on the Champions Tour after winning eight times on the PGA Tour, including the 1986 PGA Championship. He had an eagle, seven birdies and two bogeys.

Gary Hallberg, Mark McNulty and David Frost were 9 under. Hallberg shot 65, McNulty 66, and Frost 68. Bernhard Langer topped the group at 8 under after a 65.

Tom Pernice Jr. and Bart Bryant, tied for the first-round lead after matching the course record of 62, struggled in the second round. Pernice had a 70 to drop into a tie for seventh at 8 under, and Bryant shot 71 to finish at 7 under.

Knost leads in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Colt Knost shot his third straight 5-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead in the Hotel Fitness

Championship, the first event in the Web.com Tour Finals.

Knost, the 29-year-old former SMU player who won the 2007 U.S. Amateur, had three birdies and eagled the par-5 12th at Sycamore Hills to reach 15 under. He was fourth last week in the Portland Open to finish 34th on the Web.com Tour's regular-season money list.

Nos. 26-75 on Web.com money list and Nos. 126-200 in the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup standings are fighting for 25 2014-15 PGA Tour cards based on earnings in the four-event series.

The top 25 players on the Web.com money list earned PGA Tour cards last week. They are competing against each other for PGA Tour priority, with regular-season earnings counting in their totals and the final leader getting a spot in The Players Championship.

Second-round leader Sam Saunders and England's Greg Owen were a stroke back. Saunders, Arnold Palmer's grandson, had a 70, and Owen shot 68. Saunders finished 45th on the Web.com money list, and Owen was 27th.

Otto holds two-stroke lead at Italian Open

TURIN, Italy — South Africa's Hennie Otto shot a 1-under 71 to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Italian Open.

Otto, the 2008 winner at Castello di Tolvino, had 16-under 200 total at Circolo Golf Torino. He's playing his second event following two back operations.

OPEN

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The 29-year-old Isner is best known for winning the longest match in tennis history, an 11-plus-hour marathon spread over three days that ended 70-68 in the fifth set at Wimbledon in 2010.

Currently, he is the only U.S. man ranked inside the top 45, and has made clear he does not necessarily enjoy that distinction.

Fans at Louis Armstrong Stadium tried to boost their guy with chants of "Let's go, John!" And they roared throughout the fourth set, especially when Isner would edge ahead within a game.

But this one mainly came down to the tiebreakers, usually a strong suit for Isner: He entered the day 37-17 in set-deciders this season, while Kohlschreiber was 9-11.

"He was just better," Isner said. "I've got to be better. I know I can be. Just not showing it."

Earlier Saturday, 57th-ranked Sam Querrey — entering the day, the only other man from the host country remaining of the 12 originally in the draw — put up little resistance while bowing out against No. 1 Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Kohlschreiber now will face seven-time major champion Djokovic in the fourth round.

Other fourth-round matchups: No. 3 Stan Wawrinka, the Australian Open champion, against No. 16 Tommy Robredo or 19-year-old Nick Kyrgios; 2012 U.S. Open champion Andy Murray against No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga; No. 5 Milos Raonic against No. 10 Kei Nishikori. Wawrinka advanced when Blaz Kavcic withdrew because of pain in his right foot.

Given Isner's history against Kohlschreiber at the U.S. Open, it's tough to call that result surprising, even if the American is ranked higher and is 4-0 against the German everywhere else they've played.

Instead, look to the women for the "Did that really happen?" results. In the latest of a series of stunners, fourth-seeded Petra Kvitova — who won her second Wimbledon title last month — was sent home with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat against Aleksandra Krunic, a 21-year-old qualifier from Serbia who is ranked 145th.

That means that the women seeded 2, 3 and 4 behind No. 1 Serena Williams are all gone before the end of Week 1. "I'm an outsider," Krunic said. "I honestly didn't know what to expect from myself at all. You know, I don't know my limits."

Of the top eight women, only Williams, No. 5 Maria Sharapova and No. 7 Eugenie Bouchard remained — and Bouchard still had to play her match.

Williams, the two-time defending champion, is the last American singles player left; there were 17 in the women's draw, and she's beaten three, including a 6-3, 6-3 victory against occasional practice partner Varvara Lepchenko.

Williams meets 50th-ranked Kaia Kanepi of Estonia, who knocked out No. 15 Carla Suarez-Navarro 7-5, 6-0. Other women's fourth-round matchups: No. 11 Flavia Pennetta against No. 29 Casey Delacqua, and Krunic against two-time U.S. Open runner-up Victoria Azarenka.

It's been an unusually difficult Grand Slam season for Williams, who lost before the quarterfinals at each of the year's first three majors.

Sam, Bailey top list of NFL cuts

Associated Press

For the first time in his career, Champ Bailey was told he isn't good enough.

Jettisoned by the New Orleans Saints after a difficult training camp, the 12-time Pro Bowl cornerback was the most notable name when NFL teams trimmed their rosters to 53 active players Saturday.

A close second was Rams rookie Michael Sam, the first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team.

The seventh-round draft pick, watched as closely as any rookie in the league this summer, couldn't make a team stacked with pass-rushers. He still has a chance to get picked up by another team or to make the Rams' practice squad.

Players with fewer than four seasons in the league are subject to waivers. Those who clear waivers and have practice-squad eligibility can sign Sunday when teams fill out their 10-member developmental units.

Vested veterans who were released this weekend are free agents who can sign with anybody. But some might have to wait to get scooped up because their full 2014 salaries are in effect guaranteed if they're on a roster in Week 1.

It just might be the end of a stellar career for Bailey, who said after the Super Bowl that he wouldn't retire "because I still know I can play this game."

Only seven players in NFL history have more Pro Bowl selections than Bailey, who signed with the Saints following his release from the Denver Broncos in the spring.

Other notable players who were either waived or released this weekend included:

■ Jets WR Stephen Hill, a 2012 second-round draft pick out of Georgia Tech who failed to follow in the footsteps of fellow alumnus Demaryius Thomas and Calvin Johnson. He finished the past two seasons in IR.

■ Bengals RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis, the team's top rusher the past two seasons who was made expendable when the team drafted LSU's Jeremy Hill in the second round.

■ Jets CB Dimitri Patterson, ending a bizarre week that began when he left the team before its preseason game against the Giants on Aug. 22, leading to a suspension.

Also Saturday, the Bills lured Kyle Orton to Buffalo to back up second-year starter EJ Manuel in their latest QB shuffle. Orton, who backed up Tony Romo in Dallas the past two seasons, could be in line for significant playing time in Buffalo.

Wilson is world champ

Chronicle

Kaylie Wilson, a 13-year-old Citrus Springs Middle School eighth-grade student, became a karate world champion on Aug. 15 at the ESPN Disney Sports Complex in Orlando.

Wilson started karate about a year ago, and her hard work, dedication and natural ability has resulted in her completing this season as a regional, state and world champion.

She will be going to a Hall of Fame banquet on Nov. 15 to be honored for her accomplishments.

Wilson been going to Citrus County schools since she started and is a straight-A student, a part of National Honors Society, a W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) leader, tutor, participates in advance band and community service. She also works with an anti-bullying campaign.



Special to the Chronicle
Kaylie Wilson, an eighth-grader at Citrus Springs Middle School, recently won a world championship in karate in Orlando.



Special to the Chronicle

The Blue team recently won the Adult Sports and Recreation men's flag football title with a 20-14 victory over the Pink team. This is the Blue team's fourth league championship under Brandon Buckingham.

Parkview Lanes BOWLING

LEAGUE MEETINGS: The SunCoast Seniors 12-Week league meets September 2 at 1pm, the Women's Trio meets September 4 at 10am, the Good Times meet September 4 at 2pm, and the Preserve Pinbusters start bowling September 9 at 9am (space available for teams/individuals). Call the Center at 352-489-6933 for more information.

TIME SLOT AVAILABLE: Tuesday evenings are currently available for a league. Call the Center at 352-489-6933 for more information.

League and Tourney scores for the week ending Aug. 24:

TUESDAY 7-9-8 NOTAP TOURNEY: Marilyn Seymour 812; Jack Connell 760; Jerry Ness 756.

WEDNESDAY 7-9-8 NOTAP TOURNEY: Ives Chavez 838; Sue Chavez 743; Marilyn Seymour 684.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE:

Handicap: Mike Dudziak 290; Peter Wilk 285,767; Chris Carr 746. Scratch: Charlie Stein 268,707; Tim Lawrence 268; Chris Carr 698.

WOMEN'S SUMMER TRIO: Handicap: Mae Johns 246,649; Doti Wyspianski 226; Marilyn Seymour 659. Scratch: Diane Swoboda 173,490; Gerry Gurnett 163,462.

HOLDER HOTSHOTS: Handicap: Robbie Yoakum 311,816; Rod Dyer 282; Al Burkett 716; Karen Tarleton 263,716; Dawn Mays 260; Karen Weisher 718. Scratch: Robbie Yoakum 243,612; Chuck Hindbaugh 219,577; Andrea Kish 160,410; Diane Mauck 157,428.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (2 games): Scratch: James Golden 141,237; Brian Lamb 135; Brandon 252; Maggie Stephens 120; Jackie Noble 112,222; Melissa Hawn 204.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK: Lori Ciquera, 73 pins over her average, and Robbie Yoakum, 156 pins over his average.

Recreation BRIEFS

'Par 4 Programs' golf tournament

The Citrus County Parks & Recreation Department presents the second annual "Par 4 Programs" fall golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club, with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Registration is now open for individuals or foursomes.

Foursome registration is \$220, and individuals are welcome for \$55. Included in the registration is lunch provided by the Grille Restaurant, and a raffle and silent auction will be featured. Longest-drive contest for men and women, closest-to-the-pin challenge and 50/50 tickets add to the excitement of this event.

Parks & Recreation offer many programs for youth throughout the year, including Kids Fishing Clinic, Sports Camps, and Adopt-a-Tree. These activities promote interaction among youth and community support is needed to keep these programs running.

Call Parks & Recreation at 352-527-7540 for more information on sponsorship opportunities and registration or visit www.bocc.citrus.fl.us to download a registration form.

Beverly Hills bowling leagues

Senior Open League — Tuesdays

Four-person teams. Start bowling Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. Hills Gang Senior Mixed

League — Thursday's Four-person teams. Start bowling Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.

Nature Coast Mixers — Mondays

Four-person teams. 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 352-527-1200 for more information.

4-H Benefit Trap Tournament

The Hernando Sportsman's Club is hosting a 4-H Benefit Trap Tournament on Satur-

day, Oct. 4, at the club's trap range, located at 16121 Commercial Way (U.S. 19), Brooksville.

All proceeds are to benefit the youth of the Hernando Sportsman's 4-H Club.

The trap tournament consists of four rounds of 25 shots each, for a total of 100 shots. Trophies will be awarded from three categories: youth, adult and senior. The winner is determined by most targets hit.

Cost is \$40 per trap shooter, \$35 if pre-registered by Sept. 27. Lunch is provided to all participants.

Registration for shooters begins at 8 a.m. Shooting will start at 9 a.m.

Bring your own shotgun, ammo, and lawn chair for a great day of fun helping raise

funds for the kids of the local 4-H club.

For more information, contact Ken at 352-797-0409.

Upward youth soccer

Joy Lutheran Church is getting ready for its fall soccer leagues. They are looking for boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grade to register.

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 Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. All events will occur at Hope Field at Joy Lutheran Church.

Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, registration and player organization.

For more information, call 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.



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Scott Adams just can't stop being a bully



Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

I had written a really nice column after the election results Tuesday congratulating commissioner Scott Adams on defeating one of his fellow incumbents.

But I killed it before deadline.

It has been widely reported that Adams' business partner — Charlie Strange — has been behind the \$90,000 slash-and-burn

campaign to oust J.J. Kenney from the commission and rout the return of former commissioner Winn Webb.

Regardless of the brutal attack ads employed by Strange, they succeeded with their strategy.

The ends justify the means in politics.

But I killed the congratulatory column because on Thursday Scott Adams

proved he couldn't be a good winner — he had to continue his schoolyard bullying tactics.

Adams and Kenney were sitting next to each other at a meeting, and neither realized the recording devices had already been activated.

Instead of being gracious in victory, Adams proceeded to torment Kenney after his re-election loss. When Kenney admitted to

Adams that he might apply for a veteran's service job in another county, Adams told him: "I'll talk to the senator and try to stop it."

He was of course referring to Sen. Charles Dean of Inverness, his business partner in the Sumter County landfill. But when contacted by a *Chronicle* reporter later that same day, Adams — who is always pounding his chest telling

folks he only tells the truth — said he was referencing not Sen. Dean, but that other senator — what's his name? — Bill Nelson.

Really? That's the truth? Adams told the *Chronicle* reporter he wasn't threatening Kenney, he was just fighting against him using insider trading to find another job.

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Chronicle file

This aerial photo shows the intersection of U.S. 41 and Orange Avenue in Floral City. State Rep. Jimmie T. Smith would like the bypass around Floral City to be fast-tracked, along with a bypass of Brooksville. The project is on the county's long-range 2035 transportation plan and listed last (No. 13 out of 13 projects) on the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization priority list.

LET'S PUT FOUR-LANING IN THE FAST LANE

Recently, I have spoken to leaders in Citrus and Hernando counties about many things in regard to both counties, as the district I represent actually covers both.

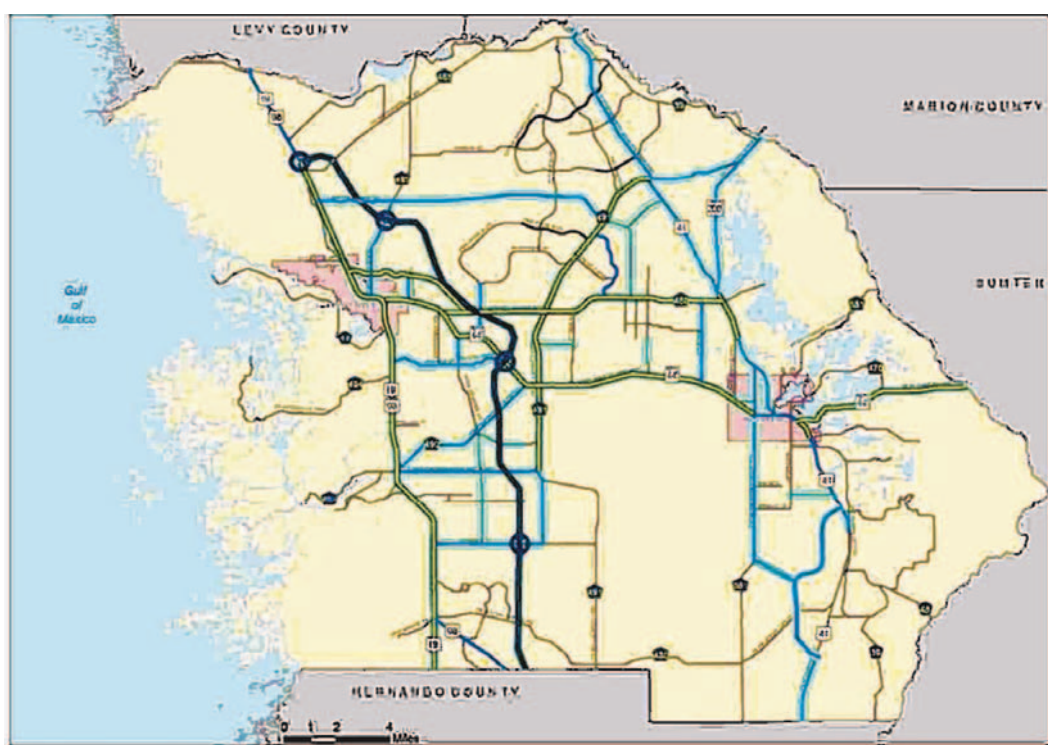


Rep. Jimmie Smith
GUEST COLUMN

The key points of my recent conversations have been focused on roads and the future of the counties. I have long been known to be a supporter of the Suncoast Parkway and an advocate for projects that are working to clean our waters, and have supported those in the community that are leading this charge.

What many haven't known is that at the same time I have been suggesting a strong leveling of the counties when it comes to infrastructure, economic growth and the counties as a whole. That leveling effect will start when we as a state start to have a better understanding of the needs of the Nature Coast.

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Map 3-1: Citrus County 2035 L RTP - 2035 Needs Plan Number of Lanes and Road Improvements
 The map displays the needed number of lanes based on traffic projections. The blue highlights indicate roadway improvements from 2015 to 2035.

Number of Lanes and Road Type		Legend
2 Lanes, Undivided	4 Lanes, Freeway	Green line: Roadway Improvements
2 Lanes, Divided	6 Lanes, Divided	Blue circle: New Interchange
4 Lanes, Divided		

* Future roadway assignments to be determined

This graphic from the county's long-range transportation plan shows a proposed bypass around Floral City along with the four-laning of U.S. 41. To view the complete plan, visit <http://bit.ly/1u5oC7V>.

Nice weather we're having, wouldn't you say?



Mike Arnold
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We have some of the most astute readers in the country, especially when it comes to tracking weather.

About a month ago, a reader called to point out some discrepancies with our rainfall totals listed under the "Almanac" heading on Page A4, both daily and year-to-date. They rightly noted we had a significant amount of rain that

day in Inverness, which our local weather watcher reported in his daily entry. However, the almanac only reported a trace of rain. While investigating, we discovered the service we use to generate the weather data had been using erroneous data for the Inverness area. In fact, we found there is no weather station in Inverness reporting daily rainfall totals. We asked the

service to find an area in Citrus with a weather station, and they discovered Crystal River Airport has a reporting station. We began using their weather station's numbers about two weeks ago.

This created another issue for readers. Those who have been following the almanac realized the totals and yearly average had suddenly changed. This

prompted a number of emails and phone calls, most of whom were curious about the change, while a few others taught me several new vocabulary words that I can't reprint here. They, of course, were right, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

After discussion with readers and among ourselves, we decided to see if there was another way to

provide credible data for precipitation. The local weather district provides daily and monthly rainfall totals, but those figures are based on a weighted average and would always be a day or two behind because they report through midnight, which is after our deadline. If readers have suggestions, or if there are

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WINDS OF CHANGE

Commission heading in a new direction

With the impending arrival of new board members on the county commission comes philosophical change.

Scott Carnahan's victory over former county commissioner Winn Webb, and Ron Kitchen's defeat of Commissioner John "JJ" Kenney reflect the electorate's discontent with the path the commission has taken in recent years. Carnahan has no general-election opposition, so has secured his seat on the board; Kitchen will face no-party-affiliation candidate Michael "Joey" White in the general election.

It's understandable that some will bemoan well-financed attack-ad and robo-call strategies; that there was an orchestrated, behind-the-scenes effort to defeat Webb and Kenney; that voter turnout could always be better. But, those factors mean little at the end of the day. The fact is, the voters want change and made that loud and clear at the polls.

Congratulations go to Scott Carnahan and Ron Kitchen for offering a new direction to the county and stepping up to be advocates for change.

Most on the current commission have had their sights

set on long-term plans with a belief that they can facilitate projects that will nurture the growth of business and the economy. The most obvious two examples: Port Citrus and the medical corridor.

Kitchen and Carnahan have a more pragmatic approach and feel initiatives such as the port and corridor are fine for the private sector but not the role of government.

To that end, the commission's attraction to public/private partnerships can be expected to skid to a halt. Efforts of the commission, in conjunction with the Economic Development Council, to actively court

new businesses to the community will fade. It's safe to anticipate tourism development being put on the back burner; momentum for a new animal shelter to wane; funding for community centers to be reconsidered; and, possibly, the pursuit of grant dollars to be passed over.

Whether all that is good or bad or somewhere in the middle is up to individual interpretation, but if it's the will of the people then our representative democracy is working well.

The voters have spoken and it is time for change.

THE ISSUE:

Impact of election on county commission.

OUR OPINION:

The will of the voters will bring change.

'Blackfish' still a black eye for SeaWorld

SeaWorld's stock took a dive last week in the backlash against its treatment of captive killer whales.

The company reported that attendance at its marine theme parks fell 4.3 percent during the first half of the year, and predicted revenue will continue to drop substantially in the coming months.

In the entertainment business, this is known as a wake-up call. It's time for SeaWorld to quit using orcas like trained poodles and think up a new act.

The company's headaches began last summer with the release of a powerful documentary called "Blackfish," which chronicles the exploitation of killer whales beginning with the first specimens that were herded up and taken from their family pods in the late 1960s and early '70s.

Some of the footage is sickening to watch, and it doesn't get much easier as the film goes on. By the time it's over, you're disgusted, angry — and in no mood to take your family to see orcas doing tricks for a bucket of dead fish.

Unfortunately for SeaWorld's shareholders, "Blackfish" came out in July 2013, only three months after the company went public. The documentary was widely aired on CNN, and provoked such a strong public reaction that Willie Nelson, Heart and other popular music groups canceled scheduled performances at SeaWorld's Orlando park, home to the troubled orca featured in "Blackfish."

Weighing 6 tons, Tilikum is believed to be the largest male killer whale in captivity. He's also a basket case, depressed and unpredictable after a long, tedious life of swimming circles in concrete pools.

No killer whale in the wild

has ever attacked a human, but "Tili" has been involved in the deaths of three persons — most recently that of SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau, thrashed and drowned in February 2010.

That incident, recorded on tourists' videos, is the heart-breaking focus of "Blackfish." Afterward, SeaWorld officials actually blamed Brancheau, speculating her ponytail had incited the whale.

That was a clear signal that the company would stoop to any tactic in order to protect its lucrative performing mammal franchise.

It didn't work. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ruled that SeaWorld put its trainers in dangerous situations, and ordered the company to install barriers separating the orcas from employees.

A federal judge agreed with OSHA, but SeaWorld vigorously appealed, saying that "contact with killer whales is essential to the product...."

In other words, customers won't line up merely to observe one of the planet's most spectacular, intelligent animals — you gotta make them critters do some stunts! Like swim 'round and 'round with a full-grown human balancing on their nose — yeehaw, that's educational. And also the highlight of any whale's day.

But not so fast. In April, a U.S. appeals court ruled 2-1 that SeaWorld had exposed its trainers to "recognized hazards" while they interacted with orcas. The decision allows OSHA to set stricter rules for contact.

SeaWorld, which owns 11 theme parks in the United States, said it has already enacted new safety measures, including removing trainers from the water during the killer-whale performances.

Still, California is debating a proposed ban on keeping any orcas in captivity. The publicity has hurt business at SeaWorld's San Diego park, and was a factor in the company's stock dropping last week.

Back in Orlando, moody Tilikum is still on display. Despite his history of attacks, the SeaWorld empire highly values his stud service.

Because it's now illegal to take killer whales from the sea, captive breeding is the only source of fresh talent for the company's "product." Tilikum's sperm is priceless, having produced more than 20 baby orcas.

For older whales that were snatched from the wild decades ago — such as Tilikum, and Lolita at the Miami Seaquarium — a return to freedom could be perilous. They don't know how to hunt for fish, and nobody's going to toss them a mackerel for doing somersaults in Puget Sound.

If they can't safely be released, there's got to be a better future. Rodeo horses get more space to roam than captive orcas.

SeaWorld says they look forward to their daily tricks, which is another way of saying they're bored stiff most of the time.

If only the company cared about the whales as much as the staff that works with them do.

For the past year, SeaWorld has blasted "Blackfish" as "inaccurate and misleading," yet the credibility of the experts and former trainers interviewed in the documentary holds up.

See for yourself. You can order the film from Netflix, iTunes or other sites.

Everybody should watch it — parents, kids and especially investors considering SeaWorld stock.

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Byron York
OTHER VOICES



LETTER to the Editor

Help available for Parkinson's sufferers

As a Citrus County resident diagnosed and living with Parkinson's disease (PD), the news surrounding Robin Williams' diagnosis has hit close to home, as does the speculation in the media regarding the disease, its medications, depression and suicide risk.

According to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (www.pdf.org), depression is very common in people with PD. It may occur early or late in the course of the disease, and may wax and wane in severity. A person with Parkinson's, or his or her caregiver or physician, may at first dismiss the signs of depression because they assume that it is Parkinson's that is causing the problem or because they assume it is normal to be depressed when faced with this illness. There is no clear answer as to what causes depression in PD, but most specialists agree that it is probably a combination of living with the stress of a progressive chronic disease and the anticipated loss of mobility and quality of life, along with changes in the

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If you are concerned that you or a loved one with Parkinson's may be depressed, you should talk with your doctor. In most cases, it can be successfully managed. Awareness about Parkinson's disease and its motor and nonmotor symptoms need to be raised among people with PD, caregivers, health care professionals and the community. It is more than a movement disorder. Current research shows that it affects many aspects of life, including sleep, anxiety, memory and concentration. Each person will have a unique journey with the disease and its symptoms. But there are places to turn for help. If you or a loved one with PD experiences symptoms of depression, talk to your doctor and take advantage of the many resources that are available. One such resource is the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF). You can visit their website at www.pdf.org, call their National HelpLine at 800-457-6676, or email them at info@pdf.org.

Margaret Hoffmann
Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF) research advocate
Hernando

Build new shelter

Listen up, people. It's going to be 100 degrees here today in Citrus County. Please bring your pets inside if at all possible. And if you can't, then you shouldn't have a dog. Also, let's get this dog kennel built. I'm 100 percent behind "JJ" Kenney. Let's get this dog kennel built, some air conditioning for these animals. Let's get going. Pretty soon it's going to be winter and if I was an animal, I don't know whether I'd want to be cold or hot. I think I'd probably want to be hot, but cold's not good either, especially for an old dog that's not used to it. All right, so take care of your pets.

Dogs > people

I just came back from (a store). I have cancer, I'm taking chemo and my red count is down, my immune system. But here comes a woman with a dog in and that dog isn't anything but a mutt. And I asked the lady why they let it in — I could get a disease from it — and she said they would be fined \$5,000 if they asked if it was a service dog or not. So here we go. Animals are more important, dogs are more important than people are.

Prestigious park

I would like to say congratulations to the Homosassa Wildlife Park for being the National Gold Medal Winner for Florida State Parks for the third time in a row. Congratulations, park.

Release the panther

I take great offense and objection to the article on the Florida panther in the wildlife park. The reason I object is they had this healthy animal in a small cage and if you go there, you can see that it has dug big grooves walking back and forth like a prisoner in our worst jails. If a panther takes 50-mile range, according to game wardens, to hunt, that small space is not good. They should release the panther in the wild. They always give the objection that they cannot forage for itself. I doubt that, as it is one of the most intelligent animals on Earth. Also, I object to keeping manatees in the wildlife park. It gives the state a large revenue. However, they would be much happier loose in the wild. They always say it could not forage for itself because it would be not trained by its mother. You're telling me an animal related to the dolphin is not smart enough to eat when it was released?

Take responsibility

Calling the *Chronicle* in reference to the "Have a heart" call in Sound Off (Aug. 23), where they say that they can't afford to have their pet spayed or neutered, so this is why a lot of dogs and cats end up at the facility. It's called responsibility. If you know your animal's in heat and it's your responsibility to protect that animal, then keep it away from other animals until it's out of heat.



There is something worse than a bad hair day

A bad hair day? The idiom has come to mean any day on which nothing goes right and everything goes wrong.

The very worst day of my life was the day on which I fell ill with spinal meningitis: Jan. 13, 1966. It started out bad and got worse — a bad hair day deluxe.

Nowadays, sometimes I awake in the morning feeling a little bit blue, but when that happens, all it

takes to lose the blues is to go and find Cheryl. Once I make my way to where she is, without fail, I'm greeted by her lovely smile and with a cheery "good morning" and then everything is OK. The mental bad hair day doesn't stand a chance against my Cheryl.

In the most literal sense, a bad hair day is a day on which one's hair is unusually difficult to manage.

Today, I had one of those days.

My hair was not behaving at all. It was waving off course and there were three tufts extending in three different directions.

When I was a little fellow and my hair would be difficult, my

mother's answer was to



Fred Brannen
A SLICE OF LIFE

disgusting way. I'll spare you gentle readers the details.

This morning, I stood in front of a mirror with comb in hand, trying to get the stubborn stickups to stay down.

I dabbed those tyrannical tufts with tap water to tame them. There is

a reason mothers use what they use — it is stickier than tap water.

In the end, my hairdo just sort of looked rumped.

It then dawned on me that anyone who knew my father would have given high odds against my having any hair whatsoever by this time.

I fooled them. I still have enough hair for it to aggravate me.

And, friends, therein lies a victory.

There is something worse than a bad hair day — a no-hair day!

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Letters to THE EDITOR

Living in a divided country

Recent events have clearly shown how far apart large segments of our country really are. Consider the conflict between Israel and Hamas and the treatment of Christians in regions controlled by ISIS and Boko Haram. Many on the left believe it's always preferable to settle disputes among groups, classes and nations by discussion, negotiation, and compromise, not by conflict, coercion or war. Those on the right agree but only when there are shared interests and ideas. Disputes arising over a clash of interests and opposition of root ideas must be settled by power, coercion and sometimes war.

Those on the right want educational expenses of all elementary and secondary students paid for by tax revenue. Presently, those who choose not to attend tax-supported public schools must pay twice for their education. The left refuses to change this. Pro-life advocates believe the moment of conception is the beginning of human life and life must be protected from that moment on. Pro-abortion advocates disagree or express uncertainty. They believe a woman must have unrestricted access to abortion at any time, preferably paid for by our taxes. Can these views ever be reconciled? I think not.

How do both sides view taxation and the role of government? The left has historically pushed high progressive income taxes; they feel the government has the responsibility to ensure everyone has enough food, clothing, shelter, education, security against unemployment, and illness. The right believe in small government performing clearly defined functions well and low taxes. Only in extreme cases should government intercede, rather it should maintain the conditions so citizens, individually or collectively, can make their own arrangements as they see fit.

Think of the IRS hearings. The president was originally "outraged" but months later "there's not a smidgen of corruption." Meanwhile Lois Lerner refuses to testify, her emails have vanished and the Administration doesn't want to grant outside computer experts access. Witnesses constantly revise their stories as Democrats call everything a witch hunt and a waste of money. Republicans say it's a serious violation of law and a blow to free speech.

The House is suing the president for exceeding his authority and usurping the duties and responsibilities of Congress. In a recent *Wall Street Journal* article by attorneys David Rivkin and Elizabeth Foley, they quote the words of Articles I and II of the Constitution and conclude what the president did was an obvious overreach. The lawsuit "protects the separation of powers and individual liberty." They quote Supreme Court decisions which held "power to execute doesn't include power to revise clear statutory terms." In 2013 Mr. Obama expressed that same view during a question and answer period. Here's the main point in a nutshell." If consensus can't be reached it doesn't mean Congress is broken. It simply means the country is badly divided and until compromise is reached the status quo is the correct path." "When Congress makes a law and the president executes it as written citizens will know whom to reward or punish in the next election."

Unconstitutional action using "a pen and a phone" merely allows the president to avoid potential political damage in an upcoming election. Democrats have essentially rejected every one of these points and yes, we're in for tough time ahead.

Joseph P. Ryan
Homosassa

Obama Accepts The Ice Bucket Challenge:



Fundraiser response overwhelming

I think you might be interested in learning about the overwhelming response we have had for the upcoming Susan Mitchell Fundraiser Auction.

The fundraiser will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Homosassa Museum Cafe. You have probably seen various notices about the event being held to honor and also to raise money for Susan.

This woman has given so much to the community and now needs our help since being diagnosed with ALS in 2012. This energetic and generous woman now has the use of just her right arm and hand, and yet she maintains her positive attitude and communicates via a note pad or her computer. Her love of music and support of local musicians will be a focus of the event, which she will be attending. Live music will be performed all day. So many musicians and groups have volunteered, that each one gets just 15 minutes to perform!

But I am not writing you just to highlight her plight.

I want to give credit to the overwhelming community and business response to our call for items to be auctioned.

In addition to the numerous donations from individuals, we have had great donations from local business owners.

I'd like to publicize some of the terrific items that have been donated from our local business community.

Plantation on Crystal River: Two-day/one-night stay plus two rounds of golf, including cart.

Lakeside Golf and Country Club: Two rounds of golf.

Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park: Two gift certificates for park entrance — two adults and two children.

Sunflower Springs Assisted Living: Gift basket.

Superior Residences of Lecanto: Gift basket.

Outback Steakhouse: Gift certificates.

Burkes of Ireland Pub: Gift certificate.

Will Construction Corp.: gift certificates.

Sauced Hogs BBQ: Gift certificate.

Salon 211 Hair Design: Gift certificate.

Blueberry Hill Riding Stables: Gift certificate.

Also donating auction items: Franklin Anderson Gallery, Homosassa Frame and Art Gallery and Virgillio Insurance.

Of course, we also want to let the public know about all the amazing items (approximately 100) in the auction, so they can come with a check book and ready to get some great values.

For more information about

the event, or for tickets, call Linda at 352-746-0655

Thanks so much for your help.

Bonnie Schirmers

coordinator of the auction for the Susan Mitchell charity fundraiser

Don't buy into free-money miracle

Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift left me speechless with their column in the Aug. 26 *Chronicle*. They describe what they call "America's free-money miracle." They say there is nothing wrong with the Fed printing all the money we need as long as it doesn't cause inflation. Like all the past failures of socialism, they don't seem to recall history which says that printing money to pay for things you can't afford has never worked.

They see no problem in piling on the debt, now scheduled to reach \$24 trillion by the time Obama leaves office. They compare today's 1.5 percent interest rate to the 6.4 percent during Reagan's day and point out that we aren't paying all that much more in total interest. They can't even remember back to 2008 when the economy nearly spun out of control. What makes them so sure the Fed can maintain a 1.5 percent interest rate? If the interest rate was 6.4 percent during Reagan's time, what keeps it from returning to that rate? The CPI is low but the true inflation rate is much higher, approaching 5 percent when you include fuel and food which the CPI doesn't. People who shop for their own groceries and pump their own gas know inflation is accelerating. The liberal elite who don't have to bother with those chores have no idea what the impact of that is on working America.

They say we should take advantage of the low rates and continue borrowing, it's like free money. If we had a balanced budget or were running a surplus that would be closer to the truth, but we are still running \$500 billion deficits. Our national debt now increases \$1 trillion every two years instead of every year as it did during Obama's first term. We are paying \$300 billion in interest on the national debt. If interest rates should return to the average of the last 100 years our interest payments would jump to \$900 billion and if it returned to the rates during the Reagan years, our yearly payments would be \$1.2 trillion.

Part of their confusion is they don't understand the concept of cyclic phenomena. They only understand linear trends. It's a degree warmer over the past 150 years so that must mean that trend will continue. Interest rates have been moving downward the past 20 years so

they will continue to remain low. If you show these people a graph of the mean global temperature over the last 5 million years, their eyes glaze over. It's the same for a graph of interest rates over the past 100 years. They deal in sound bites, not numbers and facts, but I have to confess that "America's free-money miracle" is an absolute hoot. It's just fantasy, not fact, but I'm sure most liberals will buy into it.

Harley Lawrence
Homosassa

Hard workers are America's backbone

Labor Day reminds us that the reward of idle hands is an empty stomach, but work provides us with food and shelter and puts socks and shoes on our children's feet. Labor is important, because without labor we would be perpetually hungry, filthy, ignorant, and naked. Together with sleep it occupies two-thirds of our life. Now, think about this: Labor and sleep are like the two sides of a coin. Sleep makes labor possible and labor makes sleep necessary. Good health requires a careful balance between the two.

The robust men and women who preceded us started out with nothing. They never wavered in the face of adversity. It is their unrelenting grit and elbow grease that has brought us some measure of stability, comfort, leisure and, yes, joy and love. So labor, properly understood, is industry of mind and body. If you place a small child on a stool in a bare room he will quickly and bitterly complain that he has nothing to do. This shows that spirit and body are inextricably joined together. Every ordinary task that is carried out with meticulous care is transformed into a work of art. And this is true for women as well as for men. The value of the labor performed by women must be universally recognized as equal to that performed by men.

Indeed, a woman who puts her heart into her work is every bit as much an artist as the Italian guy who painted the Mona Lisa. My old boss, Henry Ford, once said, "The man who does not get a certain satisfaction out of his day's work is losing the best part of his pay." I myself am now 85 years old and not a day of my life has passed that I have not witnessed change. While change now occurs rapidly in every sphere of human endeavor, honest, hard-working men and women still constitute the backbone of society. They know firsthand there is nothing in all this world that tastes so sweet as the fruit of one's own labor.

Franklin Aretz
Beverly Hills

Thank you, Susan Gill and staff

I would like to thank Susan Gill and the staff of the Supervisor of Elections Office for a wonderful experience in understanding all it takes to complete the functions of her office. This election was not just about the people who ran for office, but also all the new equipment needed to make the process a more efficient and less costly means of bringing the results to us in a fast manner.

I took notice of the new slide machines that were used to ID the voter with their driver's licenses during the early voting process. Hopefully this will be adopted at the precinct polling places in the future. Ms. Gill has even tuned up her website during the mail-in and early voting process to inform us how many people turned out and mailed in their votes.

I have nothing but praise for her and her staff for being very cool and kind under such great pressure. They took all calls and answered them with great patience and kindness which shows that we have professionals doing a thankless job. On Election Day I drove around to just a few of the polling precincts and would like to thank all of you good volunteers who were very kind and helpful to all the voters and made it a pleasant experience in processing our vote. You are just amazing. To all citizens who voted, thank you for taking time to let your voices be heard.

Charles Knecht Sr.
Dunnellon

Local flair a pleasant surprise

This letter is not only to the editor but to all residents and readers of the *Chronicle*.

I moved here Aug. 1. I love the people and place. A free copy of the *Chronicle* was delivered today. I read it and was impressed. The national news and international news was well-covered, but what impressed me the most was the local flavor of the newspaper.

I know you can get most of the news from the *Chronicle* online, but did you know that a group is looking for pinochle members or Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers? And having a newspaper in your hand is analogous to reading a book. It is just not the same on a Kindle Fire.

So I am going to subscribe, and I urge you to tell your friends to do so also.

To the editor and staff: Great job!

Gerald Childers
Beverly Hills

Hot Corner:
SOS

Help for fixed incomes

I was looking at today's paper (Aug. 21) at the Sound Off and someone was looking for assistance on a fixed income and I am also on a fixed income, but I get Social Security disability and there's a lot of things that I need to have taken care of and I wish I could be looking for assistance also. So if you could, if you know of a place or whatever, can you put it in the paper so we people who are on fixed income, like Social Security disability or Social Security, can have some? Because we don't get much money and we have to try to make it stretch the whole month, which is not easy. So if you could do that, I would really appreciate it and the rest of us would also.

Falling through the cracks

I'm a 51-year-old female who does not qualify for Medicaid because I don't have any children. I do not qualify for Social Security because I'm only in my 50s. I broke my arm. I cannot work. I've had no income since July 4 and I can find no help. I will be homeless soon. Is there any help out there for people in my situation? If there is, somebody please let me know in the *Chronicle*.

Help needed to repair roof

I read in the paper about someone inquiring about help with a new roof and I am on SSI. I'm 69 years old. My roof is leaking and has been for about three years. I was wondering if you could please print where I can inquire about help with payment of a new roof also. I can't do it on my own and I'm going to have the whole thing falling on me one of these days. If you could please print it in Sound Off, I would appreciate it and I'm sure that the other people will appreciate it also.



Animals need air conditioning

This call's in regards to the *Chronicle* today on Friday, Aug. 22, regarding all the negativity on the new animal shelter that desperately, desperately and hopefully will be built for these dogs and cats. Yes, it is true the vets need to lower their prices in order for the animals to be spayed or neutered, but these animals need to be in an air-conditioned facility. I'm all for the new facility and the jailbirds taking care of them. No, they're not going to be in there 24 hours a day with the dogs, hogging up the air conditioning. Jails are air-conditioned, for heaven's sake. There's people in there that freeze, from what I've heard. So why not give the animals some air conditioning?

Looking for missing road money

I think I finally figured out where the road money has gone. First there was Port Citrus, whose cost we'll never know ... then there was Ottawa Avenue, then there was the Meadowcrest Taj Mahal, then there is the almost \$3 million for an animal shelter, which does not include human or poor people, and now we have over \$3,000 for the hiring of a veterinarian who was not from the United States even though we had several candidates who were. I'm also beginning to understand this BOCC will never, ever bother to listen to what the voters say.

Enforce 10-ton rule

State Road 44 and Rock Crusher Road is a road that goes through Crystal Oaks subdivision straight through to U.S. 19. At both ends of the road is a big sign that says "No trucks over 10 tons." Every day many, many trucks go through Crystal Oaks subdivision. I've seen the deputies pull over many a passenger car for speeding. I've never seen them pull over any trucks for violating the rules of the road indicating that they're over 10 tons and they should not go through Crystal Oaks subdivision. The roads are in bad enough condition as it is. With them not enforcing the law, the roads are going to be a lot worse.

Check it out yourself

All these people that are against the animal shelter getting a new building, they need to go down to the old one and see the dogs that are crammed into the cages and see how depressing it is. And spaying and neutering is not expensive. For people that don't have the money, there is ways to do it. And if you can't afford that, then you shouldn't have a dog or a cat because they are expensive. And it seems like they just like them when they're puppies and then they're all stuck in cages after that. But as far as this new building; yes, they do need a new building. And as far as inmates — someone wrote they should be out (cleaning) the streets — yeah, they should be out (cleaning) the streets. But they could put some in the shelter, too. So anybody that has negativity for this animal shelter, they don't have a heart.

Stub-out saga ridiculous

The Oak Village Boulevard stub-out saga continues to wane on. It is getting to be ridiculous and I certainly hope that the residents of Sugarmill Woods are not paying to continue to defend Oak Village extension. It has gotten to be ridiculous. Two lawsuits going on and one of which has now named our entire community. I am very concerned about this. I think it's time to reset and I think that the rest of the community needs to stand up and say, "Are you kidding me?" This has gone too far. The Oak Village Boulevard stub-out is getting to cost more.

Why hire outside county?

I'd like to know why we are spending all this money to have a veterinarian from out of the country when we had three applications and two of them were from Citrus County. Do we have that kind of money to waste? Remember, voting is coming around the corner and believe me, if you can't give a good explanation of why you're doing this, then I don't think you're going to get voted in. We have no money to waste on people that are not our citizens. Let's put these men to work that live in Citrus County and keep Citrus County going. What is wrong with you people?

Be safe or be scabied

This is for all nursing homes and hospitals to make sure people come in with no scabies. This is very important for people to know what it is or what it's all about. Go on to Healthline.com for scabies and it will tell you what it's all about. What is it? And it's very, very, very important for everybody (to) know about scabies. I just let everybody, everybody know what it's all about. It's very, very important. It's for health.

True customer service

I'm calling the *Chronicle* in reference to having my car repaired at George's Tire. Let me tell you something: They went out of their way. I want to thank Vinny, Jimmy and especially Mike. They drove to my house, which is 7 miles away, to pick me up so I can go pick up my car because I had no way of getting there to get it. It was very nice of a business to go out of their way to pick up their customers and help them pick up their vehicle. Really, again, George's Tire, all the guys, Vinny, Jimmy and especially Mike, who picked me up. Thank you very much. That is true service to a customer. Thank you.

Don't overturn our votes

Voted all my life. Will continue to vote. I vote in the primaries. I vote in major elections. But the people of the state of Florida have voted for no, absolutely not, same-sex marriage. The people in Florida will vote down the marijuana, legalization of medical marijuana. But my point is, the Supreme Court or the federal judges don't agree with what the people want to do. We voted against gay marriage and they overturned it. So what is the sense of people voting? I voted all my life and I believe in the system, but I'm really turning against it now. If you vote for something, it should stand. No one should be able to turn it around.



Hot Corner:
TAXES

Cents & nonsense

Please someone tell "One penny won't kill you" that it's not 1 cents on every item you buy. He needs to learn how to do mathematics. It's 1 percent. One percent, not 1 cents. So on \$100 you're talking about \$1. On \$1,000 it's \$10. So he needs to do his math before he starts commenting and being critical of people who don't want to pay 1 percent more on their tax, period.

Editor's note: To clarify, the call referenced above — which appeared on Page C3 Sunday, Aug. 24 — did not claim the tax proposal was a single cent on each purchased item. Furthermore, because a dollar is comprised of 100 cents, 1 cent on each dollar is the same as 1 percent of each dollar.

Marion's tax rate

Get your head and the rest of yourself out of the sand. Marion County has a 6 percent sales tax, not 7 percent. If you like paying taxes, go to California.

Editor's note: According to the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR), Marion County has a total sales tax rate of 6 percent. They at one time had a 7 percent sales tax rate, which expired at the end of 2009. FDOR reports show 12 counties, including Citrus, have sales tax rates of 6 percent. The other 55 Florida counties have some type of surtax ranging between an extra half-percent to 1.5 percent added to the 6 percent. Locally, Hernando County has a 6.5 percent sales tax; Levy and Sumter counties have 7 percent sales taxes. Hernando County's extra .5 percent will expire at the end of the year. The counties with the highest surtax of 1.5 percent (total of 7.5 percent sales tax) are: Calhoun, Escambia, Gadsden, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Monroe and Walton. The average sales tax rate for all Florida counties combined is 6.8 percent.

Wasting tax money

Regarding the TRIM notices and the absolute absurdity of our county commissioners, who tell us our taxes are lower than they've ever been, got this to say: My taxes went up again this year. They went up last year \$50 on each of the bills for fire services, but yet you look in the itemized taxes, you already pay for fire service. What's going on? Duke Energy gave us money. We supposedly lease the hospital. There's a lot of new construction. Why do these commissioners keep raising our taxes? All they're doing is spending money ... trying to make this a major metropolitan area so that they can touch more money.

Community Happenings

VFW Post 10087
Four Person Scramble Golf Outing

Saturday, Sept. 20
8:00 am shotgun
The Oaks at Citrus Hills
Golf & Country Club
Hernando

HOLE IN ONE PRIZES
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Please make reservations and payments by Sept. 8

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Citrus 20/20's
SAVE OUR WATERS WEEK
25th Annual
Lakes, Rivers
and Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers Needed
to clean up our County's waterways
Saturday, September 20, 2014
Sunrise to 11:30 am
Call 352-527-7684

Must be registered by September 5th

Registration and more information available at
www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/waterres



10th Annual
Citrus County Veterans

4 Person Scramble

ONLY \$55.00
per person



Proceeds donated to the Citrus County Veterans Foundation.
DO NOT NEED TO BE A VETERAN TO PLAY

September 6th

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
Check in is at 7:30 am in the Hampton Room.
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

For registration form, call 527-5915 or visit the website at www.citrusvf.org



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I am specifically talking about U.S. 41 from Brooksville through Floral City and Inverness through Hernando. Each of these areas has been struggling to recover from the recession, even as we know the whole of the county is as well. In these areas, the recovery seems to be much slower.

The beauty of the Nature Coast that we live in isn't just the coast, it is the aspect of Old Florida that we have on the east side of the county that is a gem as well. We have lakes, historic old towns and a trail system that people have flocked to on an ever-increasing level.

This gem can be a strong and consistent economic driver if we support it. But first you have to understand how this is an economic driver.

In 2013, Travis H. Brown wrapped up many years of economic research in a book titled "How Money Walks." This book examined how money moved from one area to another over 15 years by looking at the IRS returns of individuals.

The state of Florida has had a growth of people moving here that totaled \$86.4 billion during the 15-year period from 1995-2010. In the research Brown did, he also developed a website so anyone can see where the money is coming from and going to.

I was quite surprised when I found where money that has moved into this county came from:

- \$91.39 million: Pinellas County
- \$62.81 million: Broward County
- \$49.20 million: Suffolk County, New York
- \$43.84 million: Miami-Dade County
- \$33.77 million: Palm Beach County

Now some may not exactly believe this because this information comes from the IRS, yet from the years 1995 to 2010, this is exactly what happened.

What would cause the many millions to come from one area in the Sunshine State to the Nature Coast? A great part of it is the coast, the other part is the many fairs, festival, antique stores, cafés and just the ba-

sics of what we have in the way of Old Florida on the east side.

At the same time, this gem has a problem: We lack a true vision for the future of the east side of the county in a way that truly connects it to the region. U.S. 41, which connects Brooksville to Citrus and then allows for commerce to travel into the town of Hernando and then on to Marion County, needs to be four lanes — and bypasses for Brooksville and Floral City are vital to that vision.

I am suggesting to those involved in transportation to support the required studies for a bypass of both Brooksville and Floral City, to move them to the top of the list that is provided as a priority for the Department of Transportation.

Doing both will allow for the studies to be expedited and the much-needed bypasses to be able to become actual projects on the list, which will then allow for us to prioritize the needed spending to then build the bypasses. At the same time, we would only do the entirety of the project justice if we can continue to move to have U.S. 41 fully four-laned.

This will allow for more people from the other counties to come and visit, to move and retire here as well as fall in love with Rails to Trails, our stores and our incredible restaurants — and spend their money.

This long-term vision will eventually grow the economy on the east side of the counties and allow for this area to have economic stability while still having the ability to keep our Old Florida history. Is there a guarantee to success? No, sadly there isn't, but this is what I am suggesting as a vision of the future of the county as far as the state roads, the Rails to Trails and the kind of economic future we want. We must continue our efforts on the Suncoast and other projects as well, but it is now time to provide balance and build the economy for the east side.

In the end, we must remember that the beauty of the Nature Coast isn't just the coast.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jimmie T. Smith is Florida's state representative for District 34.



Reader Cody Jackson submitted this picture of a waterspout that formed Aug. 24 near the Salt River. We like Cody's shot, and we'd like yours, too. If you want to submit your photo for publication in the paper or on the Chronicle's website, email it to photocitrus@gmail.com. Photographs need to have a resolution of at least 200 dpi to be considered for print.

CODY JACKSON/
Special to the Chronicle

WEATHER

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any amateur weather experts who track daily and yearly totals on the east side of the county, we would like to hear from you. You might be able to help us solve our problem.

If you have ideas or would like to help, call me at 352-564-2930 or email me at marnold@chronicleonline.com.

I would like to welcome a new columnist to the fold: the Gardener Gal. The column is the creation of local Master Gardener Leslie Derrenbacher. She loves the HomeFront section, especially Jane's Garden. Her column will have a question-and-answer format, where readers and local residents ask her how to solve their gardening problems. Leslie is an active master gardener with Hernando County who lives in Pineola near Floral City. She is a retired teacher and native Floridian who has hosted and written for an award-winning call-in TV show called "Animal Talk."

Look for her semi-monthly column beginning Sunday, Sept. 7, in HomeFront.



Leslie Derrenbacher

■ ■ ■ We want your photos. The Chronicle occasionally receives breaking news photos from readers, but we feel we can do a better job of providing access to our readers who want to submit photos. We have a system in place where local clubs and organizations send in their news and photos — community @chronicleonline.com — and that works well, as each week dozens of local photos and news notes appear in the newspaper.

We will be providing the same type of access to readers who have photos that do not necessarily belong in the community pages. We will accept and publish photos of breaking news, weather events, fires, accidents or the just plain strange variety, like the 6-foot rattlesnake that crawled into your backyard. These photos would run in print or on our website, and as we start to receive more submissions, we will create a weekly slideshow of reader-submitted photos to put online.

To submit a photo, email it to photocitrus@gmail.com.

Mike Arnold is the editor of the Citrus County Chronicle. Email him at marnold@chronicleonline.com.

Community Happenings

There's always something to do in Citrus County!

"TWO GOOD SOLES"

NEW Shoes & Socks Drive
Now through Sept. 11, 2014 Until 12:00 pm



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Drop off locations:

- Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct. Lecanto
- Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills
- 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

This day of service is sponsored by RSVP of Citrus County, a program of the Nature Coast Volunteer Center. NCVS is not affiliated with Citrus County Schools. For further information, please call 352-249-1275.

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.

For more information or applications log onto:
www.railstotrailsonline.com

For information call (352) 527-9535 or e-mail richg37s@tampabay.rr.com

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For more information, call (352) 795-3149

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 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,
- Chad Hallen of Love Honda,
- Shane Bryant of Nick Nicolas Ford- Lincoln,
- April Phillips and Russ Baldner of Eagle Buick GMC, and
- Paul Arduser of Citrus KIA

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WINDOW

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"I don't believe in any favoritism. It's wrong," said Adams.

At another point in the meeting, away from the recordings, Adams also got combative with Commissioner Joe Meek and told him he was next on the list of politicians to be attacked by Strange and his team. Adams also said that Sheriff Jeff Dawsey and state representative Jimmie T. Smith are on the list.

Even if you don't like J.J. Kenney and what he did as a county commissioner or as the county's veteran

service officer before that, is that really how we treat people?

Scott Adams is going to use his political muscle and connections to stop an out-of-work guy from finding employment someplace else?

I have maintained this criticism from the start and will continue: We should not permit any politician to bully people.

Scott Adams actually has some good ideas about making government smaller. But he does not demonstrate the ability to work within our process of debating issues and treating people with respect.

I do have confidence that the winners in the Tuesday primary — Scott

Carnahan and Ron Kitchen — do not share the same bullying philosophy. While they might agree with Adams on issues, they will not resort to his abusive attacks on others.

Voters get to make the final choice, and they decided to change things up on Tuesday. That's how our system works.

But voters did not send an endorsement that bullying is the way to get the job done.



A side drama in the final weeks of the election sucked me into the fray for more than the *Chronicle's* position on the candidates. I was

criticized as a puppet of businessman Steve Lamb because I went on vacation with him earlier in the summer.

I was featured in television commercials sponsored by Strange claiming I was a puppet.

For the record, I have vacationed with Steve on probably a half-dozen occasions over the past 30 years we've been friends. We first met in the early 1980s, when we helped create the United Way of Citrus County, and we've been involved in a lot of other projects over the years.

But guess what? We don't always agree on political issues and we never will.

My wife doesn't even

agree with me half the time, and that's the way it should be.

I feel poorly that I put him in a position of getting publicly criticized because he had the nerve to support candidates he liked and hang around with me at the same time.

This is also a good time to admit that I vacationed last year in Montana with a group of guys from Inverness. Some of the members of that group are key supporters of Scott Adams and were very close to his campaign.

In both cases we talked about Citrus County politics, but not much. I go on vacation to get away from local politics

and would prefer to talk about beer and what's for dinner.

But as Strange and his group proved in the elections, instead of debating the actual issues, they will go after whatever they can to discredit individuals who disagree with them.

Citrus County voters are being manipulated by a cynical group of political hacks.

It is a distressing trend that will serve as a barrier to good and decent people getting involved in our local political process.

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



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2014 September



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United Way's Annual Campaign Kick-Off
Plantation on Crystal River
\$75.00 per person purchased online at 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 6 • 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Florida Conservation Coalition
Speak Up for Florida Waters
Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park
No admission charge to
Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park
Contact Phone: 561-358-7191

September 6 • 9AM-3PM
Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
2014 Business Expo • Citrus County Auditorium

September 7 • 1:00 PM
Inverness Yoga & Wellness Center Yoga in the Park
Inverness Liberty Park • Contact Phone: 352-201-0149

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 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Inverness Elks Lakeside Craft Show
Inverness Elks Club • Contact Phone: 860-2598

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
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Join Senator Bob Graham and the citizens of Citrus County at "Speak Up Homosassa Springs," a call to action to protect and restore the waters of Citrus County and all of Florida's treasured waterways. There will be no admission charge to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, one of Florida's most spectacular State Parks, which features a floating underwater observatory, manatees, wading birds, red wolves, a six month old Florida panther, as well as other wildlife and exhibits. Attendees will have the chance to learn and enjoy the beauty of natural Florida through discussions, nature activities, presentations and music.

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Transfer of home the wrong way to help daughter



Bruce Williams
SMART MONEY

DEAR BRUCE: My husband and I have allowed our daughter, who is a single mother of two (with a deadbeat husband), to live in a home we own without paying rent. There is still a mortgage on that home. Can it be transferred to her and placed in her name?

She cannot qualify for the loan, but we want to give her a sense of ownership.

As a side benefit, it might force her to take over payments. Is this legal?

—Reader

DEAR READER: There is absolutely no reason for the home to be transferred to her and placed in her name. You mentioned you want to give her a sense of ownership. That may very well be, but no one is going to give her a mortgage for the very reasons you

outlined. Hoping that as a side benefit it might force her to take over payments is a pie-in-the-sky dream. All she has to do is stop making the payments and eventually the bank will foreclose.

Whether you want your daughter to continue to stay in the house is up to you, but there is no value in putting it in her name, unless you pay off the entire mortgage, which would not be to

your advantage.

DEAR BRUCE: I had my first car repossessed last year. I am 35 years old, recently lost my job and couldn't afford the payments of \$400. How long will this stay on my credit report? —Frank

DEAR FRANK: Unfortunately, there is no set answer for this. The fact that you had your car repossessed is going to sit on your

report for some time.

The company that owns that liability will probably sell it to another company, and that company in turn will try to collect. Because the second company paid less for your debt, it can offer you a lower settlement payment and still come out ahead.

As to how long this stays

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Associated Press

Trader Edward McCarthy works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Aug. 21. As stocks continue to rise, investors are wondering if it's time to sell.

TIME TO GET OUT?

As markets rise, so does anxiety

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Is it time to cash out of stocks? The market has nearly tripled in a little over five years, and with each record close, the temptation grows to take your winnings and flee. If only you had done that in the crashes that began in 2000 and 2008, you might be a lot richer.

Plenty of experts think stocks are about to drop. But many others offer compelling arguments for the rally to continue for years.

The bulls point to a strengthening U.S. economy that will help companies generate big profits. They also like that companies have plenty of money to keep buying back their own stock, a big force pushing up prices.

The bears argue that, with the Standard and Poor's 500 index closing above 2,000 on Tuesday, stocks already reflect years of future profit gains. And that forecast is suspect anyway given that so many economies around the world are stumbling. They also worry that U.S. interest rates could rise fast soon, one of the surest ways to kill a rally.

The important thing to remember is that even the best investors, Warren Buffett included, find it nearly impossible to time the market to catch the lows and highs.

The bull and bear cases in detail:

THE BULL CASE

A STRONGER ECONOMY

Four of the past five bull markets have ended with investors selling in a recession, or bailing out because they anticipated one. The odds of a downturn anytime soon? Not very high, at least based on the latest economic reports and forecasts.

The U.S. economy is expected to grow 1.5 percent this year, then 3.4 percent in 2015, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates released Wednesday. One reason is companies are hiring at the fastest pace in eight years.

More people working means more paychecks and money to spend. And the good news can

feed on itself. People who never lost jobs but were worried about layoffs might start spending more, too. Consumer confidence has hit its highest point in nearly seven years.

All this makes it more likely that companies will keep posting higher earnings.

"This recovery will last several more years ... and earnings will grow," says Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. "There is a lot of room on the upside."

Financial analysts expect earnings from companies in the S&P 500 to rise 8 percent this year, then 12 percent in 2015, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm. A double-digit gain would be the biggest in four years.

LOW INTEREST RATES

Interest rates are low, and that's been great for stocks. They help lower borrowing costs for consumers and businesses, which boosts profits. And they hold down interest payments on bonds, making stocks look more attractive to investors by comparison.

Many investors expect the Federal Reserve to start raising the short-term rates it controls in the middle of next year. If the Fed keeps the hikes small, the stock market might shrug it off.

That's what happened in the last round of Fed hikes, in 2004. The S&P 500 gained 9 percent that year.

Torsten Slok, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank Securities, isn't worried. He notes that the short-term rates that helped drag stocks down at the end of the last seven bull markets were all higher than 4 percent. With the Fed holding those rates near zero now, a record low, it could take many hikes — and a bit of time — for borrowing costs to rise enough to damage the economy and markets.

"We should expect the expansion to continue for several more years," Slok says.

BUYBACK BOOM

One of the biggest forces in the stock rally so far is companies buying back their own shares. Companies in the S&P 500 have spent \$1.9 trillion on buybacks since the bull market began in March 2009, according to Howard Silverblatt, a

senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices, a research firm.

By creating more demand for stocks, buybacks have kept prices rising even as others sell. Mutual funds, investment brokers, foreigners and pension funds have all been net sellers of stocks over most of the last five years, according to the Fed.

Companies have pulled back sharply from their near-record buying in the first quarter, but their buybacks are still pushing up prices. And companies have plenty of money to continue buying. Those in the S&P 500 have more than \$1.1 trillion in cash, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Says Silverblatt, "Companies are buying themselves a tail wind."

THE BEAR CASE

STOCKS NOT CHEAP

It's fine to forecast big profit gains well into the future, but what if prices fully reflect expected gains?

That's what many bears think. They cite a widely used gauge of stock value called the price-earnings ratio, or the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. If a share costs \$100 and financial analysts expect the company to earn \$5 per share in the coming year, the P/E ratio is 20.

The key here is that low P/Es are considered a better deal. Each dollar you spend on a stock "buys" you many dollars of future earnings. High P/Es buy you fewer future earnings.

The S&P 500 now trades at 15 times what companies in the index are expected to earn over the next 12 months, according to FactSet, a data provider. That is slightly above the 10-year average of 14.1 times.

Stocks are "not cheap," said Aaron Jett, head of stock research at Bel Air Investment Advisors. "But we're not in bubble territory."

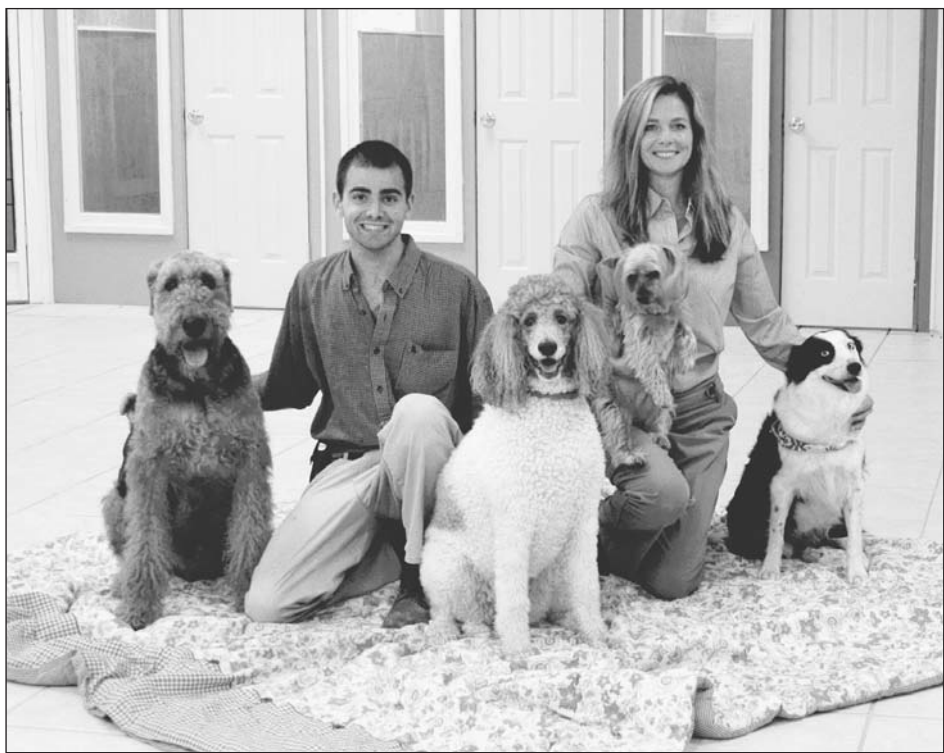
The problem is, P/Es are often not reliable gauges of stock value. They are based on just one year's earnings. Those can surge due to a pickup in the earnings or collapse during a slowdown.

Many experts believe a better P/E is a "cyclically adjusted" one, which is championed by Yale economist Robert Shiller. And that is showing that stocks are overpriced.

The "cyclically adjusted ratio" averages annual earnings of companies over 10 years to remove

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BUSINESS DIGEST



Special to the Chronicle

New boarding facility offers creature comforts

Come see the all-new Stay & Play Pet Get-away boarding facility located at 1305 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. Owner Mary Garcia (formerly manager of Citrus Pet Resort) offers a unique form of boarding for your pets.

Each pet or family has their own "house" or room inside the building. A large, open, tiled inside area with TV allows pets to socialize in the comfort of a homey atmosphere.

There is a large, fenced yard for them to enjoy outside for exercise and activities with the staff.

"Peace of mind is everything," Garcia said. "While the owners are away, they can relax knowing their pet is safe and having fun."

Garcia is an experienced dog and cat handler of over 20 years. She is familiar with all breeds and temperaments.

Careful selection is made when pets are introduced to each other. The facility has colorful houses and rooms inside for each pet or family, and a large playroom easily viewed from inside the lobby. Stop by from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The store is closed on Sundays; however, there is a pick-up and drop-off window from 5 to 6 p.m.

A grand opening event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. Enjoy a fun day with different vendors that are all pet-related. Come out and see this unique boarding facility, a "home away from home" for your pets. To contact the Stay & Play Pet Get-away, call 352-419-7979.

SBA offers free webinars throughout September

Each year small businesses nationwide are forced to close their doors in the aftermath of severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and hurricanes. Business interruptions, even if they last just a few hours, are costly in terms of lost productivity and profits.

You can get help with your own business preparedness planning through a series of free webinars in September hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery. The September series is presented in collaboration with FEMA's Ready Campaign as part of National Preparedness Month.

The SBA wants to help business owners take charge of the well-being of their own companies, the safety of their employees, and the sustenance of their local economies by being prepared to rebound quickly from any kind of disaster.

The half-hour webinars will be presented at 2 p.m., Eastern time, each Wednesday in September. Visit <http://snurl.com/296yw4e> to register for any or all of the webinars listed below:

Sept. 3: "Crisis Communications for Any Organization"

Learn best practices for developing an emergency communication strategy.

Sept. 10: "How to Plan for a Power Interruption ... and Recover Fast"

Tips on how to make your company resilient and better prepared to mitigate losses during power outages.

Sept. 17: "The Top 5 Steps for Preparedness This Year"

The top five ways to prepare for disaster-related business interruptions will be discussed.

Sept. 24: "If You Do Nothing Else This Year" Simple, low-cost tips on building a solid business continuity plan.

SBA has partnered with Agility Recovery to offer business continuity strategies through their "PrepareMyBusiness" website. Visit www.preparemybusiness.org to check out the archived webinars and for more disaster preparedness tools.

Oak Hill Hospital announces its associates of the month

Oak Hill Hospital has announced its Star Associates of the Month of July. Each month hospital associates are chosen in a process that involves nominations and voting by their peers, patients, patient families, and physicians.

This month's Oak Hill Hospital "Stars" are:

Peggy O'Reilly-Berry, RN/C, case manager Peggy joined Oak Hill Hospital's second floor in December 2011. She is a case manager and views her job as the person who intervenes for patient advocacy for nurses,



Peggy O'Reilly-Berry

managers, and the discharge plan. She and her husband, Kevin Berry, live in Spring Hill with their two "furry children" — Anjer Noel, 7, and Princess, 10. Peggy's nomination came from a colleague who praised her caring attitude toward patient care which she regards as "exceptional." As Peggy states, "my clients are No. 1 priority." Peggy realizes that patients can be frightened, scared, and definitely need assistance. She says she loves being a case manager, but praises the staff that she works with on the second floor, in particular the other case managers. "I am proud to work with them."

Victoria Wetherbee, pre-op nurse

Victoria's nomination came from a patient who had what some might regard as "minor" surgery ... but it was not minor to her. "Although it was a small procedure I was very apprehensive about undergoing general anesthesia, I had even called the hospital a few times prior to the day to ask questions about it. I also did my own online research but was still left feeling worried. Vicki was calming and paid me great attention. I appreciate the level of interest. I am glad that I had the anesthetist and Vicki — two great people on my team."



Victoria Wetherbee

Lorenzo appointed to Seven Rivers staff

On July 15, Alberto P. Lorenzo Jr., M.D., was appointed to the medical staff at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. Dr. Lorenzo



Alberto Lorenzo

specializes in family medicine. Lorenzo is board-certified in family medicine.

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

Dog training center holding open house

Citrus County Dog Training Center will introduce its new larger facility at an "Open House" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Shamrock Industrial Park, Units A, B and C, at 6843 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

There will be a sheriff's office demonstration featuring "Ongoing, Rally, Agility" and "Find My Friend" demos, and TNT Obedience Club will present a utility demonstration. Enjoy fun games with your dogs for prizes and refreshments for all.

Coming up, watch for our "Lure Coursing" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at 11265 W. Dunnellon Road, Crystal River.

For more information, call 352-212-1697 or 352-212-5596.

EPA staff says agency needs to be tough on smog

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency's staff has concluded the government needs to tighten smog rules by up to 20 percent.

In its final recommendation in a 597-page report, the agency staff agrees with EPA's outside scientific advisers that the 6-year-old standard for how much smog is allowed needs to be stricter, saying it will save a significant number of lives and cut hospital visits. An earlier version of the report came to a similar conclusion.

Industry representatives criticized the recommendation as way too costly, while environmental activists hailed it as a public health measure.

Since 2008, the standard has allowed up to 75 parts of ozone per billion parts of air. The staff report recommends between 60 and 70 parts per billion. The report says it will provide more health protection for higher risk populations, including the elderly, very young, outdoor workers and people with asthma and lung disease. And it estimated that there are tens of millions, if not more than 100 million people, in that at-risk category.

When the agency tried to make a similar rule a few years ago, it estimated it would cost up to \$90 billion a year, making it one of the most expensive environmental regulations ever proposed. After industry and Republicans

in Congress criticized it, President Barack Obama withdrew it in 2011.

A 2011 EPA study looked at the history of air pollution regulations and found that the benefit of clean air in better health and reduced deaths "vastly exceeds" the costs of air pollution rules going back to 1990. It said that by the year 2020, overall costs of air pollution rules would be \$65 billion a year, while savings would be worth almost \$2 trillion a year.

Federal law requires that air quality rules be updated every five years. A federal judge ordered the EPA to have a new rule by December after environmental groups sued to get the government to tighten existing rules.

Malaysia Airlines to cut 6,000 staff in overhaul

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia Airlines will cut 6,000 workers as part of a \$1.9 billion overhaul announced Friday to revive its damaged brand after being hit by double passenger jet disasters.

The staff reduction represents about 30 percent of its current workforce of 20,000. A search for a new CEO is underway but there is no move to change the airline's name, which some branding experts had said was necessary for a successful makeover.

Khazanah Nasional, the state investment company that owns 69 percent of the airline, said the overhaul includes the establishment of a new company that will take over the existing Malaysia Airlines business and its reduced staff.

The revamp and new investment in the carrier will cost about \$1.9 billion. Analysts say the substantial staff cuts suggest the airline will reduce flights to Europe and China.

The twin disasters and ongoing financial woes "created a perfect storm for the restructuring to take place," said Khazanah Managing Director Azman Mokhtar. "We need to have a fresh start."

The airline will be removed from the Malaysian stock exchange and taken completely under the wing of the government. Khazanah, which previously announced that it plans to take 100 percent ownership, aims to restore Malaysia Airlines to profitability by the end of 2017 and then relist its shares on the stock exchange by the end of 2019.

A substantial revamp has long been on the cards for Malaysia Airlines, which was struggling with financial problems even before it was hit by disaster this year.

Investigators continue to scour the southern Indian Ocean for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 which veered far of course while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8 with 239 people on board. In July, 298 people were killed when Flight 17 was blasted out of the sky as it flew over an area of eastern Ukraine controlled by pro-Russian separatists.

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Fiat-Chrysler stock set for return to market

Associated Press

DETROIT — U.S. investors should soon be able to buy stock in Chrysler for the first time in seven years.

Italy's Fiat and Chrysler are merging to form Fiat Chrysler Automobile. Fiat said in a statement Friday that an ongoing tally of investors suggests there is not enough opposition to list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The

Earlier this month, Fiat shareholders approved combining the companies. But Italian law gives dissenters the right to cash out. Fiat has said that if investors offered more than \$650 million in shares, the merger would be off.

The combined company would move its tax headquarters to London and list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The

merger could be completed by mid-October.

Fiat SpA will announce the final tally by Sept. 4. So far the maximum number of shares to be cashed is below the cap, the automaker said.

Shares of Chrysler haven't been publicly traded since 2007 when it was still combined with German automaker Daimler.

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Sept. 3 — Ribbon-cutting for HearUSA, 8:30 a.m., 9475 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

Sept. 4 — Ribbon-cutting for Insight Credit Union, 8:30 a.m., 6826 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Coffee and donuts 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Sept. 6 — Business Expo, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave., Inverness.

Sept. 8 — Ribbon-cutting for Inverness Elks, 4:30 p.m., 3570 E. Lemon Drive, Hernando.

Sept. 10 — Ribbon-cutting for Innovative Solar, 4:30 p.m., Crystal River Chamber office.

Sept. 11 — Ribbon-cutting and mixer for Insight Credit Union, 4:30 p.m. start with mixer following ribbon-cutting until 7 p.m. 2080 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Sept. 12 — Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest Speaker Les Cook, Citrus County property appraiser, Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Reservations recommended.

Sept. 15 — Ribbon-cutting for CB Platinum Pressure Washing, 4:30 p.m., Crystal River Chamber Office.

Sept. 17 — Ribbon-cutting for Family Hearing, 8:30 a.m., 2027 N. Donovan, Suite B, Crystal River.

Sept. 18 — Ribbon-cutting for Black Diamond Ranch Burnham Model House, 5:30 p.m., 3125 W. Black Diamond Circle, Lecanto.

Sept. 19 — Ribbon-cutting for Howard's Flea Market, 11:30 a.m., 6373 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

Sept. 22 — Ribbon-cutting for Retina Specialty Institute, 4:30 p.m., 131 S. Citrus Ave., Pod B, Crystal River.

Sept. 26 — Ribbon-cutting for St. John Paul II Catholic School (Formerly Pope John Paul), 8:30 a.m., 4341 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto.

Sept. 27 — Business Women's Alliance Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crystal River Mall.

Sept. 29 — Ribbon-cutting for OfficeMax, 4:30 p.m., 2675 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Community events

Aug. 31 — Movie in the Pines: "The Lego Movie." Whispering Pines Park; fun begins 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 6 — Join Sen. Bob Graham and the citizens of Citrus County from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at "Speak Up Homosassa Springs," a call to action to protect and restore the waters of Citrus County and all of Florida's treasured waterways. Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, Florida 34446. For more information, visit floridaconservationcoalition.org.

Sept. 14 — Fifth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and Fitness Challenge. The stair climb is a moving tribute to those lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — and quite a workout to boot! Those interested in participating can register at imathlete.com/events/citrusfitnesschallenge for \$35, which includes a donation to the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation, commemorative T-shirt, wristband, event patch and sticker. Day-of registration will be \$45.

Exhibits, seminars, drawings, demos and more at 2014 Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo

There will be something for everyone this year at the free Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo hosted by the Business Women's Alliance of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. This year's Expo will be on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crystal River Mall in the former Belk location.

Visitors will get revved up as they approach the Expo entrance by the Citrus County Jazzercise team, demonstrating how much fun it is to get and stay active, or by belly dancing and hula-hoop demonstrations from Shazadi and Jewels of the Desert Dance Troupe.

INDOORS

In the indoor Wellness Zone, some 60 exhibitors will offer information on important topics including heart health, hearing, vision, dental health, rehabilitation and physical therapy, home care, mental health, women's health, urological health, chiropractic, and a variety of other wellness and healthy lifestyle practices including nutrition, exercise and living smoke-free.

And because peace of mind is important, there will be experts on insurance, travel, in-home care and assisted living.

Screenings will include blood pressure, balance, osteoporosis, oxygen saturation, vision and more. The Spa Zone will feature a variety of mini-services from providers countywide. Mederi Caretenders will again offer the "Dementia Tour" experience that helps participants understand the challenges their loved ones may be facing.

OUTDOORS

Outdoor exhibits include the Florida Department of Health Citrus County's Mobile Medical Unit and its Mobile Dental Unit. Flu shots will be available in the Mobile Medical Unit for \$21.14; most insurance and Medicare Part B are accepted, as is cash. Take a tour of the dental unit, and find out about services. The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be outside, as well, taking donations. Please consider donating blood, as LifeSouth supplies both hospitals in Citrus County. While outside, see the sheriff's office's FOCUS car, too.

WORKSHOPS

A number of mini-workshops will be offered throughout the day as an added benefit for attendees. Among the speakers will be Trish Dourm, RN, director of clinical education at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, the Expo's presenting sponsor. Her topic is "Women & Stroke: Special Risks."

DOOR PRIZES

Attendees should be sure to take the survey and register for door prizes worth \$250 or more. Some of the generous donors and prizes include: A Pro-Form Hybrid Trainer from the Inverness Walmart; membership and a basket of logo items from Citrus County Jazzercise; and belly dancing and hula-hoop classes, hipscarf and hula hoop from Shazadi and Jewels of the Desert Dance Troupe.

SPONSORS

Thank you to the Expo's presenting sponsor Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, plus these major sponsors: Advanced Urology Institute; Citrus

Memorial Health System; Oak Hill Hospital; Tobacco-Free Florida of the Citrus County Health Department; and Publix. Our generous media sponsors are longtime partner the Citrus County Chronicle, radio sponsor Citrus 95/Classic Hits the Fox, and new this year is Healthy Living Magazine. A number of other businesses also are sponsoring at varying lower levels.

The Expo's sponsors and exhibitors make it possible for the Business Women's Alliance to fund scholarships for female high school and WTI students. In eight years, about \$60,000 has been awarded to Citrus County students and their schools.

The Expo's purpose is to educate women and those around them about their health, fitness and wellness. For more information about the Business Women's Alliance, find us at Facebook.com/bwacitrus or contact the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce at 352-795-3149 or at the Chamber's website, citruscounty-chamber.com.

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Ambassadors, from left, Kelley Paul, Wollinka-Wikle Title Insurance; Betty Murphy, Citrus Archives & Computers; Nicholle Fernandez, Citrus Hills; Jenee Vickers; Kiddie Kampus Learning Center; Bill Hudson, Land Title of Citrus County and Dennis Pfeiffer, Orkin Pest Control welcome Angel Hallal and the staff of the Boat House.

Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center offers stroke support group

10:30 a.m. to noon every third Thursday

"Different Strokes for Different Folks" is a stroke support group for survivors and their caregivers, family and friends. The support group encourages individuals with similar experiences and challenges to learn more about recovery, rehabilitation and a healthier lifestyle. At each meeting, clinical experts discuss specific health topics related to stroke recovery and

provide take-home materials for further learning.

The support group is held the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, 6201 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River. On September 18, Jo Nell Noe, registered dietitian, presents "Healthy Snacking." For more information, call 352-795-1234 or visit SevenRiversRegional.com.

Be Resourceful, Be Ready Workshop



The Chamber and the Citrus County Economic Development Council (EDC) hosted a workshop on local resources in the City of Inverness. The Chamber would like to thank Withlacoochee Training Institute for providing the building and Insight Credit Union for sponsoring.

'Poor door' plan gets tweaks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A developer and city officials say some changes have been negotiated in a plan for a so-called "poor door" for less-affluent residents of a Manhattan skyscraper.

People who live in the pricey condos will still enter through the front lobby.

But the *Wall Street Journal* reported residents of the building's affordable portion will now get shared access to a courtyard and a roof

deck facing the Hudson River.

Executives from developer Larry Silverstein's company and its partner said they'll position that entrance to face a planned 4-acre public park.

It also will feature custom wood and a

lobby with a glass facade.

City officials call the project a model for integrating affordable and market-rate apartments. But they're also hoping for changes in the law to forbid separate entrances.

BUY OR SELL

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distortions from surges and drops.

It is currently 26. That's much lower than it was during the late 1990s dot-com bubble when the ratio peaked at 44. But it's still very high. Since the end of World War II, and the average is 18.3. Go back a century, and the average is 16. "Make no mistake — this is an equity bubble, and a highly advanced one," wrote economist and fund manager John Hussman last month in one of his weekly commentaries to investors.

THOSE COMING RATE HIKES

The Fed may be able to raise rates slowly without damaging the economy and stock markets. But its record isn't entirely reassuring.

Three of the past five bull markets ended after the Fed increased rates. If the central bank finds itself scrambling to contain inflation and has to raise rates quickly and sharply, stocks could fall 20 percent, the official threshold for the beginning of a bear market.

Inflation doesn't appear to be a problem right now. The consumer price index is up

2 percent in the past 12 months, roughly equivalent to the Fed's target. But that could change fast if the economy heats up.

STRUGGLING ECONOMIES ABROAD

U.S. companies rely more than ever on foreign economies remaining healthy. Unfortunately, many of those economies are stumbling.

The 18 countries that share the euro, a region that accounts for nearly a fifth of global output, didn't grow at all in the last quarter. China, the world's second-largest economy, is slowing rapidly. And Japan, the third largest, shrank 7 percent compared with a year earlier.

Most economists expect the U.S. to shrug off the troubles abroad and for growth to pick up. But not everyone.

David Levy, an economist who oversees the newsletter "The Levy Forecast," predicted the last U.S. recession with uncanny precision. He says another one is coming next year. The cause: Downturns elsewhere, not domestic trouble.

Even if he's wrong and the U.S. continues to grow, slowing economies overseas will make it harder for companies to post higher profits. Companies in the S&P 500 generate nearly half their sales abroad.

MONEY

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on your credit report, that will depend on the size of the debt. If it's relatively modest, it will generally go away after a few years.

DEAR BRUCE: How do I get out of a timeshare in Myrtle Beach? It's not paid for, but we no longer want it. It's too difficult to get the weeks we want — VR.

DEAR VR.: No matter where you live, getting out from under a timeshare is extremely difficult. You say it's not paid for, therefore, you still have payments to make, and the timeshare company is going to do everything it can to hold you to that.

If you send the company a letter saying you are turning the balance of the mortgage over to

it, it may accept that, and that would be the end of it. But the company could write back and say that's not satisfactory. Then you may have to try legal action, but even that is weak. You'll find that the contract is very difficult to break. You can try giving it to charity.

Unfortunately, timeshares are, by and large, lousy propositions for the buyer.

DEAR BRUCE: My husband and I are both over 65. He suggested that since we are exempt from paying taxes under \$65,000, we should request that instead of the state taking taxes out of our pension checks, we should put the money into a savings account. He also suggested that we might want to file taxes separately because one might have more liability than the other. What is your opinion? — WY.

DEAR WY.: I don't understand

why you are necessarily exempt from paying taxes under \$65,000, but I will accept that for the moment. Take whatever amount that is and invest it however you choose, but a savings account is not the place. It would be better in a small stock account, invested in one or two select companies.

I doubt if filing taxes separately would be to your advantage. In almost every instance, there is more liability and more taxes to pay. Of course, you will want to explore this with a tax preparer first.

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4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies; cut them off in thy truth.
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Bees aren't the only pollinators



DEAN FOSDICK/Associated Press

A bumble bee searching for nectar from a rosemary plant near Langley, Wash. Honeybees are irreplaceable as pollinators, but you can somewhat offset their loss by attracting beetles, butterflies and moths, dragonflies, feral bees, bumblebees and wasps, among others.

Loss of honeybees are a concern, but other species can help with your garden

DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

The dramatic loss of honeybees to changing land use, viruses and pesticides is alarming, and they are irreplaceable as pollinators. But you can somewhat offset their loss by attracting alternative pollinators, such as beetles, butterflies and moths, dragonflies, feral bees, wasps and flower flies.

Attracting these beneficial insects requires a long-term landscaping commitment, however. They need a wide variety of forage plants along with protected nesting sites to thrive.

"The plant community and the bee community are intimately related," said David Gordon, an associate professor of entomology at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. "Habitat is everything to pollinators."

Start by observing, protecting and enhancing what's already on your property.

"Know what's out there in the way of beneficial insects and forage plants," Gordon said. "If you have some bees present, you can generally increase their numbers by providing them the resources they need to proliferate."

"The smaller the size of your op-

eration, the more likely that such a strategy will be successful and in a shorter time," he said.

Eric Mader, assistant director of The Xerces Society's pollinator program and lead author of its new guide, "Farming With Native Beneficial Insects" (Storey Publishing), says, "Honeybees always will be needed for almonds and larger, industrial-size agriculture crops."

"They'll always be part of the equation. But for many crops native to the United States, like blueberries and pumpkins, that evolved prior to the introduction of (European) honeybees, native bees do a perfectly adequate job pollinating these plants," he said.

Syrphid flies are a good honeybee alternative.

"These so-called 'flower flies' superficially resemble bees," Mader said. "They're predatory insects as larvae, primarily feeding on aphids. Then they become important pollinators as adults."

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Currently, the planned development of Hunter Springs Park involves a "living shoreline" which, with property owners' help, will extend from the park into King's Bay. For everyone on the water, your charge is to keep as much undeveloped as possible.

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a noxious weed or two.

"My particular enemy is water hemlock, a weed that is poisonous to most creatures and that can crowd out more beneficial growth," said one member of the Waterfront Advisory Board.

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Even a small patio can have a fish pond

Clever use of containers can provide aquatic habitat for finned friends

Associated Press

When Ann and Glen Gage downsized from their expansive home and garden in Switzerland to a San Francisco town house, one of the things they missed most was the koi pond they'd built and tended for years. It was brimming with elegant plants, fish and its own ecosystem.

So they built not one but two new ponds, this time city-style: one for their balcony overlooking San Francisco and the other for their leafy entryway.

"If you have limited space or want an interesting water feature ... patio or container ponds are an easy option, and the only limits are your creativity," said Marc Hachadourian, Director of the Nolan Greenhouses for Living Collections at the New York Botanical Garden.

The Gages assembled their container ponds using large planters, which they made water-tight by caulking any drainage holes. Then they added gravel and a few larger rocks, and filled the container with

water. They added an electric bubbler and filter, "to make the fish happy." Next came a few floating aquatic plants, which they harvested from a pond in the area, and finally a variety of "rescue fish" from a pet store.

"We have a really small space and Ann said, wouldn't it be cool to have a pond here? It couldn't have been easier," said Glen Gage. "It's way less work to maintain than a big aquarium — no cleaning the tank or syphoning out the dirty water — and there's a relaxing zen quality to the gently bubbling water and swimming fish."

Maintenance involves only refilling the container to replace water lost to evaporation. Although some people put mosquito-killing tablets in the water, experts say a few small fish are sufficient to take care of insect larvae.

"You can go crazy with really fancy fish, but our local pet store is super nice and they just let us reach in for feeder fish and choose some

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"The next most important are solitary wasps," he said. "These are docile, gentle animals. They can be very small."

Crop-pollinating native bees and other beneficial insects have three basic habitat needs, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture:

■ **Plant variety.** Provide forage plants with overlapping blooming times so that flowers are available to provide pollen and nectar throughout the insects' flight season, or from early spring until late fall. Native bees and other pollinators come in many sizes, so it also is important to

provide flowers of various sizes, shapes and colors, the USDA said in a fact sheet.

■ **Nesting sites.** Many bees nest underground, in tree cavities or snags — often clumps of leaves, branches and fallen grass. "That makes them vulnerable to deep soil tillage or tree removal," the agency said.

■ **Protection from indiscriminate pesticide use.** "Insecticides are primarily broad-spectrum and are therefore deadly to bees. Herbicide use also can remove many of the flowers that bees need for food," the USDA said.

"The goal should not be to eliminate your use of honeybees but to diversify and reduce your dependence upon them," Gordon said.



Associated Press

A container pond put together using a planter on a patio in San Francisco.

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Average 30-year loan steady at 4.10 percent

Current rates down from 4.53 at start of 2014

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The average 30-year U.S. mortgage rate remained at a 52-week low of 4.10 this week.

Mortgage company Freddie Mac also said Thursday that the average for a 15-year mortgage, a popular choice for people who are refinancing, rose to 3.25 percent from 3.23 percent.

At its 52-week low of 4.10 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 Federal Reserve 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.

The low rates appear to have boosted U.S. home sales. Data released Thursday showed that more Americans signed contracts to buy homes in July. The National Association of Realtors said its seasonally

adjusted pending home sales index rose 3.3 percent to 105.9 last month. Still, the index remains 2.1 percent below its level a year ago.

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 0.5 point, unchanged from last week. The fee for a 15-year mortgage remained at 0.6 point.

The average rate on a five-year adjustable-rate mortgage rose to 2.97 percent from 2.95 percent. The fee stayed at 0.5 point.

For a one-year ARM, the average rate edged up to 2.39 percent from 2.38 percent. The fee was stable at 0.5 point.

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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.

Nazi emblem likely not military, but origin uncertain

Dear readers: The following information comes from a specialist in Nazi memorabilia, Professor Giles, whom I wish to thank for the help. The original question was about a metal Nazi eagle emblem.

Dear John: I am afraid I cannot come up with a definitive identification of this metal eagle-and-swastika emblem, which the owner thought, I believe, might have come from an automobile. I am not sure that that is the case. A Nazi Party official would have had a pennant flying rather than something like this.



John Sikorski
**SIKORSKI'S
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The size you give would make it approximately 23 by 19 centimeters, which is smaller than other examples I have seen. Most commonly, these emblems were used on the sides of railroad cars, and several of those have sold recently at auction in Germany. In 2007, one with a size of 90 by 40 centimeters sold for 1,100 euros, or about \$1,485 at the then-exchange rate, and another sized 69 by 35 centimeters sold for 1,300 euros, or about \$1,755.

Last month, a similar one sized 60 by 34 centimeters sold for 750 euros — about \$1,185.

However, it is important to note that the detail in the design of each of those is much finer and sharper than the somewhat crude casting of the emblem in your photograph.

Then there is the question of what sort of eagle it is. The rule of thumb often quoted is that a state or government eagle looks to the left, while a Nazi Party eagle looks to the right. Yours looks to the right. But this does not always hold true.

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Based on the direction of the eagle's head, it's unlikely this Nazi emblem was an official government piece; it's more likely it was a Nazi Party emblem, although the origin and use is unclear.

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Associated Press

A container pond put together using a planter, floating aquatic plants and a mix of goldfish on a patio in San Francisco. The pond contains a bubbler, a filter, and an Asian ceramic ball as a decorative element.

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with pretty markings that make them look unique. It's like going to the pound. You feel like you've done something really good. They're basically just goldfish and are pretty hardy," Gage said.

Although the patio ponds can look and feel like miniature koi ponds, koi experts strongly suggest goldfish as the better choice.

Unlike koi, which grow large and need plenty of oxygen and moving water to thrive, goldfish and some other smaller fish are hardier and better suited to patio ponds.

"Putting a koi in a little container pond would be like trying to raise a German Shepherd in a box," said Don Chandler, chairman of Koi USA, based in Costa Mesa, California. "The smallest possible koi pond would be a 600- or 800-gallon pond. That's more than most people are ready for on their patio."

The International Water Garden Society is a good resource when deciding on varieties of aquatic plants. Hachadourian recommends miniature water lilies like dauben, which has a light blue flower and tolerates shadier conditions. Plants like water

lettuce and water hyacinth float on the surface, control algae and help filter the water. Aquatic grasses, irises and tarrow are also good choices, he said.

When deciding where to put a patio pond, first consider how much weight your floor or terrace can handle. Even the lightest container is heavy when filled with water, which weighs just over 8 pounds per gallon. "It's not what you'd want on a rickety porch," Hachadourian said.

Ponds also need a good amount of light and work best outdoors. Indoors, they would work in a greenhouse-type area; otherwise they generally require additional lighting.

Although container ponds work year-round in warmer climates, they are more challenging where winters are harsher. Hachadourian said most container ponds, or at least the fish residing in them, need to be moved to a warmer area in winter.

"A lot of people treat patio ponds a bit like annuals and restart their ponds every spring. They just transfer the fish to an indoor aquarium in winter and drain the container pond. In the spring, fast growing aquatic plants are installed, the fish are put back in the pond, and you're all set for the warmer part of the year," he said.

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**
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Fido's back to school blues

Dogs can get lonely when kids head back after summer

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Young people aren't the only ones who get back to school blues. Pooches used to months of constant playtime can get upset when their best buddies disappear with the dog days of summer.

Many dogs whine and wait eagerly at the front door but eventually adjust to the absence of their young owners when they are in class. But millions of dogs can feel abandoned, sad and unable to cope — and they look for ways to lash out.

Many of the nation's 80 million dogs have separation anxiety, Dr. Nick Dodman, of Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Massachusetts, said citing studies.

Dogs with separation anxiety will bark, howl or whine; destroy something, leaving behind scratched doors, damaged blinds or torn curtains; or have accidents, Dodman said.

Dianne Larson of Santa Clarita, California, has seen it firsthand. School started two weeks ago, and year-old Ruby, a black Lab, still searches for Larson's son Tanner, 14, when he's gone.

"She stays in his room. If his door is closed, she will whine to get in,"

Tanner Larson with his dog Ruby. School has been in session for two weeks, but Ruby's still searches for Tanner when he's gone.

DIANNE LARSON/
Associated Press



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Perennial Milkweed and Butterfly Milkweed



More than 100 perennial Milkweed species in the *Asclepias* genus originated in the Americas. Similar African plants with inflated prickly seed pods were recently reclassified into the *Physocarpus* genus.

Asclepias was the mythical Greek god of healing. Parts of some milkweeds have been used in folk medicines. Milkweeds contain the chemical oleandrin, a cardiac glycoside.



Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN

The sap is a milky, acrid latex containing alkaloids which may irritate the skin in some people. Monarch butterfly caterpillars ingest the toxins, making them distasteful to birds and other predators.

Nectar in Milkweed flowers attracts pollinators — bees, wasps, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds. Milkweed pollen is not a single grain or tetrad, but grouped in complex sacs called pollinia. The feet or mouthparts of pollinators become stuck in any of the 5 slits between the flower anthers. The pollinia thus mechanically attach to the pollinator. When the pollinator

The most widespread Milkweed in the United States is *A. tuberosa* commonly named Butterfly Milkweed. The plant grows 2 to 3 feet tall from a deep, underground rhizome. Large clusters of bright orange flowers top sturdy stems that range from 6 to 12 inches high in younger plants to 36-inch stems in an older specimen. This long-lived perennial is the host plant for Monarch Butterfly caterpillars.

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Ruby waits at the door for Tanner, her owner. at home in Santa Clarita, Calif.

DOGS

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Dianne Larson said. If the dog isn't in Tanner's room, she's at the front window watching for him.

Side effects for anxious dogs don't stop at whimpering. Some dogs refuse to eat when their owners are gone, experts say.

"There will be an exuberant greeting when you do come home, one that can last several minutes and be completely crazy, then the dog will run to the food bowl," Dodman said.

Nearly half the anxious dogs have noise phobias, so if a storm hits while they are in an empty house, they can panic. A really insecure dog might become clingy and follow their owners around.

Besides recommended independent training, there are some things owners can do to ease their dogs' blues. Dodman suggests:

- Make your departure a happy time with toys and treats.
- Create a place in the house where the dog feels safe.
- Start the new routine before school begins.
- Don't indulge behavior with baby talk or sympathy.
- See a vet if it doesn't improve.
- To cope with separation, first-

grader Harry Williams of Kanab, Utah, takes the family dogs, Flora and Gandalf, to the bus stop each morning to get a bit more time with them.

"He is sad to leave them and hugs them like 10 times before he gets on the bus. Usually Flora whines when the bus pulls away," mom Jill Williams said. But the dogs mostly sleep while the youngster is at school.

"Honestly, they don't really seem fazed by it other than when Harry gets on and off the school bus," Williams said.

For those whose dogs have more serious problems, other more expensive options include pet sitters, dog walkers and doggy day camp.

For the young Grimmertt sisters in Edmond, Oklahoma, their dogs, an English setter and a Yorkshire terrier, got plenty of attention and outdoor playtime over the summer, but the dogs don't throw a fit when 10-year-old Willow and 5-year-old Coral go to school, which started this month.

The dogs welcome the girls home with unconditional love and affection — and no criticism, said mom, Dr. Danel Grimmertt of the Sunset Veterinarian Clinic.

"Yes, they miss their girls, but they seem to understand" she said. "And all the time away during the day disappears as soon as the girls return."



Coral Grimmertt, 5, with her dog Harry at their home in Edmond, Okla. For millions of dogs across the country, summer is gone and so are their best buddies. Most dogs object for a while but eventually adjust to the new hours. But millions of others will feel abandoned, panicky, sad and unable to cope as they look for ways to lash out.

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This bronze bust is done in the Art Nouveau style, which was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It's likely a reproduction, rather than an original.

ATTIC

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For example, while army eagles look to the left, those on German Navy cap badges look the other way. So there is no easy test for this. Because it looks to the right, we can probably rule out military vehicles. It would not have graced the entrance to a building, because those would have had a painted emblem on an enamel sign, or in the case of an important office, something carved in stone.

So I am sorry to leave you with a mystery. In terms of its value, because of its small size I am going to say around \$300. I hope this helps a bit. — *G., Internet*

Dear G.: My personal thanks for your time and expertise, you are a gentleman and a scholar.

Dear John: My uncle was in the Army in World War II. After the war, he was stationed in Japan and sent back a set of china. I only have this one photo of a creamer. I wonder if there is any interest in this type of china. — *M.R., Internet*

Dear M.R.: You have Geisha Girl porcelain. It was made in Japan in large quantities for export to the United States, England, and other countries during the early to mid-20th century.

It typically depicted young women wearing kimonos in everyday scenes of life. Collectors are generally interested in the porcelain figurines and have very little interest in the dinnerware. So when dinnerware sets come up for sale, prices are very low.

Dear John: Here is a photograph of a bronze

statue. It is 16 inches tall. There is a signature on the base of "W. Boehm."

We purchased the bronze at an auction a few years ago. The auctioneer was not familiar with it and said it came out of a private collection in Miami. What can you tell me about it? I paid \$250 for it and just after the auction, a dealer offered me \$500 for it. He had arrived too late and said he was willing to pay that price.

Should I have sold it? What do you think? Any information will be appreciated. — *R.M., Internet*

Dear R.M.: You have a lovely bronze bust likely depicting one of the beauties of the era. I am not sure who she is.

The style of the bronze is Art Nouveau, created by the French during the late 19th century. The style spread throughout Europe, England, and America. The height of the period was 1890 to 1910. The Art Nouveau style influenced all the decorative arts, paintings, and furniture.

Art Nouveau has been a category of collecting for decades. I was not able to find any information about the signer of your bronze. I think the piece is a reproduction made within the last fifty years. Potential dollar value is catch-as-catch-can. One way or the other, I think you paid a fair price; the dealer may have thought it was an original.

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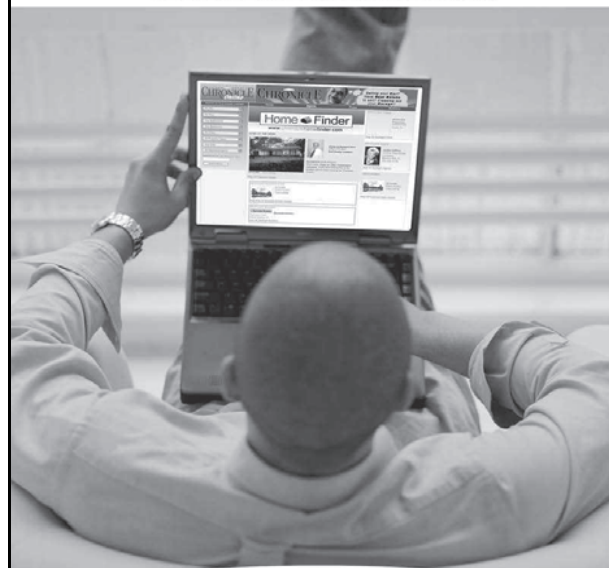
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leaves, pairs of pollen sacs are pulled free and are carried to the anther slits of a different flower to ensure pollination.

On all Milkweeds, the characteristic small, five-petal flowers reflex downward surrounding a central waxy corona. The Australian/Asian Hoya plants have similar flowers.

Tropical Milkweed, *Asclepias curassavica*, from South America, zones 9-12, is commonly called Bloodflower. It is readily available in local nursery outlets. This perennial has deep tuberous roots and grows, about 3 feet tall and is evergreen in South Florida. It dies to the ground in central Florida's cooler winters.

Loose clusters of a few flowers are usually red and orange, although there is a yellow, weaker selected variety.

There are at least 20 species of *Asclepias* native to Florida, but few are commercially available. The most widespread Milkweed in the United States is *A. tuberosa* commonly named Butterfly Milkweed, which grows in zones 4-10. It grows naturally in about 40 lower states but not in the Pacific Northwest or the Canadian maritime provinces. Its northern limit is about latitude 48.

The plant grows 2 to 3 feet tall from a deep, underground rhizome. It is prevalent in dry sandhills, woodland edges, roadsides and any well-drained, full-sun site. It does not tolerate root disturbance, wet soils or excessive irrigation.

Milkweed seedpods are elongated, paper-thin pods called follicles. When mature, they dry and split open to reveal rows of overlapping black seeds attached to silky floss called pappus. The seeds are wafted away on the filament-like parachutes to germinate and grow far from the parent plant.

Large clusters of bright orange flowers top sturdy stems that range from 6 to 12 inches high in younger plants to 36-inch stems in an older specimen.

This long-lived perennial is the host plant for Monarch Butterfly caterpillars. Adult Monarch females lay eggs the size of a

pinhead on the alternate, lance-shaped leaves. Tiny caterpillars hatch after three or four days and munch the milkweed leaves for about two weeks before going into a chrysalis, where they change into adults.




Milkweed seedpods are elongated, paper-thin

and useful plant in wildflower meadows and butterfly gardens throughout Florida. Companion plants include Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia*; Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea*; Blazingstar, *Liatris*; and the evergreen flowering vines Carolina jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens* and Coral Honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*.

The second most common Milkweed is *A. syriaca*, growing naturally in about 39 states and six provinces, but not in Florida, the southwestern states, or Idaho and Washington. Flowers are clustered in a round globe atop 3-foot tall stems. Heat zone 10 in Florida is too hot for this species to survive.

Milkweed is a colorful

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How collectors deal with the desire to acquire

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I suppose it can be dog toys, but collecting can be addictive. So many interests and options. Art, jewelry, Lionel trains, Depression glass, rock 'n' roll, pottery — the list goes on and on.

No matter what your

interest, collecting can be loads of fun.

We all go places mentally that are not a very good use of our time. Our desire to acquire takes time and money, though for many it's time or money. Both can be difficult to manage.

Time spent can be searching or researching, driving, or that wasteful state of day dreaming. If totaled up, I suspect the time spent adding to a collection would surprise us all.

Typically, collectors will pay more for items than dealers at shops, auctions or markets. When time and money is avail-

able, the collector is like a dog with a bone. Satisfying that desire always brings a smile.

One way to control the desire is to create a list. Mental lists are quickly and easily modified by giving in to impulse buying. Written lists and the discipline to stick with them can assist with the many temptations.

Of course, you could always leave the list in your pocket. I personally have collected very



Steve Barnes
TIME WILL TELL

little through the years: 150 vintage tennis racquets, Bev Doolittle art, a few old radios and I love games in tennis. Do potato chips and ice cream count?

This month's story by Cindy DeVries: "Collecting is a joy, but when one's done with a collection, it doesn't mean you have to stop. One just

moves on to something new.

"Case in point: One year for Christmas, my sister-in-law asked the family for our favorite

recipes, but they had to be handwritten. One can find recipes in books, magazines and of course the internet, but handwritten recipes are a dying art form, especially when written in cursive.

"I have since gone through Grandma's and Mom's recipes and pulled out the handwritten ones, and now I'm always on the lookout for handwritten recipes. But you see, it's not my fault — it's my sister-in-law's!

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SINGLE FAMILY HOME, 2 BED + DEN, 2 BATH, 2-CAR

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DETACHED VILLA, 3 BED + DEN, 2.5 BATH, 2-CAR

This always popular Windward Model offers one of the most incredible views of a golf course in Florida. Situated near the Top of Florida along the Skyview GC the home offers affordable living in one of Florida's Premier Lifestyle Communities, Terra Vista of Citrus Hills. Located in the care-free Hillside Villa neighborhood this home offers a great room with a formal dining area, spacious kitchen, breakfast nook, owner suite, 2 guest rooms PLUS a den, enclosed lanai for year round use & a 2-car garage. Be sure to put it on your MUST SEE You will not be disappointed! MLS 711279.....**\$279,900**



DETACHED VILLA, 2 BED + DEN, 2.5 BATH, 2-CAR

Situated in a "care-free" village where you leave the landscape care to others... they even paint the exterior for you is this Worthington Model that offers comfortable, affordable living in one of Florida's Premier Lifestyle Communities, Terra Vista of Citrus Hills. The home offers an open great room plan, formal dining room, spacious kitchen, owner's suite with expansive bath including jetted tub and spacious shower, guest room, den, guest bath PLUS a 1/2 bath. All of this overlooks the enclosed pool with an over sized screened deck - a great setting for entertaining. MLS 711966.....**\$289,900**



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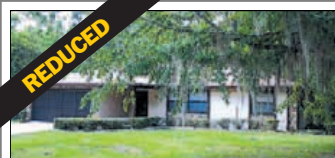
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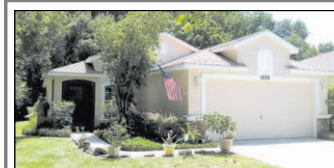
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