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Child porn nets man 25 years

Prosecutor: Kevin Edward Whitty was 'grooming' 9-year-old girl

MIKE WRIGHT
Chronicle

First came the cell phone, the gift from a family friend.

The phone, given to a 9-year-old girl, included photos of naked children in sexual acts.

The gift-giver, a 48-year-old man, then snapped a photo of the girl in the bathroom. She was surprised and tried to cover herself with the shower curtain.

Before long, though, the man convinced the girl that photographs were OK. He took more pictures of her in skimpy outfits.

Prosecutor Rich Buxman had a word for what Kevin Edward Whitty's actions: "Grooming."

Judge Richard "Ric" Howard sen-

tenced the Floral City man to 25 years in prison on Thursday for possession of child pornography and taking provocative photos of the girl.

Howard said he was sickened by child pornography that Whitty admitted to having in his house.

"These photos are like the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico: God, nobody wants to look at it," Howard said.

Whitty took photos of the girl and superimposed her head on the bodies of children engaged in sexual acts, Buxman said. He said Whitty kept poster-sized photos of child pornography in his house, complete with written descriptions of his fantasies for sexual acts with children.

Whitty was a family friend of both the girl and her 12-year-old sister.

Buxman said Whitty gave a cell

phone to the 9-year-old girl and the girl's mother later found 30 photos of young children scantily clothed in provocative poses.

Buxman said the photos were already on the phone when Whitty gave it to the girl, suggesting he used them as a way to lure the girl into thinking that photos of such a nature were OK. "This is classic grooming," he said.

Buxman said Whitty also admitted to sleeping with the girls and resisting thoughts of touching them.

Whitty's attorney, assistant public defender Luke Waatti, noted that Whitty cooperated completely with authorities and never contradicted statements he gave to sheriff's deputies.



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Kevin Whitty, right, talks to assistant public defender Luke Waatti, left, Thursday before he was sentenced to 25 years in prison for possessing child pornography and taking provocative photos of a 9-year-old girl.

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Scalloping 101

Make the most of season's early start

DAN HERMES
For the Chronicle

Scallopers can thank Gov. Charlie Crist for an early start to the 2010 bay scallop season.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is opening the recreational harvest of bay scallops on Saturday, 12 days earlier than the usual

Local officials are inviting the public to learn more about the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill at a workshop from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. today at the new conference room of the College of Central Florida (formerly the Central Florida Community College) Lecanto campus. The workshop will address the present status of the oil spill, local preparations, and responses to the economic impacts of the spill. To watch the workshop live, visit www.chronicleonline.com.

R-Homosassa, sent Crist a letter last week asking for the season to be opened on June 15. "From Tarpon Springs to Steinhatchee, summer business is driven by recreational scallop harvesting," Schultz wrote. "Given the fact that the oil may well be lethal to our filter-

July 1 start. The season ends on Sept. 10, as originally scheduled.

The executive order, signed into law June 11, is being taken "in order to relieve economic hardships on communities in Florida that may occur due to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill," the FWC announced.

State Rep. Ron Schultz,



BRIAN LaPETER/Chronicle file

With scallop season starting Saturday, Citrus County's coastal waters will attract people from far and wide to gather the shellfish and prepare a tasty meal.

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WRWSA chief: Water will stay in county

Chronicle

In a lively, well-attended meeting Wednesday, the regional water authority reassured the public that no transfer is proposed of groundwater from wells in any member county to any other county in its master plan update.

ON THE NET

Master regional water supply planning and implementation program: http://www.wrwsa.org/water_supply_plan.htm.

"What if one county is growing at a much faster rate than another county in the same region?" asked Gary Bartell, Citrus County commissioner and board member of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties, at the monthly meeting in WRWSA's headquarters conference room in Ocala.

Bartell said Citrus County did not want to be a water supplier to another county because the other county was growing at a faster rate than Citrus.

"Is water conservation the same in one county as in another?" Bartell asked, as he referenced the growth in The Villages area of Sumter County.

"The Villages has installed conservation programs beyond those most cities have done," said Jackson E. Sullivan, executive director of the authority. "They are not going to have a problem."

Bartell also was concerned about other counties trying to be-

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Former worker owes county \$35,697 in workers' comp case

MIKE WRIGHT
Chronicle

A former Citrus County government employee who authorities say bilked the county out of \$250,000 in a fraudulent workers' compensation claim is being forced to pay a fraction of that back.

Judge Richard "Ric" Howard on Thursday ordered Richard Hartman Goodfellow to repay the county \$35,697. Goodfellow is set to make monthly payments of \$571 over a little more than five years.

Goodfellow pleaded no contest to workers' compensation fraud

An investigation into Goodfellow's claim showed that he began repairing airboats for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, despite his statements that he was not working elsewhere. Brown said Goodfellow also filed for permanent disability from the county in August 2007 even while he was working as a handyman for a neighbor's home-repair business.

in a plea arrangement agreed to by prosecutor Mark Simpson and defense attorney Paul Militello.

Deputy County Administrator Eber Brown, however, urged incarceration and more restitution.

"It is sometimes viewed with compassion, should a man steal when his family is hungry; how-

ever, the defendant ... knowingly took from Citrus County and its taxpayers a huge sum of money for which he chose to feed his own selfish greed and to further fatten his personal bank account," Brown told Howard, reading from a statement.

"The monies stolen from the

county by the defendant could easily have provided 10 or more jobs for unemployed citizens," he added.

Goodfellow, a county trades worker, filed an injury report in July 2004. He began receiving workers' compensation payments and also medical treatment for

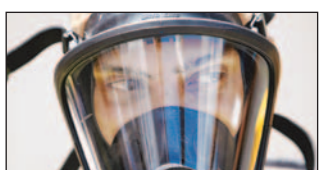
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High and dry

Drilling ban leaves rig workers out of a job./Page A6

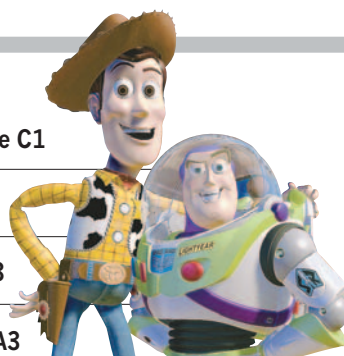
The toys are back in town

Woody and Buzz lead their pals on their latest adventure./Page C1

Spill bill \$20 billion a drop in the bucket for BP./Page A12

Money talks Candidates talk federal spending./Page A3

Gunk ashore Tourist meccas hit by oil from spill./Page A3



A slender gain

The Dow ekes out a small late-day rally to recover from early losses./Page A9



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S.C. lawmaker seeks probe of mystery candidate

At issue: How did unemployed man pay for a \$10,000 filing fee?

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina state police should investigate how the unemployed winner of the state's Democratic U.S. Senate primary paid his filing fee of more than \$10,000, after claiming indigency and being appointed a public defender to represent him in a court case, a state lawmaker says.

"There are several questions regarding the filing fee paid for by Mr. Alvin Greene," Republican Rep. Chip Limehouse wrote in a letter dated Tuesday to State Law Enforcement Division Chief Reggie Lloyd.

Greene, a 32-year-old political unknown, stunned the party establishment when he defeated former state lawmaker Vic Rawl in the June 8 primary to see who would face GOP U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, the heavy favorite in the fall.

Greene, who had raised no money and had no ads or website, won with 59 percent of the vote to Rawl's 41 percent.

Greene was arrested in November and charged with showing obscene Internet photos to a University of South Carolina student, then talking about going to her room at a university dorm. He has declined to comment on the charge, has yet to enter a plea or be indicted and says he's staying in the race.

But Greene, who filed court paperwork stating his only income amounted to about \$1,160 a month, said he couldn't afford an attorney and was appointed one by the court. Greene did not indicate where that income came from. In his letter, Limehouse says Greene may owe the government money if it's proven he didn't need a publicly paid lawyer.

"Mr. Greene could owe

Dems discuss overturning primary results

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina's Democrats are gathering to decide whether to overturn the results of a primary election in which an unemployed, unknown military veteran won the nomination for U.S. Senate.

The state party's executive committee met Thursday in Columbia to hear a protest by former state lawmaker Vic Rawl. Rawl says malfunctions in voting machines or software may have caused him to lose the June 8 Democratic primary to political unknown Alvin Greene.

Rawl says voters have told him they meant to vote for him but saw Greene's name on their screens instead.

The executive committee could uphold the election, order a new primary or find that problems were so significant that Rawl should be declared the winner.

— Associated Press

the taxpayers for these services if it is found that he is in fact not indigent," Limehouse wrote.

SLED spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons said the agency was reviewing the request.

Greene has said he saved up for two years to pay the \$10,440 candidate fee.

Limehouse's is the latest in a string of inquiries into Greene and his candidacy. State Democratic Party Chairwoman Carol Fowler on June 9 asked Greene to

withdraw after The Associated Press reported his felony charge. Days later, Majority Whip Jim Clyburn called on state and federal authorities to probe whether Greene was a plant for forces seeking to discredit South Carolina's Democrats.

And on Tuesday, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington asked South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster — a Republican who recently lost his own bid for

the state's gubernatorial nomination — to investigate if someone had paid Greene to file for the office. CREW also filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, accusing Greene and three other Democratic congressional candidates in South Carolina of failing to file preprimary spending reports.

Rawl has asked the state Democratic Party for a new primary election based on flaws with the voting machines or software, citing voting irregularities including people who tried to vote for Rawl but whose ballots showed Greene's name checked instead.

The 92 executive members of South Carolina's Democratic Party were set to hold a hearing on Rawl's request Thursday in Columbia.

Brett Bursey, a progressive activist in South Carolina, has also asked a federal judge for a restraining order to keep elections officials from de-

stroying data from machines used in the June 8 primary. Those machines will be reused during runoff elections on June 22, and Bursey says federal law requires states to maintain election records for nearly two years — including, he says, data from flashcards within the machines that record all voters' keystrokes.

A federal judge was reviewing that request Wednesday, and the American Civil Liberties Union sent a letter to state elec-

tion officials asking them to require county-level voting officials to preserve the data so it can be audited.

A spokesman for the State Election Commission said the data from the machines were checked routinely after every election, but no extra measures were being taken because of Rawl's protest.

"We have no reason to believe that voting machines malfunctioned on June 8 or to doubt the accuracy of the election results," Chris Whitmire said.

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Main table of mutual funds with columns: Name, NAV, Chg. Lists hundreds of funds including PIMCO, Fidelity, and others.

Stocks eke out gain after downbeat economic data

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market managed a slender gain Thursday after traders shook off a pair of disappointing economic reports.

Traders began buying late in the session, although without the vehemence that has marked other final-hour moves in recent weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up about 24 points after falling 90 early in the day, and scored its first three-day advance since April.

The late rebound following downbeat employment and manufacturing news suggests that investors may be getting more confident about the economic recovery, said Philip Orlando, the New York-based chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors.

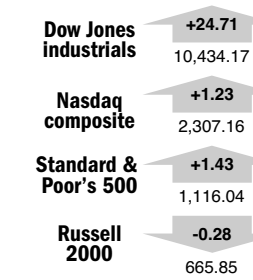
"I think we're starting to see a change in psychology," Orlando said. "We're beginning to ignore bad news and focusing on the bigger, better long term picture, and that's encouraging."

Still, investors were also looking for safe holdings, a sign that the economy is uncertain enough for them to hedge their bets. Treasury prices rose, pushing down interest rates, and gold closed at a record high.

The government said early in the day that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week. Initial claims for jobless benefits increased 12,000 to 472,000. That's the

Market watch

June 17, 2010



NYSE diary

Table showing NYSE diary statistics: Advanced: 1,495; Declined: 1,518; Unchanged: 135; Volume: 4.74 b.

Nasdaq diary

Table showing Nasdaq diary statistics: Advanced: 1,310; Declined: 1,285; Unchanged: 134; Volume: 1.75 b.

SOURCE: SunGard AP

highest level in a month and follows three straight weeks of declines. Economists had forecast another drop.

A drop in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve's index of regional manufacturing also hit stocks. The Philly Fed said manufacturing continued to expand in June but at a slower pace than in May.

Its index of manufacturing activity dropped to 8 from 21.4 the month before. Traders were concerned that the slowdown signals that a recovery is fading in one of the strongest parts of the economy.

"It adds up to a modest, uneven recovery," said Paul Ballew, chief economist at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio, and a former senior economist with the Federal Reserve.

Retailers and other stocks that depend on steady con-

sumer spending fell following the jobs report. Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. fell 7.6 percent, and most other big retailers also ended the day with losses. DirecTV Inc. fell 3.9 percent.

Stocks regarded as safer investments during weak economies such as utilities and health care rose. FirstEnergy Corp. gained 1.6 percent, while health insurer Aetna Inc. climbed 4.5 percent after it forecast that its second-quarter earnings would beat analysts' expectations because of lower medical costs.

A stronger euro helped the market. The euro rose after a bond offering by Spain's government drew solid demand. It climbed to \$1.2396, up more than 5 cents from the four-year low it reached last week.

Traders have been trying to determine where stocks are headed since major stock indexes hit their 2010 peak in late April. The Dow has risen 6.3 percent from its lowest close of the year on June 7 but it's still down almost 7 percent from its high of 11,205 on April 26.

The Dow rose 24.71, or 0.2 percent, to 10,434.17. The last time the average had a three-day advance was April 19-21, shortly before the market began sliding on concerns about Europe's economic problems. The Dow is up 243.28 over the past three days. The bulk of that gain came from an almost 214-point jump on Tuesday.

The S&P 500 index rose 1.43, or 0.1 percent, to 1,116.04, and the Nasdaq rose 1.23, or 0.05 percent, to 2,307.16.

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HELP VS. HINDRANCE

Pre-application input can bring positive change

Jenette Collins, the county’s Community Development director, announced at a recent meeting of the Economic Development Council that she is out networking so that people will feel comfortable calling if they have any questions.

She also reminded EDC members that the county offers pre-application meetings in which developers can engage with county staffers in a roundtable discussion to review proposed projects and get feedback on areas such as planning, engineering, utilities, and fire services.

This sounds like a wonderful approach, bringing all the players together to address concerns up front to avoid delays, headaches and unbudgeted expenses. As enlightened as this appears, story after story has bubbled up through the years about feel-good meetings with county staffers in which developers leave confident they have a handle on what they need to do to follow the rules — until a county representative not involved in the meet-

ing shows up on a job site and announces something is wrong even though the area of contention is something county staffers in the meeting advised developers to do. Through the years these anecdotal accounts have accumulated and tarnished the county’s image as a great place to do business.

Getting everyone on the same page before development starts is a great idea, but the understandings agreed upon in a pre-application meeting should be recorded and not subject to change by the arbitrary whims of bureaucracy. Only

staffers with knowledge and authority to make accurate recommendations should participate in pre-application meetings and if their subordinates disagree with their interpretation of the rules, bosses must be willing to be bossy instead of caving to pressure and giving developers the runaround.

With guidance from County Administrator Brad Thorpe and the Citrus County Commission, it appears that customer service is becoming a priority, and that’s a welcome change.

THE ISSUE: New head of county Community Development Division promoting pre-application meetings. OUR OPINION: Enforce the rules without giving taxpayers the runaround.

BP and the ‘small people’

DOUGLAS COHN AND ELEANOR CLIFT

The financial implications of the Gulf oil spill are extraordinarily complex, and sorting them out will take diplomatic skill along with legal knowhow to make sure the people most affected and not lawyers are the beneficiaries of any settlement. President Obama’s criticism of BP for its handling of the spill played well here in America, where voters are angry at the company for despoiling the environment. But in Britain, where BP is based, people felt the company was being unfairly demonized, and they directed their anger at Obama for statements they blamed for driving down BP’s stock value.

The rhetoric on both sides of the Atlantic grew so heated that the new British Prime Minister, David Cameron, sought assurances from Obama that he understood the gravity of the situation as it relates to the British people. In a phone conversation over the weekend, Obama affirmed to Cameron that the dispute over BP would not affect trans-Atlantic ties, and that the goal of U.S. policy is to make BP accountable for the damage it has caused, but to stop far short of doing something that might force the company into bankruptcy.

Other VOICES

Obama referred to BP by its original name, British Petroleum, which the company shed in 2001, preferring to use only the initials, or its new green name, Beyond Petroleum. It is Britain’s largest company and holds a major share of the British public’s wealth and retirement funds. BP has ample resources to cover what it calls “legitimate” claims, but there is always the threat, once lawyers are involved, to expand the meaning of legitimate, and to bog down the claims process in an endless spiral of class action suits. The memory of the Exxon Valdez tanker spill in 1989 remains fresh in everybody’s memory. Litigation took decades, and an initial declaration of \$5 billion in punitive damages, equal to one year of Exxon profits at the time, was whittled down to \$500 million in a series of law suits that stretched all the way to the Supreme Court.

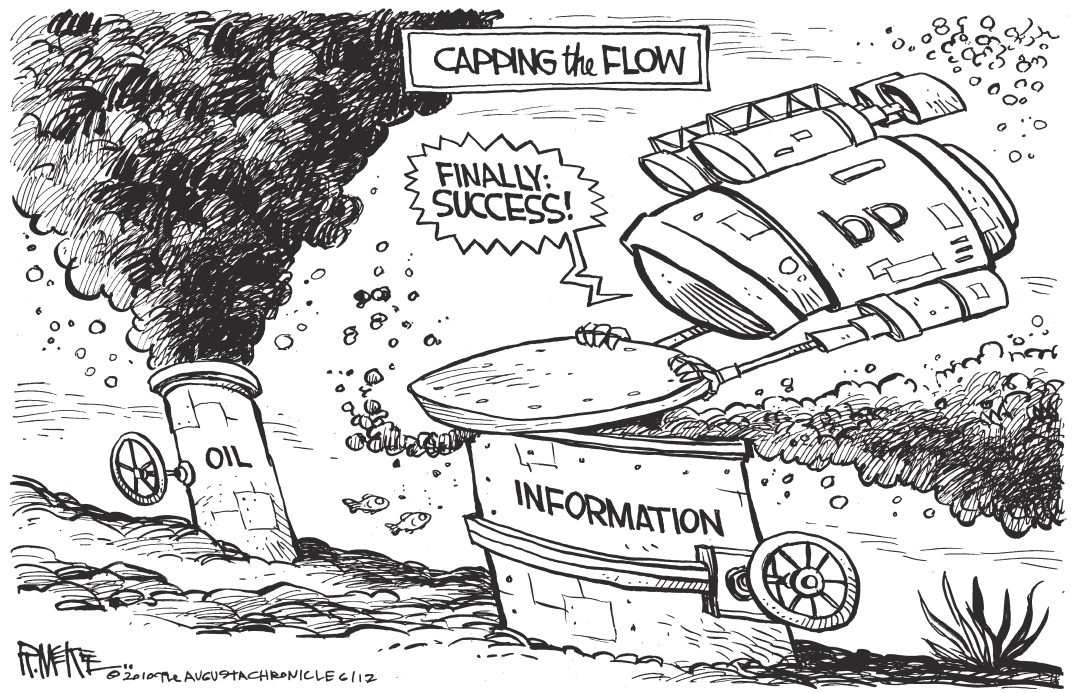
Given the extent of the damage in the Gulf, both economic and environmental, it is improbable that BP would get off that easy. To the contrary, genuine concerns have been raised about making the company’s liability so onerous that it would seek relief through bankruptcy. The stockholders would be the first to lose in that scenario, but more significantly, the British economy would be put into a tailspin. With Europe already reeling from Greece’s debt crisis, the global economy would

take a big hit along with the fragile U.S. recovery.

Any solution the Obama administration devises must meet these basic principles. It can’t bankrupt BP and by implication the British people; any settlement must find a way to avoid the major portion of any payout going to attorneys; and the U.S. Treasury must not be the bailout banker of last resort.

Congress is working on legislation to raise or abolish the \$75 million cap on liability that was put into place after the Exxon Valdez spill. BP has said that it will not restrict its payments to that limited liability and has agreed to place \$20 billion in an escrow fund as a start. But how much more money BP sets aside to cover damage claims along with how that money will be allocated will be argued by lawyers. BP had its lawyers talking to workers injured in the explosion just hours after the accident, and now Obama must rely on lawyers working for the White House to establish a framework that will ultimately direct money to the Gulf victims in a timely fashion. Obama would do well to brush up on his Shakespeare and the line from Henry VI, “The first thing we do, let’s kill all the lawyers.”

Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift author the Washington Merry-Go-Round column, founded in 1932 by Drew Pearson.



LETTERS to the Editor

Fixing BP’s mess

When BP’s deepwater rig caught fire and sank beneath the Gulf’s emerald waters, many of us familiar with confronting the power of monolithic oil giants had the uneasy feeling that the past was becoming a nasty prologue to disaster all over again.

A Sept. 2, 2009, BP news release claimed 17 deep-water rigs bearing wildcat names like Mad Dog, Great White and Thunder Horse were capable of netting 400,000 barrels of oil per day, among 4,000 competing rigs spread across the Gulf.

In a Sept. 14 letter to the Department of the Interior, Richard Morrison of BP America objected to and attempted to weaken proposed comprehensive rule changes to toughen safety standards.

BP’s 760 “egregious and willful” OSHA safety violations dwarfed a total of 19 similar citations issued to Sunoco, Citgo, Exxon and Conoco-Phillips over the same period.

Thereafter, an “accident” occurred, sending 11 workers on BP’s Deepwater Horizon to their deaths while a sheared-off riser pipe at sea bottom left a blowhole for an 18,000-foot gusher of sludge, tar balls and killer plumes to defile the waters, desecrate the shoreline and eradicate wetlands necessary for the planet’s survival.

Consequently, in a blanketing of TV and advertisements, BP promises to plug the hole, stop the pollution, clean up the mess and “honor all legitimate claims.”

The key word here is “legitimate,” for it gives BP the ability to stall compensatory damages in the courts, as Exxon has done, for years.

OPINIONS INVITED

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Burgeoning sea life and commerce on these waters will only be replenished, in full, when we pick up where we left off 31 years ago, rallying small business owners and taxpayers to:

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Lou Kiefer Hernando

New medical corridor?

An open letter to Chairman Gary Bartel:

I do not understand the Board of County Commissioners’ initiative to form a Medical Corridor on Highway 491. It seems to me

to be 20 years behind the times.

In the 23 years I have lived in Citrus County, I have seen extensive construction along this corridor. In fact, I sat on the Planning and Development Review Board nearly 20 years ago when we reviewed some of the plans for construction in that area. Our PDRB recommendations were submitted to the BOCC, on which you sat at the time.

If you drive up and down 491, you will see that your dream has come true. There are at least three assisted living/rehabilitation centers there. There is a large Citrus Memorial Hospital set of buildings including diagnostic imaging facilities. I frequently use the CMH Allen Ridge walk-in clinic on 491 for blood tests. My radiation oncologist is located in the existing “medical corridor” with his multimillion-dollar complex of advanced equipment. Additionally, there are dermatologists, cancer specialists, a surgical outpatient center, ophthalmologists, optometrists, orthopedic surgeons and numerous other medical and dental specialists. There are at least two groups of buildings, each called some sort of professional centers. There is also at least one veterinary clinic. Oh, don’t forget the Veterans Administration clinic behind one of the nursing homes.

So, you see, I am confused by this “new” initiative, which I suppose will grant tax incentives, exemption from impact fees, and other breaks to new construction. Will it also include retroactive tax breaks to those existing businesses that may have already paid their fees to insure a level playing field for all involved?

Walter Wynn Jr., Ph.D. Pine Ridge



Darryl Willis
BP Claims

Making This Right

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My name is Darryl Willis and I'm responsible for overseeing BP's claims process in the Gulf Coast. I was born and raised in Louisiana. At age 70, my mother lost her home to Hurricane Katrina. Afterwards, she experienced enormous frustration. So I know first hand that when tragedy strikes on a scale like this, people need help without a lot of hassles.

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Nation BRIEFS

Firing squad



Associated Press

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert denied a request to temporarily stay the execution of Ronnie Lee Gardner, shown here at a court hearing earlier this week. The 49-year-old Gardner was scheduled to be executed by firing squad just after midnight this morning at the Utah State Prison. He was sentenced to death for a 1985 capital murder conviction stemming from the fatal courthouse shooting of attorney Michael Burdell during an escape attempt.

Car bomb suspect indicted in NYC

NEW YORK — Times Square bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad has been indicted in the May 1 botched car bombing in New York. An indictment filed in New York on Thursday charges Shahzad with 10 terrorism and weapons charges, adding five counts to the original case against him. The 30-year-old Shahzad is charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction among several terrorism and weapons charges.

World BRIEFS

Mourning



Associated Press

Former South African President Nelson Mandela attends the funeral of his great-granddaughter Zenani Mandela Thursday in Johannesburg, South Africa. Zenani Mandela, 13, was killed in a car crash last week following the World Cup's opening concert. After Zenani died, Mandela decided not to attend the tournament's opening ceremony and first game, as had been expected. Mandela is credited with sealing his country's bid to become the first in Africa to host a World Cup.

Bobby Fischer to be exhumed

LONDON — The remains of chess genius Bobby Fischer are to be exhumed to determine whether he is the father of a 9-year-old girl, a lawyer representing the child and her mother said Thursday. Thordur Bogason, a lawyer based in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik, said the country's Supreme Court made the decision earlier this week in order to allow for tests so his client, Jinky Young, can find out who her father is. "At this point we are just trying to establish this," he said. "And if she is confirmed as the daughter of Bobby Fischer, then by Icelandic law she is his legal heir." Fischer, 64, died in Iceland in January 2008. He left no will, Bogason said, adding that legal cases over who has the right to the U.S.-born player's estate are ongoing.

—From wire reports

Notes: 'I murdered my family'

Mass. man charged with killing wife, 2 children, mother-in-law

Associated Press

WOBURN, Mass. — A man charged with killing his wife, two young children and mother-in-law left behind notes in their suburban Boston home admitting to the savage, bloody slayings, authorities said Thursday. Thomas Mortimer IV, 43, was captured Thursday by police in northwestern Massachusetts hours after he was charged with four counts of first-degree murder. The bodies of his wife, Laura Stone Mortimer, a 41-year-old economist; their 4-year-old son, Thomas Mortimer V, who was known as Finn; their 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte; and his wife's 64-year-old mother, Ellen Stone, were found Wednesday at their in-home in Winchester, an upper-mid-

dle-class community north of Boston. There were signs of attempted suicide at the home, and two identical letters, believed to have been written by Mortimer, were left behind, District Attorney Gerry Leone said. "I did these horrible things. What I've done was extremely selfish and cowardly. I murdered my family," the letters read. Leone said the slayings followed a fight and "ongoing marital discord." Authorities were summoned to the home by Laura Mortimer's sister after she could not reach Laura. Officers found Finn and his mother lying in a pool of blood in the first-floor hallway. The grandmother's body was nearby covered with an oriental rug, and a trail of

blood led to an upstairs crib, where they found Charlotte dead. All appeared to have been killed by blunt trauma with sharp objects, Leone said. The discovery of the bodies prompted a search for Mortimer, with police issuing alerts around his vehicle on electronic signs around the state. A father and son spotted his SUV late Thursday morning in Montague and called police. He was captured after trying to flee in Bernardston, about 100 miles from Boston. Leone said the exact time of the slayings was still being determined but appeared to be sometime between late Monday and early Tuesday. Mortimer called in sick to work on Tuesday, and called his son's school to say he would not be in.



Associated Press

Thomas Mortimer IV is led from the police station Thursday by Police Chief James Palmeri, right, after he was arrested in Bernardston, Mass.

'Shame on you'

Lawmakers slam BP CEO and his claims of not being in the loop

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Channeling the nation's anger, lawmakers pilloried the boss of the company that caused the Gulf calamity Thursday in a withering day of judgment. Unflinching, BP chief executive Tony Hayward said he was out of the loop on decisions at the well and coolly asserted, "I'm not stonewalling."

That infuriated members of Congress even more, Democrats and Republicans alike. Testifying as oil still surged into the Gulf of Mexico and coated ever more coastal land and marshes, Hayward declared "I am so devastated with this accident," "deeply sorry" and "so distraught."

Yet he disclaimed knowledge of any of the myriad problems on and under the Deepwater Horizon rig before the deadly explosion, telling a congressional hearing he had only heard about the well earlier in April, before the accident, when the BP drilling team told him it had found oil.

"With respect, sir, we drill hundreds of wells a year around the world," Hayward told Republican Rep. Michael Burgess of Texas.

"Yes, I know," Burgess shot back. "That's what's scaring me right now."

Phil Gingrey, R-Ga., told the CEO: "I think you're copping out. You're the captain of the ship."

Burgess slammed both the CEO and the government regulators for a risky drilling plan that he said never should have been brought forward.

"Shame on you, Mr. Hay-



ABOVE: The damage: Nesting pelicans are seen landing as oil washes ashore on an island that is home to hundreds of nesting birds just inside the Louisiana coast. RIGHT: The perpetrator: BP CEO Tony Hayward testifies during a House Oversight and Investigations subcommittee hearing Thursday on the role of BP in the Deepwater Horizon Explosion and oil spill. He endured the wrath of Democrats and Republicans alike.

Associated Press

ward, for submitting it," he said, "but shame on us for accepting it, which is simply a rubber stamp."

In a jarring departure that caught fellow Republicans by surprise, Rep. Joe Barton, top GOP member of the panel, used his opening statement to apologize — twice — for the pressure put on the company by President Barack Obama to contribute to a compensa-

tion fund for people in the afflicted Gulf of Mexico states.

Barton said the U.S. has "a due process system" to assess such damages, and he decried the \$20 billion fund that BP agreed to Wednesday at the White House as a "shakedown" and "slush fund."

He later retracted his apologies to BP.

For BP, a \$20 billion drop in a very large bucket

Associated Press

NEW YORK — BP holds enough oil in its reserves to single-handedly supply the United States for two years. It has little debt for a company of its size and makes more money than Apple and Google combined.

So when the White House arm-twisted its executives into setting aside \$20 billion for the Gulf oil spill, investors weren't worried it would bankrupt BP. They barely batted an eye.

"The U.S. government will become insolvent before BP does," said Bruce Lanni, a stock analyst with Nollenberg Capital Partners.

Sure, BP stock has crumpled in half in a matter of weeks. Creditors are demanding ever higher interest. But this time it's not some inscrutable, high-flying Wall Street bank in trouble.

BP posted \$17 billion in profit from its vast operations around the globe last year, compared with \$5.7 billion for Apple and \$6.5 billion for Google. More important, in the past three years the company generated \$91 billion in cash flow from operations.

It's not highly leveraged with debt, as banks were during the financial crisis. And it has 18 billion barrels of oil in proven reserves, twice what the U.S. consumes every year.

BP has spent about \$1.8 billion on the spill so far, but that's the first drop in a very large bucket. If BP faces criminal charges, for instance, it could end up having to pay tens of billions in legal costs alone.

Analyst estimates of BP's total cost range from \$17 billion to \$60 billion. If the worst predictions about the leak come true, that figure could surpass \$100 billion, based on a Goldman Sachs estimate that each barrel of oil spilled could wind up costing as much as \$40,000 in cleanup and compensation.

Such a big bill, even at the lower end of the estimates, would drive many companies under. But analysts said BP probably won't have to go to that extreme unless it wants to wall off liabilities from the rest of its operations to attract potential suitors.

Under Wednesday's deal with the Obama administration, BP will suspend its dividend for the rest of 2010, freeing up \$8 billion. The company also plans to raise \$10 billion from selling some assets.

Add cash lying around in bank accounts and in short-term investments and BP could raise \$25 billion without breaking much of a sweat.

Under pressure, Israel loosens chokehold on Gaza

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — An Israeli decision Thursday to ease its blockade of Gaza under intense international pressure could spell the beginning of the end of the chokehold that has hurt ordinary Gazans far more than their militant Hamas rulers.

The order to allow in all foods and some desperately needed construction materials brought calls for Israel to go much further and did little to quell the global outcry over the deadly flotilla raid that tried to

bust the embargo.

With a naval blockade in place and Israel giving no indication it will lift a ban on Gaza exports, Palestinians dismissed the move as cosmetic.

Yet the announcement was an unmistakable sign of Israeli leaders' extreme discomfort with the damage the bloody May 31 flotilla raid has done to their country's international standing — and an indication the blockade's days may be numbered.

Israel made its decision after

consultations with U.S. and European officials, and a week after President Barack Obama — whose relations with Israel's hard-line government have been rocky — called the embargo unsustainable and urged that it be scaled back dramatically.

Mideast envoy Tony Blair, who helped work out the deal with Israel, called it a "good start." The European Union's foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton, said Israel must "make sure that many, many more goods can get in to Gaza" and

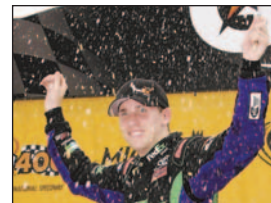
added that "the detail is what matters."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner welcomed the announcement, saying the Obama administration wants to see "an expansion of the scope and types of goods into Gaza ... while addressing, obviously, Israel's legitimate security needs."

In Gaza, the decision was met with skepticism and anger.

"We want a real lifting of the siege, not window-dressing," said Hamas lawmaker Salah Bardawil.

■ Denny Hamlin aims to avoid Buschlike collapse on racetrack./B5



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Three atop leaderboard at U.S. Open



Micheel, Casey, De Jonge share lead after first round at Pebble

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The scenery at Pebble Beach was as spectacular as ever. The U.S. Open was as tough as ever.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson didn't make a single birdie between them Thursday, the first time that's ever happened with the world's best two players

in the same tournament. Some of the strongest rounds, and sometimes the best shots, didn't hold up on a course that played like a beast, even if it didn't look like one.

Shaun Micheel took only 22 putts, the last one from 20 feet for birdie on the 18th hole and a 2-under 69 that



Photos by Associated Press

Shaun Micheel hits a drive on the second hole during the first round of the U.S. Open championship Thursday at the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Paul Casey, left, and Brendon De Jonge shared the lead with Shaun Micheel after the first round of the U.S. Open.

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LAKERS SEQUEL

Los Angeles collects 16th championship

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers have won their 16th NBA championship, dramatically rallying from a fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Boston Celtics 83-79 Thursday night in Game 7 of the NBA finals.

Kobe Bryant scored 23 points despite 6-of-24 shooting while winning his fifth title with the Lakers, who repeated as NBA champions for the first time since winning three straight from 2000-02.

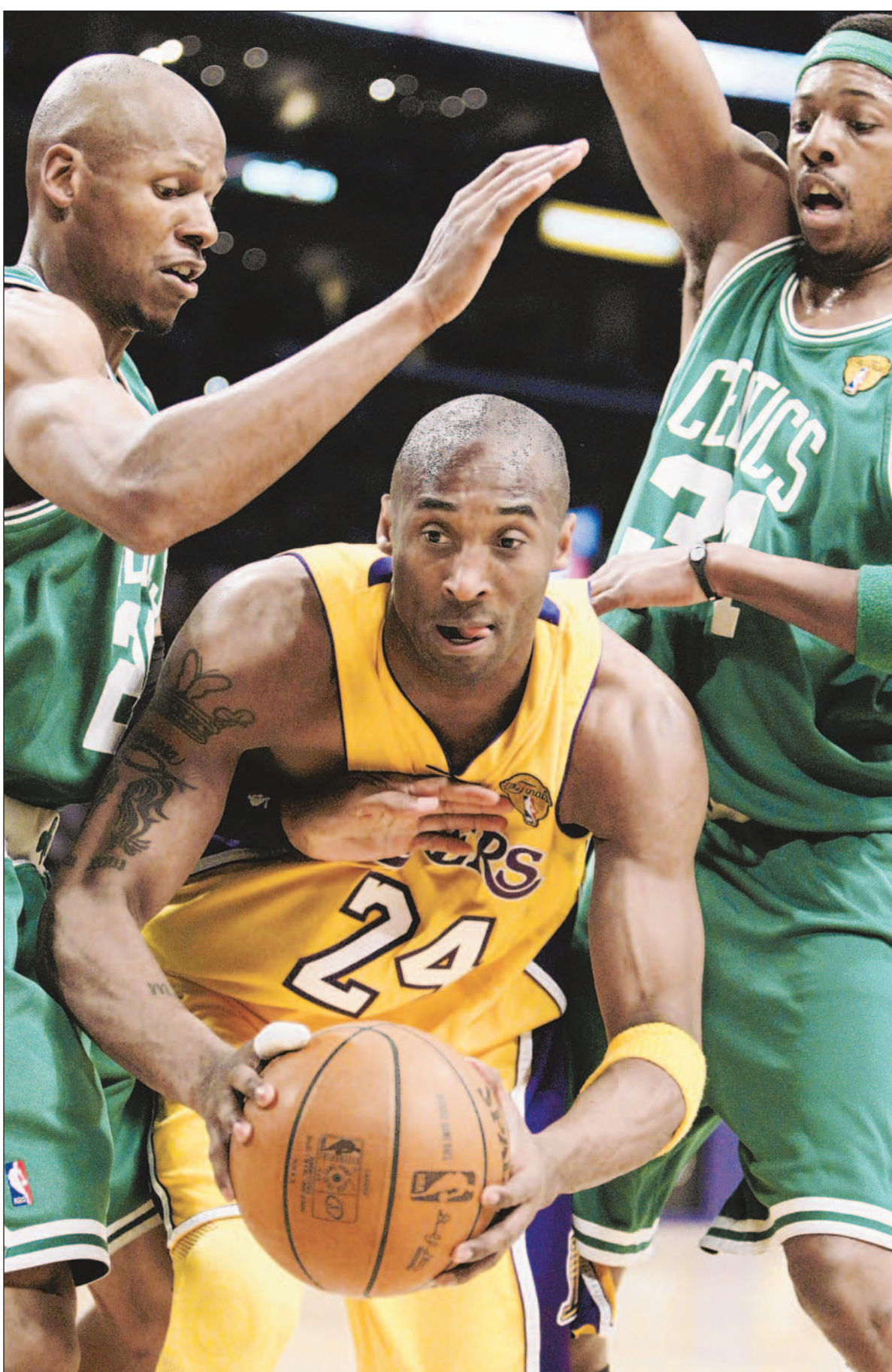
Ron Artest added 20 points for the Lakers, who shot terribly while trailing for most of the first 3½ quarters. Yet they reclaimed the lead midway through the fourth quarter and hung on with big shots from Pau Gasol and Artest.

With their fifth title in 11 seasons, the Lakers moved one championship behind Boston's 17 banners for the overall NBA lead.

Paul Pierce had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics, who just couldn't finish the final quarter of a remarkable playoff run after a fourth-place finish in the Eastern Conference. Kevin Garnett added 17 points, but Boston flopped in two chances to clinch the series in Los Angeles after winning Game 5 back home.

After three quarters of mostly terrible offense, the Lakers tied it at 61 on Artest's three-point play with 7:29 left. Bryant's free throws 90 seconds later gave the Lakers their first lead of the second half, and the Lakers went up by five points before Bryant and Sasha Vujacic hit free throws in the final seconds to keep Los Angeles ahead.

The Lakers will relish this title because they took it from the Celtics, their greatest rivals, with fourth-quarter poise and defense. The teams have met in 12 NBA finals.



Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant is defended by Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen, left, and forward Paul Pierce during the first half of Game 7 of the NBA Finals on Thursday in Los Angeles. The Lakers won 83-79.

Let your voice be heard

The Chronicle sports staff wants your input. Over the course of the past four years since I have been here as the Citrus County Chronicle's sports editor, I have received many calls asking why we don't cover this sport or that particular event.

Well now's your chance to let your opinions officially be heard. Thanks to the efforts of our Online Managing Editor John Murphy, we put our heads together and developed a sports survey for all



John Coscia
SPORTS TALK

REGULAR readers of the Chronicle to participate in.

Each question listed will ask you to rank your answer 1-5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent.

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Following two introductory questions, the survey will ask the following:

- Which of the following professional sports are you interested in?
- How well do we at the Chronicle COVER those listed professional sports?

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U.S. looks for big win against tiny Slovenia

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — They played 62 games over four years just to get ready for the World Cup, convinced obsessive preparation and attention to detail would turn around their fortunes after a quick exit in 2006.

But the stark reality is this: All that work will amount to nothing unless the United States gets at least a tie against Slovenia today.

"Obviously a loss would put us out. That's something that's going to be in the back of our minds," American captain Carlos Bocanegra said Thursday following a chilly workout at Ellis Park.

Following an opening 1-1 draw against favored England last weekend, the Americans need at least one point on a day when the English face Algeria in the late game at Cape Town. With a victory against the smallest of the 32 nations in the



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Glaus' double delivers Braves' 3-1 win

Atlanta batters help Hudson earn another victory

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jason Heyward homered and Troy Glaus drove in two runs to back seven strong innings by Tim Hudson in the Atlanta Braves' 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday night.

The Braves took two of three games in an interleague matchup of division leaders. They've won four of five overall and 11 of 12 at home to improve to 21-7 at Turner Field.

Tampa Bay's two-game slide dropped the Rays to 9-13 since May 23.

Hudson (7-2) lowered his ERA nine points to 2.34 after allowing four hits, one run and four walks with five strikeouts. The right-hander improved to 113-21 in his career when pitching at least seven innings.

Glaus, whose 53 RBIs include 27 with two outs, gave the Braves their first lead at 3-1 with a two-run double in the sixth.

Atlanta improved to 9-0-3 in its last 12 series. The Braves were 13-18 after losing May 9 at Philadelphia, but are 26-10 since.

In 11 career starts against Tampa Bay, Hudson is 7-1 with a 2.71 ERA.

Hudson stranded two runners in the fifth by retiring rookie Reid Brignac on a comebacker. Hudson escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh following a mound visit



Associated Press

Atlanta Braves' Troy Glaus drives in two runs with a double in the sixth inning of Thursday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Atlanta. The Braves won 3-1, taking two of the three-game series at home.

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Liam Cash
CASHMONEY MOVIES

'A' is for action in '80s remake

"I love it when a plan comes together."

That line became famous in the 1980s TV show, "The A-Team." In this case, I love it when four good actors, a savvy director and a small-screen classic come together to create an action-fueled thrill ride. Complete with original tag lines, scenarios from the show and creative action sequences, the film adaptation of "The A-Team" is a must-see for any action lover.

The film opens as Hannibal (Liam Neeson) is being held captive by corrupt Mexican officers. When the men leave to meet with their leader, Hannibal escapes and pursues them. Along the way he meets B.A. Baracus (Quinton "Rampage" Jackson), who decides to help Hannibal when he realizes they were in the same elite group of Army Rangers.

The two proceed to catch up to the villains who are in the middle of questioning Face (Bradley Cooper), who is involved in Hannibal's plan. B.A. crashes in, rescues Face, and then the three rush to the nearest hospital (while being pursued) to find their last member, Murdock (Sharlto Copley), who gets them all into a helicopter and flies away, triggering an action scene that gave me chills for the next five minutes.

Then eight years and 80 successful missions later, we find the team stationed in Iraq. Hannibal gains information that a case full of U.S. treasury plates are in the possession of terrorists. So he and his "A-Team" set out to retrieve the plates. The mission is successful but when they return, Hannibal's commanding officer is murdered and the evidence goes missing. As a result of this, the four men are tried and sent to prison because no one could prove that they were acting on behalf of the United States. Of course prison couldn't hold the four men and soon enough they all escape and go on another mission to track down the man who framed them and restore their reputations.

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THE TOYS ARE BACK!

'TS3' takes Woody, Buzz, pals on wild adventure to return to Andy

CHRISTY LEMIRE
 AP movie critic

This is what happens when you're good at your job: Everyone expects excellence from you, and anything even slightly short of that feels like a letdown.

"Toy Story 3" is a gorgeous film — funny, sweet and clever in the tradition of the best Pixar movies — but because it comes from that studio's nearly flawless tradition, including two "Toy Story" predecessors, the expectations naturally are inflated. Excluding "Cars," Pixar has a perfect track record of animated classics, with the innovative "Toy Story" starting it all in 1995. And so the pressure's on to come up with a tale that makes a sequel worthwhile.

The storytelling in no way is in question; it never is at Pixar; which is the fundamental reason their films are so strong. Neither is the voice

cast, led once again by Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Joan Cusack, with formidable newcomers like Ned Beatty thrown into the mix. The details are as vibrant and tactile as ever: the textures and expressions, the use of light, angles and perspective.

And the core concept — that toys have a rich, complex interior life when people aren't around — still holds up and resonates all these years later.

If "Toy Story" hadn't come out in 1995 and "Toy Story 2" hadn't followed it in 1999, "Toy Story 3" would stand on its own as a breakthrough. Trouble is, those earlier movies do exist. And by comparison, this third installment doesn't feel quite so fresh.

And then, of course, there is the 3-D — the trend of the summer, the thing that makes this "Toy Story" different from the first two. It's not intrusive. It doesn't consist of stuff being flung at you and plopped in your laps in gimmicky fashion. But as is so often the case, it's also completely unnecessary.

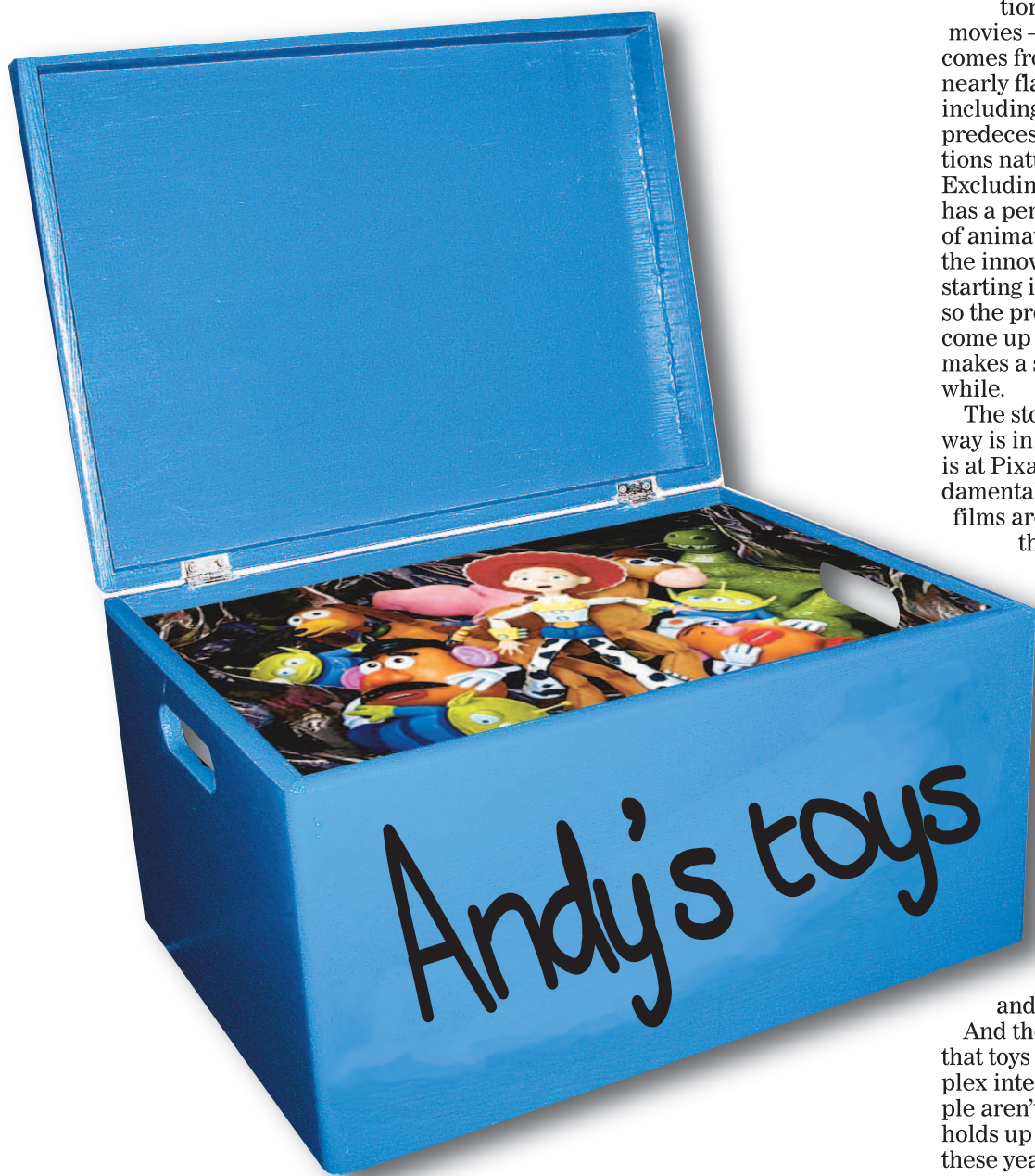
That's especially true with the kind of strong writing you have here. The script comes from Michael Arndt, an Oscar-winner for "Little Miss Sunshine," based on a story by director Lee Unkrich, Pixar chief John Lasseter and "WALL-E" director Andrew Stanton. The words and the characters pop off the screen just fine on their own.

The premise is compelling: Andy (voiced by John Morris) is no longer a kid playing all day in his room with Woody (Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Allen), cowgirl Jessie (Cusack) and the rest. He's heading off to college, and as he's cleaning out his room, he must decide what to do with his old friends. Mom (Laurie Metcalf) gives him two options: stick them in a box for storage in the attic or throw them in a trash bag for the garbage men.

The toys, including the neurotic dinosaur Rex (Wallace Shawn), know-it-all piggy bank Hamm (John Ratzenberger) and wise-cracking Mr. and Mrs. Po

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tato Head (Don Rickles and Estelle Harris), are understandably freaked out by both prospects. Plus, they're just sad to see their friend go and have all the good times end. It raises the kind of deep, existential question you don't often see in a kids movie: If no one acknowledges you, do you still exist?

Through a couple of mix-ups (and some "Mission: Impossible"-style maneuvering), they wind up instead at a day care, which seems awesome: Kids play with you all day! And new kids are constantly coming through, so the toys will never be bored or lonely! It's paradise — until they're placed in the room with all the wildly grabby toddlers, rather than the older kids who play a little more gently. And the whole place is run with a firm, fuzzy paw by Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear (the excellent Beatty), who's all Southern charm at first but is actually a Machiavellian tyrant. He's like a pink, strawberry-scented Tennessee Williams character.

Among the other new



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Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear, voiced by Ned Beatty, gives Woody, Buzz and the rest of Andy's toys a tour of Sunny Valley Day-care, shortly after their arrival.

cast members, Timothy Dalton is a total scene-stealer as a hedgehog in lederhosen named Mr. Pricklepants, a preening British actor, and Michael Keaton is perfect as pretty-boy Ken, who's just as obsessed with clothes as Barbie (Jodi Benson) is. It's some of the best work Keaton's done in years, and a great reminder of how funny he can be.

Unkrich, who was a film editor on "Toy Story" and co-director on "Toy Story 2," plays the petite prison elements of the situation for tons of clever laughs. There's also a beautiful, sepia-toned flashback that explains the origin of

Lots-o's anger, as well as the back story of his chief enforcer, a creepy doll named Big Baby. But then "Toy Story 3" turns unusually dark as it heads toward its climax — it might be too intense for littler kids — before turning heavy-handedly sappy at the absolute end.

Adults in the audience will undoubtedly shed a tear or two. But that's how good the folks at Pixar are: They make you feel genuine emotions for hunkies of plastic.

"Toy Story 3," a Disney Pixar release, is rated G. In 3-D and IMAX 3-D. Running time: 98 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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Last month I read an article on "The A-Team" in an Entertainment Weekly. The director of the film, Joe Carnahan, stated in the article that in the film there would be an action scene so cool that if you didn't like it, you didn't like movies. A very big statement, I know, and while I'm not quite sure which scene he was referring to, I can think of at least three that could fit the bill.

"The A-Team" is filled with all kinds of action, which included the team flying heli-

copters, planes, and — get ready for this — tanks! Right now you're probably saying the same thing B.A. said: "What? You can't fly a tank, fool!"

And who better to engage in this action than the four leads of the film: Liam Neeson and Sharlto Copley have proven themselves to be great action stars from their films "Taken" and "District 9," respectively. "Rampage" Jackson, who fights for a living, and Bradley Cooper both show they are more than capable of being an action star.

In my opinion, a better team of actors couldn't have been chosen. Classic scenarios from the TV show such as

B.A. and Murdock's arguments and B.A.'s fear of flying are very much present in this film, giving the movie a comedic twist.

Sadly, the film suffers from being a little too fast-paced, which keeps the film from having a strong plot and room for character development. It seems that the makers of the film went on the basis that the viewers would automatically know the characters, thus the four main protagonists were given no introduction. When looking at the plot, I felt the same. It was almost like watching the TV show with better acting, action and special effects.

Thankfully, Hannibal's

Comic strip canine shines

Since "Garfield" strayed from comic strip to silver screen, it was only a matter of time until his canine contemporary, "Marmaduke," lumbered along behind. Sure, talking dogs look no better than those of a commercial for a popular brand of baked beans — but what does it matter?



Heather Foster
TEEN MOVIE REVIEW

As "Marmaduke" whipped children into vocal jubilation in the theater, I couldn't help but silently melt for the adorable talking Great Dane.

In this live-action interpretation, Marmaduke (voiced by Owen Wilson) and his family are making the big move from Kansas to California. Like his human brother and sister, the ungainly pup longs to fit in. His first day at the dog park, Marmaduke is harassed by Bosco (voiced by Kiefer Sutherland) and his followers. Luckily, a nicer pack takes in the awkward newbie.

Though Marmaduke's newfound friends could care less about social standing, Marmaduke craves acceptance from the snobbish cir-

cle. Marmaduke strays from his true sweet, gullible self to create a rough, careless top-dog image. After hurting his four-legged friends and breaking his family's trust, he learns high status is not worth the pain. Having learned his lesson, he galumphs his way into making things right.

Just like the strip, Marmaduke inadvertently topples tabletops and

scarfs down everything in sight along with other trademark antics. However, filmmakers further humanized the clumsy Dane by endowing him a voice and furry co-stars. Like "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," the movie merely brushes human characters and locks on to the real stars — loquacious doggies!

Though cavorting through all-too typical high school drama, the dogs (and cats) sugarcoat it into being forgivable.

While dummies and CGI animals performed the most audacious feats, it's delightful to see actual dog personalities shine through simple tricks. Moments where a Dane obediently holds out his paw as if bashfully refusing to dance or a crested hairless act as if it's anxiously kneading its forehead are cheek-pinchingly delectable.

Like the original character, "Marmaduke" the movie is simple and clunky but charms regardless, B-

"Marmaduke" has a running time of 87 minutes and is rated PG for some rude humor and language.

Heather Foster is a sophomore at the University of Florida.

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PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Og Mandino, an author born in Italy but who lived most of his life in the United States, said, "Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough."

Bridge section with a hand diagram showing North, West, East, and South cards. Includes dealer information and opening lead.

ple, with a hand like North's, you steer your partnership into a club contract. (Note that five clubs has no chance and it takes careful defense to defeat three no-trump.)

JUMBLE word game section. Includes a cartoon of a race car team and instructions for the word game.

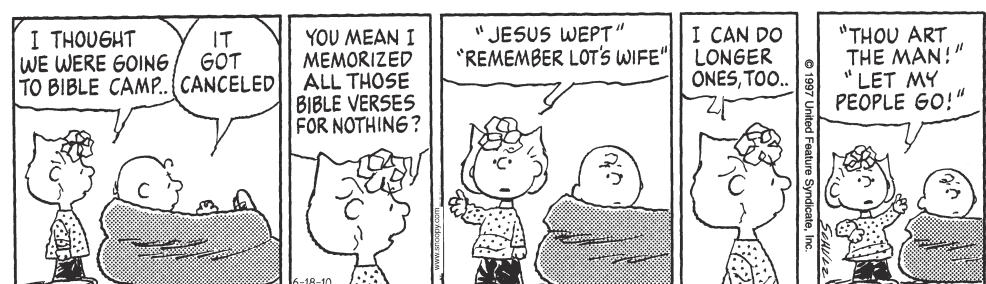
ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues. Includes clues like '39 Sheer fabric' and '1 So long!'.

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

Dear Annie: I am 26 and have been seriously dating "Bryan" for four years. We have lived together most of that time and love each other deeply.

ANNIE'S MAILBOX. Includes a photo of Annie and her mailbox address: Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.

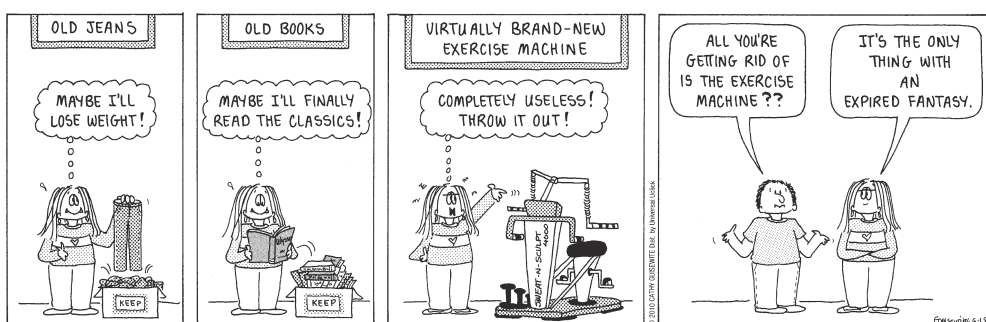
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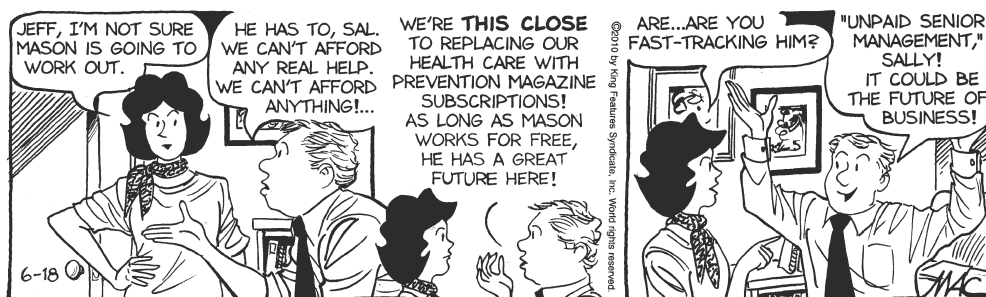
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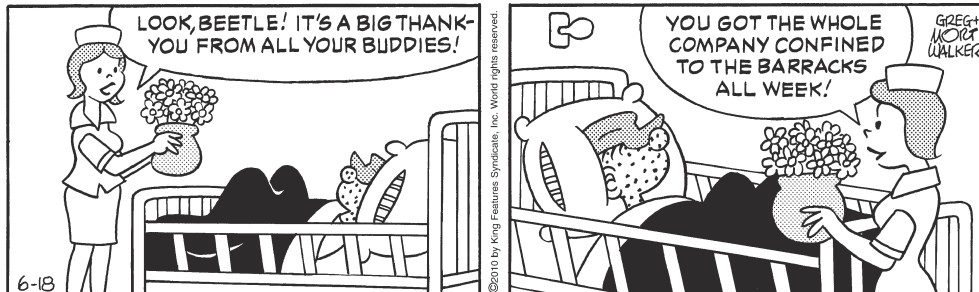
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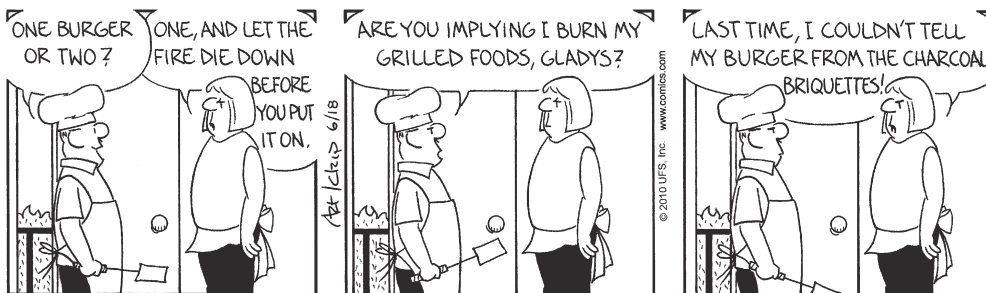
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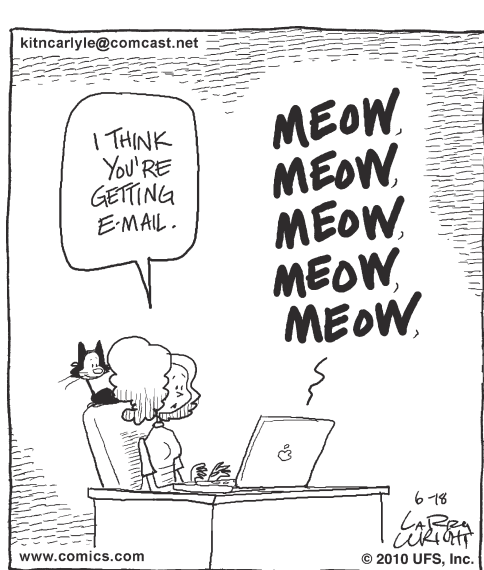
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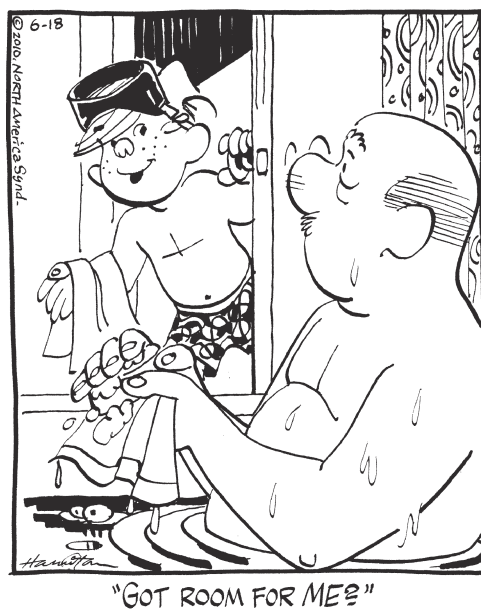
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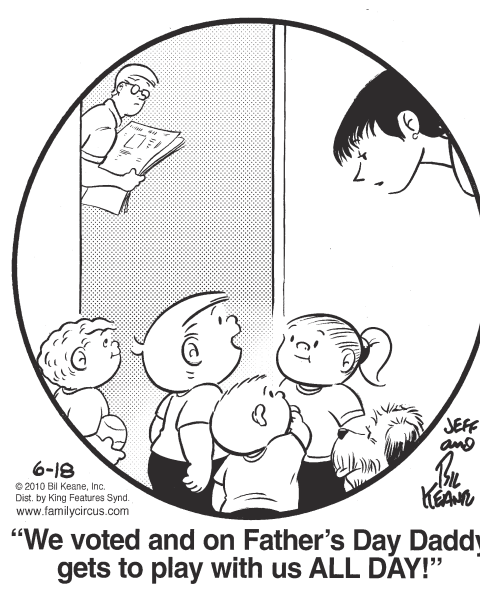
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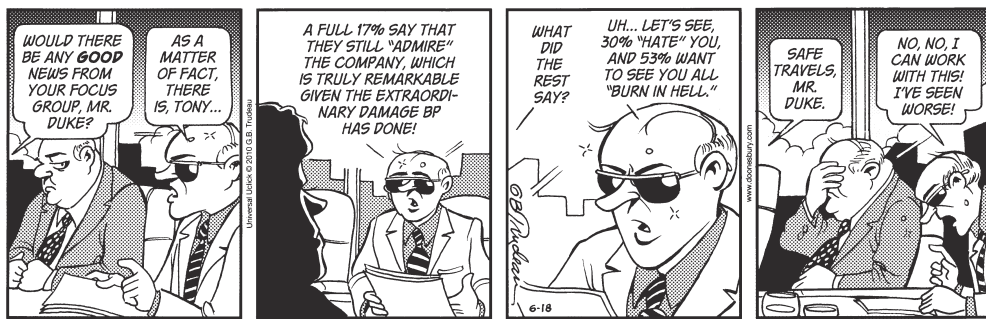
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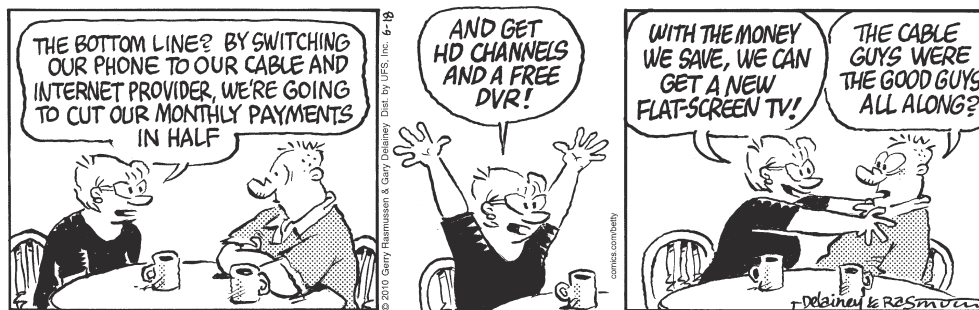
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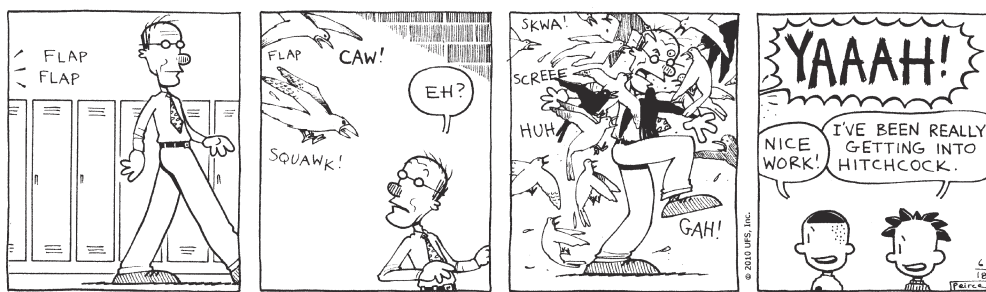
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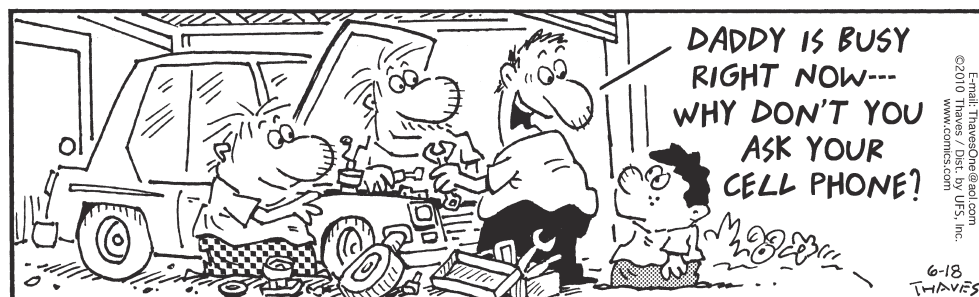
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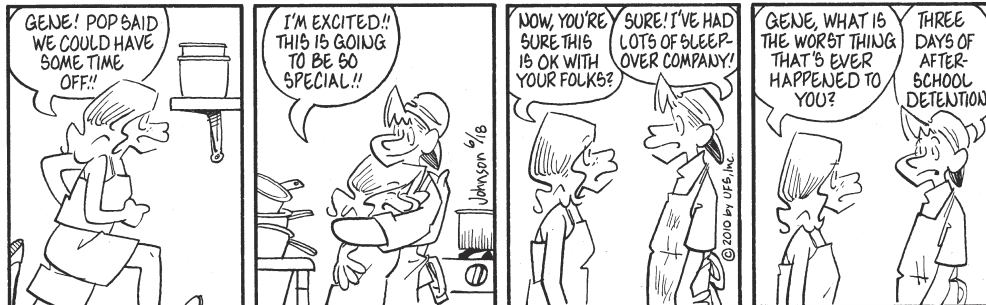
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: W equals R

"ORNAXAU, GNG! GFN GNMRE FBHK ZFN-MUFZ? ZFKWK JFNMRE SK B RXJZ NY VKNVRK GFN OBA BAE OBAANZ ORNAK ZFKLJKRHKJ." — ZKE EBAJNA

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Actually I walk around with the Emmy wherever I go, but I'm very casual about it." — Larry David

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Today's MOVIES

- Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377
- "Jonah Hex" (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10 p.m.
- "Toy Story 3" (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:35 p.m. No Passes.
- "The A-Team" (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:05 p.m.
- "The Karate Kid" (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
- "Prince of Persia: Sands of Time" (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
- "Shrek Forever After" (PG) 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
- Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
- "Jonah Hex" (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
- "Toy Story 3" (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:35 p.m. No Passes.
- "The A-Team" (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:15 p.m. No Passes.
- "The Karate Kid" (PG) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:05 p.m. No Passes.
- "Get Him to the Greek" (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
- "Marmaduke" (PG) 10:40 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
- "Killers" (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:20 p.m.
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- "Shrek Forever After" (PG) 10:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m.
- "Iron Man 2" (PG-13) 7:20 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

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