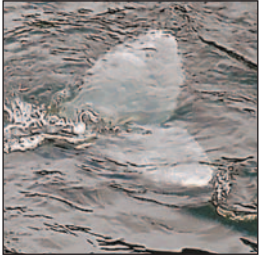




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Manatee dies at Homosassa park



Amanda, a 25-year resident at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, did not recover after undergoing a biopsy on Tuesday.

"Amanda" had been living at facility for 25 years

MIKE WRIGHT Staff Writer

HOMOSSASSA — A manatee held in captivity for 25 years at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park died Tuesday morning while undergoing a medical test to see if she was still eligible for release into the wild. Amanda, who came to the park in 1986 from the Miami Seaquarium after being rescued 13 years earlier, was having a biopsy performed to learn the cause of unusual mammary swelling, park

manager Art Yerian said. The biopsy was taken, but Amanda didn't regain consciousness after sedation. "She never woke up," Yerian said. Park volunteers were devastated by the news. "I'm just so heartbroken and upset," said Mary Ann DeSimone, who has volunteered at the park for 15 years. Amanda's death marks the first manatee death at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park since the park accepted Rosie in 1968.

Yerian, who announced Amanda's death in an email to park volunteers, said the manatee was taken to a pathology lab in St. Petersburg for a necropsy. Two separate labs were also testing the biopsy to see if they could learn the cause of the swelling and if it contributed to Amanda's death. Amanda and Electra, another longtime park manatee, were targeted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for release into the wild

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ER woes spur action



Linda McCarthy, director of nursing at Citrus Memorial Health System, explains the new procedures put in place in the emergency department to Janet DeRosa, right, during a Tuesday tour of the facility. DeRosa was pleased that the hospital took action to address concerns raised after she went public about receiving unsatisfactory treatment in the ER.

Local woman's 'nightmare' leads to changes in procedures

MIKE WRIGHT Staff Writer

INVERNESS — One of the worst days in Janet DeRosa's life might actually save someone else from a similar experience. An ambulance brought DeRosa on June 20 to Citrus Memorial hospital with painful kidney stones. Rather than receive treatment right away, DeRosa spent nine hours in the emergency department waiting room with severe nausea. None too pleased with her experience, DeRosa fired off a letter to the editor of the Citrus County Chronicle, which was printed and followed up with a news story. And the hospital took notice. CMH made several changes to its emergency room protocols that are

designed to create greater awareness for staff of patient needs and for patients to understand what they should expect. "We felt this was a very important response," said Linda McCarthy, director of nursing at Citrus Memorial Health System. DeRosa, who lives in Crystal River, also appreciated the hospital's actions. "You have apologized and you remedied it," she told McCarthy on Tuesday morning during a tour of the CMH emergency department. The new procedures include: ■ Nursing staff numbers adjusted to manage peak hours between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. ■ A laminated sheet now directs waiting room patients to alert hospital staff if their pain or symptoms

worsen, or if they plan to leave the hospital without treatment. McCarthy said she doesn't want anyone to leave without being evaluated medically. ■ Patients will be greeted by hospital medical staff when they arrive by ambulance. That didn't happen with DeRosa. She said the ambulance workers wheeled her in by gurney and left her in the hallway while a nurse discussed her condition with them. "I could hear her talking to the driver," DeRosa said. "They were chatting and having a nice conversation. Then they took me off the gurney and put me in a wheelchair." McCarthy said she hopes the

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Old vote clouds debate

Council seemed to back all-year bay speed limits

A.B. SIDIBE Staff Writer

A recently uncovered resolution passed unanimously by the Crystal River City Council in August 2007 has revved up debate about a controversial federal proposal about speed limits in King's Bay. The city contends it was only forwarding information its waterfront advisory subcommittee had about boat speeds in the bay, and that the current federal plan lacks merit and is "overreach" by the government.

But federal officials and a group geared toward protection of manatees say the documents prove the government did its due diligence by getting input before it unveiled its proposal.

Next week — Aug. 22 — is the deadline for public input before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decides if the King's Bay's "sport zone" becomes a slow speed zone for boaters all year.

And, according to Chuck Underwood, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, that decision — he hopes — comes before the manatees return en masse to their winter nesting waters in November.

Underwood, whose office is in Jacksonville, will make the final determination in the matter. He said one of three things is likely to happen:

- Modify the plan. "We can take away rules, but can't make it more severe";
- Withdraw the proposal entirely; or
- Go ahead with the already-announced plan.

The locally controversial proposal was unveiled by federal officials in June and it calls for, among other things, the area around Buzzard Island, popularly known as the sports zone, to become a slow zone for boaters in a bid to protect the sea cows from propeller injuries and deaths. Officials say the slow speeds are necessary to protect manatees from fast boats. The current speed limit in the "sport zone" is 35 mph. The rule changes also could affect scuba diving in Three Sisters Springs and create no-entry areas in smaller springs if weather is cold enough.

During a hearing about

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PSC mulls Progress nuke charges

Consumer advocates: Don't make customers pay for plant if it might not be built

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Consumer advocates urged state regulators on Tuesday to reduce Progress Energy Florida's customer charge for a planned nuclear power plant because the utility has not yet made a firm commitment to actually build the facility. The Public Service Commission resumed a hearing that began last week on nuclear power cost recovery fees charged by Florida's

two largest electric utilities. The panel previously focused on Florida Power & Light Co. and now has shifted to Progress Energy. Several more days of testimony are expected. The commission is scheduled to decide in late October how much the companies can charge customers in 2012 for new or upgraded reactors before they become operational. Deputy Public Counsel Charles Rehwinkel asked the panel to disallow at

least \$55 million of about \$140 million being sought by Progress Energy. He said that funding would go for expenses other than those costs needed to obtain a license for a proposed nuclear plant in Levy County. Rehwinkel also told the five-member commission that the project has a "dismal future at best" in part because of its high cost compared with other types of fuel such as natural gas. He cited a company study indicating the projected starting date would be pushed back from 2021 to 2027 and questioned if what he called a "ghost plant" will ever be built even though about \$1 billion already has been spent on it. "The customers may well

be wise today to take a billion dollar pill, swallow it and be happy to avoid what could have been," Rehwinkel said in his opening statement. Progress Energy lawyer John Burnett said arguments by Rehwinkel and other consumer advocates are nothing but a "litany of distractions." One of those arguments is that customers will be paying for the plant even if it's canceled. "Correct," Burnett said. "That is an unremarkable proposition that has existed since the beginning of modern regulatory law." In an effort to promote nuclear energy, the Florida Legislature passed a law

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Wandering whale dies in Calif. river



ASHALA TYLOR/Associated Press

In this photo taken Aug. 4, Seth Altamus stands on his paddle board as a gray whale swims close by in the Klamath River in Klamath, Calif. The whale and her calf entered the river in late June during their northward journey from breeding grounds in Baja California on the way to Alaska. The mother whale was found dead in the river Tuesday. The calf is believed to have returned to the ocean, and scientists said the calf was mature enough to make the rest of its journey alone.

Creature had drawn crowds of curious onlookers

Associated Press

KLAMATH, Calif. — Dozens of people gathered on a highway bridge spanning the Klamath River to mourn the death Tuesday of a 45-foot female gray whale that had delighted people for more than a month after getting stranded in the Northern California waterway.

The whale drew big, curious crowds — including some people who stood in the water serenading the huge marine mammal with a violin or flute — since swimming into the river with its calf in late June.

No one knows why the whale took refuge in fresh water while migrating north from the birthing grounds off Baja California. Some scientists say it may have been driven inland by killer whales.

On Tuesday afternoon, about a dozen people stood on the bridge to watch researchers haul the whale's carcass out of the water using a backhoe.

Among them was Phil Purcell, who had planned a trip from the nearby town of Arcata to see the whale before learning it had died.

"We thought we would pay our respects," said Purcell, who brought his twin 7-year-old sons, Shane and Kai.

"It's sad because we didn't get to see it alive," Kai said. "That poor calf has got to swim around for the rest of its life without its mother."

The calf swam back out to sea on July 23, about the

right time for it to wean and go off on its own. But efforts to drive its mother back to sea with calls of killer whales played upriver and other measures did not persuade it to leave.

Instead it remained, sometimes feeding on invasive species of clams and snails in the mud of the river bottom, shooting great geysers of air and water out of her blowhole, and spending much of its time within sight of people who lined the U.S. Highway 101 bridge for the unusual show.

"It's very sad," said Thomas O'Rourke, chairman of the Yurok Tribe, whose reservation lines the banks of the river south of Crescent City, Calif. "It started to become a part of the community."

The whale died around 4 a.m. as it was observed by a number of scientists.

"Based on the photos and everything, her fat layer looks good, so we don't think she starved to death. There's something else going on," said Sarah Wilkin, a coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who was a member of the team studying the whale and urging it back to the Pacific.

Ashala Tylor, a freelance photographer, has been making pictures of the whale for weeks and said she saw it alive Monday night.

"I stayed until about 2 a.m. this morning and she was swimming around the

bridge," Tylor said. "When I came back this morning she was on her side as dead as can be. I was shocked when I saw her."

Researchers took measurements of the dead whale, and the animal was expected to be buried later on the gravel riverbank during a private ceremony held by the Yurok Tribe among tall willows near the spot where it beached.

The last time wayward whales made headlines in California was in 2007, when a mother humpback and her calf journeyed 90 miles up the Sacramento River. The two whales were followed by crowds for more than two weeks before swimming back out to the Pacific Ocean at night.

Inverness seeks to nudge parking zone scofflaws

Placards aim to stop 'cat and mouse' game

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — City officials hope a little reminder on the windshield will solve the problem of downtown parking violators.

It's not what you think.

City Manager Frank DiGiovanni unveiled to the city council on Tuesday a set of placards that parking enforcers will place on the windshields of vehicles that constantly play the cat-and-mouse game of avoiding the two-hour parking rule.

While most people adhere to the two-hour parking limit on the streets downtown and in some parking lots, others move their cars around the block every two hours and return near the same spot just to avoid the ticket.

Many of these people either own businesses downtown or work there, DiGiovanni said. Parking enforcers with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office know who they are, he said.

The neatly designed placards give directions to free municipal parking nearby and are designed to cut down on vehicle

owners who "we're playing roulette with all the time," DiGiovanni said.

The placards let vehicle owners know they can avoid tickets by parking in municipal lots. One, aimed at business owners, says potential customers are likely to drive right by to a big-box store or fast-food restaurant if they can't find a street parking space.

"They're not negative. They're not abusive," DiGiovanni said. "We don't yell at anybody."

The "parking guides" are a joint venture with the city and sheriff's office, he said.

Council members liked the idea. "They're not offensive," council president Jacquie Hepfer said. "They're not confrontational."

In other business Tuesday, the council:

- Approved closing sections of three streets that appear on maps — but do not exist — to make way for a new Publix shopping center on State Road 44 near Montgomery Avenue.

- Increased the utility tax from 9 percent to 10 percent to help make up for revenue lost due to declining property values. DiGiovanni said the tax, applied to electric bills and other metered utilities, will net about \$68,000 a year for the city.

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Poster contest entries sought

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus 20/20 Save Our Waters Week Committee has announced its 2011 Save Our Waters Week Poster Contest for Citrus County public, private and home-schooled students in grades kindergarten through sixth.

Each classroom submitting a poster will receive a certificate of participation and winners will receive prizes. Posters will be displayed at Save Our Waters Week events Sept. 16 to 24.

The theme is "Going Green Doesn't Mean Green Waters — Fertilize Responsibly!" Submissions must be received by Friday, Sept. 2.

Entry forms and poster pickup can be arranged by emailing Debra Burden at Debra.Burden@bocc.citrus.fl.us by Thursday, Sept. 1. Otherwise, posters can be delivered to the Department of Water Resources, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Ste 226, Lecanto, Fla. 34461.

All posters must be a collaborative work, represent-

ing an entire classroom or group. The art should be mounted on 24-by-36-inch foam core board. The registration form must be securely attached to the back of each entry, in addition to a typed list of all participating students.

No computer-generated entries. Refrain from using materials that may smear, crack, chip or fall off. Don't use copyrighted material or ideas, such as cartoon characters. Call Burden at (352) 527-7684.

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Around the
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Citrus County

County officials to speak at recreation meeting

The Beverly Hills Recreation Association will host Citrus County Commissioner Joe Meek and County Administrator Brad Thorpe at its meeting at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. They will discuss the future of the association.

The meeting is open to the public.

The Beverly Hills Recreation Association is at 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

Animal group holds calendar contest

The Friends of Citrus County Animal Services (FOCCAS) is offering fame and celebrity status to local pets who have been adopted from a shelter, rescue organization or just a bad situation.

Share a picture of your dog, cat or bird living the good life, lounging on their favorite chair, or romping in the back yard and it might become a calendar pin-up in the organization's 2012 Pet Calendar.

Proceeds from the organization's photo contest and calendar sales will go toward helping other less fortunate pets get a chance to share in living the good life.

The Pet Calendar 2012 will feature 12 winning photographs from the Pet Idol contest that is currently running at www.chronicelonline.com. To enter, click on the "Enter a Photo" tab at the top of the website. Photos are \$25 per entry and will be accepted until Aug. 31.

The winning photos featured each month will be published in the FOCCAS calendar. The top winners will also be eligible for a pet portrait and three free calendars.

Voting will begin at 12:01 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, and run through 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

Fundraiser contribution costs:

- Five votes for \$5.
- Ten votes for \$10.
- Twenty votes for \$15.
- Thirty votes for \$20.

Calendars will be sold for \$25 and will be available before the holidays.

FOCCAS is a volunteer organization dedicated to advocating animal welfare, community involvement and humane education to further the bond between people and animals and to increase adoptions at the county animal shelter, according to the group's website.

—From staff reports

Clarification

In a story on Page A3 of Tuesday's edition, "Taxpayers advised to read TRIM notices," the telephone number for customer service should have been (352) 341-6600. Anyone with questions about their TRIM notice should use the telephone number on the second page of the TRIM notice.

Readers can alert The Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing dman@chronicleonline.com or by calling (352) 563-5660.

Online auction helps food program

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

The online auction to benefit the "Under One Roof" campaign for a countywide food distribution center is under way and bidders will likely see bargains on items from gift card packages to electronics.

"There are a lot of good items," said John Marmish, executive director of the United Way of Citrus County.

Bobbie Kellner with We Care Food Pantry in Homosassa said the auction, which began Monday, has been doing well, but people will have the opportunity to continue to place bids until Saturday, Sept. 10, when the auction will be broadcast live from noon to 5 p.m. on WYKE-TV, Channel 16.

According to Kellner, the money raised from the auction will go toward the "Under One Roof" campaign to finish building two 7,200-square-foot storage and distribution centers on 4.7 acres of land on Cardinal Street and Premier Avenue in Homosassa for Feed Citrus County in partnership with We Care.

With having a centralized distribution center, Kellner stated it would cut down on the current driving time of two hours for agencies that go all the way to Tampa to pick up food. Marmish said having a location in the county for food will not only help save on gas, but also make food safer since the centers will also be equipped with freezers, loading docks and storage areas.

"It's going to assist our local feeding agencies," he said.

Kellner said while construction is under way on the \$1.2 million project, there is still much fundraising that needs to be done to fully complete both centers. Marmish said the foundation for the second building has already been poured and the money from the auction will help raise the last \$50,000 needed to finish the project.

"It's coming," he said.

To bid on items, visit <http://natlauctions.com>. Those wishing to see an item may call the We Care Food Pantry office at (352) 628-0445 and arrangements will be made to have the item available for inspection.

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Key consumer gives back to caregiver

MATTHEW BECK
Staff Writer

For 10 years Linda Colyer provided care-giving assistance to Key Training Center consumer Kevin Flynn. Last Thursday morning, Flynn returned the favor in the most unlikely of places.

Co-workers at the Homosassa Walmart are heralding Flynn, a 46-year-old parking lot attendant at the store, as a hero for providing assistance to Colyer. She had become unconscious and slumped over in the front seat of her van. She was in desperate need of medical assistance.

"Kevin, what you did for that customer yesterday was awesome," Walmart store manager Ed Shaw said during a brief ceremony in the store Friday morning.

Apparel department manager Tammy Herrin said she watched Flynn as he jumped into action. She said about 40 minutes earlier Flynn had helped Colyer to her van and when he returned to the parking lot after his lunch break and the van hadn't moved, he became concerned.

"I saw Kevin approach the van and look inside. Then he opened the door and he leaned inside to check on something," she said. "At that point I saw somebody's limp arm and knew there was a serious problem."

"It was extremely hot in that van. The engine was not on and there was no air conditioning running. The windows were up, too," she recalled.

As several friends and employees spoke of his heroism, the mild-mannered Flynn explained his actions. "I had to drop everything and go — it was just a reaction. I knew if I didn't do something she'd be gone."

Colyer, who had made it back to her home Friday, said, "If he hadn't shown up and seen me I don't know what would have happened. He's a hero in my book."

She said she doesn't remember much about what happened, just a "funny feeling" and nothing more.

Colyer's a diabetic and said the combination of a drop in her blood-sugar level and the intense heat inside her van caused her to pass out.

As a result of Flynn's attention, he was able to hail assistance for his friend. Several store workers as well as other patrons, including a nurse, quickly came to her aid until emergency medical services arrived.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Theresa Flick, program and services director at the Key Training Center, tells Kevin Flynn, "You have a big heart, Kevin," during a short ceremony at the Homosassa Walmart on Friday morning. Flynn was instrumental last Thursday in discovering an ill customer who had passed out in her car.

After a trip to Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center to be evaluated, she said she was cleared and released early in the evening. Flynn even made a visit to the hospital Thursday afternoon to check on her.

Before suffering a stroke last October, Colyer spent more than 10 years as one of Flynn's caregivers. She said she provided rides to places such as a peer club in Dunnellon and sometimes Busch Gardens in Tampa as well as helped with other tasks when needed. She said she

isn't surprised that Flynn has the right stuff to jump in and help in a crisis.

Iris Whittaker, community-relations manager for the Key Training Center, said that educating the developmentally disabled in life-skills is a main focus at the Key. She said that as individuals go through the educational process offered at the Key, they "are taught skills like how to pay attention to people, how to carry on conversations, call 911. Those important things that can equip a person like Kevin to re-

spond in this manner."

Flynn has worked at the Walmart store for the past 20 years and is a friendly, familiar face to many patrons, providing assistance any way he can, co-workers said.

"I think Kevin and the effort he gives to this store is a blessing," said store personnel manager Suzanne Green, "He is terrific and does anything we ask of him. If you needed it, he would give you the shirt off his back."

Yankeetown takes steps to purchase, preserve Chambers Island

TAYLOR PROVOST
For the Chronicle

The Yankeetown Council has a special meeting Monday night to discuss plans to purchase nearby Chambers Island to ensure its preservation as an important piece of historical and environmental land.

In February, the town council members voted to apply for a \$1.5 million grant from Florida Communities Trust (FCT) — a subcommittee of Florida Forever — to purchase Chambers Island, which is currently privately owned. One council member voted against the decision, citing

concerns about the responsibilities the island's upkeep would require.

Lauren Day, a Florida field representative from the Conservation Fund, was at the meeting to discuss the progress of the town's grant application. She is organizing a group of representatives to meet with the grant reviewers in Tallahassee on Aug. 25, where they will receive their final project ranking, as determined by "project excellence points."

"It's our hope we can get the project into a position where it will be approved for funding," Day said. "If the project is funded, the county/FCT would then have to go through a series of steps, including

appraisals, due diligence and negotiations."

A project that was not previously in a position of funding can become a higher priority based on the up to 10 project excellence points awarded by the governing board. They are awarded for unique aspects of the project not adequately covered by the questions in the grant application itself.

Currently, Day said, the project is in the "middle of the pack."

Among the stipulations the council agreed to in the grant proposal are building a picnic pavilion and educational kiosk on the island and offering environ-

mental or historical education classes, if the grant is approved.

The purchase likely would not be completed until sometime in 2012, Day said.

In the late 1800s, Chambers Island was home to Captain John L. Inglis, who developed the island into Port Inglis, the largest phosphate port of its day. Before that, it was a safe haven from American soldiers for Seminoles.

At the meeting Monday, council members also voted unanimously to establish Yankeetown, and eventually Chambers Island, as an official destination on the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail.

UK police protected 2012 Olympic sites

Message intercepts provided impetus

Associated Press

LONDON — British police revealed Tuesday that they sent officers to protect major shopping centers and the 2012 Olympics sites after intercepting phone and social network messages saying they were targets for rioters.

Assistant Commissioner Lynne Owens of London's Metropolitan Police told a committee of lawmakers that police sent extra officers to London's Oxford Circus, two malls and the Olympic Park on Aug. 8 after seeing messages on Twitter and the BlackBerry devices of people who had been arrested for rioting.

Owens said that "through Twitter and BBM there was intelligence that the Olympic site, Westfields (shopping malls) and Oxford Street were going to be targeted."

"We were able to secure all those places and indeed there was no damage at any of them," she said, according to London's *Evening Standard* newspaper.

Police and politicians claim young criminals used Twitter and BlackBerry's simple and largely cost-free messaging service to coordinate looting sprees during the riots.

The government has said it will debate whether cell phone services could be disrupted or blackouts imposed on social networks during riots — proposals that have already been fiercely opposed by civil libertarians.

The acting chief of London's police force, Tim Godwin, told Parliament's home affairs committee that police had considered seeking approval to switch off such services, but decided against it. He said the legality of such action was "very questionable," and social networks were a useful intelligence asset.

Police have arrested more than 3,000 people over riots that erupted Aug. 6 in

north London and flared for four nights across the capital and other English cities.

A 16-year-old boy was ordered Tuesday to stand trial for the murder of a retiree attacked when he confronted rioters in London, as judges and prosecutors used tough punishment and name-and-shame tactics against hundreds of alleged participants in the mayhem.

The government said police would get better training and stronger powers to deal with a new and unpredictable era of street disturbances.

A teenager, who has not been named because of his age, appeared in court Tuesday accused of killing 68-year-old Richard Bowes, who was found lying in a street during violence in Ealing, west London, on Aug. 8.

CCTV footage captured Bowes being punched and falling to the pavement after he tried to stamp out a fire set by rioters. He died of head injuries three days later.

The suspect, dressed in a black shirt and with his arms crossed, was charged with murder, violent disorder and the burglary of a bookmaker, a supermarket, a video store and a restaurant.

He did not enter a plea and was ordered detained as he awaits trial at the Central Criminal Court.

The boy's 31-year-old mother has been charged with obstructing the police investigation. She also was denied bail.

So far about 1,400 people have been charged with riot-related offenses. More than 1,200 have appeared in court — often in chaotic, round-the-clock sessions dispensing justice that is swifter, and harsher, than usual.

Although a public opinion favors stern punishment for rioters, a few cases have made headlines and sparked debate. A London man received six months in jail for stealing a case of water worth 3.5 pounds (\$5) from a looted supermarket. A Manchester mother of two who did not take part in the riots was sentenced to five months for wearing a pair of looted shorts her roommate had brought home.

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allowing utilities to bill customers for construction costs before new plants begin generating power.

Burnett said the 2027 study covers "blue sky, what if, scenarios" and that Progress remains on track for a 2021 opening if the company decides to complete the Levy County plant.

Progress Energy serves 1.6 million homes, businesses and other customers in central and north Florida.

Its request amounts to \$4.65 per 1,000 kilowatt hours, which is about average monthly consumption for residential customers. That would be about 85 cents less than the current nuclear

cost recovery fee. Rehwinkel's proposal would cut it by at least another \$1.70.

James Brew, a lawyer for CS Phosphate-White Springs, said costs will increase dramatically in the future unless Progress Energy finds a co-owner to share the expenses.

The fee will grow to about \$400 per year for typical residential customers between 2016 and 2020 and to millions for PCS and other industrial consumers, Brew said.

"It's essential to look at and fully take in the magnitude of the ratemaking train wreck we're headed for," he said.

Brew said Progress has only vague possibilities for a co-owner or missed opportunities. He cited a recent letter of intent signed by the Florida Municipal

Power Agency, an electricity wholesaler owned by public utilities, for a minority share of a planned nuclear plant in South Carolina.

Jon Moyle Jr., a lawyer for the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, said the commission should "send a signal to Progress that this path they're heading down is treacherous, it's difficult, it's going to have a real negative impact on consumers."

Moyle said it's time for Progress to stop "kicking the nuclear can down the road."

The commission accepted a stipulation between Progress Energy and consumer advocates to forego \$500,000 in project management costs. That will have a negligible effect on average monthly bills.

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the proposal, public and political opposition was swift and generally against the slower speeds. Officials with the city of Crystal River and county government have mostly voiced opposition to either the plan or the process.

The issue even garnered national and international attention when it appeared on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*.

U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent, R-Brooksville, filed an amendment in July to prohibit the use of Department of Interior money to fund the manatee refuge rule.

His goal, Nugent said, was to calm things down and give people in the area a chance for more input.

But Underwood said the emergence of the Crystal River resolution from 2007 demonstrates that his agency has been working with local leaders to gain their input and find solutions to speed-related concerns in the bay.

The city council resolution from 2007 says, among other things, that while progress was made in restoring the Florida manatee, this progress is threatened by boat collisions and that the collisions could be reduced by imposing a year-round slow speed zone in the waters of King's Bay. It also said the city was transmitting the report to the USFWS and Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife for consideration

of a year-round slow speed zone in King's Bay.

The council at the time included the current mayor, Jim Farley, former mayor Ron Kitehen, who is now a councilman, and Maureen McNiff, who is still a sitting council member.

The current council recently passed a resolution denouncing the federal, year-round slow-speed proposal.

Councilman Kitehen said the aim of the 2007 resolution was strictly to transmit what the Waterfront Advisory Board recommended and "was in no way an endorsement of those ideas."

"I know it is a little confusing and I said so at the time, but my position continues to be: I am against any arbitrary and capricious effort that does not have scientific data to back it up. And the Fish and Wildlife people have not shown me any satisfactory scientific data yet," Kitehen said.

He added King's Bay has a lower manatee mortality rate from boat accidents than any other manatee area of the state, but the feds aren't rushing to those places to impose new rules.

Mayor Farley, who also voted for the 2007 resolution, said current ideas about government intrusion are what are driving his opposition to the plan.

"In 2007, we thought we were trying to address speeding in the bay, but this

rule is a massive overreach. It's a federal takeover of our waterways and also a property rights issue for me," Farley said.

He believes the speed issue should be a local matter and be addressed accordingly.

"Get a referendum and see how people will vote about it. Keep it local and keep federal hands off it," he said.

Patrick Rose, executive director of Save the Manatee Club, said the 2007 resolution is evidence of how something as simple as protecting the mammals has become politicized.

"Frankly, I think it is despicable. How can they blame the government for something they asked them to do? Enough is enough. We all know now the truth has not been told and these political shenanigans will continue. It's actually pretty sad," Rose said.

He said he doesn't understand how politicians who purport to support the interests of people let harm come to the manatees since they bring a great amount of tourism dollars to the area.

But Councilman Kitehen said the people and officials of Crystal River have done a great job protecting the manatees and "it is up to you (the feds) to prove we have not."

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changes will improve patient care at the hospital.

"It's history," she said, referring to DeRosa's experience. "We've resolved many of those issues. The only way we can make changes is for someone to bring information to us."

McCarthy said 40,000 patients arrive at the CMH emergency room every year.

Each patient is evaluated and treated based on immediate need.

That includes patients brought to the hospital by ambulance. Along the route, an ambulance paramedic is in contact with the hospital's emergency department nursing station. Patients with heart trouble or trauma are treated immediately. Others, such as in DeRosa's case, are seen in order of need just as if they had driven to the hospital themselves.

"In Citrus County many people don't drive," she said. "They call 911 and EMS brings them into the back area. There may be sicker people in the lobby."

McCarthy said she appreciated DeRosa bringing her plight to the hospital's attention.

"We can't get better if we don't listen," McCarthy said.

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MANATEE

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in early 2010 as part of a federal program to free from captivity all manatees not requiring medical care.

The release was put on hold following public outcry.

Federal and state officials, however, said the release would eventually take place. They isolated Amanda and Electra from the manatee population, and placed them on a special diet so they could get in better shape for release.

Yerian said Amanda had never had a biopsy, but that it was being done to see if there were any medical circumstances to cause her not to be released.

"We wanted to make sure there were no underlying problems with her," he said. He described the proce-

cedure as routine, and said it was going well until medical workers went to revive Amanda from the sedation.

"We waited and waited," Yerian said. "She never came out of it, no matter what we did."

Yerian said he knows some people will blame Amanda's death on the federal release program. However, he said the park would have performed the biopsy whether Amanda was destined for release or not.

Volunteers including

Cindy Brieske, who hand-fed Amanda and other manatees until the state stopped that portion of the manatee program in late 2009, knew Amanda well.

"She was my favorite manatee," Brieske said. "I worked with her for six and a half years, physically touching her, feeding her. I scrubbed her. She was just very special."

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Court: Scott overstepped authority

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court handed Gov. Rick Scott a defeat Tuesday with a ruling that he exceeded his authority by ordering state agencies to freeze rulemaking and submit planned regulations to his office for review and approval before formally proposing them.

The justices split 5-2 in favor of a disabled woman who challenged Scott's freeze after it delayed the adoption of a rule making it easier for her to apply for food stamps.

The Republican governor suspended rulemaking less than an hour after taking office Jan. 4. His executive order also set up the governor's Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform to review and approve existing and proposed rules to make sure they are in synch with Scott's campaign promise to expand business and jobs.

"The governor has overstepped his constitutional authority and violated the separation of powers," the majority justices wrote in the unsigned opinion.

Rulemaking is an extension of the Legislature's lawmaking authority. Rules must implement a specific law and the Legislature

must grant authority to executive agencies to adopt pertinent rules, the justices wrote.

"It's a disappointment," Scott said. "You know, think about it. The secretaries of these agencies report to me. They work for me at will, then I'm not supposed to supervise them? It doesn't make any sense."

The ruling, though, delighted Scott's political opponents.

Florida Democratic Party executive director Scott Arceneaux said in a statement the suspension was part of Scott's "effort to promote his tea party agenda. This is the kind of disregard for the law, and the people of Florida, that we have come to expect from this governor and Republican Legislature."

The high court, though, virtually invited the Legislature to give Scott the authority it says he lacks. The justices declined to order state agencies to comply with their ruling. Instead, they wrote that they trusted Scott wouldn't enforce the suspension "at this time, and until such time as the Florida Legislature may amend" existing law or delegate rulemaking authority to the governor.

"We've always thought if the governor got authority from the Legislature he could have done what he

did," said former Florida State University President Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, who argued the case on behalf of Rosalie Whiley, a blind Opa-Locka resident.

The Supreme Court noted the Legislature did pass a new law taking a step in that direction. It went into effect June 24 with Scott's signature. The law essentially approved the review process contained in Scott's executive order but only for rules in effect on or before Nov. 16, 2010. It does not, though, authorize the suspension or termination of rulemaking.

Cindy Leann Huddleston, an attorney with Florida Legal Services, which also represented Whiley, said she didn't challenge provisions of the order covered by the law. Huddleston said the ruling will help Legal Services clients whose benefits are affected by state rules.

"It's a tremendous victory for our clients," Huddleston said. She said Whiley was "excited and pleased."

The rule Whiley was concerned about eventually was adopted after a month-and-a-half delay, Huddleston said. It allows blind people to apply orally for food stamps.

Chief Justice Charles Canady and Justice Ricky Polston, the high court's

most reliably conservative members, dissented. They wrote separately but concurred with each other.

Both argued the Florida Constitution gives the governor "supreme executive power." The majority ruled there are limits to that power and noted the Legislature has given rulemaking authority to department heads, not the governor.

Polston also contended the rulemaking "suspension" was a moot issue because Scott later revised the executive order to remove that word. The majority called that argument a "red herring" and wrote that the new order was "nothing more than sleight of hand" because it still had the effect of suspending rulemaking.

The decision also won praise from Audubon of Florida and Disability Rights of Florida, which filed "friend of the court" briefs.

"It secures the place of ordinary people being able to participate in rulemaking," said Audubon executive director Eric Draper. "The governor was trying to make rules in the dark halls of the Capitol out of the sunshine."

Draper said his organization now will push for rulemaking on Everglades restoration and stormwater pollution to resume.

Obituaries



Nelson Fongemie, 68
BEVERLY HILLS

Nelson C. Fongemie, 68, of Beverly Hills, Florida, died Monday, August 15, 2011. Visitation, Sunday, August 21, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. at Fero Funeral Home.

Helen Jordan, 96
BEVERLY HILLS

Helen Jordan, 96 of Beverly Hills, Florida died on Sunday, August 14, 2011. Visitation will be Friday, August 19, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Fero Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Fero Memorial Gardens. Arrangements entrusted to Fero Funeral Home.

James Prater, 71
CRYSTAL RIVER

James Willard Prater, October 19, 1939 – August 13, 2011, a resident of Crystal River, passed away peacefully at the Hospice of Citrus County.

James was born in Cedar Bluff, Alabama, and spent his life providing for his family as a mechanic.

He was one of eight children born to the late R.E. and Nellie Prater and was the beloved husband of Pat Prater for over 40 years. James will forever be remembered by his daughters DaJuana Prater, Angela Singletary, Margaret Galligan, Penny Prater; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

James touched the lives of many people with his kind heart and his trademark sense of humor. The family requests all donations be sent to the Broken Hearts of the Big Bend.

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Fuel tax: Florida faces \$5 billion hit by 2020

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Improved fuel efficiency may be good for the planet, but its a millstone around the necks of state transportation officials who expect to lose \$5 billion by the end of the decade in gas tax revenue that traditionally pays for roads, bridges and other infrastructure that connects Floridians.

Tougher federal fuel standards coupled with a no-new-tax mood are a double whammy for planners trying to keep pace with anticipated population growth and an aging transportation system. But with Americans increasingly driving hybrids and electric automobiles, states like Florida are having to turn away from gas taxes for the billions of dollars needed just to keep the trucks rolling.



Associated Press

A man fuels his car July 26 at a Chevron gas station in Miami. Improved fuel efficiency may be good for the planet, but state transportation officials expect to lose \$5 billion by the end of the decade in gas tax revenue that traditionally pays for roads, bridges and other infrastructure that connects Floridians.

Without increases in taxes, higher fuel efficiency standards will translate into a drop of \$5.1 billion in lost fuel tax collections by 2020, according to the Florida Transportation Commission.

The commission found out Tuesday that the effects of improved mileage will have an even more immediate impact, reducing 2011 revenue by \$24 million and reaching \$500 million a year by 2015.

"We are the fourth largest state, soon to be the third largest state in terms of population," said Commissioner Maurice Ferre. "It's not our kids who will have to solve this problem. This is a problem we will have to solve."

Fuel taxes have long been the primary drivers of Florida highway construction. Federal fuel taxes of 18.4 cents a gallon for gasoline and 20.4 cents a gallon for diesel translated this year into \$2 billion in road building funds for the state. State taxes of 19 cents a gallon added another \$1.8 billion. Local governments add between 5 cents and 12 cents to the price.

For the 2011/12 fiscal year, state and federal fuel taxes pumped \$3.9 billion into the state's transportation funding, about 65 percent of all money used to build and maintain roads,

bridges and other transportation needs. And therein lies the rub.

While state fuel taxes are indexed for inflation, federal taxes are not. Congressional debate over the transportation budget continues as the federal government faces a Sept. 30 deadline for extending the tax. State transportation officials say they are expecting a continuation budget at best. One near certainty is that there will be no increase in the federal gas tax in the current anti-tax climate.

But longer term challenges exist. New federal requirements will increase the required miles per gallon to 35.5 by the 2016 model year. The Obama administration is looking at a 54 miles per gallon average by the 2025 model year.

"The changes in federal regulations will have a profound effect on the state's ability to raise sufficient revenue to maintain the state's transportation infrastructure," said FTC assistant executive director Mark Reichert.

The new Chevy Volt, an electric hybrid, allows commuters to travel up to 40 miles without using their

gasoline engine, a range that will allow 75 percent of commuters to go to and from work without having to use fuel. The Nissan Leaf is an all-electric vehicle with a range of 100 miles.

"The ground is shifting under us now," said Commission Chairman Garrett Walton.

Lawmakers have discussed a number of options, few more controversial than a proposal to link fuel tax payments to the number of miles driven. The proposal has brought up a number of issues, including privacy rights and the costs associated with putting such a system in place.

State Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad and several other leaders have suggested more tolled lanes when adding capacity to highways, and using tolls to pay for any new bridges. Privatization of certain new roads may also be part of the future picture.

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Reservation dogs roam unchecked

Associated Press

GALLUP, N.M. — The 55-year-old man was found lying on the side of the road on the Navajo Nation, a pack of dogs mauling him relentlessly. Emergency workers chased them away, but the pack — their ribs sticking out — kept trying to circle back.

It was not determined whether the dogs or a seizure felled Larry Armstrong as he went for a walk near his rural home last December. An autopsy report said he died from the bites, but investigators were unable to determine if he was even conscious when he was attacked. Regardless, the case vividly underscored the problems the Navajo Nation — and many other tribal lands — have with stray, feral or just neglected and loose dogs.

On the vast Navajo Nation, wildlife and animal control manager Kevin Gleason estimates there are four to five dogs for each of the more than 89,000 households — or as many as 445,000 dogs, most of which roam unchecked, killing livestock and biting people with alarming regularity.

“They kill everything,” Gleason said in a recent interview. “Cats, dogs, cattle, sheep, horses. We’ve also had people severely injured by them. We’ve had people with horrendous bites. We just had a case ... where a man lost 37 sheep to a pack of dogs.”

“We have that going on all the time. Our officers respond to more than 25 bite cases a month, and 25 livestock damage cases a month.”

Attempts to diminish the problem with round-ups by animal control officers, weekly spay and neuter clinics in Gallup, and ongoing efforts by small group of volunteers to ship a few healthy puppies and dogs to shelters in Albuquerque and Colorado have had virtually no impact.

“You look at the Sundance area where that gentleman was killed, we went in and removed 79 dogs after that and it looked like we never touched it,” Gleason said.

Dogs roam the sides of highways, restaurant, gas station and store parking lots and just about anywhere else they might find food. Their carcasses in various stages of decomposition litter spots along the sides of the main roads and interstates.

After Gleason added the animal control operations to his duties in October, he said he ordered his officers to conduct a series of roundups. Between October and April, he said officers picked up 2,332 dogs. Of those, only 79 were adopted and 313 were released back to their owners. The rest were euthanized. The roundups were cancelled shortly after that, he said, “because we ran out of money.”

On average, he said, the Nation euthanizes about 6,000 dogs a year. In McKinley County and the city of Gallup, which are surrounded by tribal lands, nearly 4,000 dogs, cats and other animals were euthanized last year.

The problem goes back to a contrasting mix of cultural and socioeconomic issues. For some tribes, respect for dogs dates back to a time when canines served as pack animals and protectors of the camp. Others believe dogs belong to the spirits and should not be killed.

But care for the animals varies widely. On the Navajo reservation, many people are too poor to even get their dogs to a vet — if there was one around — let alone pay for medicine or a spay or neuter procedure. Dogs are referred to as feces eaters, and children are taught to never cry for or bury a dog.

At the Navajo Nation shelter in Fort Defiance recently, there was no emotion as

two kids and a woman unloaded three seemingly well-taken care of family dogs from the back of their truck, dragging and eventually having to carry them into the small, dilapidated building where they huddled together in a cage, waiting to be euthanized for attacking the neighbor’s sheep.

Donna Damon, a Navajo who is a vet tech at the Gallup Humane Society, said her father still doesn’t understand why she chose a career taking care of animals.

“He said, ‘Why can’t you be a nurse,’” she said.

Animal rescue groups say dog overpopulation is a problem on most reservations.

“They have varying levels of seriousness,” said John Polis, a spokesman for the Best Friends Animal Society, a rescue group that runs a sanctuary for thousands of animals in rural Utah, “but they are all kind of dealing with the same problem.”

“We get calls from people all over the place who happen upon a reservation during their vacation or have taken in a reservation dog and want to know how to socialize it,” Polis said.

He said the group has worked with the Navajo Nation and occasionally takes some of its animals but “it is such a gigantic problem we haven’t been able to tackle it with enough resources to make a huge impact.”

Both Polis and Gleason cited cultural barriers and mistrust as impeding efforts by rescue groups and tribes to work together.

Gleason said the Navajo Nation has no choice to but to continue to euthanize dogs at a high rate.

“Prior to me coming here, we weren’t really doing adoptions. We are trying to get as many dogs out as we can. But the thing is, we don’t pick up one or two dogs. We pick up 50, 60, 70 at a time.”

After the sweep that netted 79 dogs in Sundance in December, he said, only 12 were claimed by owners.

Gleason said he has tried to work with off-reservation rescue groups, but many don’t want to deal with the tribe, he said, because of its high euthanasia rate.

Polis said there are also problems with outsiders going on tribal lands and “stepping on toes.”

“A lot of people think they should round them up and take them off. But a lot of them are people’s pets. Sometimes people take a dog and we tell them you are stealing.”

While the problems are pervasive across many reservations, Polis pointed to a project on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota as an example of a progressive community-based effort to stem unwanted breeding.

“We don’t have a big problem with (attacks on people) although we do occasionally have dogs that are hungry and will pack up and kill young livestock,” said Virginia Ravndal, who started the Lakota Animal Care Project. “Probably a bigger issue for us is disease, starvation and freezing. Mange is a huge problem. And going into South Dakota winters without hair, a lot of dogs don’t make it.”

Ravndal said the project has worked to train tribal members to provide basic care like treatment for mange and worms. After they gain the trust of pet owners, they talk to them about spay and neutering.

“You can’t just go in and say your animal has to be spayed and neutered. You really have to develop a relationship,” she said.

She has also developed a kids program called Shunka Scouts (shunka means dog in Lakota), in which children can interact with animals and earn “acts of kindness badges” that help teach them basics of ani-



Associated Press

An unidentified family drops three dogs at a Navajo Nation animal shelter in Fort Defiance, Ariz., for euthanasia after the dogs attacked a neighbor’s sheep.

mal care. Part of the message: “Animals are our relations and no one should go hungry, no one should go cold, no one should be sick.”

The program, which also works with rescue groups and no-kill shelters, has had to temporarily shutter some of its programs

because it has run out of money, Ravndal said. She hopes to host a gathering of nations next summer to help other tribes set up similar programs designed to make long-term changes to how tribal members view and care for their pets.

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A recent *Wall Street Journal* front page had a story about the wild ride on the financial markets and a second story about how traders were squirming. But right there at the bottom of the page was a story about how Crystal River residents are dealing with the federal government's plans to further protect manatees.

Talk about high profile. The *Journal* has more than 1.2 million print subscribers around the world and a high number of on-line customers who saw this story.

Written by Arian Campo-Flores of the *Journal's* Miami bureau, the story detailed how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants to extend manatee protections by doing away with the summer sports zone in King's Bay.

The article was a balanced review of what's happening in Citrus County and it talked in a calm tone about the frustration that local folks feel about a federal government that, some contend, creates rules first and asks for input later.

Important to local business and residents was the point made by County Commissioner Joe Meek — that Citrus County does not want to appear to be anti-manatee.

Our community has done more to protect manatees than any other place in the United States. And that's part of the

reason why the local herd of these spectacular animals has grown from about 100 in 1980 to more than 550 today.

We're proud of the manatee protection rules we've developed and the acceptance of regulations that almost everyone has shown to protect these gentle giants.

The *Journal* article reminded us of the fact that manatees are an important part of the economic fiber of the community. More than 100,000 visitors come to Crystal River on an annual basis to view manatees. And despite the drive for greater regulation, we also sometimes forget that this is the only place in the United States that humans are still permitted to interact with these wild animals.

There are extremes on both sides of the argument, but the article did a good job of exploring the middle ground. The federal government already does not have the funds to enforce its existing rules to protect manatees. And our government is surprised that so many citizens are angry?

The article has raised public awareness of the controversy about saving the animals and the perception that our government does not show respect for the views of its own citizens. That higher profile means more public interest and more tourists.

And that's not a bad thing.

THE ISSUE:

Wall Street Journal article on Crystal River.

OUR OPINION:

Raises national awareness.

Bachmann faces questions

On "Meet the Press" Sunday, Iowa straw poll winner Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., was asked to make the case that she has the "judgment and experience" to be president of the United States. Bachmann listed several qualifications — her work as a tax attorney, small-business woman, state senator



Byron York
OTHER VOICES

and how she returned to law school for a second degree, this one in tax law.

"My husband said, 'Now you need to go and get a postdoctorate degree in tax law,'" Bachmann told the audience. "Tax law? I hate taxes. Why should I go and do something like that? But the Lord said, 'Be submissive. Wives, you are to be in Minnesota and member of Congress — but the first thing she said was: 'I have a lifetime of experience. I'm 55 years old. I've been married 33 years.'"

It's not unusual for Bachmann to cite the success of her marriage as one of the reasons voters should have confidence in her as a leader. Doing that has brought attention not only to her husband, Marcus Bachmann, but also to the role he has played in her career. Voters are still getting to know Michele Bachmann, and her own speeches have sometimes put her marriage center stage.

Which is why some observers — many of them Democratic foes of Bachmann, but some Republicans as well — are interested in something she said in 2006, during her first campaign to represent the 6th District of Minnesota in Congress. In a campaign appearance at the Living Word Christian Center in Brooklyn Park, Minn., on Oct. 15, 2006, Bachmann discussed the importance of God's calling at critical moments in her life. She told the audience how she met Marcus Bachmann, how she earned a law degree at Oral Roberts Univer-

submissive to your husband.' And so we moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, and I went to William and Mary Law School there. ... Never had a tax course in my background, never had a desire for it, but by faith, I was going to be faithful to what I felt God was calling me to do through my husband."

Bachmann went on to say that God later called her to run for the state Senate in Minnesota and, still later, for the U.S. Congress. After the church posted a video of her appearance on its website, a left-wing blogger picked it up and spread it on anti-Bachmann sites. If Bachmann's opponents were hoping it would be the end of her campaign, they were wrong; Bachmann won the race in 2006 and has been re-elected twice since.

But Bachmann's statement — in public, on stage, microphone in hand, in the context of a political campaign — raised a legitimate question. What role does her husband play in her performance in public office? With that in mind, at the Fox News-Washington Examiner debate in Ames, Iowa, on Aug. 11, I asked Bachmann whether, as president, she would

be submissive to her husband. The question prompted boos in the Republican-filled hall, and then cheers when Bachmann answered. "What submission means to us," she said, "if that's what your question is, it means respect."

In the days since the debate, a number of commentators have taken issue with the question, but it hasn't gone away. Bachmann faced it again on Sunday, when she appeared on "Meet the Press" fresh from her victory in the straw poll. Again, she explained that, to her, submission means respect.

Will that put an end to the question? Probably not. The point of the story she told in 2006 was that she made a major career decision that she didn't want to make because her husband told her to — because she believed God was calling her through her husband. Some critics won't buy her explanation. As for her fans, many are offended that the question was asked in the first place.

Whatever the case, Bachmann's answer at the Ames debate was by far the most human moment of her appearance that night — a far cry from her tough exchanges with former Minnesota Gov. (and now former candidate) Tim Pawlenty. At their best, debates tell us new things about candidates and allow us to learn more about aspects of their personalities we haven't seen before. Is there any doubt that moment in Ames did just that for Michele Bachmann?

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 THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH
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LETTERS to the Editor

Cut off freeloaders

The obvious: We have to make deep cuts in services that the government is providing free of charge to people that don't pay anything into our system. It just doesn't work. The way the system works is that everybody pays in and everybody doesn't benefit.

The poor and the very, very weak are the ones that should benefit, not everybody; not healthy people sitting around on their butts all day not working. That's they way the system was, that everybody would contribute and it would provide a little extra for the ones that couldn't take care of themselves. That's what it's for.

Nugent's meetings

Our congressman, Nugent, spoke at the Moose Lodge yesterday. Today's paper said there were several dozen attendees. It was more like a few hundred. Also, the tea party session in Inverness was packed.

It started out as an unruly crowd. Some were very rude, but he controlled the crowd by saying he knew not everyone agreed with him, but if they raised their hands, he would listen to them and ask that they give him the courtesy of listening to him in

reply. He asked for short questions since there were so many that wanted to voice their remarks, but some went on and on.

They provided cards for comments and promised to answer their questions.

He gave a lot of credit to his efficient staff, who made sure he was informed on all issues and his incoming correspondence. He had a grueling schedule. He was so respectful and patient.

Fair's fair

Everybody's on these rich people to pay their fair share. How about the 47 percent of people that pay no taxes? When are we going to get them to pay some kind of fair share of their income from their assets?

Good-for-nothing pols

Well, I think I'll make the phone call today and change my party affiliation to an Independent. I urge everybody to do that.

Monday morning's paper (Aug. 8) said that the reason S&P has downgraded us is not because of our debt load but because they did not think that Congress had the ability to do anything.

We have got to get rid of these people. I urge everybody to become an Independent and let them know we don't like either one of them.

Homosassa needs

Sidewalks have long been requested by Homosassa residents, businesses and visitors. And we are once again requesting them.

County Commissioner "JJ" Kenney recently obtained an estimate of costs for the first phase of construction from the Yulee and Fishbowl Drive intersections to U.S. 19. That estimate and a request for funding were forwarded to state Rep. Jimmie Smith.

The public can help by contacting Rep. Smith and requesting the funding.

Channel markers on the area of the Homosassa River commonly known as Hell's Gate are in need of replacement, and we are encouraging people to contact the Coast Guard to urge them to make the necessary changes. For those who are not familiar with this area, Hell's Gate is the historical name of the location where channel markers numbered 57b, 58 and 58a are located. The name came from there actually being a gate across the river to stop boat traffic at night due to the extreme navigational conditions there. The gate has not been used for 50 or more years, but the rock formations remain and have resulted in many thousands of dollars in damage to boats and boat motors as well

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Coast Guard that they are "looking into" replacing the floating channel markers with permanent metal markers, but the public can help by making them aware of the importance of this happening as soon as possible due to the ongoing damages or possible serious injury or death to boaters.

Captains Dennis and Alicia Lowe, River Safaris & Gulf Charters Inc.
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Calling animal lovers

Our local shelter, Citrus County Animal Services, is in desperate need of volunteers.

You can visit the website at www.citruscritters.com for an application or visit them at 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, FL 34450. Call (352) 746-8400.

Hours logged will count towards a much-needed grant to build a new shelter.

A daily walk means a lot to a surrendered, housebroken dog that has been caged up all day and trying its best not to have an accident.

They just don't know why they are there. Please, please visit our shelter and look in their eyes. They need your help.

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Nation BRIEF

Girl kidnapped



Associated Press

This booking photo released Tuesday shows Phillip Garcia from Albuquerque after he was arrested for suspicion of kidnapping.

Neighbor thwarts N.M. kidnapper

Police are crediting an alert neighbor with saving a 6-year-old girl from a man who snatched her and shoved her into a van as she walked home from a neighbor's house, where she had been sent to pick up tostadas.

A neighbor, Antonio Diaz Chacon, heard a commotion and saw the abduction just before 5 p.m. Monday. Police said he hopped in his car and chased the van and the van's driver tried to lose Chacon but crashed into a lightpole.

Chacon rescued the girl while the suspect, whom police identified as Phillip Garcia, ran away. The suspect returned to the van and took off but was later apprehended by police. Hidden under a rock just 25 feet from where the kidnapper crashed his van, officers found packing tape and a tie-down strap. Inside the impounded van were tostadas, a glove, a Leatherman tool, a black satchel and orange strapping similar to the strap found hidden under the rock, police said.

World BRIEFS

Arrest protest



Associated Press

A supporters of social activist Anna Hazare shouts slogans Tuesday after being detained in New Delhi, India. The prominent anti-corruption activist was detained by police Tuesday morning just hours before he was set to embark on a public hunger strike to demand tougher anti-corruption laws on India's scandal-plagued government.

Shell's reputation hit by oil spill

Royal Dutch Shell struggled to contain the worst North Sea oil spill in a decade as well as damage to its credibility Tuesday, as a second leak was found in an oil line the company had said was "under control."

Although the amount of oil involved in the Shell spill off the coast of Scotland is an order of magnitude smaller than BP's 2010 Gulf of Mexico disaster — around 1,300 barrels so far, compared to an estimated 4.9 million in the Gulf — the spill undercuts Shell's earlier suggestions that it is a safer company than BP.

The Gannet Alpha oil rig, 112 miles east of the Scottish city of Aberdeen, is operated by Shell and co-owned by Shell and Esso, a subsidiary of the U.S. oil firm Exxon Mobil. Shell first told U.K. authorities about a leak in a flow line at the rig on Wednesday.

Shell shut down the main leak by closing the well and isolating the reservoir. A second, smaller leak at the rig has proved more difficult to control.

—From wire reports

Panetta: Cuts would 'weaken' U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Large new cuts in defense spending would "terribly weaken" U.S. national security, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Tuesday as he and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton used a rare joint interview to argue that the nation cannot afford to keep playing partisan chicken with its finances.

Panetta expressed optimism about progress by American-led forces against the Taliban in Afghanistan and by NATO forces in support of anti-government rebels in Libya. He cited those conflicts as examples of why severe cuts to spending on defense and diplomacy would be dangerous.

Panetta said the Pentagon is prepared to make \$350 billion in cuts over the next 10 years, as agreed by Congress.

But he warned of dangers to the national defense if bigger reductions are required.

The recent deficit compromise reached between the White House and Congress set up a special bipartisan committee to draft legislation to find more government cuts. If the committee cannot agree on a deficit-reduction plan by year's end or if Congress rejects its proposal, it would trigger some \$500 billion in additional reductions in projected national security spending.

"This kind of massive cut across the board, which would literally double the number of cuts that we're confronting, that would have devastating effects on our national defense; it would have devastating effects on certainly the State Department," Panetta said.

Clinton said Americans should understand that in



Associated Press

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton listens as Defense Secretary Leon Panetta speaks during an event Tuesday at the National Defense University in Washington.

addition to preserving military strength, it is in the nation's security interests to maintain the State Department's role in diplomacy and development. She suggested that the political stalemate over spending cuts has put that in jeopardy.

"It does cast a pall over our ability to project the kind of

security interests that are in America's interests," she said. "This is not about the Defense Department or the State Department. ... This is about the United States of America. And we need to have a responsible conversation about how we are going to prepare ourselves for the future."

\$360M lost to Afghan insurgents



Associated Press

In this 2010 file photo, a convoy of trucks carries U.S. equipment in Kabul, Afghanistan. The U.S. military estimates that \$360 million spent on combat support and reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan has ended up in the hands of people the American-led coalition has battled for nearly a decade: the Taliban, criminals and local power brokers with ties to both.

American tax dollars ended up in the hands of Taliban, criminals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After examining hundreds of combat support and reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan, the U.S. military estimates \$360 million in U.S. tax dollars has ended up in the hands of people the American-led coalition has spent nearly a decade battling: the Taliban, criminals, and power brokers with ties to both.

The losses underscore the challenges the U.S. and its international partners face in overcoming corruption in Afghanistan. A central part of the Obama administration's strategy has been to award U.S.-financed contracts to Afghan businesses to help improve quality of life and stoke the country's economy.

But until a special task force assembled by Gen. David Petraeus began its investigation last year, the coalition had little visibility into the connections many Afghan companies and their vast network of subcontractors had with insurgents and criminals — groups military officials call "malign actors."

In a murky process known as "re-

verse money laundering," payments from the U.S. pass through companies hired by the military for transportation, construction, power projects, fuel and other services to businesses and individuals with ties to the insurgency or criminal networks, according to interviews and task force documents obtained by the AP.

"Funds begin as clean monies," according to one document, then "either through direct payments or through the flow of funds in the subcontractor network, the monies become tainted."

The conclusions by Task Force 2010 represent the most definitive assessment of how U.S. military spending and aid to Afghanistan has been diverted to the enemy or stolen. Only a small percentage of the \$360 million has been garnered by the Taliban and insurgent groups, said a senior U.S. military official in Kabul. The bulk of the money was lost to profiteering, bribery and extortion by criminals and power brokers, said the official, who declined to provide a specific breakdown.

The official requested anonymity

to discuss the task force's investigation into the movement of U.S. contract money in Afghanistan. The documents obtained by AP were prepared earlier this year and provide an overview of the task force's work.

Overall, the \$360 million represents a fraction of the \$31 billion in active U.S. contracts that the task force reviewed. But insurgents rely on crude weaponry and require little money to operate. And the illicit gains buttress what the International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think tank, referred to in a June report as a "nexus between criminal enterprises, insurgent networks and corrupt political elites" in Afghanistan.

More than half the losses flowed through a large transportation contract called Host Nation Trucking, the official said. Eight companies served as prime contractors and hired a web of nearly three dozen subcontractors for vehicles and convoy security to ship huge amounts of food, water, fuel and ammunition to American troops stationed at bases across Afghanistan.

Merkel, Sarkozy propose eurozone government

Associated Press

PARIS — The leaders of France and Germany called Tuesday for greater economic discipline and unity among European nations, but declined to take the expensive financial measures seen by many investors as the only way to halt the continent's spiraling debt crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell, the euro slid against the dollar and key European markets edged down in off-hour trading after Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and French President Nicolas

Sarkozy announced the results of their emergency talks in Paris.

Sarkozy called for a "new economic government" for Europe that would meet at least twice a year with European Union President Herman Van Rompuy as its head, but he offered few other details or indications that the body would have real power.

Merkel and Sarkozy also called for all eurozone nations to enact constitutional amendments requiring balanced budgets. They said they want the process completed by the summer of 2012, but it would almost

certainly run into protracted political difficulties in many countries.

Both leaders said the moment was not right to replace 17 government bonds with a single one, allowing weaker economies to borrow in cooperation with the powerhouse economies of France and Germany. A growing number of experts are calling for the eurobond as a way to prevent the unaffordable interest rates that have driven Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek bailouts from the eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund.

New figures show slowing French and German growth, and the German government fears it would face higher borrowing costs and more risks if it had to borrow jointly with financially shaky nations.

"We have exactly the same position on euro bonds," Sarkozy said. "One day we could imagine them, but at the end of a process of European integration, not at the beginning."

The Dow fell as many as 190 points shortly after 1 p.m. in New York, a sign of clear market disappointment with the lack of immediate action.

'Collar bomb' suspect detained

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The masked man who locked a fake bomb to the neck of an Australian millionaire's teenage daughter did not look like your ordinary violent criminal. The gray-haired attacker wielded a baseball bat but wore beige trousers and a light-colored dress shirt, rolled up at the elbows.

Along with demands for money, he left behind an email address that appears to refer to a 45-year-old novel about a ruthless businessman in 19th-century Asia.

That address helped lead police all the way from the wealthy Sydney suburb where the attack occurred to a well-heeled Louisville suburb where they arrested an investment banker, Paul Douglas Peters, at his ex-wife's home on Monday.

Peters once worked for a company with ties to the victim's family, according to federal court documents released Tuesday that also reveal more details about the ordeal 18-year-old Madeleine Pulver endured earlier this month.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin on Tuesday ordered Peters jailed pending an extradition hearing Oct. 14 in Louisville. Peters faces charges in Australia that include kidnapping and breaking and entering.

An arrest complaint filed in court does not elaborate on the 50-year-old's business ties.

The document says Pulver was studying for her high school exams Aug. 3 in her bedroom when she saw the intruder walk in with a black aluminum baseball bat and wearing a striped, multicolored balaclava. "Sit down and no one needs to get hurt," he told her.

Pulver sat on her bed and the intruder placed the bat and a backpack next to her. She noticed he was holding a black box. He forced the box against her throat and looped a device similar to a bike chain around her neck.

The man locked the box around her neck and placed a lanyard and a plastic document sleeve around her neck. It contained a hand-written note with demands, the email address and a USB digital storage device.

"Count to 200," he said as he left, taking the bat and the backpack with him. "... I'll be back ... if you move I can see you ... I'll be right here," she told authorities, according to the complaint.

After a few minutes Pulver texted her mother, and soon after that she called her father. After telling both of them to call police, she saw that the attacker's note warned not to do that.

Pulver was "crying and hysterical" when bomb technicians, negotiators and detectives rushed to the scene, but she eventually calmed down, the complaint said.

Neighboring homes were evacuated, streets were closed and medical and fire crews waited nearby. Pulver spent 10 hours chained to the device, which was removed after bomb technicians determined it did not contain explosives.

The note around Pulver's neck said the fake bomb contained "powerful new technology explosives" and was booby trapped. Details for delivering "a Defined Sum" would be sent "once you acknowledge and confirm receipt of this message," it said. The USB device contained the same note.



Placing your second shot the key to Hole 12 at Inverness Golf & Country Club. /Page B2

Hot CORNER

NFL supplemental draft postponed

NEW YORK — The NFL supplemental draft originally scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed.

NFL spokesman Michael Signora confirmed Tuesday that the draft will not be held as planned and that teams have been told a new date has not yet been set.

At least five players are known to be eligible for the supplemental draft, including former Georgia running back Caleb King.

Former Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor gave up his final season with the Buckeyes following an NCAA investigation at OSU. He wants to get into the draft but as of Tuesday afternoon had not yet been declared eligible.

San Diego police want to talk to Kobe Bryant

SAN DIEGO — A police spokesman said detectives want to interview Kobe Bryant after a man claimed he was injured by the Los Angeles Lakers star during a confrontation at a church.

Police said Bryant apparently thought the man was taking his picture with a cell phone at a Carmel Valley church on Sunday. Bryant reportedly took the phone from the man but saw no pictures on it, then left the church. According to broadcast reports, the man, whose identity hasn't been released, went to a hospital for treatment of a wrist injury.

Police spokesman Detective Gary Hassen said Tuesday that detectives were told they won't be able to talk to the alleged victim until Aug. 24.

Tacks, glass found along bike race routes

DENVER — Colorado authorities are warning cyclists that tacks, box cutters and broken glass have been found strewn along popular bike routes that are part of course plans for major races next week — including the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge.

The objects are being purposely placed on trails and roads, Jefferson County sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said Tuesday.

"We've had five or six incidents where things were put along popular bicycle roads," Kelley said. She said the incidents have caused several flat tires but no injuries.

The 100-mile Deer Creek Challenge, which takes place in a canyon south of Denver that is one of the most widely-used riding routes in the area, is scheduled for Sunday.

And a day later, elite cyclists from around the world will begin competing in the weeklong, 510-mile Pro Cycling Challenge, which culminates in a final stage that takes riders from Golden's Lookout Mountain in Jefferson County into downtown Denver.

Crews will be sweeping the roads before the races, Kelley said.

Kelley said there has been a history of tension between motorists and bicyclists, especially in Deer Creek, where box cutters were found. She said a meeting was held last year between riders and the homeowners association in an effort to negotiate a truce.

Big East chief reaches out to Big 12, ACC

Big East Commissioner John Marinatto said he has been in constant contact with Dan Beebe of the Big 12 and John Swofford of the Atlantic Coast Conference in recent days and has suggested the three meet to discuss conference realignment.

Marinatto didn't reveal details about his conversations with his fellow commissioners but said, "I thought it would be important for us to meet face-to-face and take the lead in trying to do things the right way."

Beebe's conference, which nearly was wiped out last year when the Pac-10 expanded, is in danger of losing Texas A&M to the Southeastern Conference.

If the Aggies end up in the SEC, the league would likely need to add at least one more member.

—From wire reports



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Nick Brothers has qualified for the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship, to be played next week in Erin Hills, Wis. Nick is currently a student at St. Leo College and was one of the standout golfers while playing for the Citrus High School team.

After brief break, Brothers roars back

Former CHS Hurricane to play in U.S. Amateur

TAYLOR PROVOST
 Chronicle

Three years ago, high school senior Nick Brothers led the Citrus Hurricanes to the state championships and, burned out, swore off competitive golf for good. But he couldn't stay away. The former standout, now 21, regained his passion for golf in a big way, and next week he will be playing in the U.S. Amateur Championship in Erin Hills, Wis.

After a year of working construction and part-time at the Plantation on Crystal River, Brothers enrolled at St. Leo

University last year and joined the golf team. He qualified for the U.S. Amateur July 26 by shooting a one-under 143 over two days at the Cypress Run Golf Course in Palm Harbor, where he outplayed about 40 other golfers.

Confident he could land one of the two qualifying spots, Brothers stepped up to the tee on day one and promptly bogeyed the first hole. Shaking it off, Brothers soldiered on, paring five of the last six holes. He arrived at the clubhouse to find he was leading the pack going into the second round.

"I came into the clubhouse thinking I'd be around the fifth

position because someone always shoots pretty low," Brothers said. "But when I went to check the scores I saw I was leading by one."

Going into the second day, Brothers knew his opponents were eager to catch him. Despite being calm and confident, he again bogeyed his first hole and fell back to even par. Again the bogey seemed to fuel his desire to win. He birdied five and six, then parred through 13. At 14 his shot found the bunker and he bogeyed, but a par on 15 tied him for the lead once again.

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Rays give one, take one

Tampa Bay splits doubleheader with Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON — Rookie Desmond Jennings hit his fifth home run of the season and Jeff Niemann struck out 10 as the Tampa Bay Rays salvaged a split of a doubleheader with a 6-2 win over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

The Red Sox opened the day with a 3-1 win, but couldn't overcome two unearned runs in the second inning of the nightcap. Boston also couldn't capitalize on its first triple play since 1994.

Niemann (8-4) pitched his first complete game of the season and won his seventh straight decision.

Tampa Bay won for the sixth time in eight games and avoided falling any further behind in the American League East. The Rays entered the day nine games behind Boston and ended in the same position thanks to splitting the doubleheader.

Jennings, who robbed Dustin Pedroia of an extra-base by backing into the left-field scoreboard to make a catch in the first, hit a solo homer off of Erik Bedard (4-8) to put Tampa up 3-1 in the fifth Tuesday night. The ball cleared the famed Green Monster and was out of the ballpark altogether.

Tampa added three in the eighth, including Ben Zobrist's run during a botched rundown that ended up being a double-steal for the Rays. Casey Kotchman followed with a hit that drove in B.J. Upton, who had advanced to second during rundown.

Jason Varitek and Jacoby Ellsbury hit solo homers for Boston. Ellsbury's was his second of the day. He hit a three-run shot that lifted the Red Sox in the opener.

Varitek and Ellsbury were the only Boston players who

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays' James Shields pitches Tuesday in the first inning of the first game of a doubleheader against the Boston Red Sox in Boston.

JoePa a bit bruised, but barely bothered

Storied coach expects to be back on his feet in 'eight or nine days'

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno says he's in a little pain after a blindside hit in practice sent him to the hospital, though Penn State's 84-year-old leader expects to coach from the sideline for the season opener.

The Hall of Fame coach spoke from a golf cart before practice Tuesday, a week after being released from the hospital following the Aug. 7 hit from receiver Devon Smith. Paterno hurt his right shoulder and pelvis, though he said he did not

suffer any fractures.

"I feel great, except I'm in a little pain," said Paterno, who didn't leave the cart for the first 30 minutes of practice open to media. "If I told you I could get up and around here ... I can't, but in about eight or nine days I should be able to do everything without having some guy (driving) me around, telling me what to look at."

It was Paterno's first appearance before reporters since the accidental collision at the Holuba Hall indoor practice field, not far from



Associated Press

Penn State head coach Joe Paterno answers questions from his golf cart Tuesday during a press conference at the indoor football training facility during football media day in State College, Pa.

the spot where major college football's winningest coach (401 victories) spoke Tuesday. His right arm was out of a sling.

"We laughed about it the other day," said Smith, the 5-foot-7 receiver who was running a corner route when he crashed into Paterno. "I apolo-

gized and he said, 'It's just football. That's what it is.'"

Paterno equally shrugged off a question Tuesday about what effect his latest injury might have on his coaching future — and he offered no hints that he was thinking about stepping away any time soon. While Paterno's contract expires after this season, both the coach and university president Graham Spanier have said he doesn't need something in writing to keep his job.

"The day I wake up in the morning and say, 'Hey, do I have to go to practice again?' then I'll know it's time to get out," he said.

For now, he's just itching to get out of the golf cart.

COMING TOMORROW



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ADULT LEAGUE SPORTS

COMING TUESDAY



CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY



GET IN THE GAME

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Hole 12 at the Inverness Golf & Country Club

JEFF SHELTON
For the Chronicle

The 12th hole at Inverness Golf and Country Club is a short but demanding hole. The yardage is only 320 yards from the blue tee and 286 from the ladies tee, with a sharp dogleg to the left. The problem arises when deciding how to play the tee shot. Although the large oak tree that used to guard the corner is no longer there, the tall pine tree still stands to catch an errant tee shot.

that they can lay up to the 150-yard marker and avoid hitting the trees on the corner. The long hitters can hit it over the trees with a draw, which can leave them a short wedge shot to the green. The drive has to be hit very high with a draw in order to avoid going out of bounds through the fairway. You must also avoid the fairway bunker on the left. This shot is sometimes taken away by setting the tee markers on the very left of the tee, which takes

■ Jeff Shelton is general manager and director of golf at Inverness Golf and Country Club.

away the angle to the green. The approach shot is made difficult because of the side slope in the fairway. It is very easy to pull the second shot because of this slope. The green is guarded by two palm trees on the right side of the green and a bunker on the left. Out of bounds is only 30 feet from the edge of the green, and balls hit on this side will kick towards the out of bounds. **On the green:** This green is very difficult to read because it appears the ball will break

towards the out of bounds; however, it always breaks towards the cart path. Some pin locations on the front can be difficult because of the large mound in the green. **Tips from the pro:** The key to this hole is to decide where you want to hit your second shot from and using the correct club from the tee. This hole yields a lot of birdies, but also a lot of bogies because of the difficult tee shot. Remember on your approach to line up a little to the right, knowing you will pull the ball because of the sloped fairway.

Local golf EVENTS

Annual Black Diamond tournament Sept. 17 & 18

The third annual Black Diamond Amateur is Saturday and Sunday Sept. 17 and 18. The 36-hole tournament is open to amateurs with handicaps of 15 or less. Flighted after first round; regular and senior divisions. For more information, please call Doug Laseter at (727) 942-5557 or email dlaseter@thecopperheads.org.

Tourney to benefit CHS football

Spruce Creek Preserve Golf Club in Dunnellon will be host Saturday, Aug. 20, to a golf tournament to benefit the Citrus High School football program. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$50 per golfer. Hole and team (four golfers) sponsorships are \$250; hole sponsorship is \$100. Hole sponsors also receive a business card ad in CHS football programs.

Donations of prizes would be appreciated. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call Kevin McDow at (352) 476-2225.

Golf tournament to benefit CF Foundation

The Plantation Golf Resort & Spa is sponsoring its second annual golf tournament and luncheon fundraiser to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Aug. 13 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament is a four-person scramble format and teams are encouraged to enter. Plantation will place any individual on a team if he or she wishes to compete but lacks a team.

The \$65 donation per person will include a round of golf, cart and lunch. Raffles will happen at the event along with long ball and closest pin prizes as well as a free golf gift.

For more information contact Bill Sizemore at (352) 563-2480.

Checks may be made payable to Bill Sizemore and sent to: 2555 N. Virginia Road, Crystal River, FL 34428.

Memorial tournament tees off on Oct. 22

Knights of Columbus Abbot Francis Sadler Council No. 6168 will present its 18th annual Father Willie Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Seven Rivers Golf and Country Club in Crystal River.

All proceeds will be donated to Daystar, which provides a food pantry, clothing and financial assistance to the needy of Citrus County.

The tournament will be a four-person team handicap scramble format with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The top three teams will receive monetary awards. There will also be individual monetary awards and hole-in-one prize opportunities.

The \$60 per person entry fee includes coffee and doughnuts, green and cart fees, lunch at the country club and prizes. For more information, including sponsorships, call tournament chairman Jim Louque at (352) 746-7563.

VFW Post 10087 golf outing for hospice

The VFW Post 10087 Four-Person Scramble Golf Outing will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Twisted Oaks Golf Club on Forest Ridge Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

There will be a wealth of prizes and many surprises; the Golf Planning Committee has crafted a world-class outing. Call Jayne Stask at (352) 464-3740 or George Fry at (352) 586-5391 for information.

Remember: It always breaks toward the cart path



This picture of the 14th hole of the El Diablo golf course in Citrus Springs outlines that the fairway is a dogleg left and not the initial look of a dogleg right. The hole is considered a tricky par 4 but also a short one at just 378 yards.

Special to the Chronicle

Review: GPS mount offers no-slip grip

I recently was asked to field test a Bracketron Universal / Grip-iT mobile GPS golf cart mount. I conducted the test with two types of GPS units. One was my Droid X phone and the other was a Bushnell Neo Plus GPS device, which was not listed on the "Works with..." section of the package, but it indeed does work with it.



John Provost
PRODUCT REVIEW

The first test was in my car. I have a suction-cup windshield mount for my

phone already, but I found that the unit provided a very nice way to store my phone while in the car. It is easily adjustable, and I especially like the part that actually fits in the cup holder is adjustable to a tight fit yet easily removed when necessary. It provided easy access to my phone, and it was also simple to remove the phone to take it with you, leaving the Grip-iT in place for when you return. The ac-

tual supports are infinitely adjustable for the size of the device and held it perfectly. The rotating shaft is also adjustable to any position. The second test occurred with my Bushnell Neo Plus GPS device. I was able to position the device in the cart at the beginning of my round, and literally did not touch it until the round was over. The same cup adjustments made a tight fit in the golf card cup holders. My wife also tested the use to this device during her golf round with the same outstanding results.

I then tested it in my daughter's Jeep Cherokee as a way to hold her Sirius



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radio receiver. It was versatile enough to hold the device in such a way that her eyes barely had to leave the road to change the channels.

I would highly recommend this versatile device holder for golfers and for drivers. The only issue is I now need two more devices.

Golf LOCAL LEADERS

CITRUS SPRINGS

Citrus Springs Men's League
Thursday, Aug. 4 — 2 best ball on par 4s and 5s, 3 best ball on 3s.
1ST PLACE
Curry, Feher and Hunt with 130.
2ND PLACE
Marston, Collett and Williamson with 135.
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
No. 4 Gonczy, No. 8 Gonczy, No. 11 Clutter, No. 14 Clutter and No. 16 Gonczy.
Saturday, Aug. 6 — three-man teams with 2 best ball.
1ST PLACE
Clutter, Gonczy and Jenkins.
2ND PLACE
Curtis, Minor and Hunt.
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
No. 4 Lycke, No. 8 Lycke, No. 11 Jenkins, No. 14 Hunt, and No. 16 Williamson.
Aug. 11 — low net.

1ST PLACE Rocky.
2ND PLACE Hancock.
3RD PLACE Starling.
4TH PLACE Malloy.
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
No. 4 Hancock, No. 8 Woodworth, No. 11 Malloy, No. 14 Curry and No. 16 Jenkins.
Aug. 16 — Front 2 best ball, back 3 best ball.
1ST PLACE
Bill Curry, Bob Malloy, Don Gonczy and Harvey Jenkins with 151.
2ND PLACE
Andy Stockwell, Larry Marston, Dave Balas and Rocky Marziani with 153.
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
No. 4 L. Marston, No. 8 B Curry, No. 11 M Feltner, No. 14 B Curry and No. 16 A Stockwell.
Chicks with Sticks
"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota

league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Jan at (352) 344-9550 or Carole at (352) 746-2082.
Friday, Aug. 12
Mary McConnell +1, Nancy Kellow +1, CTP's Holes No. 4 & No. 8 Carole Seifert, Hole No. 16 Nancy Kellow.
SUGARMILL WOODS
MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
Aug. 11
GAME: Best 2 of 4, Plus Bonus FLIGHT 1
1st at -22 (Tie)
Doug Martin, Tom Venable, John Holden, Chuck Reeb, Dick Tuxbury, Hank Robinson, Pete Quinn, Felix Tarorick
FLIGHT 2
1st at -19 (Tie)
Erv Koch, Ken Eckhardt, Mike Theodore, Tom Jones Gary Osborne, Tony Valente, Gary

Enman, Bob Chadderton
FLIGHT 3
1st at -29
Stan Fleming, Ernie Pettine, Bob Cariveau, Bill Lent
GOLFERS OF THE WEEK
LOW GROSS: Garth McGrath, 78
LOW NET: Gus Calleri, 65
LOW SENIOR NET: 67 (Tie) Zane Megos, Howard Wallace
Closest to the Pin
Pine No. 4: Felix Tarorick 5' 5"
Oak No. 3: Lou Klingensmith 11' 1"
Pine No. 7: Bob Cariveau 25' 1"
Oak No. 6: Felix Tarorick 2' 11"
7 RIVERS
Aug. 11: Today the 7 Rivers Men's Golf Association played a "2 man better ball" tournament. Listed below are the winners.
FLIGHT 1

1st place — score 60
Wayne Long
Ron Kryk
2nd place — score 61
Frank Wade
Al Silliman
FLIGHT 2
1st place — score 62
Barry Blood
Ted Grabowski
2nd place — score 63
Bud Dalm
Wendell Reed
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
No. 7 Cliff Ledbetter
No. 11 Al Silliman
PLANTATION
Monday, Aug. 8 — 9-hole points game
G. Wilkinson +1 — G. Abel +3 — G. Oberlander +3 — J. Hartson +2 — P. Fitzpatrick +2
Thursday, Aug. 11 — 9-hole points game
D. Taylor +3 — S. Eccrlyrdon +4 — D. Wilson +1 — J. Russ +7

ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Spotlight on PEOPLE



Associated Press

Television personality Taylor Armstrong, left, and husband Russell Armstrong attend a Super Bowl party Feb. 5 in Dallas, Texas.

'Real Housewives' husband found dead

LOS ANGELES — The estranged husband of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Taylor Armstrong has been found dead in his Los Angeles home.

Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Ed Winter says 47-year-old Russell Armstrong was pronounced dead at 8:16 p.m. Monday in a home on Mulholland Drive.

Death was caused by hanging and Winter says a suicide note hasn't been found.

Bravo, which airs the reality series, issued a statement Tuesday saying, "All of us at Bravo are deeply saddened by this tragic news. Our sympathy and thoughts are with the Armstrong family at this difficult time."

Russell Armstrong was an investment banker and venture capitalist.

His publicist, Rebekah Kliff, says he was the founding managing director of Crescent Financial Partners. She also confirms Armstrong and his wife were in the midst of a divorce.

Sugarland plans Indiana memorial

INDIANAPOLIS — Sugarland says it's in the process of planning a private memorial in Indiana to honor fans who died during a collapse of a stage and rigging at the Indiana State Fair.

The country duo posted a letter on its website www.sugarlandmusic.com Tuesday saying the event will be held after families hold their own services and memorials for the five people who died from Saturday's collapse. Sugarland says until then it will be keeping vigil for the victims and their families.

John Huston to be honored with stamp

LOS ANGELES — Legendary Hollywood film director John Huston is being honored with a postage stamp.

The U.S. Postal Service says the stamp honoring the Oscar-winning director of 1948's "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" will be issued next year.

The art on the stamp is inspired by the 1941 movie "The Maltese Falcon." It depicts Humphrey Bogart holding the statue of the falcon.

Huston's credits also include the Academy Award-nominated films "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950), "Moulin Rouge" (1952) and "Prizzi's Honor" (1985).

The stamp is part of a four-stamp Great Film Directors series.

—From wire reports

Music REVIEW



Associated Press

Jeff Bridges performs songs from his self-titled album Tuesday on the "Today" show in New York.

Country act

Review: Jeff Bridges is country solid on self-titled album

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

If Bad Blake, the boozy country singer Jeff Bridges played in 2009's "Crazy Heart," could make albums, he may have made something like "Jeff Bridges." The actor's self-titled album is decidedly country, at once sad and hopeful, laced with heartfelt harmonies and slide guitars.

Perhaps inspired by the movie and certainly made possible by his Oscar win, Bridges sought out his longtime friend (and "Crazy Heart" songwriter and producer) T Bone Burnett to produce the 10-song collection, which features tracks penned by other contributors to the film. Bridges wrote two of the songs himself and co-wrote another with Burnett.

The actor's two self-penned tracks, "Falling Short" and "Tumbling Vine," are among the album's most haunting and contemplative, as the 61-year-old



Jeff Bridges, "Jeff Bridges."

sings about what it means to be alive. He continues that theme on "Slow Boat," the song he wrote with Burnett, and throughout the CD. "If it's as bad or good as it can get, well, you ain't seen nothing yet," he sings on one track. "I wasn't born to be standing still long," he sings on another. "You know one day my tombstone will say born to be gone."

The Dude is a deep guy, but Bridges is at his best when he's singing about love. He's earnest on "Either Way," and downright heart-wrenching on "Everything But Love," singing, "The moon cries on the mountains/When it looks down from above/and it sees everything but love."

Bridges, Burnett and Bad Blake should be proud of the actor's eponymous CD. Its 10 songs are solid, if sometimes sad, establishing Bridges as a bonafide musician, not just a guy who plays one on screen.

CHECK OUT THIS TRACK: On the opening track, "What a Little Bit of Love Can Do," Bridges sounds like the cheery-eyed uncle everyone wishes they had. Written by his close friend who died in 2009, Bridges played the song informally for years before leading off his album with it. Upbeat and sweet, the song offers a taste of Bridges' country style and big-hearted vocals.

Netflix banking on bolstered kids' picks

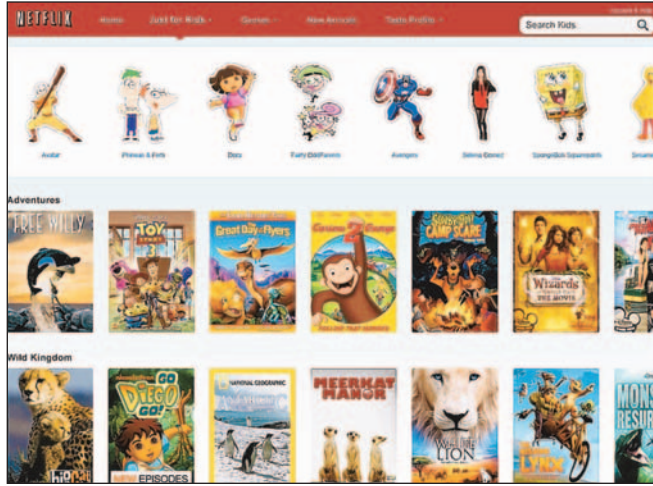
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Netflix Inc. is giving kids and their parents a new reason to embrace its Internet video subscription service as it raises prices to the dismay of many customers.

A "Just For Kids" tab has been added to subscribers' accounts on Netflix's website. Clicking on the feature will pull up a list of kid-friendly recommendations drawn from about 1,000 movies and TV shows in Netflix's Internet video streaming library.

It won't suggest titles that are only available as DVD rentals delivered through the mail. That's an option Netflix is trying to make less enticing to subscribers so it can save postage and spend more money expanding its selection of streaming options.

As part of its de-emphasis on DVDs, Netflix last month announced that it will unbundle the unlimited video streaming option from its most



Associated Press

The home page for Netflix's "Just For Kids" is pictured. Netflix Inc. is giving kids and their parents a new reason to embrace its Internet video subscription service as it raises prices to the dismay of many customers.

popular plans with disc rentals. Beginning Sept. 1, Netflix's 24.6 million U.S. subscribers who want DVDs and unlimited streaming will have to buy the plans separately. The change will translate into a rate hike of up to 60 percent, or \$6 per month for those getting one

DVD at a time. Tens of thousands of subscribers have posted angry comments on the Internet promising to close their accounts in protest.

The children's feature grew out of Netflix's recognition that its video streaming service is making it easier for kids to watch

movies on a variety of devices at almost any time and any place with a high-speed Internet connection. The video can be streamed through video game consoles, the iPad tablet computer and smartphones. Netflix makes it even easier by allowing several people from the same household to stream through the same account.

To shape its definition of kids' entertainment, Netflix relied on ratings from Common Sense Media, a nonprofit group focused on children's issues. Netflix children's section will highlight different categories with the icons of popular characters such as SpongeBob SquarePants, Dora The Explorer and Miley Cyrus to appeal to its new section's the under-12 demographic.

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Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

Last night's winning numbers, Page B2.

MONDAY, AUG. 15

Fantasy 5: 4 - 20 - 26 - 30 - 34
5-of-5 No winner
4-of-5 284 \$555
3-of-5 7,782 \$21.50

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

Fantasy 5: 4 - 7 - 8 - 10 - 35
5-of-5 No winner
4-of-5 260 \$555
3-of-5 9,379 \$15

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

To verify the accuracy of winning lottery numbers, players should double-check the numbers printed above with numbers officially posted by the Florida Lottery. Go to www.flalottery.com, or call (850) 487-7777.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2011. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

On this date:

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Ga., lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. 8th Air Force bombers attacked Rouen, France.

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1960, the newly renamed Beatles (formerly the Silver Beetles) began their first gig in Hamburg, West Germany, at the Indra Club.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1985, more than 1,400 meatpackers walked off the job at the Geo. A. Hormel and Co.'s main plant in Austin, Minn., in a bitter strike that lasted just over a year.

Ten years ago: Millionaire Steve Fossett's fifth attempt to fly solo around the world ended in Brazil after his helium balloon ran into bad weather.

Five years ago: In a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, a federal judge in Detroit ruled that President George W. Bush's warrantless surveillance program was unconstitutional. (A divided federal appeals court threw out the lawsuit in July 2007, and the U.S. Supreme Court later let the appeals court decision stand.)

President Bush signed new rules to prod companies into shoring up their pension plans.

One year ago: A suicide bomber in Iraq detonated nail-packed explosives strapped to his body, killing 61 people, many of them army recruits.

Today's birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 91. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 70. Actor Robert DeNiro is 68. Olympic gold medal figure skater Robin Cousins is 54. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 53. Author Jonathan Franzen is 52. Actor Sean Penn is 51. Former NBA player Christian Laettner is 42. MLB player Jorge Posada is 40.

Thought for Today: "It is not love that is blind, but jealousy." — Lawrence Durrell, British-born author (1912-1990).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday: Your prospects for achieving greater material success in the next solar cycle look quite encouraging. However, certain endeavors that appeared to be the least promising might be the very ones that finish the strongest. **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Although you know a close friend has the information you've been seeking, you might be too reluctant to call him or her on it. However, unless you have someone else to go to, it may be your only option. **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Avoid trying to imitate the way another does something, because you would be far more effective in doing things your own way. However, it is not certain you have the courage to trust yourself. **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Certain people with whom you're involved will have long memories. Thus, whether you are cooperative or uncooperative with them won't easily be forgotten. Which will you choose? **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Don't allow multiple respon-

sibilities to intimidate you. However, it will take a strong belief in yourself in order for you to be able to handle several critical assignments simultaneously. **Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Remember, knowledge acquired makes you a more valuable person. But it all depends on your mindset as to whether or not learning will be a rewarding experience, or one that intimidates you. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Although you're only likely to put forth nominal effort on matters that should be of personal importance, don't treat the interests of others in the same manner. **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Unless you try your best to smooth over conditions that are a bit abrasive, you could find yourself in the middle of a brouhaha. Don't let your ego get in the way and stop you from keeping the peace. **Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — The only way your normal channels of revenue have a chance of yielding larger re-

turns than usual is if you can keep your expenses down. However, this might be difficult for you to do. **Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Projects that require tenacity and boldness are the ones that usually appeal to you, but for some reason, this might not be true right now. **Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Even though you should be focusing on situations where you can derive some type of commission, you're likely to direct all your attention on anything but. Get back on track. **Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — If you can be more of a listener than a talker, you could learn something that is extremely beneficial — but this might be more than you can expect of yourself. **Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Unless you make a concerted effort to do so, you aren't likely to recoup any losses, whether tangible or intangible. You'll have a chance to do so today. Will you?

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Bound for college



Jessica Place, 18, prepares to leave for Cedarville University in Ohio by packing up her dorm necessities.

JESSYCA THIBAUT/Special to the Chronicle

Many area high school graduates preparing for college, in state and elsewhere

JESSYCA THIBAUT
 Chronicle Correspondent

Citrus County's class of 2011 seniors completed a chapter of their life when they accepted their high school diplomas last May. Now, as the end of summer nears, they prepare to begin a new chapter titled "College."

Many college-bound kids have chosen to continue their education in Florida. A popular choice among individuals looking for a community college type of atmosphere is Santa Fe College, which began offering a select few bachelor's degrees in 2008. Santa Fe is in Gainesville and sees more of their students transfer to the University of Florida than anywhere else. This was a big selling feature to incoming freshmen like Katie Summa, 18.

"I had chosen this school because it was close to home and it would also help me transfer into UF if that's where I choose to go," Summa said.

Summa has big plans when it comes to her future.

"I'm going to go for Elementary Education so I can become a teacher, but hopefully, I'll be able to transfer into a bigger school that offers library science because my dream is to become a librarian."

Heather Jones, 18, and Becca Beaudwin, 18, will also begin their college experience at Santa Fe.

Jones will be juggling a full-time education as well as a job. During the spring semester she also wants to get involved in extracurricular activities.

"I plan on auditioning for the UF band because the adviser I talked to said even though I don't go to UF, Santa Fe students are able to be in their band."

Beaudwin, who is striving for a specialized degree in radiography, is preparing to get in the college mindset.



Jessica Place, 18, reads up on Cedarville University to get ready for the transition from high school in Citrus County to college life in Ohio.

"I have to get my head on straight and focus on everything more intently," Beaudwin said.

Other students have decided to go straight to one of Florida's many universities.

Kayla Kinzel, 18, will be majoring in computer science at the University of Central Florida.

"I am very interested in the engineering field and this school is known to have an above average college for engineering," she said.

Kinzel has decided to live at home while she attends school at UCF.

"It was a less expensive choice. Between the dorm fees and meal plan, it made more sense."

Seventeen-year-old Dominique Peters

will be heading to Southern Florida to Johnson & Wales University in Miami to major in baking and pastry arts. For Peters, going to college in Florida seemed like the best option.

"I will be close to my home and family and (I can also) get more scholarships going to an in-state college rather than an out-of-state school. For instance, (the) Bright Futures (scholarship)."

Peters also plans to work in order to earn money.

"Right now I have an on-campus job, but that money will go back to the school for tuition. I will be planning on looking for another job for other expenses," Peters said.

Another student attending school in Miami is Jacqueline Dixon, 18, although she will be going to the University of Miami and plans to enter the medical field.

"I am looking forward to being able to study things that are actually interesting to me rather than having all of my classes laid out before me according to standards set by the county or state," Dixon said.

Being away from home for months at a time will be new for Dixon, but she is excited about the upcoming experience.

"(College is) about discovering your true interests and deciding who you want to be for the rest of your life," she said.

Jessica Demangone, 18, will be moving into a dorm at Florida Gulf Coast University. Demangone says that the housing was one of the reasons she chose FGCU.

"The dorms are very spacious. You have a roommate(s) but you get your own bedroom," she said.

Demangone will have a full schedule as she is taking Composition, College Algebra, Marine Systems, Intro to Business and Psychology.

"I'm mostly worried about finding my classes the first week of school," Demangone said.

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Judi Siegal
NEWS TO USE

NIE back in schools

Crayons, pencils, backpack, erasers, folders, notebooks and newspapers. It is another school year in Citrus County and the NIE, Newspaper in Education program, is in full swing!

NIE is the wonderful program that provides teachers in our public and private schools with free newspapers to use for educational purposes. With this terrific tool, teachers make their lessons come alive with up to date information literally gleaned from the headlines of today.

Using the *Chronicle* can enrich science, math, social studies, language, almost any subject or discipline.

As NIE coordinator, I visit classrooms, lead tours of the *Chronicle* plant, conduct workshops and provide bi-weekly email tips for teachers who sign up for the program. I am easily reached at niejudis@yahoo.com and can help with all aspects of the NIE program. I am also available to talk to groups about the NIE program.

There is no denying what a valuable hands-on tool the newspaper is. There is nothing quite like a real paper, one that can be touched, colored on, penciled on or cut up to provide an educational activity to stimulate creativity and learning. And students love having their very own copy to share and use.

On my email stationery, it says: "Newspapers are the portal to the world." With a copy of the *Chronicle* in hand, Citrus County students have access to a wealth of information. The world literally beckons them to explore.

Welcome back to another academic year with NIE.

Judi Siegal is the NIE coordinator for the Citrus County Chronicle. If you would like her to talk to a group on behalf of the NIE program or you would like information about NIE, email her at niejudis@yahoo.com. To make a donation to support the program, call (352) 563-6363.

Reformers use new ways to tackle college readiness

LEANNE ITALIE
 Associated Press

Trey Rasmussen excelled at hockey at his Martha's Vineyard high school. Academics, not so much.

"I was planning on graduating and just jumping right into construction," said the 20-year-old who earned mostly Cs. "I crunched the numbers and figured how much money I'd be making, so why the heck not. A lot of kids go to college and spend all sorts of money and never graduate."

His older brother was among them and Trey worried about the financial burden of college on his family if he, too, attempted it and failed. Thanks to a tip from his hockey coach, he never had to find out.

The coach told him about a private, yearlong bridge program for boys, Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, Maine. There he learned what he should have in high school and received thoughtful attention to get him college ready.

It worked. With an interest in busi-

ness administration, Trey just happily completed his freshman year at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I., with a 3.0 average. The son of a Montessori preschool teacher and a summer home caretaker is now on track to be the first in his family to graduate from college.

"That was the best money I ever spent," said Trey's mom, Christeen. "I knew that had I sent him to college right from high school he probably would have been home by Christmas-time."

But such remediation comes at a cost to students and taxpayers at a time when some researchers estimate about two-thirds of all new jobs in the U.S. require some postsecondary schooling. At Bridgton, tuition, room and board is \$42,000 — out of reach for many families, even with financial aid.

Trey is among thousands of students to face the problem. Roughly one of every three entering a public two- or four-year postsecondary school will have to take at least one remedial course. Doing so dramatically in-

creases the odds that he or she won't graduate, according to a March report from the nonprofit Alliance for Excellent Education.

"We have a real preparation problem in middle and high school for kids on the bubble," said the group's president, Bob Wise, a former congressman and governor of West Virginia. "It's a duplication of resources. Everybody loses."

An analysis by the American Institute for Research, another nonprofit, shows that states spent more than \$1.4 billion and the federal government more than \$1.5 billion on educational grants to students who did not return to college for a second year between 2003 and 2008.

Wise and other reformers have set their sights on better aligning high school and college coursework to eliminate the need for remediation altogether.

At South Texas College, with campuses throughout largely Hispanic Hidalgo and Starr counties near the



This undated photo courtesy of Christeen Rasmussen shows Christeen with her sons, from left to right, Taylor, 18, Connor, 22, and Trey, 20, as they pose for a photograph in front of their home in Vineyard Haven, Mass. With an interest in business administration, Trey just happily completed his freshman year at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I., with a 3.0 average. Trey is now on track to be the first in his family to graduate from college.

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The Mini Page

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Martin Luther King Jr. A New Memorial

Have you ever visited the Mall in Washington, D.C.? This famous area in our nation's capital is home to many museums of the Smithsonian Institution, the Capitol building, and monuments and memorials to our country's founding fathers and veterans of our wars.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, a new memorial will be dedicated and opened to the public. It will honor Martin Luther King Jr. and the values that he showed when leading our country in the fight for **civil**, or citizens', rights.

This week, The Mini Page learns more about Dr. King and the new tribute to him.

Monument or memorial?

What's the difference between a **monument** and a **memorial**? According to one expert, a monument is a remembrance of someone or something important. A memorial honors a person or subject by helping people today and in the future learn more about it.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is intended to be a living memorial that shares his ideas with many generations to come.



The Statue of Liberty is a national monument.



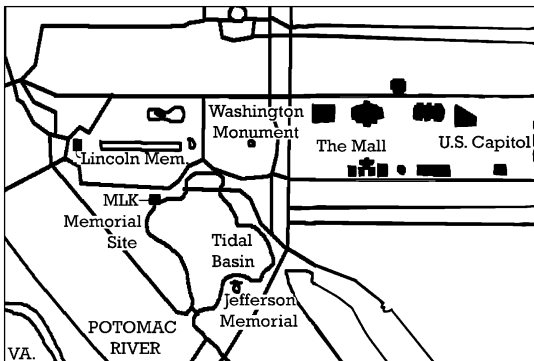
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial includes a 450-foot-long wall with 14 engraved quotes from Dr. King's speeches and writings. The quote shown here is: "We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice." Dr. King meant that it may take a long time, but fairness will win.

From idea to final product, memorials take time

There are many steps involved in building a new memorial in Washington. Work to build Dr. King's memorial began 15 years ago.

The U.S. House and Senate passed resolutions in 1996 authorizing a memorial to Dr. King. In 1998, President Bill Clinton signed the resolution.

Next, a site had to be found and secured for the memorial. Finally, a competition was held for the memorial design. More than 900 entries were received from 52 countries.



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is located next to the Tidal Basin, between the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial.

King's college fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, wanted to build this memorial on the Mall to honor a man of peace and a person of color.

Mini Spy . . .



Mini Spy and Basset Brown are visiting the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. See if you can find:

- bell
- fish
- kite
- ladder
- letter E
- man's face
- envelope
- heart
- dolphin
- carrot
- lion
- letter Z
- word MINI
- basket



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Cool as a Cucumber Salad

You'll need:
• 2 medium cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced
• 4 ounces light sour cream
• 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
• 2 tablespoons sugar
• 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
• 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
• salt and pepper to taste

What to do:
1. Place sliced cucumbers in ice water to chill in refrigerator for 4 to 6 hours.
2. Drain cucumbers and remove most of the moisture with paper towels.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk sour cream, vinegar, sugar and spices until thoroughly mixed.
4. Stir mixture in with cucumbers. Serve chilled.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



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Meet Selena Gomez



Selena Gomez stars as Grace in the movie "Monte Carlo." She is best known for her role as Alex in the Disney Channel TV series "Wizards of Waverly Place." She has starred in several movies, such as "Ramona and Beezus," "Princess Protection Program" and "Spy Kids 3D: Game Over." She was the voice of Helga in "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!" Selena, 19, was born in Dallas, Texas. She started acting when she was 7 in the TV show "Barney & Friends."

She also sings, and her album "Kiss & Tell" reached the high level of platinum in sales. She has also sung original songs for several shows, including "101 Dalmatians" and "Another Cinderella Story." Selena supports several charities, including UNICEF, the United Nations charity for the world's children.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Abby Wambach



Height: 5-11 **Birthdate:** 6-2-80 **Hometown:** Rochester, N.Y. Abby Wambach knows about the agony of defeat. She felt it in the 2011 World Cup finals, a U.S. shootout loss to Japan. Wambach has done just about everything but win a World Cup in her stellar career. Her name and fame are now part of soccer lore. The gutsy, talented forward ranks third all-time among U.S. National Team scorers and is No. 1 in total goals — 122 in 163 matches.

She plays all-out all the time with her feet, heart and head. Head? Wambach's famous for netting goals with her noggin. What's next for Wambach, who starred in college at Florida? She'll likely stay on the move. She enjoys surfing and mountain biking, and someday hopes to hike the Appalachian Trail — after completing her illustrious soccer run.

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Who was Dr. King?

A civil rights leader

Martin Luther King Jr. led America's struggle for equal rights for people of all races during the 1950s and '60s.

Across the country, black people were joining in the fight for their civil rights. Dr. King, a prominent preacher, started a group to help organize and support protests against **discrimination**, or unfairness.

Dr. King wanted the protests to be peaceful, but that was not always possible. He was known for his strong belief in non-violence.

Dr. King was **assassinated**, or murdered, on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He was only 39 years old when he died.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A famous speech

After some large and sometimes violent events in Southern cities, President John F. Kennedy presented a bill to Congress that would make discrimination illegal. Dr. King and his supporters organized a March on Washington in August 1963, hoping to convince Congress to pass the bill.

The act made it illegal to discriminate against people in public places based on their race. It also called for equal chances for jobs and education.

At the March on Washington, more than 250,000 people gathered to support civil rights and listen to Dr. King speak.

In November 1963, President Kennedy was assassinated, but in 1964 President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law.



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'I Have a Dream'

The Mini Page shares just a small portion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech from Aug. 28, 1963:

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. . . .

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

To watch the entire speech, go to: www.neok12.com/php/watch.php?v=zX5b7d7b6d56665342605173&t=Civil-Rights-Movement

Building a Memorial

The winning design

The architect of the memorial told The Mini Page that the design was very important. "The design had to give us the opportunity to capture the words of Dr. King on a vertical, flat surface," he said.

The builders used **granite** (GRAN-it) to make the memorial. This dense and strong stone will last many years.

The design also includes water and plants, including blossoming cherry and American elm trees. Visitors will hear and see a waterfall next to the long wall with Dr. King's quotations. The wall is made of green granite, which blends with the natural landscape.

Four themes

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial highlights four themes from Dr. King's messages: **democracy**, **justice**, **hope** and **love**. We have included a few of Dr. King's quotes from the memorial that talk about these values.

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."



To the left in the photo is the Mountain of Despair. People walk through it to the Stone of Hope, shown here on the right.

From despair, hope

One of the main elements of the design is the Mountain of Despair, a large stone cut in half with space to walk through. This part of the design symbolizes the struggle of the civil rights movement.

The centerpiece of the memorial is the Stone of Hope, which features a 30-foot-tall carving of Dr. King.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

A place in history

On Aug. 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He was also a great admirer of President Thomas Jefferson. His new memorial lies in a straight line between the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial.

Next week, The Mini Page meets some award-winning book authors.

Dedicating the site

Before the official dedication of the new memorial on Sunday, Aug. 28, other events will honor leaders from the civil rights movement, some of whom were victims of violence during the struggle for equality for African-Americans. Kids will be able to participate in events in Washington to learn more about the memorial.

President Barack Obama is scheduled to deliver a speech to open the memorial.

How did kids help?

The Kids for King Education Initiative is a program that took place in schools all over the country. Kids could write an essay, create a piece of art or produce a short video about Dr. King's ideals. Winners visited Washington and the memorial site.

Kids and families also raised money through ice cream socials and coin drives. These funds helped build the memorial.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Catherine:** Why was the cat so tiny?
Chris: It drank lots of condensed milk!
- Cory:** What is an accident-prone cat called?
Carrie: A catastrophe!
- Cindy:** What do cats read in the library?
Craig: Catalogs!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Martin Luther King Jr. TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of memorials are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CIVIL RIGHTS, DEDICATE, DEMOCRACY, DESIGN, DREAM, HISTORY, HOPE, JEFFERSON, JUSTICE, KING, LEADER, LINCOLN, LOVE, MALL, MEMORIAL, MONUMENT, QUOTATIONS, THEME, WASHINGTON.

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

- On the Web:**
 - www.dedicatethedream.org
 - www.mlkmemorial.org
- At the library:**
 - "Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." by Doreen Rappaport
 - "Martin Luther King Jr. and the March on Washington" by Frances E. Ruffin

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

■ The College of Central Florida is now awarding **dozens of scholarships** to qualifying students interested in taking honors classes at the Citrus campus this fall semester. A major component of CF's Honors Institute, the Community of Scholars Honors Program offers incoming high school graduates two-year tuition scholarships, currently valued at \$3,000 per academic year, while offering partial scholarships to those who are currently attending CF.

Students in the honors program are free to pursue the degree option of their choosing at CF, with the scholarship requirement being successful participation in a limited number of honors level classes that also serve to fulfill degree requirements. Students may also take classes at any of the CF locations each term, and are not bound to enrolling only in classes offered at the Citrus Campus. Besides financial benefits, the Community of Scholars offers members priority registration each term.

Typically, a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 is needed to qualify for the Community of Scholars, although applications for those with a slightly lower GPA may be considered in some cases. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships should call Dr. June Hall at (352) 746-6721.

■ **Oratorical scholarship contest.** All high school students are eligible to enter. Scholarships awarded to winning contestants range from \$100 to \$18,000. The contest consists of an eight- to 10-minute prepared oration on some phase of the Constitution of The United States and a three- to five-minute assigned topic discourse on a particular article or amendment.

Most all American Legion Posts participate in this program, and additional information and entry forms are available through American Legion Post No. 155 Oratorical Contest coordinator Jack Marchitto, who can be reached at (352) 628-9843, or American Legion Post No. 155 Commander Jay Conti Sr., who can be reached at (352) 795-6526. You can also see your guidance counselor for more details.

Chalk Talk

CLASSES AND COURSES

For information about outdoors and recreational classes in Citrus County, see the Sunday sports section of the Chronicle.

■ **Thinking of home schooling?** Home schooling already and need fellowship and fun? All are welcome to join Calvary Christian Home School Group and meet other home-school families.

Signups are from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1100 W. Highland Blvd., Inverness. Cost is \$35 per year.

For information, email Carol Jones at cjones203@tampabay.rr.com.

■ Registration runs through Sept. 9 for **Art Center Theater Academy of the Arts** fall classes.

Classes for adults will be:

● Painting with Acrylics, Sharon Harris — 1 p.m. Mondays.

● Special Effects with Acrylics, Sharon Harris — 3 p.m. Mondays.

● Monologue & Acting, Brady Lay — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Classes for age 8 to adult will be:

● Dance Movement — 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

● Improvisation & Acting (10 years minimum age) — Brady Lay, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

● Dance Techniques/Improv — Karen Hedley and Jessica Watson, 10 a.m. Saturdays.

Classes for ages 7 to 16 will be:

● Learning to Act — Harris, Watson and Hedley, 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, followed by play rehearsals at 5:30 with Brady Lay (first session, "Mysterious Case of Missing Ring" and second session, "Christmas with Tanta Hilde.")

● Learning Elements of Design — Sharon Harris, Tuesdays, 4:15 p.m. for 7 to 9 years; 5:20 for 10 to 16 years.

Class sizes are limited, so register early. This fall, classes are offered in two six-week sessions —

Sept. 12 to Oct. 22 and Oct. 24 to Dec 10; single-session registration permitted with approval from instructor. Academy fees are \$30 per class, per session, or \$50 if enrolled in one class for both sessions, two classes and/or two family members a class/session.

To register, call the Art Center at (352) 746-7606 or visit www.artcenter.cc for information.

In addition to classes offered through the Academy of the Arts, the following instructors offer adult classes at the Art Center. For information on the dates and price of these classes, call the instructor. Classes are:

● Ron Affee, Drawing and Watercolor, (352) 726-3137.

● Suzanne Mahr, Oil Painting, (352) 465-9391.

● Jean Morey, Figure Drawing, (352) 586-3701.

● Anne Weaver, This is a Brush — Watercolor, (352) 746-0031 or aweaver21@tampabay.rr.com.

■ The College of Central Florida will offer **computer maintenance courses** at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

Tuning and Maintaining Your Computer will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Sept. 3 to 24, in the Citrus Learning and Conference Center, Room 110. Students will learn how to remove spyware, pop-ups and viruses to keep a computer running efficiently. This course will also cover how to install and uninstall programs properly and how to clean up a computer by removing unnecessary files that take up disk space. The fee is \$99.

To register or for information on other noncredit courses, call (352) 249-1210 or visit CFtraining.cf.edu.

■ **French and/or Spanish** classes to begin Sept. 12, with Intermediate Spanish.

Beginning Spanish will be at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and begins Sept. 14, and Intermediate Span-

ish will be at 6 p.m. Mondays. Beginning French will be at 6 p.m. Thursdays and begins Sept. 15, and Intermediate French will be offered at 6 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13.

Classes emphasize speaking and understanding, as well as reading and writing. Videos and oral tapes are also used to promote understanding and cultivate cultural awareness. Call (352) 637-2646 for information.

■ The College of Central Florida Citrus Campus is now accepting registrations for the fifth annual **Student Leadership Development Series**. Open to all area high school and college students at no cost, the program is built around the core values of integrity, service, responsibility, and dignity. Beginning Sept. 13, the series of short workshops will be conducted from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. seven consecutive Tuesday evenings at the CF Citrus Campus. This year's program includes workshops on team building, leadership styles, body language, personalities, cultural diversity, volunteerism, and career exploration.

Enrollment is limited, so call (352) 249-1207 to register for the program now.

■ The College of Central Florida has released its **July-December CF Institute Schedule**.

The noncredit schedule can be viewed online at CFtraining.CF.edu and includes hundreds of classes on arts and culture, child care, computers, corporate training, driving, health care, insurance, the Internet, language, real estate and more. Printed copies are available at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road; Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto; Levy Center, 114 Rodgers Blvd., Chiefland; and the Hampton Center, 1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. For more information, call (352) 873-5804.

■ Join the excitement as the

Homosassa Public Library begins a new **Celebrate Reading** program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Celebrate Reading is a session consisting of two programs geared toward helping preschool and elementary school-age children develop literacy skills, improve their reading and gain a love of books.

The first program, PAWS to Read, gives children the opportunity to build confidence in their reading ability by reading aloud to a certified therapist.

The second program, Reading Pals, pairs teens and younger children together. Teens read storybooks aloud to one or two younger children at a time. Children may wish to draw or write about a story they like.

Listening to stories, talking about stories and reading aloud are great ways to improve literacy skills while having a good time. For information, call the youth librarian at (352) 628-5626.

■ The following classes are offered at Whispering Pines Park, Inverness:

● **Scrapbooking:** This class is from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays with Sherrie Geick. Bring photos and supplies. Cost is \$7.50 per class.

● **Cards N' Chatter** at Citrus Springs Community Center, ongoing class second and fourth Tuesday; \$10 per class (three cards).

● **Watercolor** at Citrus Springs Community Center, ongoing Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; \$10 per class.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF) announces an open call for nominations for its prestigious **Women of Distinction recognition**. Women do not have to be Girl Scouts to be nominated. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, Sept. 12; applications can be downloaded from the council's website, www.gswcf.org. Honorees will be announced in October.

Do you know a woman who exemplifies extraordinary civic, professional and/or philanthropic commitment and achievement through gifts of time, talent and treasure, making her community a better place? Is she a positive

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role model for girls? Does she demonstrate a commitment to the advocacy of improving the lives of women and/or girls?

Visit www.gswcf.org to download a nomination form; all nominations are due Monday, Sept. 12. Those selected as a 2012 Woman of Distinction will be honored at a luncheon Tuesday, March 13, at A La Carte Pavilion in Tampa.

Community members who want to help protect the water resources in their area may apply online for a Community Education Grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The overall goal of the Community Education Grant program is to actively engage and educate adults about water conservation, protection and preservation. These grants offer reimbursement up to \$5,000 to help fund projects that provide communities an opportunity to learn about water resources.

To apply, visit WaterMatters.org/CommunityGrants/. Grant applications are due Aug. 19. Projects must take place between March 1 and July 31, 2012.

To discuss project ideas, please call Robin Grantham at (800) 423-1476, ext. 4779.

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF) is seeking troop leaders, both men and women over age 18, to volunteer as positive adult role

SO YOU KNOW

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models for girls. In addition to troop leaders, GSWCF is seeking volunteers to fill a variety of other positions. For more information on volunteering with GSWCF, visit www.gswcf.org or contact Kristie Wiley at (813) 262-1765 or volunteer@gswcf.org.

Springs Masonic Lodge No. 378 has an ongoing program to fix donated computers, which are then passed on to schoolchildren who cannot afford one. The program will accept computers, printers and monitors.

Individuals or businesses who wish to donate computers are asked to call the Lodge secretary at (352) 628-0338 to arrange for pick-up.

The Clerk of the Court is in need of volunteers as Special Service Clerks. The clerk's office offers a wonderful educational environment and welcomes volunteer applications from students in need of Bright Future community service hours or work-study hours. All time donated is greatly appreciated and volunteering as few as two or three hours a

week is a tremendous help to the clerk's office. Consider partnering with the clerk's office to meet community service requirements while volunteering as a Special Service Clerk (SSC).

SSCs are invaluable members of the clerk's office in assisting Deputy Clerks perform many functions for the citizens of Citrus County and serve as liaisons between the clerk's office and the citizens of Citrus County.

Call the office for more information on volunteering as a Special Service Clerk. Call Tanika Clayton, human resources generalist, at (352) 341-6483 or email tclayton@clerk.citrus.fl.us.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute would like input

from community members regarding what classes they would like to see offered at the school. To offer suggestions, log on to wtionline.cc, then click on "Community Education" and fill out a suggestion form.

Students at the College of Central Florida have the option of renting selected textbooks. Rented textbooks are available for less than 50 percent of the cost of purchasing a new printed textbook.

Many of the textbooks required for CF courses are available for rental at the Ocala campus bookstore, 3001 S.W. College Road, or online at www.CF.edu. Books are rented by the semester and students may highlight or mark rented books just as if they were purchased.

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Mexico border, about 3,000 new students register each fall. Of those, about half require one or more "developmental courses" covering basic skills, said Juan Mejia, the vice president of academic affairs.

So the college decided to partner with every public school district in its area to offer dual enrollment in high schools, a practice with momentum around Texas and across the country but more often involving high achievers looking to score early college credit.

The college sends instructors into high schools, or uses existing faculty there, and deputizes them as "adjuncts" to provide extra coursework in exchange for modest honoraria. The students earn South Texas College credit and complete the work

along with their regular high school course load while staying on track to graduate on time.

The inexpensive approach is aimed at eliminating the need and cost of postsecondary remediation courses that don't earn college credit, a significant problem for students.

"These are those students that may be first generation, that may be high risk, that with a little bit more help may be successful in college," Mejia said. "We give them a lot of help."

For Mauricio Perez, 22, in McAllen, Texas, that meant working on his English. He's been in the U.S. only four years from his native Mexico. His high school grades improved with his newfound language skills and he graduated high school on time. Perez now attends South Texas full time, with an eye on becoming a high school Spanish teacher.

"I thought if I did well in high

school why not do well in college," he said.

The need for remediation rears up even in select four-year schools, though they're more reluctant to talk about it, said Peter Alcock, a former vice chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

He's a member of the advisory board for the Massachusetts-based Families United in Educational Leadership, a nonprofit that serves more than 250 families in Boston, Chelsea, and Lynn. The FUEL program piloted an approach at Chelsea High School to have college-bound students take the College Board's Accuplacer exam by the end of 10th grade.

Accuplacer is a placement test in reading, writing and math developed 25 years ago by the College Board, which administers the SAT and other standardized tests. Through FUEL, Chelsea High was connected with Bunker Hill Com-

munity College to have students take Accuplacer in the 10th grade to provide any help identified before high school graduation.

Jonell Sanchez, senior director for Accuplacer, said the College Board launched a pilot program in June where a diagnostic version of the test can be given to 10th or 11th graders and coupled with targeted tutorials, interactive instruction and practice exercises offering instant feedback at Pearson's MyFoundationsLab online.

"We're saying do something about it before you get there," Sanchez said. "This way a student can learn piece by piece. That's crucial."

Public colleges and universities already stretched financially have a lot to gain from putting the remediation problem to rest, yet policymakers can't agree on a strategy.

"A lot of states are working on these issues but it's not a unified approach," Alcock said. "The approach to this is fragmented."

On the Flathead Indian Reservation in Pablo, Mont., Salish Kootenai College decided that its largely older student population had a lot of remediation to offer among its own ranks, so the school set up group peer mentorship, said Noel Harmon, a senior program manager for the Institute for Higher Education Policy, a nonprofit that helps low income, minority and other historically underrepresented groups gain access to post-secondary schooling.

Strong readers, for example, help those struggling to strengthen basic skills necessary for college — and for life.

"If possible, they move them through to the next level of courses together," Harmon said. "That helps the students form relationships and learn from one another. That's a real shift in terms of the way students view developmental education. They're doing great things with limited resources."

COLLEGE

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Marina Pawlaczyc, 17, will be traveling to the other coast of Florida. She will be going to Southeastern University, which was the only school she applied to.

"I wanted a school that was centered around God, considering that is what my life is centered around. I chose this school because it offered that, as well as a good learning environment for my major, business management," Pawlaczyc said.

Pawlaczyc says that going to an in-state university gives her the option of going home more often than if she were going out-of-state. She is looking forward to the freedoms of college that high school did not have.

"You don't have class from seven to three. It's more spaced out and you have more time to manage," Pawlaczyc said.

Sarra Armbruster, 18,

moved into a dorm at New College of Florida recently.

"I chose New College because it is really strong and well respected for its academics and when I toured and sat in on a class, it just felt perfect; it felt like home."

Armbruster will be majoring in political science and although she is worried about the intense workload, she feels that the classes she took in high school prepared her well.

"I took mostly AP (Advanced Placement) and honors courses and the teachers I had held high expectations for our work and didn't let us slack," Armbruster said.

While many have made the choice to remain in Florida for college, some students made the decision to venture outside of the state's borders.

Eighteen-year-old Kimberly Swartz just left for Charleston, South Carolina to attend school at the College of Charleston.

"I was actually born in

Charleston and grew up there, so leaving Citrus County and Florida isn't a big concern for me. The friends I've made here are what I'll miss most about CC."

Swartz said that none of the Florida schools "were a good fit" for her, and she received scholarships from Charleston.

"With the merit scholarships I received from (the College of Charleston), the tuition there was cheaper than both the Florida universities I was accepted to," Swartz said.

Jessica Place, 18, will be making the journey all the way up to Cedarville University in Ohio. Like Swartz, Place will be going back to her birthplace.

"This was the only (school) I applied to. Once I heard back at the beginning of my senior year (that I) was accepted, I was set. I always knew that this was where God was sending me," Place said.

Place will be living in a

unit-style dorm with seven other girls and is both excited and nervous to move in.

"I've bought all my dorm essentials: bedding, storage, decor, etc. I've packed and unpacked three boxes of things that I won't need until (I leave). This is (usually done) on the days that I'm so excited and can't wait," Place said.

Eighteen-year-old Marisa

Casola has decided to continue her education at Georgia Institute of Technology. Similar to Place, Casola feels that moving away from Florida will give her a fresh start and will be something new. She also chose this school for its academics.

"Georgia Tech is recognized for its rigorous engineering courses which I am sure I will enjoy, because I

always like a challenge," she said.

Despite her excitement over experiencing living in a city, leaving the county is bittersweet for Casola.

"(I was) born and raised here in Citrus County and only now do I realize I will miss it greatly. I will miss the rivers, springs (and) friends and family I have here in this county."



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Fat Cats	508 N. Citrus Ave, C.R.	(352) 563-2620
Sweet Pickles	8361 S. Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa	(352) 503-2045
Our Pub	Highway 40 West, Inglis	(352) 447-2406
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14	15	16 <i>Beef O' Brady's Crystal River</i>	17 <i>Fat Cats Crystal River</i>	18	19	20
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News NOTES

New Jersey Club meets Sept. 12

The New Jersey and Friends Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at VFW Post 4252 on State Road 200 in Hernando.

Activities for the month of September include: dinner at Kotobuki in Ocala on Sept. 21 and dinner at Buffet City in Brooksville on Sept. 28. Call Frank Sasse at (352) 489-0053 for details. Visit the website at: <http://njclubfl.tripod.com> for coming events.

For November, the club plans a day bus trip to St. Augustine. The trip is open to anyone interested. Reservations are being taken for the annual bus trip to Biloxi from Jan. 29 through Feb. 1. Call (352) 746-3386.

New Jersey and Friends Club sponsors The Family Resource Center by members bringing items of food and/or clothing to the monthly meeting. They are in great need of support. This project has been very successful and the club asks that members continue their support.

The club bowls at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Beverly Hills bowling alley. The club is an active social club and all are invited; there are no residency requirements. Call (352) 527-3568.

Polish Americans gather at library

Are you lucky enough to have been able to visit Poland? If not, we have a treat for you. Even folks who have lived in Poland or who have toured there will enjoy the travelogue at the next meeting of the American Polish Community at 1:30 p.m. today, Aug. 17, at Central Ridge Library, at the corner of Forest Ridge and Roosevelt boulevards in Beverly Hills.

At the conclusion of the film, there will be open discussion. All are welcome to bring memories or items to share.

For more information, call Eleanor at (352) 746-0413.

Legion auxiliary to serve dinner

Blanton-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155, Crystal River, will serve dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the post, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

On the menu are chicken and beef enchiladas. All members and the public are welcome. All profits from the dinner will support the many programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

For more information, call unit president Shawn Mikulas at (352) 503-5325.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Harley



Special to the Chronicle

Harley is a 1-year-old, 13-pound beagle that wants to be everyone's friend. Adopt A Rescued Pet Inc. does home visits prior to adoptions; therefore, can only adopt to the Citrus County area. Call (352) 795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name for a return call. Check www.adoptarescuedpet.com for our other pets and the adoption calendar.

Concert series continues

Withlacoochee Area Residents stage shows

Special to the Chronicle

Withlacoochee Area Residents (WAR), a local environmental group, brings Ken Skeens and Leigh Goldsmith, and E.T. Morris to the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, as its concert series continues. The fourth concert in the summer series will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Pepper Creek Terrace Room (second floor of the Visitor Center) on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Florida folk artist, songwriter Skeens grew up in the mountains of Kentucky. He spent much of his boyhood in the deep woods, where the gathering place for the local musicians was under "the big tree." Skeens

is an award-winning songwriter whose subjects range from the environment and preservation of nature to songs about spirituality, social issues and Americana.

His singing partner and songwriter wife, Goldsmith, spent her childhood in a small Pennsylvania town, where she loved to walk the country roads and enjoyed singing harmony with her dad. Her songs convey the universal feelings of heart and home. The couple's acoustic music is mellow and thought-provoking. Since 1993, when they started performing together, they have been a popular feature at various venues and folk festivals.

Opening the concert will be E.T. Morris. Born in Belle Glade and growing up in Hialeah, with a passion for

song writing, Morris has produced many original songs about his life and the transitions his native state has gone through. Entertaining, his songs range from inspirational and philosophical to hilarious. Morris is a staunch supporter of Florida music and songwriters and has operated open mic and musical venues from Brooksville to the Tampa Bay area. Down to earth in lyrics and style, Morris is a crowd pleaser.

A suggested donation of \$10 is tax deductible, with all proceeds going to benefit the initiatives of WAR to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive lands that make up the Nature Coast. There will be homemade desserts and beverages for sale.

For more information, contact Lee Paulet at (352) 795-4506, www.warin-online.com or directors@warinonline.com.

Vendors, sponsors sought for reunion

Special to the Chronicle

Nature Coast All Veterans Reunion needs vendors of all kinds and sponsors for the weekend of Friday, Oct. 7, to Sunday, Oct. 9.

Needed are vendors for food, crafts, merchandise and more.

Sites start at \$175 for a 10-foot by 10-foot space, which includes a refundable \$50 cleanup fee.

Larger sites are available. Deadline to sign up for participation is Aug. 31.

The regional event and parking are free. American Legion Post 225 is the host

and displays will include the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, Florida Purple Heart Memorial, Korean War Memorial, the Moving Tribute to 9/11, other military displays and live bands.

The memorials will be open Oct. 2 to 9 at the Civil War Reenactment site on

U.S. 19, seven miles north of Crystal River.

For more information and applications, visit the website at www.NatureCoastVeteransReunion.org, or call Richard Hunt at (407) 579-6190, Tom Gallagher at (352) 860-1629, or Lee Helscel at (352) 238-5692.

NAMI in the community



Special to the Chronicle

NAMI Citrus recently purchased a tent, banners, tables and other equipment to make its presence known to the community by participating in events. NAMI is also raising money for many projects to provide assistance to persons with brain chemistry disorders, or "mental illness." Pictured: NAMI project coordinator Ron Lundberg, right, stands by the NAMI tent at the Inverness Independence Day celebration.

News NOTES

BHRA to serve pasta dinner

Beverly Hills Recreation Association will host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Beverly Hills Recreation Center, 77 Civic Circle.

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, coffee, tea or soda.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or prior to the event. The meal is open to the public. Dinner will be served in the large dining hall.

For more information, call (352) 746-4882 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Lions to trek to Rays' game

Beverly Hills Lions will take a roundtrip bus Saturday, Aug. 20, to the Rays vs. Seattle Mariners ballgame at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.

Cost for ticket and bus is \$30.

The game is at 7:10 p.m. The bus will leave the Lions Den at 3 p.m.

Call Tom Mize at (352) 527-0962 for information.

Summer picnic for athletes, families

A special summer picnic and fun time for Special Olympics athletes and their families will be staged from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Crystal River Harley-Davidson

on U.S. 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa.

For more information, call (352) 795-5896.

'Kind Lady' auditions on tap

Auditions for the Art Center Theatre production of "Kind Lady" will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Art Center, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave.

The drama, directed by Mac Harris, calls for six men and six women of varying ages. Weekend performances will be Oct. 28 to Nov. 13.

For more information, call (352) 527-9372.

'About Boating Safely' offered

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Homosassa Flotilla 15-4, will conduct a two-session "About Boating Safely" program from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 17 and 24, at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 Veterans Drive, Homosassa.

Subjects covered will include knowledge of your boat, boating preparation, how to navigate on the waterways, safe vessel operation, the legal requirements, both federal and state. Also included will be information on boating emergencies/what to do, carbon monoxide dangers and hypothermia warnings.

At the completion of this

program, the student will receive a certificate of completion, a safe boating card and the knowledge and information for safe boating. Cost is \$30.

For more information or to sign up, call Al Hepner at (352) 795-9875, or Elaine Miranda at (352) 564-2521.

AARP offers safe driver courses

Florida is a mandated state and any insurance company doing business in Florida must give a discount to those completing an AARP Safe Driving Course.

Courses are open to all age 50 and older. Course fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for all others. Call the listed instructor to register.

Crystal River, Homosassa, Homosassa Springs

■ Aug. 24 and 25: 9 a.m. to noon: First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw Blvd., Homosassa. Call Frank Tobin at (352) 628-3229.

■ Sept. 20 and 21: 1 to 4 p.m., Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River. Call Lou Harmin at (352) 564-0933.

Inverness, Hernando, Floral City

■ Sept. 13 and 14: 9 a.m. to noon, Citrus Memorial Health System auditorium. Call Chauncey Benedict at (352) 795-5107.

■ Sept. 13 and 14, 9 a.m., Inverness Elks Lodge, 3580

Lemon St., Hernando. Call Bob Dicker at (352) 527-2366.

Beverly Hills, Lecanto, Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs

■ Sept. 13 and 15: 8:15 a.m., Beverly Hills Recreation Center, 77 Civic Circle. Call Theresa Williams at (352) 746-9497.

Come play before school begins

A Kids Day Out/Back to School Festival, sponsored by the Stitch Niche and the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, will be staged from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

The public is welcome to enjoy a day of fun, games and entertainment at Ernie Mills Park in Dunnellon.

Play a variety of games and compete in some games to win medals and trophies, plus door prizes every 30 minutes.

A variety of school supplies will be given away throughout the day. Learn origami, beading and other interesting things. Ride a pony or pet a miniature cow, turkey, goat or lamb. Learn some martial arts maneuvers and check out a real fire truck.

The Dunnellon Police Department will offer their Child Identification Program to all children.

For more information about the event, or to find out how to participate, call Viola at (352) 445-0728, or Beverly at (352) 489-2320 or (352) 422-0819.

News NOTES

Spirited dancers to kick up heels

Spirit of Citrus Dancers will have its luau-themed dance party Saturday, Aug. 20. Wear your favorite flowered shirt. Complimentary dance lesson at 7 p.m. and general dancing until 10 p.m. Music will be by Bill Dimmitt.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, it's birthday time again. All are welcome to celebrate with those who have September birthdays, with cake and dance music. Deejay Charles Cook will give a complimentary dance lesson and provide the music.

The kick-off dance party for National Ballroom Dance Week will be Sept. 17. There will be dance exhibitions by members, raffle items and treats. Music will be by Butch Phillips.

Dances are at the Kellner Auditorium, Jewish Center in Beverly Hills. Doors open at 6:45. Dance lessons are at 7 p.m. and general dancing is from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$6 for members; \$9.00 for nonmembers. Ice and coffee are provided. Sodas and bottled water are available for a small fee.

Call Barb and Jack at (352) 344-1383 or Kathy at (352) 726-1495, or visit www.socdancers.org.

Dentist offers free dental care Friday

Dr. John D. Hosner, DDS, will provide free, routine dental care between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at his office at 1118 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis, not by appointment.

Care may include fillings, simple extractions, X-rays, exams and cleanings. Any person younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

For information, call (352) 795-3131. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Online auction for food program

The online auction to benefit the Under One Roof campaign for a countywide food distribution center runs through Sept. 10. Visit <http://natlauctions.com> to bid on items.

The auction will be broadcast live Sept. 10 on WYKE TV, where final bids will be accepted.

Those wishing to see an item may call the We Care Food Pantry office at (352) 628-0445 and arrangements will be made to have the item available for inspection.

CUB offers chance for boat package

Citrus United Basket is selling tickets for its inaugural new boat drawing package fundraiser sponsored by Apopka Marine Boat Sales & Service.

The package includes a G3 Boats, model 1448LW Jon Boat, with F20 Yamaha motor with electric starter, trailer and jack, battery and gas tank, license, title and taxes all included. Drawing for the boat package will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Apopka Marine, 3260 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. For information, call CUB at (352) 344-2242.

Thinkers to get together Saturday

New Age Thinkers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Homosassa Library.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Rae Moonwind from Cassadaga. She will discuss intuitive healing, Indigo children, spirit guides and past-life regression. All are invited.

Call Donna at (352) 628-3253 or email missdonna@tampabay.rr.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 17, 2011. Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WFTS, etc.) listing programs and their ratings.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. The late Ann Richards, formerly governor of Texas, said: "If you think taking care of yourself is selfish, change your mind. If you don't, you're simply ducking your responsibilities."

Bridge section including a hand diagram with North, West, East, and South cards, and a dealer's vulnerable status.

hearts well guarded, bid three no-trump. North, after a lot of staring at the ceiling, passed. Note that five clubs is defeated if West is psychic and leads his singleton diamond.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes a cartoon and a grid of letters to be unscrambled.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points for words.

Answer to Previous Puzzle. A crossword puzzle grid with the answers filled in.

Dear Annie: "Elaine" has been married to my brother for 45 years. She is critical, opinionated and condescending, and she loves to use her poison tongue to point out our faults to her husband and children.

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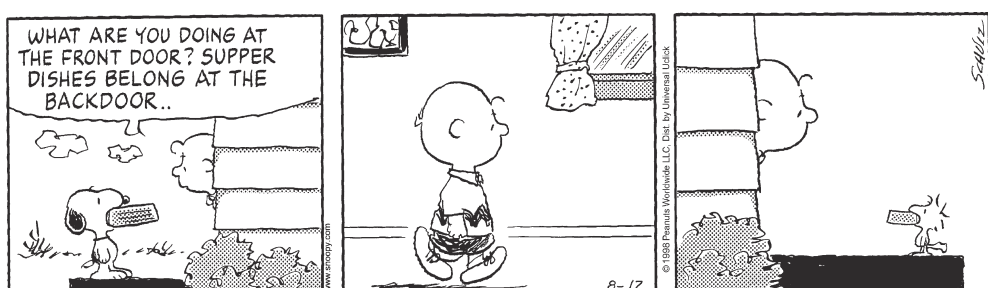
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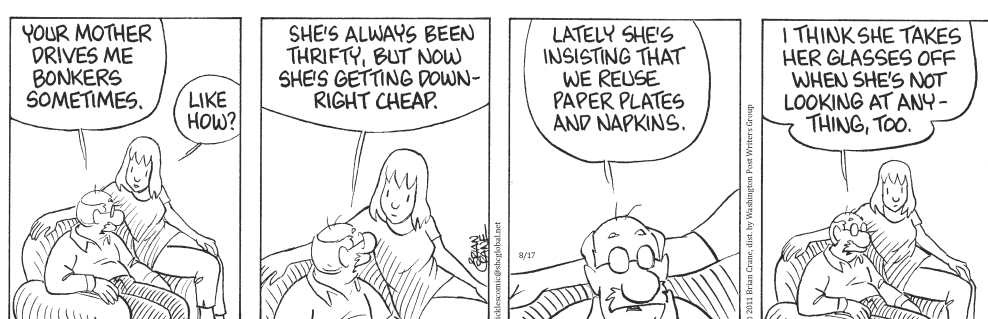
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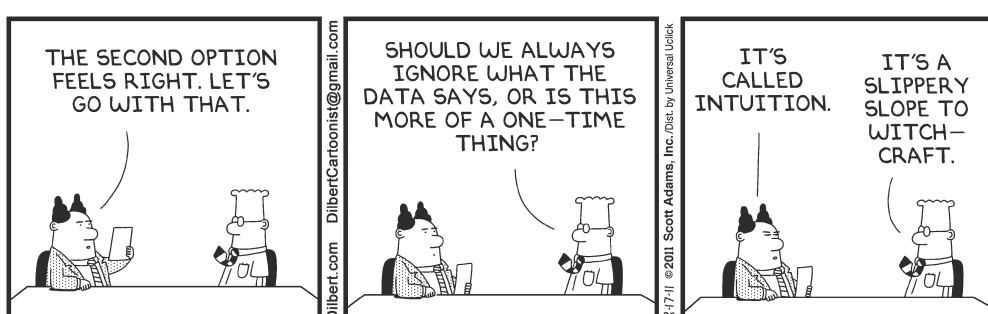
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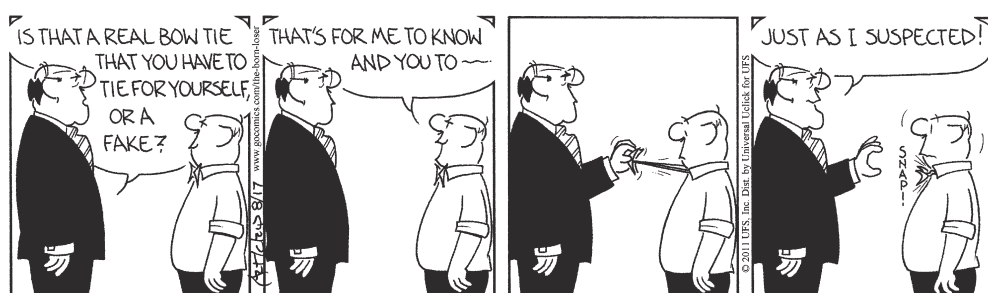
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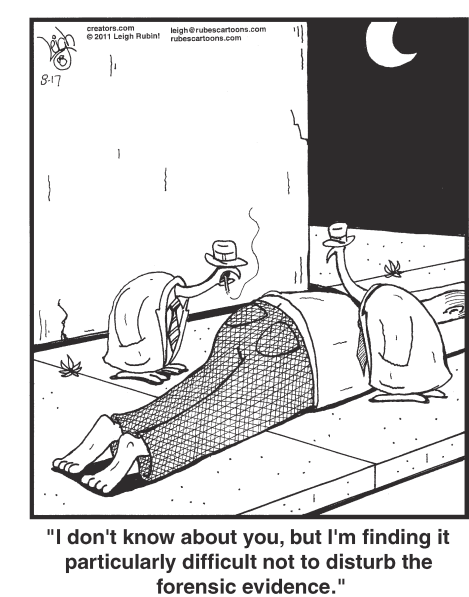
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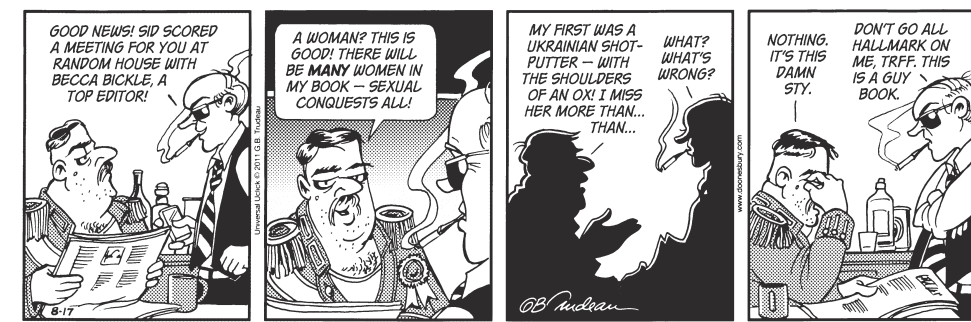
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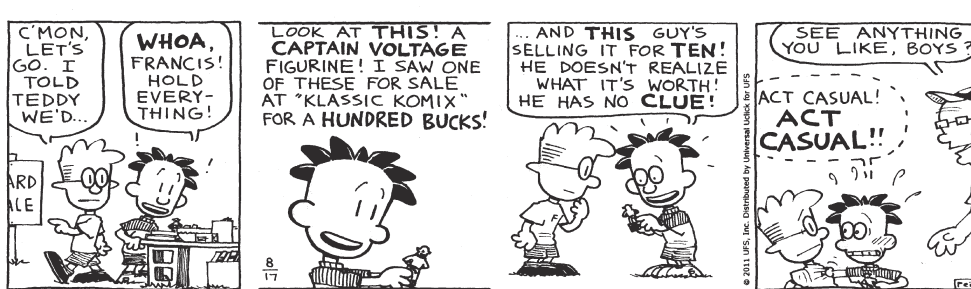
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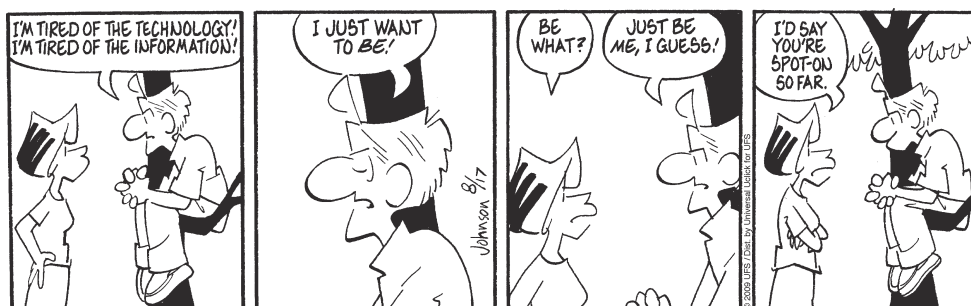
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Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377
'Final Destination 5' (R) ID required. In Read 3D. 1:30 p.m. 7:40 p.m. No passes.
'30 Minutes of Less' (R) ID required. 1:50 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
'The Help' (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
'The Change-up' (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'Rise of the Planet of the Apes' (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
'The Smurfs' (PG) In Real 3D. 4:40 p.m. No passes.
'The Smurfs' (PG) 1:40 p.m., 7 p.m.
'Cowboys and Aliens' (PG-13) 1 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
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'The Smurfs' (PG) In Real 3D. 4:05 p.m. No passes.
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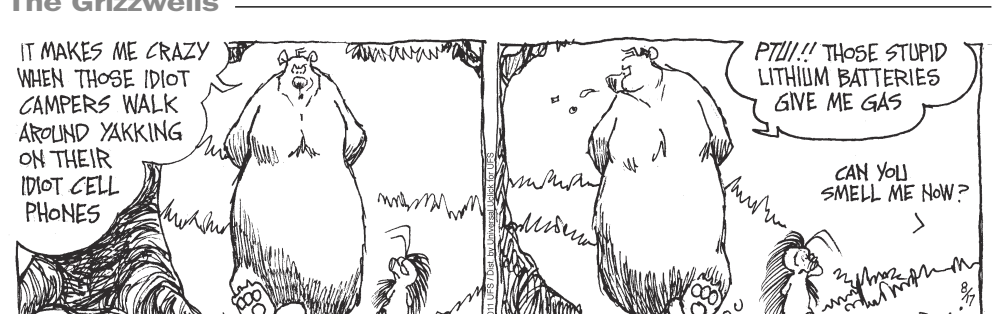
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