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NEWS BRIEFS

Appraiser files for re-election

Citrus County Property Appraiser Geoff Greene filed paperwork Tuesday to seek re-election in 2012 to a second term.

Greene defeated incumbent Melanie Hensley in the 2008 Republican primary and then went on to easily win the election. So far, no one else is in the 2012 race.

Greene's paperwork with the Supervisor of Elections Office means he can collect and spend money on his campaign.

Mo Show wraps up month

The end of November, a campaign for prostate cancer awareness, will be marked by a special event at a Crystal River pub.

County residents have been growing moustaches, called mos, for the campaign.

Set from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Burke's of Ireland, 564 Citrus Ave., the event will feature celebrity bartenders state Rep. Jimmie T. Smith and Citrus County Commissioner Rebecca Rays. All tips will benefit charity.

Steve Wright will entertain. Food will be sold by members of the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County. Family Headquarters Barber Shop will offer hot towel shaves for a donation.

At 6:30 p.m., the Mo (Moustache) Show will start, with awards given for the best-looking mo, biggest mo and lamest mo.

One hundred men age 50 and older who qualify will receive a coupon for a free prostate screening.

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Tablet class

Middle-schoolers learn about Europe with the aid of iPad2 tablet computers. /Page C1

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Citrus intact in proposed Senate map

MIKE WRIGHT Staff Writer

Citrus County would become part of a new congressional district and be united for the first time in 20 years in one state Senate district, according to plans offered this week by a legislative panel.

The Senate Reapportionment Committee released

THE NEW MAPS

See the new districts for the Senate and Congress incorporating Citrus County. /Page A2

proposed congressional and legislative boundaries, which are redrawn every 10 years to reflect census changes in population. Florida picked up two ad-

ditional congressional seats, from 25 to 27. Citrus is included in the new 26th District, which includes Sumter and parts of Lake and Marion counties, according to the proposed map.

That would place Citrus in a congressional district now represented by Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala. Stearns represented Citrus 10 years ago prior to the 2002 redistrict-

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Maps and info: www.flsenate.gov/session/redistricting

ing that removed Alachua and Marion counties from the Fifth Congressional District and added Hernando and Pasco counties.

The proposed map reduces Senate District 3 from 13 counties to 10, and

would place the entirety of Citrus County in one Senate district for the first time in two decades.

Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, is planning a re-election campaign in 2012 See SENATE/Page A2

Edible art gets 'jiggle-uti'



Bonnie Peterson displays a rose she created in a fruit-flavored gelatin base filled in this glass from her Inverness home. Peterson has established a business called Fruiti-Jiggle-uti.

Artist shows a rose by any other name would taste as sweet

NANCY KENNEDY Staff Writer

— INVERNESS File this under "How does she do that?"

Local artist Bonnie Peterson's newest art form, which has quickly become her newest home-based business: the Mexican gelatinas con flores.

Peterson calls it Fruiti-Jiggle-uti.

It's edible art, artistic edible illusions — flowers made of flavored, opaque, colored gelatin encapsulated in fruit-flavored, clear gelatin. It looks like roses (or poinsettias or pansies) under glass, almost too pretty to eat.

"Right now I'm doing sunflowers," Peterson said from her home outside of Inverness. "I'm using a

lemon vanilla — I'm still developing flavors."

She saw a version of this food art form online about two years ago and eventually found a Venezuelan woman in Florida who taught her how it's done.

Next, she spent about six months experimenting.

"My husband has eaten more gelatin — his hair and nails are great!" she said. "My husband calls me the 'Mrs. Fields of gelatin.'"

For Peterson, however, it's not as much about the food product,

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Before Bonnie Peterson makes a flower, she likes to paint one. She uses a book filled with pictures of flowers to assist in her work.



Suspect known by many names

A.B. SIDIBE Staff Writer

HERNANDO — It has been a rough couple of weeks for the man variously known as Jon Charles Good, Bob Jay Parsons and now Jon Charles Black.

Black — his birth surname — pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of his longtime girlfriend, Arlene Preg, on Nov. 16 and was sentenced to 25 years, according to Citrus County State Attorney Rich Buxman.

Monday, officials in Palm Beach County arrested him to answer charges that he killed another live-in girlfriend in 1979 and fled, presumably ending up in Citrus County. At the time, he went by the alias Jon Charles Good.

"It is always awesome when you can finally say you solved a cold case that is more than 30 years old," Eric Davis, spokesman for the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, said Tuesday.

"I can't go into everything about the case right now, but we feel like we have a good case against him," Davis added.

According to the affidavit filed by the Palm Beach state attorney's office, Black lived with Charlene Nelson



Jon Charles Black aka Bob Jay Parsons, aka Jon Charles Good.

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Manatees heading for warmer water

CATHY KAPULKA Staff Writer

HOMOSASSA — With the arrival of cooler weather, the Homosassa River wild manatees have made the trek up the river seeking warmer water.

In their search, they have discovered the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park has opened its gates beneath Long River Bridge, which is inside the park across the spring run.

Susan Strawbridge, park services specialist, said park staffers are pleased to see about 20 manatees and manatee calves in the spring bowl Tuesday morning before the park opened.

"When it gets cold, they are drawn to the spring," she said, as she explained the spring water is about 72 to 74 degrees year round. "It seems like the mothers and the calves come first."

She said the park opened its gates last week when the weather was still warm, an-



SUSAN STRAWBRIDGE/Special to the Chronicle

Two wild manatee calves cuddle together in the spring bowl at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park after the river gates were opened last week, allowing them access to the head spring and refuge from cooler temperatures.

icipating cooler weather. Art Yerian, park manager,

said a cold front came in at about 3 p.m. Monday and by

late Monday and early Tuesday, the manatees

started to enter the spring bowl.

"There were five or six of them playing and rolling around," he said. "Even with the boardwalk construction noise, that didn't bother them one bit. They were having a good time."

He said last year was the first year the gate beneath the bridge was opened and about 80 manatees entered the bowl at one time during one of Florida's cold snaps.

"I think they remembered that they had the access last year," he said. "It's really neat when you see that many up here."

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DEATH BY BOAT

A necropsy on a manatee found Monday shows the mother of at least 12 died from propeller wounds. /Page A2

SENATE

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and happy to see proposed district's geographical boundaries kept Citrus intact.

"I'm very excited we've got a solid district," Dean said. "It never made a hill of beans to me where the line is divided. I live in Citrus County and represent Citrus County."

Citrus is currently divided in two Senate districts. Dean represents the lion's share, and Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, represents the county west of U.S. 19.

Fasano was appointed to the Senate Reapportionment Committee but withdrew because he may be considering a run next year for Congress.

"I didn't want to show any conflicts, or allow any perception of any conflicts to either help me or hurt someone else," he said. "I've paid very little attention to the reapportionment process."



Charlie Dean represents Citrus County east of U.S. 19 in current Senate district.

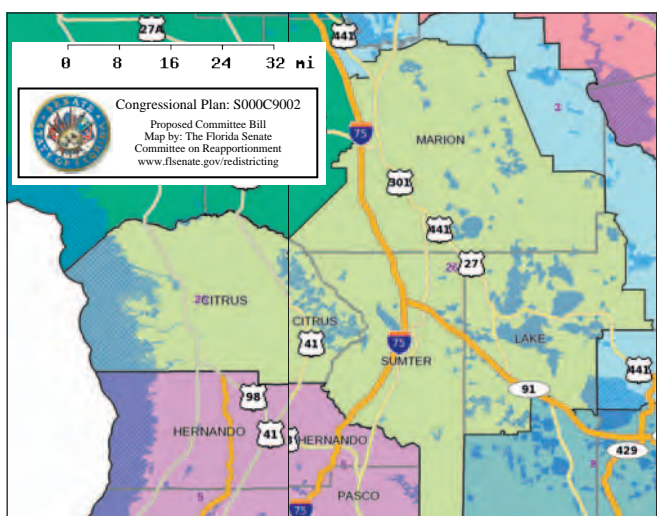
The proposed new Fifth Congressional District covers just Hernando and Pasco counties. Freshman Rep. Rich Nugent, R-Brooksville, now represents the district.



Mike Fasano represents Citrus County west of U.S. 19 in current Senate district.

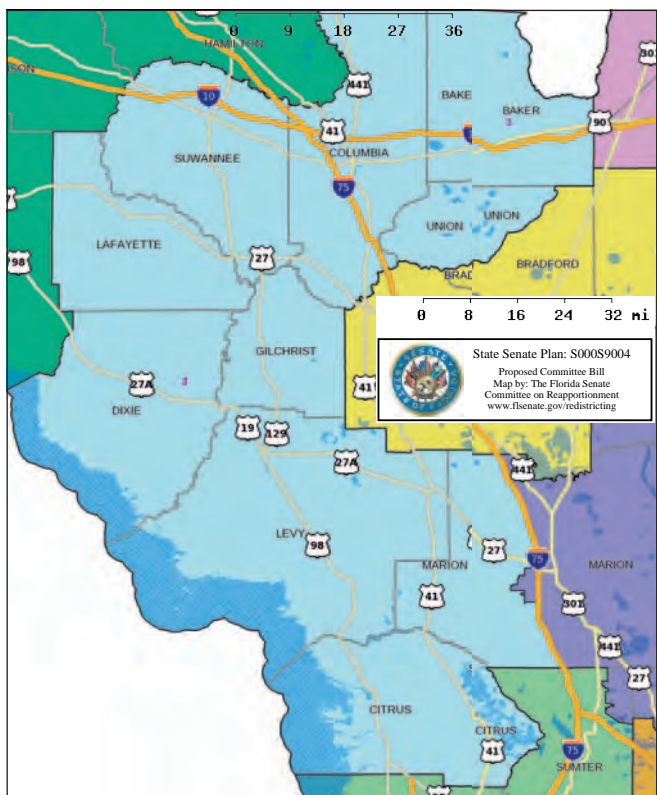
Both proposed Senate and U.S. House maps show Citrus with a portion of Marion counties—but not the same portion. The Senate District 3 includes Marion west of I-75 and the U.S. House map includes Marion east of I-75, including Ocala.

Fasano noted the reapportionment process doesn't



http://www.flsenate.gov/session/redistricting/

ABOVE: The Congressional redistricting plan. BELOW: The Senate redistricting plan.



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 R-Inverness.

end with one map. The state House of Representatives must still provide its proposed congressional and state House districts, and the final map requires House and Senate approval. The Florida Supreme Court also reviews and ap-

proves state House and Senate maps. Congressional maps are approved by a federal court or the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Boat strike killed manatee

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Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — A necropsy performed Tuesday on a large manatee found dead Monday near Three Sisters Springs in Crystal River determined the animal died from being hit by a boat.

"It was found that this manatee had suffered severe trauma to the back of neck, suggesting that this manatee couldn't have lived long after the collision," said Ivan Vicente, visitor services specialist at Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.

The manatee, which had been tracked as an adult since 1977 and named Griselda for the U.S. Geological Survey database that recorded her sightings, weighed more than 1,700 pounds, Vicente said. Griselda had water in her lungs, but was not actually waterlogged, he said.

The necropsy also revealed Griselda may have been nursing a calf. If there was a calf, Vicente said he hoped it was no longer milk-dependent and old enough to fend for itself.

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission can determine whether a boat strike paralyzed or killed a manatee, Vicente said.

"The hematoma on Griselda's spine was very prominent, as I witnessed it myself during the necropsy at St. Petersburg this morning," Vicente said, "and they believe that this manatee lost ability to move from the moment she was hit."

The manatee's size would not allow it to drift unnoticed, Vicente said.

"She was found on the bottom at the end of Three Sisters Canal and not floating the way drifting dead manatees usually are found," Vicente said. "The bottom line is that busy boating during Thanksgiving weekend around King's Bay very well could have resulted in the loss of this

precious female that had reared 12 calves since 1977."

It was not the first time a manatee was killed by watercraft collision in Crystal River during a holiday weekend. Another such death happened July 4, 2008, Vicente said.

He suggested more law enforcement attention during holidays, especially at times when the manatee population can reach 550 individuals, as has happened during colder months, when manatees cluster for warmth. When the weather is warmer, however, manatees are more widely distributed around King's Bay, requiring more boater alertness.

Vicente also encouraged more self-policing, while acknowledging boaters' diffi-

culty in watching out for both boat traffic and manatees.

"Idle speed sometimes isn't enough to prevent tragedies," Vicente said, "especially during highly congested days."

Vicente recommended all people using King's Bay to display the "Please Slow, Manatees Below" flags. Boat rental companies should advise customers about how the manatees would be distributed on particular days and kayak renters could spot manatees to alert boaters of their presence.

"The sanctuaries function as manatee bedrooms, but the rest of King's Bay is their dining and living room," Vicente said. "Every visitor to King's Bay should be made aware of that."

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Port Citrus aligns with Ocala project

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Marion County's plan for an inland port would work well with Citrus County's project for Port Citrus, the Citrus County Port Authority Board heard Tuesday.

"Yesterday, Nov. 28, we went to Wildwood with Commissioner (Rebecca) Bays, and we spoke to the Ocala 489 Inland Port Project," said Port Director Brad Thorpe, county administrator.

Thorpe said Stonecrest Management was the developer of the inland port, and its president, Hall Robertson, was present.

Thorpe presented an aerial map of the proposed inland port, which is comprised of 489 acres of land near Ocala north of U.S. 27 and east of I-75.

"The inland port is almost to the phase of construction," Thorpe said. "Marion County and the city of Ocala are infusing about \$25 million in roads and infrastructure into this port."

Stella Heath, manager of business development for Florida Central Railroad, also was present to explain how the Florida Central Railroad's parent company, the Pinsky Railroad, could service the inland port.

"They're putting a rail spur into this inland port that will connect to the Pinsky Line, which eventually connects to CSX Railroad that goes up to Jacksonville and eventually to Waycross, Georgia," Thorpe said.

Within the Pinsky Railroad, the Florida Central Railroad operates 68 miles of track, the Florida Midland Railroad operates 28 miles of track and the Florida Northern Railroad operates 104 miles of track.

"We found out from Pinsky Line, one railroad car equals four semi trucks," Thorpe said. "So you can see why railroad for long haul is very important to the economy."

Pinsky operates within Citrus County.

"The Pinsky Railroad line is the current short line that runs into the Progress Energy plant right now," Thorpe said. "They have a long-term lease with CSX Railroad. They are interconnected to the CSX system throughout the state of Florida."

"That's why that is such a vital component of the viability of this port."

Companies that used Ocala's inland port for transportation also would want the option of transporting products by water, which



Brad Thorpe



Joe Meek

would take business to Port Citrus. "This is a way for them to get water access for this inland port," Thorpe said. "This is a huge project. They will work with us to help us develop our port."

Thorpe reported the presentations he and port authority members have given in surrounding counties.

On Oct. 11, Thorpe and Port Authority Chairman Dennis Damato gave a presentation to Yanketown and Inglis, the towns north of Crystal River that are in Levy County.

"They were excited about the possibility of what the port could do to that community as far as infrastructure is concerned and job creation," Thorpe said.

On Oct. 18, Damato and Thorpe went before the Levy County Board of County Commissioners. "They as a group said they

would help in any way they could," Thorpe said.

On Oct. 29, Port Authority Board Member Joe Meek, Port Attorney Richard Wesch and Thorpe made a presentation to the Marion County Manufacturers Association.

"As manufacturers, they are always interested in transportation modes," Thorpe said.

On Nov. 22, Thorpe and Meek did a presentation before the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Crystal River Area Council.

"This was in response to getting the word out in a better way," Thorpe said.

Upcoming presentations will be given to Marion County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Ocala on Dec. 9, to the Citrus, Marion and Levy Workforce Connection on Jan. 3, and to the Marion County Economic Development Council on Jan. 18.

Cathy Taylor, management and budget director for the county, presented a budget for Port Citrus. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) would transfer \$28,510 from contingency funds to the Port Citrus account. Including all contributions to fund the feasibility study, the total budget would be \$120,510.

Thorpe presented board members the request for qualifications (RFQ) form to send out to consultant firms who would want to conduct the Port Citrus feasibility study. Thorpe said more than 10 interested firms already have contacted him. The board accepted the RFQ. The submittal deadline is Jan. 20.

Chris Lloyd, a Lecanto resident representing the Citrus County Council, a consortium of homeowner associations, civic clubs, environmental groups and interested citizens, asked about the use of the BOCC's general fund for advancing the Port Citrus project, which would be developed on private property.

Thorpe said the port authority has no public property on the site around the barge canal, but would lease it from private ownership to make it public as all Florida ports must be in public ownership.

The feasibility study would determine which property the port authority should lease. The port authority would then lease the property to commercial interests.

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Around THE STATE

Citrus County

Burch to speak to Republicans

Retired police chief Steven Burch, a Republican candidate for Citrus County sheriff, will be the guest speaker of the Ronald Reagan Republican Assembly at 1 p.m. Dec. 3, at 938 N. Suncoast Blvd. in the South Square Plaza in Crystal River.

Refreshments will be provided, and CASA donations accepted. For more information call (353) 257-5381.

Sheriff Dawsy on '10-43 Show' tonight

Tune into the next live edition of the "Sheriff's 10-43" show from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, on WYKE, Channel 16 for cable customers. Sheriff Dawsy will be in the studio taking phone calls, answering questions and listening to comments. Call the studio at (352) 527-2341 any time after 7:30 p.m. to speak with Dawsy.

Prior "Sheriff's 10-43" shows can be seen via the sheriff's office website at www.sheriffcitrus.org, or at 11 a.m. Fridays on WYKE.

Planning board to meet Thursday

The Citrus County Planning and Development Review Board will hear an application for aquaculture farming. The board will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto.

Ocala

Planning council sets annual meeting

The Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council announces its annual meeting Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, 1241 SW 10th St., Ocala.

The nominating committee meets at 5:30 p.m., followed by an open house at 6 and the annual meeting at 7 p.m., when officers will be elected for 2012. For information, call Michael R. Moehlman at (352) 732-1315.

Gainesville

UF gets \$1.1M grant for training for India

The University of Florida will offer behavioral health training and increasing its research opportunities in India with a \$1.1 million grant.

The grant from the National Institutes of Health was announced Monday.

—From staff and wire reports

Traffic headache



Traffic is backed up at the intersection of County Road 486 and County Road 491 as workers make adjustments to the traffic lights, causing a bottleneck. The lights clicked on at around 5 p.m.

CATHY KAPULKA/
Chronicle

Switching of lanes causes delays along CR 486 and 491

SANDRA FREDERICK
Staff Writer

As part of a major traffic pattern shift to the new roadway on County Road 486 and County Road 491, cars backed up Tuesday afternoon, causing a commuter headache.

Part of the switch was to modify striping at each end of the new roadway and switch all traffic heads and video detection equipment used to direct traffic patterns, said Walt

Eastmond, engineering transportation project manager for Citrus County.

"In order to do the work, we had to shut the equipment down and manually direct traffic through the intersection," Eastmond said.

A Citrus County Sheriff's deputy was on site to keep the traffic pattern flowing safely as county workers made the switch. The project started after the morning rush hour at

10:30 a.m. Tuesday and was completed around 5 p.m., which was during the peak afternoon traffic, he said.

Eastmond said the other part of the project was to tweak the traffic lights.

He said the new system uses motion sensors, which trigger computers to start the traffic light pattern when a car approaches, unlike the outdated system of loop wires in the roadway.

The next step in the

construction plans are to grind up the old roadway.

"The contractor (D.A.B. Constructors) is milling asphalt from the old roadway from the south end of C.R. 491 and mill north to the intersection and at the same time, the far east end and back to the intersection," Eastmond said.

The work should not interfere with traffic on the newer section of the road.

The project is slated to be completed in June 2012.

Weigh in on mail changes at meeting

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

The U.S. Postal Service is holding a public meeting Thursday in Gainesville to discuss moving mail processing operations from Gainesville to Jacksonville or Tampa — a move American Postal Workers Union (APWU) locals believe will affect mail service standards in a negative way.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Santa Fe College, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Building WA, Room 104. According to the Postal Service, it has experienced a significant reduction in how much single-piece first-class mail enters its system.

"In fact, from fiscal year 2001 through the end of fiscal year 2010, mail volume for this category has declined by almost 23 billion pieces, approximately 42 percent," according to the Postal Service's website.

Therefore, the Postal Service stated it is looking into increasing efficiency by consolidating mail processing operations, including shutting down operations in Gainesville.

However, APWU locals maintain making such a change will severely disrupt mail service standards in the seven-county area Gainesville serves, which includes Citrus County.

"It will slow service," said Brian O'Neill, president of the North Central Florida Area Local American Postal Workers Union.

Currently, 98 percent of first-class mail is delivered overnight in the seven-county area, thanks to Gainesville's central location. With operations moving to Jacksonville or Tampa, O'Neill said first-class mail would be delayed, meaning it could take up to two to three days for first-class mail to be delivered.

For seniors who get their medications through the mail or business owners who pay bills regularly, O'Neill said it could cause a problem, and he feels residents should be informed of the changes in their service standards.

For those unable to attend the meeting, written comments can be sent to: Consumer & Industry Contact Manager, North Florida District, P.O. Box 40005, Jacksonville, FL 32203-0005.

Comments will be accepted through Dec. 16.

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—From wire reports

'Lords and Dukes' part of Light Shine series

NANCY KENNEDY
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LECANTO — Franz Joseph Haydn and Duke Ellington: What could these two seemingly incongruous composers have in common?

The works both men considered to be their most important, Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and Ellington's "Songs from the Sacred Concerts," will be presented by the Marion Civic Chorale at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto.

The free concert is part of the Light Shine humanities program, sponsored by Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto, the Florida Humanities Council and the Citrus County Chronicle.

Haydn, the 18th-century Austrian composer known as the "Father of the Symphony," wrote this featured piece

of music in 1798 and called it "Mass for Troubled Times." Around the time of its inaugural performance, Napoleon was defeated in the Battle of the Nile by British forces led by Admiral Horatio Nelson and people started referring to it as "Lord Nelson Mass," a Mass being a form of sacred musical compositions.

Ellington, one of America's most influential composers of the 20th century, was predominantly known for his jazz compositions. His "Sacred Concerts," done in three separate suites, were written in 1974 near the end of his life.

"We had the Marion Civic Chorale here before when they performed the 'Holocaust Cantata' — it was great!" said George Krueger, member of the Light Shine committee. "They're made up of some 50 singers (who) are truly professional."

Concert selections include "Kyrie," "Gloria" and "Agnus Dei" (Haydn)

and "Every Man Prays/Our Father," "Come Sunday" and "Praise God and Dance" (Ellington).

"A word of caution — we can only seat 200 people," Krueger said.

"Also, because County Road 486 is under construction and new passageways are being opened up, we will have balloons by the entrances to make it easy for people to find the right driveway."

The church is at 2540 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto. Admission is free; donations gratefully accepted.

Additional performances in nearby Marion County include: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. George Anglican Cathedral, 5646 SE 28th St., Ocala; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Zion United Methodist Church, 510 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Ocala.

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State: BRIEFS

Tampa airport a favorite

TAMPA — A travel website has named the Tampa International Airport among the world's "most loved" airports. CNNgo.com, a website covering international travel and tourism, ranked the Tampa airport No. 6 in that category this month. It was the only airport in the U.S. to make the list.

Distraction causes crash

KISSIMMEE — The Florida Highway Patrol said a woman who was changing a CD caused a fatal wreck on Florida's Turnpike. Trooper say 63-year-old Ida Henderson was traveling south Monday afternoon when a vehicle driven by 55-year-old Karen LeForge of West Palm Beach drifted into

the right lane and struck her SUV.

LeForge told troopers she was changing a disc in the CD player. The SUV overturned and Henderson died at the scene. Henderson lived in Riviera Beach. The crash happened just south of Kissimmee. The two passengers in Henderson's SUV received minor injuries.

—From wire reports

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Burglaries

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 7 a.m. July 1 in the 6600 block of W. Erlen Lane, Homosassa.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 8 a.m. Oct. 1 in the 8400 block of N. Zaval Ave., Crystal River.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred on Oct. 2 in the 6600 block of W. Abers Court, Crystal River.
■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 9 p.m. Nov. 13 in the 1200 block of S. Palm Ave., Homosassa.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about noon Nov. 18 in the 4200 block of S. Plumtree Terrace, Inverness.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence and a grand theft occurred at about noon Nov. 21 in the 200 block of E. Hill St., Inverness.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 7 a.m. Nov. 23 in the 5500 block of S. Bob White Drive, Homosassa.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 8 a.m. Nov. 23 in the 4200 block of N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence and a grand theft occurred at about 11 a.m. Nov. 23 in the 8900 block of N. Mendoza Way, Citrus Springs.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 3 p.m. Nov. 23 in the 2600 block of W. Laredo Drive, Citrus Springs.
■ A burglary to a conveyance and a vandalism occurred at about 2:36 a.m. Nov. 24 in the 4000 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

ON THE NET

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.
■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 4:30 p.m. Nov. 25 in the 5100 block of W. Rolling View Place, Lecanto.
■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 1:30 a.m. Nov. 26 in the 10 block of Redbay Court West, Homosassa.
■ An alleged burglary was reported at about 8 a.m. Nov. 26 in the 4000 block of E. Woodduck Lane, Hernando.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 3 p.m. Nov. 26 at Celosia Court, Homosassa.
■ An attempted burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at about 10:30 p.m. Nov. 26 in the 6100 block of S. Florida Ave., Inverness.
■ A burglary occurred Nov. 27 in the 2900 block of E. Blueberry Lane, Hernando.
■ A burglary to a conveyance and a grand theft occurred at about 8 a.m. Nov. 27 in the 700 block of N.E. Ninth St., Crystal River.
■ A burglary to a conveyance and a grand theft occurred at about 4 p.m. Nov. 27 in the 100 block of S. Davis St., Beverly Hills.
■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence and a grand theft occurred at about 5:30 p.m. Nov. 27 in the 700 block of N.E. Fifth Ave., Crystal River.
■ A burglary to a conveyance and a petit theft occurred at about 5 p.m. Nov. 25 in the 70 block of S. Columbus St., Beverly Hills.
■ A burglary to an occupied residence occurred at about 11

a.m. Nov. 28 in the 1600 block of N. Shadowweir Path, Hernando.
■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 4:38 p.m. Nov. 28 in the 100 block of S. Apopka Ave., Inverness.
Thefts
■ A grand theft (\$5,000 or more) occurred on Oct. 1 in the 8700 block of W. Bourque Court, Crystal River.
■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred on Oct. 31 in the 9000 block of N. Travis Drive, Citrus Springs.
■ A petit theft occurred at about 10 p.m. Nov. 4 in the 1400 block of W. Newbury St., Citrus Springs.
■ A petit theft occurred on Nov. 21 in the 3800 block of S. Lake Terrace, Homosassa.
■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 5 p.m. Nov. 22 in the 1900 block of W. Henry Blair Lane, Dunnellon.
■ A petit theft occurred on Nov. 23 in the 6500 block of W. Cardinal St., Homosassa.
■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 11:45 a.m. Nov. 23 in the 6700 block of W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.
■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 12:30 p.m. Nov. 23 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.
■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 4 a.m. Nov. 24 in the 5200 block of W. Glenbrook St., Homosassa.
■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 9:30 a.m. Nov. 24 in the 2800 block of N. Florida Ave., Hernando.
■ An attempted vehicle theft occurred at about 6 p.m. Nov. 24 in the 12400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.
■ A petit theft (\$100 or more) occurred at about 10 p.m. Nov. 24 in the 7600 block of W. Springtime Lane, Homosassa.
■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24 in the 9400 block of S. Kingbird Terrace, Floral City.

Woman charged in battery

A.B. SIDIBE Staff Writer

HOMOSASSA — A Homosassa woman is facing a battery charge for allegedly entering a neighbor's house and hitting him on the shoulder.
According to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office report, Patricia Ann Gray, 68, was upset that her neighbor's dog was allowed to run loose.
On Nov. 22, Gray reportedly walked over to neighbor's house and knocked on the door, but before he

could answer the door, Gray had already opened the door and was inside the house.
According to the report, Gray allegedly struck the man on the shoulder and then walked out. The report also said he told investigators he later discovered his aluminum screen door in his screened in porch area was bent.
He told investigators the dog was loose, but thought Gray handled things inappropriately.
Gray reportedly told investigators she lost her

temper and struck the man because of his indifference to her complaints about the dog.
Gray told deputies the dog is always loose and chasing her dog, which has an underground electric fence, causing it to panic because it can't leave the yard.
She denied barging into the neighbor's home or damaging the screen door.
Bond was \$500.
Chronicle reporter A.B. Sidibe can be reached at (352) 564-2925 or at asidibe@chronicleonline.com.

High-speed chase ends in arrest

Chronicle

Citrus County deputies arrested a Lecanto man after he reportedly lead authorities on a high-speed chase Tuesday afternoon through a residential area in Inverness.
According to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, a deputy attempted to stop a small blue vehicle driven by 26-year-old Steven Daniel Bradley, of 6420 S. Coronado Trail, after he clocked the car traveling 70 mph in a 45 mph zone on County Road 486.
However, Bradley fled from authorities,

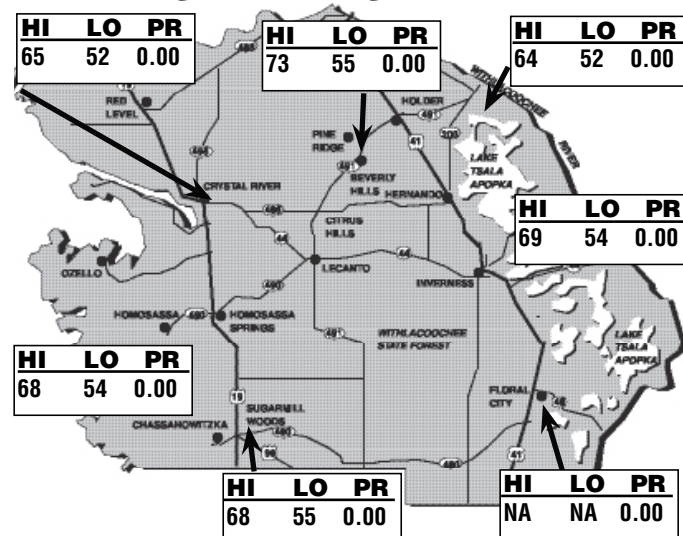
taking the chase through several residential streets near North Croft Avenue at speeds of up to 60 mph.
Bradley eventually stopped the car on North Fitzpatrick Avenue where deputies ordered him out of the car at gunpoint and took him into custody.
According to Bradley's arrest report, he said he fled because he was "unable to afford the traffic ticket for the original violation of speed."
He was charged with one count of fleeing/eluding a law enforcement officer. His bond was set at \$5,000.

Legal notices in today's Citrus County Chronicle



Table listing legal notices: Bid Notices...C12, Meeting Notices...C12, Notice to Creditors/Administration....C12, Tax Deed Notices...C12

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

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

MARINE OUTLOOK

Northwest winds around 15 knots. Seas subsiding to 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters will have a moderate chop. Mostly sunny skies today.

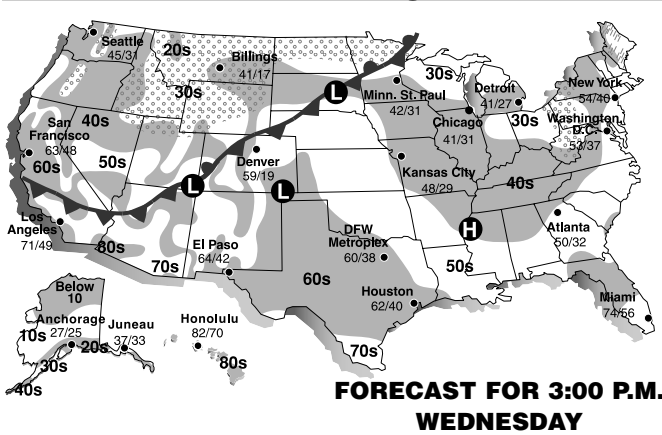
Gulf water temperature

67° Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, Mon., Tues., Full. Lists lake levels for Withlacoochee, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, etc.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

Table with columns: City, Tuesday, Wednesday, City, Tuesday, Wednesday. Lists weather forecasts for cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9. TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 65 Low: 35 Mostly sunny, breezy and cool. THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING High: 70 Low: 40 More sunshine, a bit milder. FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING High: 75 Low: 48 Mostly sunny, pleasant.

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TEMPERATURE* Tuesday 71/56 Record 85/31 Normal 75/54 Mean temp. 64 Departure from mean +0. DEW POINT Tuesday at 3 p.m. 50. HUMIDITY Tuesday at 3 p.m. 60%. POLLEN COUNT** Today's active pollen: Composites, grasses, palm. Today's count: 3.9/12 Thursday's count: 2.4 Friday's count: 3.0. AIR QUALITY Tuesday was good with pollutants mainly ozone.

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR, MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR, MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Shows sunrise and sunset times.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:32 P.M. SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:06 A.M. MOONRISE TODAY 11:35 A.M. MOONSET TODAY 11:12 P.M.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: HIGH. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi

WATERING RULES

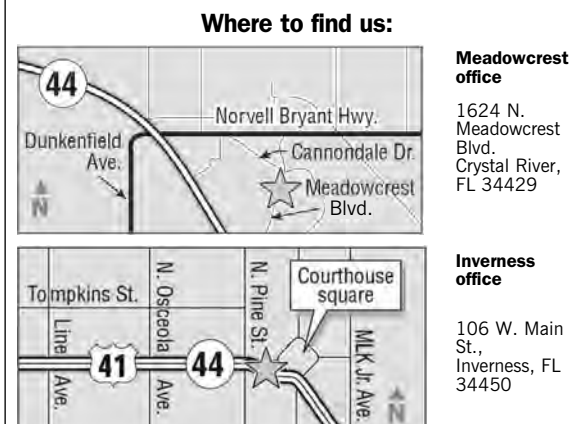
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Obituaries

Marie Conrad, 90 SUGARMILL WOODS

Marie Catharina (Kish) Conrad, 90, of Sugarmill Woods, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2011. Born in Braddock, PA, she



Marie Conrad

relocated from Pittsburgh to Sugarmill Woods with her late husband, Ralph E. Conrad, in 1978. She attended Margaret Morrison Carnegie College, which was one of the four colleges of Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University. During WWII, as a young woman, she was an inspector for the U.S. Navy, inspecting gun sights. She was very proud of her service to our nation. Later, after serving on various committees, she became the president of the Parent Teachers Association at Allen School (Pittsburgh). Because there was no local Girl Scout troop in the area, she founded Brownie Troop 525 and was their Leader. She also was an active co-owner of a small business with her husband.

A devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is survived by her daughter Mari-Elain Ebitz and son-in-law Curt Ebitz; grandsons Lt. Col. Curtis V. Ebitz Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, and wife, Maj. Amy Ebitz of Kailua, HI, and Erik C. Ebitz of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; plus four great-grandchildren, Brenna E. Ebitz, Kylee B. Ebitz, Curtis E. Ebitz and Sevina E. Ebitz. Her beloved husband, Ralph, preceded her in death, as did her parents, John and Julianna Kish; brother Frank Kish; and sisters Judy Connelly and Betty Stern.

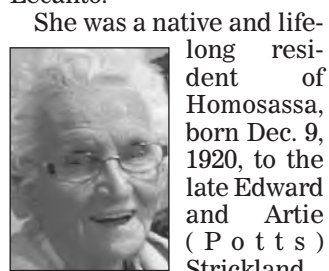
Family and friends will be received at Wilder Funeral Home, 4890 S. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19), Homosassa Springs, Florida, on Friday, December 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a memorial service. Inurnment will be at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, her daughter requests donations in memory of Marie Conrad be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Go to www.woundedwarriorproject.org, scroll down to bottom of page to "donate now" then click on "donate in memory of or honor" (Marie Conrad). Have the acknowledgement sent to Mari-Elain Ebitz, 89 Douglas St., Homosassa, FL 34446. Or mail your donation, noting that the donation is in memory of Marie Conrad and same acknowledgement information, to: Wounded Warrior Project Inc., 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 or phone (904) 296-7350.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Edna Head, 90 HOMOSSASSA

Edna Omie Head, 90, of Homosassa, FL went to be with Jesus Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at Hospice House of Lecanto.



Edna Head

She was a native and lifelong resident of Homosassa, born Dec. 9, 1920, to the late Edward and Artie (Potts) Strickland. Edna was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Cleveland, TN. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, William Riley Head.

She is survived by her son Lonnie Head and wife Anna of Homosassa; daughter Janice Tibbetts and husband Duane of Homosassa; two granddaughters, Lisa Lofley and Tonya Kramer; four grandsons, Dale, Keith, Mark and Lamar Head; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, FL. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2011, at Stage Stand Cemetery, Homosassa with Bishop Boyd Lawson officiating. Donations in memory of Edna may be given to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Mary LiVolsi, 91 FORMERLY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Mary R. LiVolsi, 91, formerly of Beverly Hills, Fla., died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, in New York. Visitation is Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fero Funeral Home. A funeral Mass is Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace. Entombment to follow at Fero Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements entrusted to Fero Funeral Home

Lorraine Toto

Lorraine Frances Byrnes Toto died Nov. 26, 2011. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Fla.

A Catholic Mass and a celebration of her life will be scheduled in NY.



Paul Jones, 87 DUNNELLON

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Paul Clayton Jones, age 87, of Dunnellon, Florida, will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2011, at the North Oak Baptist Church, with Pastor Stan L. Stewart officiating. Cremation will be under the direction of the Hooper Crematory, Inverness, Florida. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until the time of service, Saturday at the church. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to HPH Hospice, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Mr. Jones was born June 18, 1924, in Greenville, MS, son of the late John and Suzanne (Bricotte) Jones. He died Thursday, November 24, 2011, in Dunnellon.

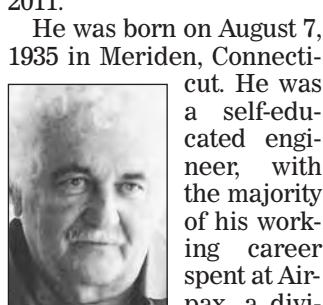
Mr. Jones was a Navy veteran serving during World War II. He worked as a pipe fitter and was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, Palm Beach, FL, American Legion, the National Rifle Association and North Oak Baptist Church, Citrus Springs, FL.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by parents; son, James Michael Jones; grandson, Joseph Jones; and two sisters, Faye Cuneo and Denise SESCO.

Survivors include wife, Peggy R. Jones of Dunnellon; two sons, Russell Clayton (Deanna) Jones of Chapin, SC, and Robert Dean Jones of Dunnellon; daughter, Paula M. Wilkey of Dunnellon; four brothers, John A. Jones of Marina, CA, Richard D. Jones of Ker-ville, TX, Rex Jones of Bristol, FL, and Albert Jones of Inverness; eight grandchildren, James M. Jones, Jason Jones, Mark Jones, Mandy Jones, Angela Jones, Russell Jones, Robert Jones, Kim Jones; and 13 great-grandchildren: Heather, Joshua, Mike II, Nicholas, Allyson, Katherine, Brandon, Destinee, Harmony, Tommy, Sydney, Joseph and Noah. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

John "Jack" Rutledge HOMOSSASSA

John F. (Jack) Rutledge passed away in Homosassa, Florida on November 23, 2011.



John Rutledge

He was born on August 7, 1935 in Meriden, Connecticut. He was a self-educated engineer, with the majority of his working career spent at Airpax, a division of North America Philips Corp. He instituted and managed many off-shore manufacturing projects for Airpax, including Matamoros, Mexico; the Dominican Republic; Singapore, Japan; and Belgium, including Brussels. He also held several patents on electrical switching devices and fractional horsepower motors. Jack was an avid drummer, playing with several local groups, as well as Colonial Drum Corps. He was also a circus historian, fan, and model builder whose models have been on display at various Connecticut and Florida locations.

He leaves his wife Lorraine (Noel) Rutledge of Homosassa, Florida; his daughters Kelly Jean Rutledge of Durham, Connecticut and Laurie Ann Harriman and her husband Glenn of Arlington, Massachusetts. He also leaves a sister, Terrianne Grimaldi, of Meriden, Connecticut. He was predeceased by his parents, John Patrick Rutledge and Rosemary (Galucci) Rutledge and a brother, Raymond Rutledge.

A memorial service will be held at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa Springs, FL on Friday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m. with Fr. Ronald Marecki officiating. A memorial mass will be said at Jack's parish, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Homosassa, Florida at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Dr., Tampa, FL 33612 or St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 7040 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446. www.wilderfuneral.com

Robert Warshany, 52 CRYSTAL RIVER

Robert Louis Warshany, 52, of Crystal River, FL, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at his home.

Wilder Funeral Home assisting the family with private cremation arrangements.



Associated Press

In this undated photo provided by Icarus Films, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin is seen with his daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva. Alliluyeva, who defected to the West and changed her name to Lana Peters, has died at the age of 85.

Stalin's daughter Lana Peters dies at 85

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's daughter, whose defection to the West during the Cold War embarrassed the ruling communists and made her a best-selling author, has died. She was 85.

Lana Peters — who was known internationally by her previous name, Svetlana Alliluyeva — died of colon cancer Nov. 22 in Wisconsin, where she lived off and on after becoming a U.S. citizen, Richland County Coroner Mary Turner said Monday.

Her defection in 1967 — which she said was partly motivated by the poor treatment of her late husband, Brijesh Singh, by Soviet authorities — caused an international furor and was a public relations coup for the U.S. But Peters, who left behind two children, said her identity involved more than just switching from one side to the other in the Cold War. She even moved back to the Soviet Union in the 1980s, only to return to the U.S. more than a year later.

When she left the Soviet Union in 1966 for India, she planned to leave the ashes of her late third husband, an Indian citizen, and return. Instead, she walked unannounced into the U.S. embassy in New Delhi and asked for political asylum. After a brief stay in Switzerland, she flew to the U.S.

Peters carried with her a memoir she had written in 1963 about her life in Russia. "Twenty Letters to a Friend" was published within months of her arrival in the U.S. and became a best-seller.

Upon her arrival in New York City in 1967, the 41-year-old said: "I have come here to seek the self-expression that has been denied me for so long in Russia." She said she had come to doubt the communism she was taught growing up and believed there weren't capitalists or communists, just good and bad human beings. She had also found religion and believed "it was impossible to exist without God in one's heart."

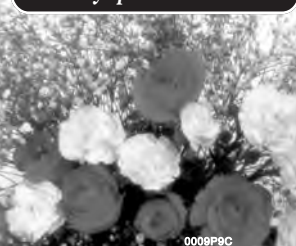
In the book, she recalled her father, who died in 1953 after ruling the nation for 29 years, as a distant and paranoid man. "He was a very simple man. Very rude. Very cruel," Peters told the Wisconsin State Journal in a rare interview in 2010. "There was nothing in him that was complicated. He was very simple with us. He loved me and he wanted me to be with him and become an educated Marxist."

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin denounced Peters as a "morally unstable" and "sick person." "I switched camps from the Marxists to the capitalists," she recalled in a 2007 interview for the documentary "Svetlana About Svetlana." But she said her identity was far more complex than that and never completely understood.

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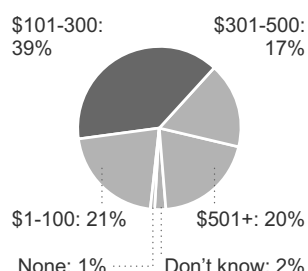
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Poll: Vet visits a pricey trip for many pet owners

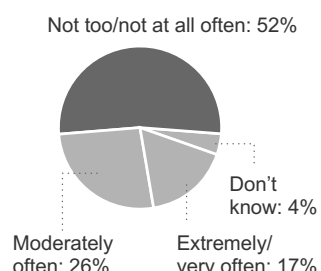
Pets and vets

Eight in 10 pet owners have taken their animals to the vet in the past year, according to a new AP-Petside.com poll. The overall average expenditure was \$505, boosted higher by the 13 percent of pet owners who spent \$1,000 or more.

Approximately how much money did you spend this year on veterinary bills for your pets (best estimate for those who took a pet to the vet)?



Based on your own experience, how often do you feel that vets suggest treatments that go beyond what is reasonable and necessary treatment for a pet?



NOTE: Poll conducted Oct. 13-17, 2011; telephone poll based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,118 pet owners age 18 or older; margin of sampling error ± 3.6 percentage points at 95% confidence level

SOURCE: GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications AP

Most spend \$300 or less on care

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Vet visits cost pet owners an average of \$505 dollars last year, according to a new AP-Petside.com poll, with those whose pets faced serious illness spending more than \$1,000 on average.

Eight in 10 pet owners took their animal companion to a veterinarian in the past 12 months. And cost was an obstacle for a third of those who did not visit the vet.

But most pet owners trust that vets are not suggesting unnecessary treatments, and the bulk of pet owners faced costs below the average. Sixty percent of those who did take a pet to the vet spent \$300 or less on their animal's care, the average expenditure was boosted higher by the one in eight (13 percent) who spent \$1,000 or more.

About one in six pet owners say their pet faced a serious illness during the year, and those pet owners spent an average of \$1,092 on vet care. One percent say they

took their pets to the vet and spent no money.

Thomas Klamm, 76, of Boone, Iowa, said he and his wife Beverly spent \$3,000 on their two Chihuahuas, sisters Kati and Keli, and he would have spent more if necessary, even though his annual income is under \$50,000.

The biggest bills resulted from a spinal condition Kati had, but Klamm said he has a lot of confidence in the vets and senior students at Iowa State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital in nearby Ames, where the little dogs have been going since they were pups.

According to the poll, most pet owners have faith in the treatment vets recommend. Overall, 52 percent say vets do not often recommend excessive treatment, 26 percent say that happens moderately often, and 17 percent say it happens extremely or very often.

Those whose pets had been seriously ill in the past year were no more likely than others to say that vets suggest treatments that go



Luis Calderon poses Nov. 16 with his German shepherd, Buddy, right, and his wife's dog Lola, left, in El Monte, Calif. Calderon, a self-employed handyman, has a wife and two kids and says work is scarce. If Buddy needed a vet, Calderon says he would have to go through public services or use credit.

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beyond what is reasonable and necessary.

Among those who did not take their pets to the vet last year, 52 percent say they only take their pets to the vet "when they're really sick" and a third say they can't afford it at all.

Luis Calderon, 56, of El Monte, Calif., couldn't afford to take Buddy, his 3-year-old German shepherd, to the vet last year. Buddy was given to Calderon when the dog was 6 months old. "We have become best friends," he said.

Calderon, a self-employed handyman, has a wife and two kids and said work is scarce. If Buddy needed a vet, Calderon said he would have to go through public services or use credit. "We would have to get him help."

How much would be too much? It would depend on what was wrong and what the vet said, Calderon said. "At that point I would have

to consider whether to keep him or let him go, put him to sleep," he said.

He hates the idea of putting limits on Buddy's health. "But we have to survive. At this point, my mortgage is No. 1. This month is really close to the edge," Calderon added.

Fifty-eight percent of those who did not take their pets to a vet in the past year said they "have a type of pet that doesn't need much veterinary care." Among them, 52 percent have dogs, 52 percent cats, 10 percent fish, and 5 percent birds.

Not surprisingly, higher-income pet owners (household incomes more than \$50,000) were more apt to take their pets to the vet than those with incomes below \$50,000 — 90 percent versus 74 percent. Forty percent of those with household incomes below \$50,000 who didn't take their pets to

the vet say they can't really afford to do so.

Art Jones, 62, of Alameda, Calif., said two of his family's cats died in the last year. He estimates he spent \$600 on vet bills — half of that to euthanize one of the cats. The other cat died at home.

"But we are not so wealthy we can spend thousands on a house pet. That's unfortunate, but that's the truth," Jones said.

He said he has family friends whose dog is getting cancer treatment and the cost is nearing \$10,000. "To me, that's insane," Jones said.

During the past few years, Jim Salsman, 51, of Las Vegas, paid for several \$500 trips to the vet for his neighbors' cat, Mau, after the declawed feline got in fights with other animals. Last year, the neighbors left and gave the cat to Salsman. He ended up paying another

\$400 in vet bills, but said he didn't mind because his neighbors were in foreclosure and struggling, and the cat became an important member of the family.

"He means everything to us," Salsman said.

According to the poll, dog owners were a bit more likely to take their pets to the vet than cat owners — 85 percent of dog owners compared with 79 percent of cat owners. But dog owners spent a bit less — an average of \$537 — than cat owners, who spent an average of \$558.

The AP-Petside.com Poll was conducted Oct. 13 to 17, 2011, by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,118 pet owners. Results among pet owners have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

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Pfizer tries to protect popular drug

Company offers discounts, incentives to make Lipitor as cheap as or cheaper than the generics

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Lipitor is so valuable that Pfizer is practically paying people to keep taking its blockbuster cholesterol medicine after generic competition hits the U.S. market this week.

Pfizer has devised discounts and incentives for patients, insurers and companies that process prescriptions that will, at least for the next six months, make the brand name drug about as cheap as or cheaper than the generics. Pfizer also has spent tens of millions of dollars this year on marketing to keep patients on Lipitor, which loses patent protection Wednesday.

Normally when a drug's patent ends, generic rivals grab nearly all its market share in a year or less, and the original maker quietly shifts focus to its newer products.

Pfizer Inc., the world's biggest drugmaker, is not giving up that easy on the best-selling drug in history. Lipitor had peak sales of about \$13 billion and still brings in nearly \$11 billion a year, about a sixth of Pfizer's revenue. With no new blockbusters to fill that hole, the company is making an unprecedented push to hang onto Lipitor revenue as long as possible.

Patients seem to buy into the logic.

"If I can get the name



Associated Press

The drug Lipitor is displayed at Medco Health Solutions Inc. in June 2011 in Willingboro, N.J.

brand at the same price or for pennies more than the generic, I have no motivation to switch," said Richard Shiekman, 59, who has been taking Lipitor for six years and credits the drug with sharply cutting his bad cholesterol. Shiekman, a wine and spirits importer from Redding, Conn., got a \$4 copay card two weeks ago after his pharmacy sent an offer guaranteeing that price through December 2012.

Pfizer's strategy is cunning and could become the new norm, as most other drugmakers also face generic competition to top-selling medicines and haven't been coming up with replacements.

"People getting a month of lifesaving medicine for the price of a cup of Starbucks is ... pretty impressive," said Michael Kleinrock, a research director at data firm IMS Health.

Pfizer's effort includes:

■ Offering insured patients a discount card to get Lipitor for \$4 a month, far below the \$25 average co-

payment for a preferred brand-name drug and below the \$10 average copay for a generic drug. Pfizer is promoting this heavily through ads, information distributed at doctors' offices and its www.LipitorForYou.com site. Pfizer, based in New York, said Tuesday that sign-ups have exceeded its goals.

■ Paying pharmacies to mail Lipitor patients offers for the \$4 copay card and to counsel patients that Lipitor lowers bad cholesterol more than rival drugs and helps prevent heart attacks and strokes.

■ Keeping U.S. marketing spending nearly level until the last minute, versus the typical two-thirds drop in a drug's final year under patent. From July through September, Pfizer spent almost \$90 million on doctor sales calls and free samples, about the same as a year earlier, according to Cegedim Strategic Data. Ads targeting patients fell about 60 percent to \$19 million. All that will soon taper off.

■ Negotiating unusual deals with some insurance plans and prescription benefit managers, the companies that process prescription claims for insurers or employers, to block pharmacists from dispensing generic Lipitor. Pfizer is giving them rebates that bring their cost for Lipitor down to the price of a generic or slightly less — if they agree to dispense only Lipitor for the six months



Associated Press

This undated photo shows Atorvastatin Calcium tablets, or generic Lipitor, which is being sold under a deal with Pfizer. Cholesterol blockbuster Lipitor is so valuable to its maker that Pfizer Inc. is practically paying people to keep taking it after generic rivals hit the U.S. market this week. The drug giant is even ensuring many of the 3 million Americans taking Lipitor can't switch to the generic.

before additional generic competition slashes prices. The move has generated some controversy and means many of the 3 million Americans taking Lipitor won't be able to switch to the generic.

Under those contracts, patients will pay either their plan's standard generic copayment or just \$4 — the lowest copayment pharmacies at supermarkets and discounters such as Walmart offer for the most widely used generic drugs.

While generic medicines work the same as brand drugs for nearly everyone, some patients prefer the brand.

"We want to make sure that patients who are cur-

rently taking Lipitor and want to continue ... have the opportunity to do so," said David Simmons, who heads Pfizer's Established Products business. He said research shows more than a third of patients want to stay on Lipitor.

Pfizer also is continuing assistance programs that subsidize uninsured patients wanting Lipitor, which costs about \$115 to \$160 a month, depending on dosage. Generic Lipitor, called atorvastatin, should cost 30 percent to 50 percent less.

People without insurance also can order the generic, with a prescription, through websites such as Health Warehouse.com.

Patients could save even

more by taking other generic drugs in the same class that have been on sale for several years: pravastatin (Pravachol) and simvastatin (Zocor). But they're not as potent as Lipitor, the key reason its sales have held up.

Typically, brand-name drugs get one or two generic competitors initially, priced about 25 percent lower. Six months later, other generic companies are allowed to jump in and the price drops up to 80 percent.

About 90 percent of the branded drug's sales ultimately vanish, as insured patients seeking a lower copayment switch over and most pharmacies automatically substitute a generic for a brand name.



Associated Press

A worker inspects vials containing H5N1 flu vaccine produced by Beijing-based drug maker Sinovac Biotech Ltd. on Nov. 24 in Beijing.

China getting into vaccine market

Associated Press

BEIJING — The world should get ready for a new Made in China product — vaccines.

China's vaccine makers are gearing up over the next few years to push exports in a move that should lower costs of lifesaving immunizations for the world's poor and provide major new competition for the big Western phar-

maceutical companies.

However, it may take some time before some parts of the world are ready to embrace Chinese products when safety is as sensitive an issue as it is with vaccines — especially given the food, drug and other scandals the country has seen.

Still, China's entry into this market will be a "game changer," said Nina Schwalbe, head of policy at

the GAVI Alliance, which buys vaccines for 50 million children a year worldwide.

"We are really enthusiastic about the potential entry of Chinese vaccine manufacturers," she said.

China's vaccine-making prowess captured world attention in 2009 when one of its companies developed the first effective vaccine against swine flu — in just 87 days — as the new virus swept the globe.

House voting to ease troops' airport screening

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Military travelers on official duty would get a special preference to move through airport security checks faster under a bill before the House.

Lawmakers plan to vote Tuesday on the bill, which would give the Homeland Security Department six months to devise a new system. Passage would send the bill to the Senate.

If the legislation becomes law, the earliest beneficiaries would likely be troops returning from Afghanistan next year and their family members — who also would receive preferential treatment.

The government already has initiated, and is expanding, a more intelligence-driven trusted traveler program for civilians. Participants include travelers in American and Delta airlines' frequent flier programs as well as people who are part of three other programs.

These people volunteer more information about themselves so that the government can vet them before they arrive at airport security checkpoints.

Rep. Chip Cravaack, R-Minn., chief sponsor of the bill, said it takes longer for men and women in uniform to pass through security because of their gear. Allowing them through security more quickly would speed up the waiting time for those not part of a preference program, he said.

While Homeland Security would establish the new preferential system, Cravaack envisions troops not having to remove boots, belt buckles, bulky military jacks and uniform medals. Troops could go to the front of the line, or a separate line could be created.

"This falls in line with the pilot program" now under way," Cravaack said. "I was an airline pilot for 17 years. We would go to the head of the line. I saw people who

were not exactly happy with that.

"But the main emphasis is expediting troops going through a security process that wasn't made for them."

The Transportation Security Administration is currently testing a trusted traveler program at airports in Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit and Miami. The program will expand to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Minneapolis-St. Paul over the next few months.

The civilian program allows participants to go to a dedicated lane. The traveler will provide the TSA officer with a boarding pass that has information about his or her status embedded in the barcode. A machine will read the barcode, and if the traveler is deemed part of a "low-risk" category, he or she will likely be able to keep on belts, shoes and jackets and leave laptops and liquids in bags when going through the screening process.

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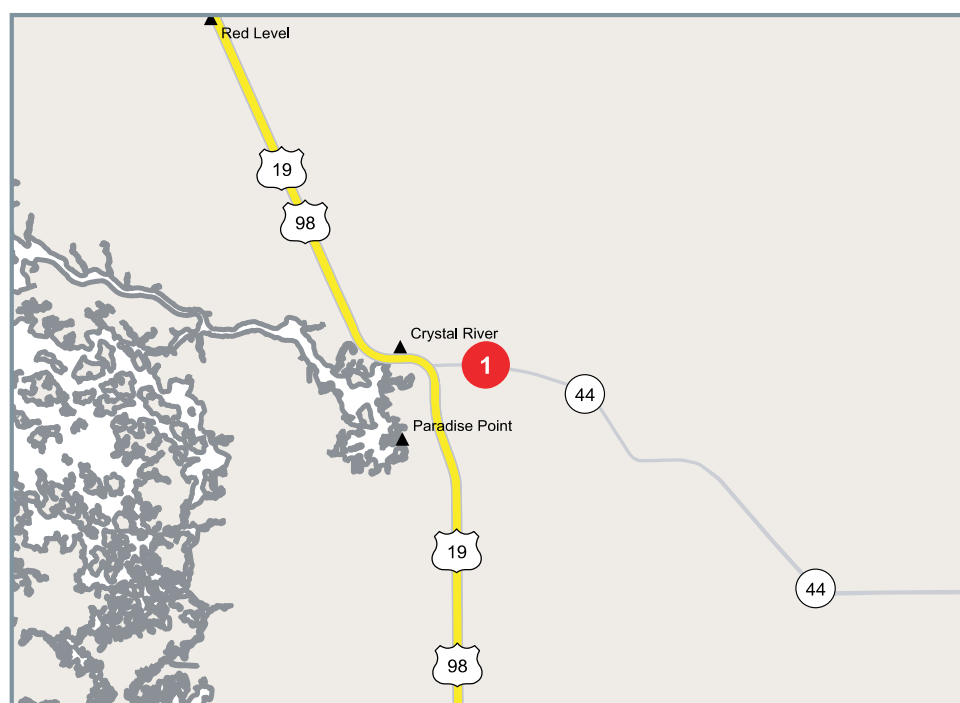
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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
BKofAm	3182219	5.08	-17
S&P500ETF	1597621	120.05	+34
GenElec	794643	14.92	+12
Corning	707002	13.19	-1.59
SPDR Fnd	616782	12.07	-0.7

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
NwGoldG	62052	10.40	+4.4
CheniereEn	45567	10.00	+11
Remtech	42317	1.39	+0.1
YM BioG	36239	1.28	+1.7
NovaGoldG	27098	10.71	+0.8

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	494705	17.68	-3.3
PwShs QQQ	465671	54.38	-3.4
Intel	425626	23.58	+1.2
Microfit	406921	24.84	-0.3
Yahoo	279012	15.70	+3.5

Here are the 825 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 765 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 116 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Tables show name, price and net change.

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Yld PE	Last Chg	% Chg	YTD	
AK Steel	20	2.7	-	7.46	-0.9	-54.4
AT&T Inc	1.72	6.1	14	28.06	+1.1	-4.5
Ametek s	24	6	18	40.47	+3.5	+3.1
BKofAm	04	8	5	5.08	-1.7	-16.9
CapCityBk	40	23	10	10.00	+0.5	-20.6
Citirps Inc	2.90	8.0	17	36.35	+0.2	-21.3
CmwREIT	04	2	7	25.24	+1.9	-46.6
CmREIT	2.00	12.2	23	16.38	+0.7	-35.8
CKODAK	04	1.2	13	34.00	-0.7	-9.4
EntertPT	2.80	6.5	25	42.23	-3.9	-8.7
ExxonMbl	1.88	2.4	9	76.93	+1.0	+5.2
FordM	6.0	4.0	12	14.92	+1.2	-18.4
GenElec	1.16	3.0	17	38.96	+1.95	+11.1
HomeDp	84	3.6	10	23.58	+1.2	+12.1
Intel	3.00	1.7	14	180.94	-1.27	+23.3
IBM	56	23	17	24.30	+9.4	-3.1
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GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	% Chg
NoahHlDgs	7.91	+1.0
WhiteRfr	25.25	+2.77
MedGenic	3.41	+3.1
WaterInrv	22.18	+1.17
Banro G	3.56	+1.18
GoldenMin	6.42	+2.8

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	% Chg
AllianceBk	3.62	-1.60
EmmisCpr	14.15	-2.85
RecovErs	3.76	-6.4
Powrr/rs	2.07	-3.3
WCA Wste	4.18	-6.1

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	% Chg
vjAMR 39	3.97	-4.58
RadianGrp	2.04	-35
ShipFin	9.57	-1.36
Corning	13.19	-1.59
TAL Educ	9.00	-1.01

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	% Chg
Advanced	960	-
Declined	1,559	-
Unchanged	1,222	-
Total issues	2,641	-
New Highs	21	-
New Lows	83	-

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
12,876.00	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	11,555.63	+32.62	+0.28	-1.9
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	4,720.21	+27.86	+0.59	-7.7
459.94	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	437.10	+4.90	+1.13	+7.3
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,149.71	+29.16	+0.41	-10.2
2,490.51	1,941.99	AAMEX Index	2,191.68	+27.16	+1.05	-7.6
2,887.75	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,515.51	-11.83	-4.7	-5.1
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,195.19	+2.64	+0.22	-4.9
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	12,551.31	+17.89	+1.4	-6.05
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	696.10	-1.80	-2.6	-11.7

DIARY

Name	Last	% Chg
Advanced	198	-
Declined	252	-
Unchanged	36	-
Total issues	486	-
New Highs	14	-
New Lows	17	-

DIARY

Name	Last	% Chg
Advanced	960	-
Declined	1,559	-
Unchanged	1,222	-
Total issues	2,641	-
New Highs	21	-
New Lows	83	-

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Name	Last	% Chg
SAIC	11.37	-1.9
SAP AG	56.75	-2.2
SCANA	42.09	+6.4
SLM Corp	12.09	-1.6
SprJIA	115.56	+4.6
SprMtr	166.88	+2.5
S&P500	120.05	+3.4
SPDR	15.72	+2.1
SPDRS&P	18.02	-0.7
SPDRS&P	37.27	+1.2
SPDRS&P	21.30	+0.3
SPDRS&P	21.98	+0.3
SPDRS&P	52.04	+8.1
SPDRS&P	49.66	+1.1
Saleway	19.09	-3.9
Saleway	13.42	-6.1
Sludex	35.69	-3.4
Sales	8.64	-2.7
Salesforce	110.59	-5.9
Sentient	35.04	-0.5
ShawGrp	24.57	+6.8
Sheraton	50.12	+0.6
SiderUnif	7.77	-3.0
SidWhin	31.34	-9.8
SidVip	7.23	-6.1
SimonGrp	119.18	+2.3
Skechers	13.24	+3.2
Schmorg	43.26	+1.1
SmithFP	23.70	+2.4
Smucker	74.13	+0.9
SonyCP	17.57	+0.5
Sorheys	26.82	-9.2
StorJerd	54.37	+4.2
Starbucks	37.01	+1.1
Sunoco	40.80	-0.8
SwatAir	7.93	+0.6
SunEd	36.90	+4.5
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AdonPh	83	+0.6	ConHldn	1.59	+0.1
Advnt	5.19	-0.2	CrisUniv	3.58	+0.0
AlexocP	6.34	-0.2	CsUHwy	2.86	+0.1
AlivNvG	32.50	-0.1	CrossH	0.57	-0.3
Amgen	70.02	-0.2	Dejuri	3.4	-0.1
AmStar	2.58	-0.4	DejnStk	1.32	+0.6
Amgen	3.02	-0.3	DejnStk	14.75	+0.2
Amgen	5.41	-0.2	DynCm	21.31	-1.2

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg
ACMoorf	1.59	...	AdmRsc	25.53	+1.86
AFC Ent	17.19	-2.4	AdonPh	83	+0.6
ASML Hld	35.71	-0.3	Advnt	5.19	-0.2
ATP O&G	7.03	-0.7	AlexocP	6.34	-0.2
BVH	71.60	-0.2	AlivNvG	32.50	-0.1
Abxras	32.08	+0.7	Amgen	70.02	-0.2
AcaciaTc	32.05	+1.2	AmStar	2.58	-0.4
Accury	3.64	-0.6	Amgen	3.02	-0.3
Acimion	6.36	-1.3	Amgen	5.41	-0.2
AcmePkt	33.37	+1.5	Amgen	1.59	-0.2
AccordTz	22.09	-0.2	Amgen	3.02	-0.3
AdorCP	47.02	+0.1	Amgen	1.59	-0.2
AdorCP	26.57	-0.5	Amgen	3.02	-0.3
AdorCP	26.57	-0.5	Amgen	1.59	-0.2
AdorCP	26.57	-0.5	Amgen	3.02	-0.3
AdorCP	26.57	-0.5	Amgen	1.59	-0.2

CURRENCIES

	Yesterday	Pvs Day
Argentina	4.2655	4.2640
Australia	.9977	1.0116
Bahrain	.3771	.3769
Brazil	1.8458	1.8553
Britain	1.5607	1.5496
Canada	1.0301	1.0366
China	523.85	523.75
Colombia	1947.50	1953.50
Czech Rep	19.14	19.34
Denmark	5.7879	5.5893
Dominican Rep	38.52	38.52
Egypt	6.0035	6.0096
Euro	.7501	.7515
Hong Kong	7.7896	7.7947
Hungary	231.88	232.67
India	52.019	51.965
Indonesia	9155.00	9115.00
Israel	3.7904	3.7795
Japan	77.93	77.99
Jordan	.7092	.7099
Lebanon	1506.00	1505.50
Malaysia	3.1805	3.1960
Mexico	13.9499	14.0450
N. Zealand	1.3120	1.3260
Norway	5.8456	5.9064
Peru	2.709	2.711
Poland	3.40	3.41
Russia	31.3450	31.3925
Singapore	1.2968	1.3016
So. Africa	8.3512	8.3834
So. Korea	1142.80	1153.39
Sweden	6.8846	6.9276
Switzerland	.9203	.9234
Taiwan	30.41	30.38
Thailand	31.27	31.32
Turkey	1.8515	1.8610
U.A.E.	3.6731	3.6730
Uruguay	19.995	19.9499
Venezuela	4.2925	4.2925

MONEY RATES

	Yesterday	Pvs Day
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Discount Rate	0.75	0.75
Federal Funds Rate	0.00-25	0.00-25

COMMODITIES

Commodity	Yesterday	Pvs Day
Gold (troy oz., spot)	\$1713.40	\$1702.20
Silver (troy oz., spot)	\$31.875	\$32.948
Copper (pound)	\$3.7563	\$3.3305
Natural gas (troy oz., spot)	\$1540.70	\$1571.00

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund names, NAV, and Chg. Includes categories like Advance Capital, Alger Funds, AllianceBern, and various international and domestic funds.

How To Read The Mutual Fund Tables

Here are the 1,000 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or Net Asset Value (NAV) and daily net change.

Table of mutual fund names, NAV, and Chg. Includes categories like Parnassus Funds, Pioneer Funds, and various international and domestic funds.

Confidence index, Europe spark boost

NEW YORK — A jump in U.S. consumer confidence sent stocks modestly higher Tuesday.

Investors were also encouraged by new efforts from European leaders to find more aggressive cures for the region's debt crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a gain of 32 points, following a 291-point surge Monday.

Retail stocks were among the biggest gainers. Home Depot Inc. rose 5.3 percent.

Best Buy Co. rose 5.1 percent. Retailers had record sales over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Stocks started higher and gained momentum after 10 a.m., when the Conference Board, a private research group, reported that its Consumer Confidence Index jumped in November to its highest level since July.

That news and the surge in holiday shopping reassured investors that the U.S. economy might be squelching the crisis.

At their regular monthly meeting, the ministers also released the latest installment of emergency loans for Greece.

Europe's proposals for wriggling out of a potential financial catastrophe have become more radical as borrowing costs for the region's large economies, in-

Market watch

Table showing market indices: Dow Jones (+32.62), Nasdaq composite (-11.83), Standard & Poor's 500 (+2.64), Russell 2000 (-1.80), NYSE diary, and Volume (3.9 b).

Nasdaq diary

Table showing Nasdaq index changes: Advanced (+1,484), Declined (1,551), Unchanged (104), Volume (3.9 b), and AP (1.6 b).

cluding Spain and Italy, spike. President Barack Obama said in a meeting with top EU officials Monday that if Europe failed to solve its crisis, the U.S. economy would suffer.

Acting with new urgency, Europe's finance ministers were considering wide-ranging plans for protecting its shared currency, the euro, from collapsing.

Italy was forced to pay a high interest rate on an auction of 7.89 percent rate was nearly three percentage points

higher than last month, an enormous increase.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33.62 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 11,555.63 Tuesday.

The Dow jumped 291 the day before on expectations that European leaders were moving more aggressively to prevent the region's debt crisis from causing a catastrophic breakup of their currency union.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.64, or 0.2 percent, to 1,195.19.

Technology stocks, which weak. Corning Inc., which makes glass for flat-screen TVs, slumped 10.8 percent, the most in the S&P 500, after saying a major South Korean customer would no longer do business with it.

The Nasdaq composite, which consists mostly of technology stocks, fell 11.83, or 0.5 percent, to 2,515.51. Netflix lost 3.4 percent after Standard & Poor's lowered its rating on the company's debt, saying it expected losses.

Bank stocks lagged the market after the latest jump in Italy's borrowing costs. Morgan Stanley fell 3.6 percent; Bank of America 3.2 percent. Banks are especially sensitive to Europe's financial problems because they hold billions in European debt. They could suffer huge losses in the event of a financial panic in Europe and a freeze-up in global lending markets.

AMR Corp. plunged 84 percent after the parent company of American Airlines said it would file for Chapter 11 because it could no longer shoulder rising fuel costs and its heavy debt load.

Cody's Original Roadhouse advertisement featuring a car, 'EAT HERE' sign, and 'Holiday Specials' menu with items like Choice Top Sirloin Steak and Grilled Salmon.

The Dentist Place advertisement with a large graphic of a tooth and text: 'The Dentist Place', '\$59 Cleaning, Exam & X-rays', '\$1.00 Take-Home Whitening', and 'Most Major Insurances Accepted!'.

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New York Stock Exchange table listing various stocks, their last price, and change. Includes companies like Intel, Microsoft, Apple, and Amazon.

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 Samuel Johnson, "The Rambler," 1750-52

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INNER WORKINGS

Gain keen insight into government

Would you like a special behind-the-scenes view of how things work in county government and how your tax money is invested? Then Citrus County's Citizens Academy is for you. A new 11-week class is starting in March, and it's free.

The "citizens academy" concept is familiar: organizations offer programs that provide

a close-up view of operations from the inside. Typically, participants emerge with a new appreciation of the organization and its accomplishments, as well as a willingness to share their information with others.

It's been done here by the school system, the sheriff's office, Nature Coast EMS, Citrus Memorial Health System, and now the Board of County Commissioners. The third BOCC Citizens Academy class is being graduated this week.

Talk to any citizens academy grad, and you'll hear statements like this: "I had no idea they did all those things." "I didn't understand how complex these issues are or the work that goes into addressing them." "There's so much involved. I can't believe everything they do, and how good they are at it. I'm really impressed."

The county government's citizens academy program is an effective tool in fighting civic ignorance. It's critical that citizens understand how govern-

ment operates; with education comes understanding, and with understanding comes a rational, workable approach to community issues.

THE ISSUE:

Citizens Academy.

OUR OPINION:

Learn how county government works.

Any interested citizen is invited to — and anyone who considers running for elected office definitely should — participate in a citizens academy class. Learn from the people who do it what's involved

in keeping roads, bridges and signage up to snuff, in guiding development and land use decisions and addressing code compliance issues, in attracting tourists to help our economy, in providing library and literacy services, in maintaining parks and recreational programs, in developing and balancing budget, in managing our valuable water resources and controlling our solid waste, and much more.

Unfortunately, the BOCC's academy classes are held on Thursday afternoons, so are relatively inaccessible to most working citizens. It would be helpful to have an alternative to accommodate those who cannot get away during weekdays.

There is personal value in being informed. And there is additional value for the community, for the more people who participate in the county's citizens academy program, the more transparency and accountability will be promoted in county government.

Despite surge, peril for Gingrich

Is there any more dangerous position in politics than being the surging front-runner in the Republican presidential race? Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry and Herman Cain have all been in that seat, and all have fallen out. Now, it's Newt Gingrich's turn, and the former House speaker, for all his new popularity, is in an extremely perilous place.



Byron York
OTHER VOICES

Here's the problem. There are new reports coming out every day about Gingrich's efforts on behalf of Freddie Mac, the prescription drug entitlement and other big-government initiatives. Gingrich denies that any of it involved lobbying, but the news will likely not sit well with limited-government conservatives. At least for now, though, it's not clear what the ultimate effect will be because it takes time for stories to sink in with the voters who will decide Gingrich's future.

"I don't think people have drawn a solid conclusion on those yet," says prominent Iowa social conservative Bob Vander Plaats, president of the Family Leader organization, which held a much-watched presidential forum on Saturday. "It's a little bit new."

News may travel at the speed of Twitter among political insiders, but it moves much more slowly among voters who have other things to do with their lives. Add the conservative mistrust of much of the media, and you have a process in which allegations, once made, take a long time to be vetted and pass from voter

to voter. "A lot of people will skip over a headline and think that's just another sensational story," says Iowa Rep. Steve King, an influential figure in caucus politicking. Instead, when there are stories about Gingrich lobbying, for example, voters will talk to their friends, and their friends to their other friends, and so forth. "Word of mouth will become more effective in the next few weeks," says King.

So recent revelations that in 2003 Gingrich privately urged lawmakers to vote for the prescription drug entitlement at a time he was being paid by pharmaceutical companies haven't yet made much of a mark. It's not clear whether they will or not.

The striking thing about Gingrich and the new revelations is that social conservatives have been hard at work dealing with the old stories about his character, mainly the fact that he has been married three times. On that score, Gingrich appears to be making real progress; a focus group conducted after the Family Leader forum found Gingrich had done particularly well among social conservative women.

Supporting Gingrich would be new territory for social conservative groups that have never endorsed a thrice-married candidate. But those groups are now wrestling with doing just that.

"We believe in one man-one woman marriage and lifetime commitments," says Vander Plaats. "But we also remind people that the centerpiece of our faith is this thing called forgiveness and grace. ... If we believe

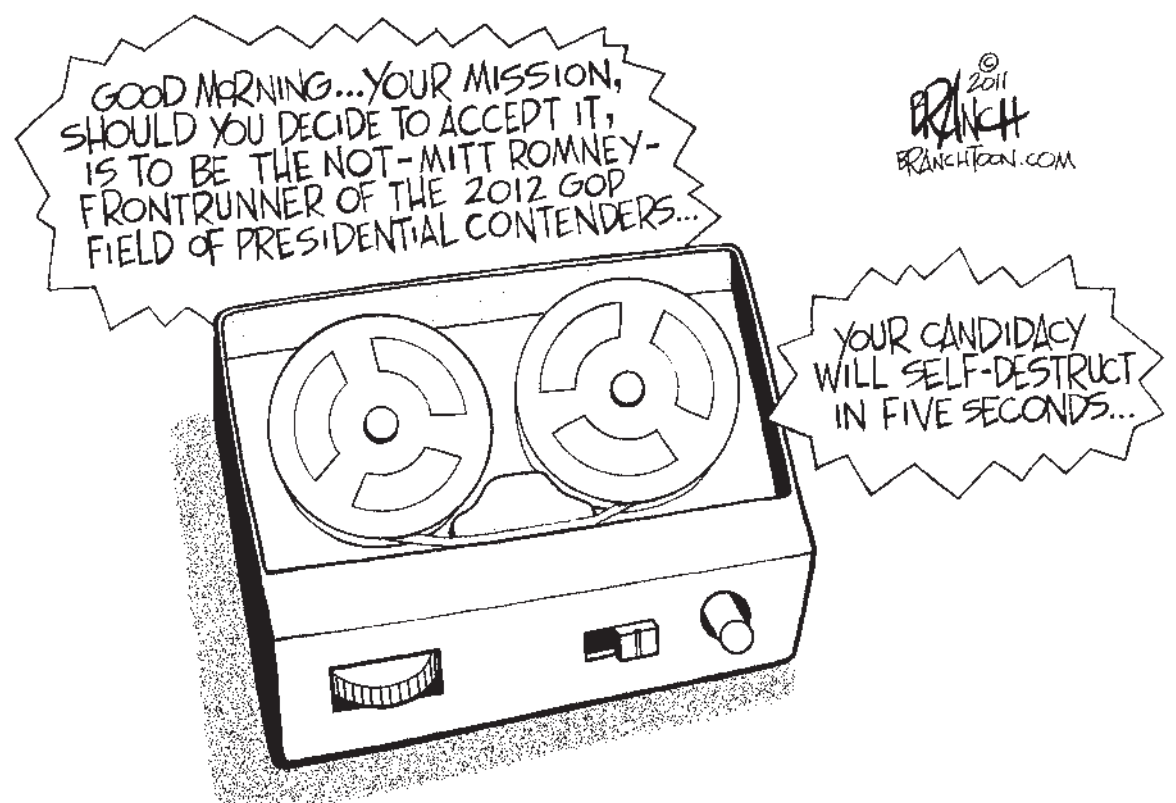
that a person is repentant, if we believe that person is sincere, and if we believe a person is maturing in their faith, then we should forgive."

Social conservatives who are inclined to support Gingrich point out that he has presented himself as a more mature, more faithful man for several years now — so the new Gingrich is not part of what is known in Iowa politics as a "road to Des Moines conversion." But there's no doubt that some social conservatives will never get past Gingrich's rocky personal life; how many are among that number is still an open question.

So despite all the progress he has made — he's now leading in the RealClearPolitics average of Iowa polls as well as national surveys — Gingrich faces a tricky next few weeks. He not only hasn't fully convinced much-needed potential supporters of his new faithfulness, he also has yet to feel the full effects of new revelations about his activities as a Washington insider.

On the other hand, Gingrich remains the most formidable presence in Republican debates and, given the falls of Bachmann, Perry and Cain, and longshot nature of Rick Santorum and Ron Paul, there might be no one left to supplant him in the role of main challenger to Mitt Romney. Either Santorum or Paul will have a boomlet, or one of the fallen will have to come back for another shot. Or the race will come down to Gingrich vs. Romney — if Gingrich can avoid a fall of his own.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for *The Washington Examiner*.



LETTERS to the Editor

'Useful idiots'

It is so easy to manipulate some people. The phrase "useful idiots" sums it up very nicely. We have these "useful idiots" with us in every generation, in our generation the brain manipulation started decades ago.

Our educated class is a class brainwashed, and propagandized by liberal professors who hijacked our educational system decades ago. All that money for phony education. I want a refund of my tax dollars.

It cannot happen here. It already is happening. We are this close to subjugation. Open your eyes, look around you, OWS (Occupy Wall Street).

Recently, I attended an event where I was searched every day, my belongings. The catch words are Safety, and Security. That is just how easy it is. The searchers, fellow citizens, did their searching with relish. As do community patrols who are concerned with our "safety, and security." A few days ago, I was issued an edict to keep my garage door closed at all times. It is supposed to be my garage door. Don't I have the right to decide if it is open or closed, for my convenience? Something so mundane is the bailiwick of citizen spies? We are told when, and how to use everything. Recycle, do not buy, buy only what you are told, you use too much to heat,

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drive to much, 2 minute showers, etc. Is that Freedom? We must cut back, while millions are allowed to rush over our borders at will. These people are taking my water, and everything else I use. I am forced to share resources with them, like it or not.

Logic should tell us something, but try to tell that to a liberal useful idiot. They want to hear none of this. Useful idiots are so devoid of common sense,

and logic, and information. May I humbly suggest useful idiots read "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom, see how bad things can get. If these useful idiots are prepared to experience this: Be my guest, but do not expect me to share the experience. I choose to decline.

D.I. Larson
 Ocala

Media's allegiances

I wonder daily as I see more and more the disaster this administration is to this country. I also wonder when the mainstream media will start being truthful and factual in reporting the things that are really going on with this president and the cabinet and others in his administration. The folks know and are being educated, albeit slowly, from other sources. It seems a shame that we have to go to media overseas to find things out about the machinations of this regime, and I make no apologies in calling it that. I've seen others call it worse things. They're seeing things we aren't. Is it any wonder we don't see these things? Makes you wonder the intentions and allegiances the media has in our country, and for our country. They don't look good from here.

William H Kurz
 Hernando



The United Way of Citrus County is trying to help feed the hungry this year and you can help. If each family in Citrus County contributed \$30 (or more), the fundraising organization could meet its goal for 2012. The United Way just gave \$50,000 to match a private \$50,000 grant to push for the completion of the food pantry in Homosassa Springs. Once completed, this pantry will provide food supplies to 51 nonprofit and church groups in our community that feed the hungry.

Do your part and mail a contribution to The United Way, c/o Gerry Mulligan, The Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.

Thanks for your help. — Gerry Mulligan

Hot Corner: KRIEGER'S LETTERS = Informative letter

I have to congratulate Roger Krieger's letter to the editor on Nov. 18 regarding the sheriff's spending. I think that was very informative on Mr. Krieger's part. It would really be interesting if Mr. Krieger or the *Chronicle* would research the amount of monies that our political agencies spend on accreditation and other certifications, national recognitions that they receive. From that perspective, probably the sheriff's office and the hospital of Citrus Memorial probably spend hundreds of thousands of dollars just to be recognized nationally for these accreditations. They don't come cheap. You pay for them.

Campaign ad

After reading Roger Krieger's

letter to the editor about our sheriff's spending, I want to go one more step.

When I read the multi-page flyer that the sheriff produced, I felt this was just a campaign ad for the upcoming election. Now when I read the flyer cost \$5,600 of taxpayers' money, I have become outraged.

Sheriff Dawsy, do the right thing and reimburse the county \$5,600 from your campaign funds. Stop using taxpayers' money for your self-interests.

Agree with Krieger

The article in the letters to the editor by Roger Krieger was a well-founded and well-done article.

I appreciate that. I totally agree with him.

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Nation BRIEF

Sentenced



Associated Press

Dr. Conrad Murray sits in court Tuesday after he was sentenced to four years in county jail for his involuntary manslaughter conviction in the death of pop star Michael Jackson, in Superior Court in Los Angeles.

Jackson doctor gets four years

LOS ANGELES — A judge's stern voice broke the silence of a Los Angeles courtroom: "Money for madness medicine," he said before sentencing Dr. Conrad Murray to the maximum four years behind bars for Michael Jackson's death.

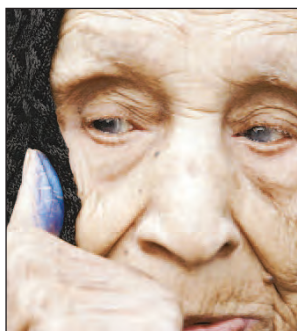
"Absolutely no sense of fault, and is and remains dangerous" to the community, Judge Michael Pastor said as he delivered a nearly half-hour tongue lashing that denounced Murray as a greedy, remorseless physician whose gross negligence killed the King of Pop.

Pastor said Murray sold out his profession for a promised fee of \$150,000 a month and accused Murray of committing a "horrific violation of trust" when he agreed to give Jackson a powerful anesthetic every night as an unorthodox cure for insomnia.

Murray will likely serve less than two years in county jail, not state prison, because of California's overcrowded prisons and jails.

World BRIEF

Voter



Associated Press

Fadila Mohammed, 90, holds up her inked thumb that shows she has voted Tuesday at a polling station in Cairo, Egypt.

Big turnout for Egypt elections

CAIRO — Egypt's military rulers were quick to take credit Tuesday for a strong turnout in the first elections since Hosni Mubarak's ouster, a vote that appeared to be the country's freest and fairest in living memory.

The military did not field candidates in the parliamentary vote. But winning bragging rights for a smooth, successful and virtually fraud-free election would significantly boost the ruling generals in their bitter struggle with youthful protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square calling for them to transfer power immediately to a civilian authority.

"When we plan, we execute and, at the end, we succeed," Maj. Gen. Ismail Etman, a member of the ruling military council, said in a television interview. He compared the elections to one of the Egyptian military's proudest moments — when they battled Israeli forces across the Suez Canal in 1973.

"The armed forces pulled off this election like they pulled off the crossing in 1973," he said.

Already, the ruling council's perceived success seems to have taken the wind out of Tahrir protests, at least temporarily. The square that was the center of the anti-Mubarak uprising had as many vendors as protesters on Tuesday.

— From wire reports

Crisis sends euro chiefs scrambling

Latest package offers \$10.7B to Greece

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Eurozone ministers offered Greece a \$10.7 billion Christmas rescue package Tuesday to stem an immediate cash crisis yet failed to resolve fears that the common euro currency might be doomed.

The 17 finance ministers insisted they found a veneer of credibility to coat the euro's rescue fund with enough leverage to deal with poten-

tial financial crises much bigger than the one facing peripheral Greece. And they called on the International Monetary Fund for resources to help further protect Europe's embattled currency.

"We made important progress on a number of fronts," Jean-Claude Juncker, the eurozone chief, said late Tuesday.

After saying earlier that the eurozone's rescue fund would be able to leverage up to \$1.3 trillion, the

fund's chief remained vague on how beefed up it was after Tuesday's meeting in Brussels. Klaus Regling said it would grow according to demands and market conditions, but assured reporters it was more than big enough to deal with Europe's immediate financial debt problems.

Still, making progress on the fund — a firewall to keep Europe's debt problems from engulfing nation after nation — "shows our complete determination to do whatever it takes to safeguard the financial stability of the euro," Juncker said.

Italy remained an enormous concern. Carrying five times as much

debt as Greece, Italy was battered for the third straight day in the bond markets, seeing its borrowing rates soar to unsustainable levels of 7.56 percent. Investors appear increasingly wary of the country's chances of avoiding default — and making matters worse, the eurozone's third largest economy is deemed too big for Europe to bail out.

The ministers still insisted Italy's new prime minister would come through, saying he has promised to balance Italy's budget by 2013.

"We have full confidence that Mario Monti will be able to deliver this program," Juncker said.

Iranian protesters storm UK embassy



Associated Press

Iranian police officers try to prevent protesters from entering the British Embassy on Tuesday in Tehran, Iran.

Attack comes days after vote to scale back diplomatic ties

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Hard-line Iranian protesters stormed British diplomatic compounds Tuesday, hauling down the Union Jack, torching an embassy vehicle and pelting buildings with bombs in what began as an apparent state-approved show of anger over the latest Western sanctions to punish Tehran for defiance over its nuclear program.

The hours-long assault on the British Embassy and a residential complex for staff — in chaotic scenes reminiscent of the seizing of the U.S. Embassy in 1979 — could push already frayed diplomatic ties toward the breaking point.

Iran's parliament approved a bill Sunday to downgrade relations with Britain, one of America's closest allies, with diplomatic envoys in the Islamic Republic.

Calling Tuesday's attack "outrageous and indefensible," British Prime Minister David Cameron said Iran's failure to defend the embassy and its staff was a disgrace and would have "serious consequences."

He said all embassy staff had been accounted for and praised Britain's ambassador to Iran for handling a "dangerous situation with calm and professionalism."

Sorting out who to blame may be difficult.



Associated Press

An Iranian protester watches a diplomatic vehicle set on fire by demonstrators who stormed the British Embassy on Tuesday in Tehran, Iran.

The late-afternoon demonstration outside the British Embassy was organized by pro-government groups at universities and Islamic seminaries, and could not have taken place without official sanction. However, such anti-Western rallies often draw ultraconservative factions such as the basiji, a paramilitary group run by the powerful Revolutionary Guard that is directly controlled by Iran's ruling theocracy.

Riot police initially clashed with mobs in attempts to hold them back, but protesters surged past cordons and scaled the walls at the embassy complex, which they pelted with petrol bombs and stones. Flames shot out of a sport utility vehicle parked outside the brick building and occupiers tossed papers apparently looted from an office.

"Death to England!" some cried outside the compound in the first significant assault of a foreign diplomatic area in Iran in years.

Inside the compound, protesters replaced the British flag with a banner in the name of 7th-century Shiite saint, Imam Hussein. One man showed a picture of Queen Elizabeth II apparently taken off a wall.

Chants called for the closure of the embassy and called it a "spy den" — the same phrase used after militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution and held 52 hostages for 444 days. In the early moments of that siege, protesters tossed out papers from the compound and pulled down the U.S. flag. Washington and Tehran have had no diplomatic relations since then.

Iran's state TV said Iran's Foreign Ministry expressed regret about "unacceptable behavior" of protesters, saying Iran respects international agreements to protect diplomatic sites.

American Airlines off into bankruptcy

Passengers unlikely to see much impact

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For most of the 240,000 passengers who fly American Airlines each day, the airline's bankruptcy filing should have little noticeable impact.

American continues to

operate flights, honor tickets and take reservations. It says its frequent-flier program will be unaffected.

Some travelers may eventually see fewer American flights at their airport. The incoming CEO said American would probably reduce its flight schedule "modestly" while restructuring in bankruptcy court. But that would continue a strategy in place at American in response to high jet fuel prices.

The real risk to American's passengers is if the re-

structuring fails, the airline ultimately liquidates and ceases to fly. Even then, many travelers are protected if they bought tickets with a credit card.

Delta, United, Continental and US Airways have all gone through Chapter 11. Travelers continued to book tickets. Planes still took off and landed and frequent flier miles were still earned and redeemed. In fact, the bankruptcy process is usually more taxing on the airline's shareholders, who

tend to get wiped out. Or on workers, who can lose pay and benefits, and even their job. The Chapter 11 filing is likely to dampen the spirits of flight attendants and pilots as their fears about salary and pension cuts become more urgent.

American is the nation's third-largest airline behind United Continental Holdings Inc. and Delta Air Lines Inc. It operates out of five major hubs in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago and Miami.

Cain to rethink run for W.H.

Allegations dog campaign

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Herman Cain told aides Tuesday he is assessing whether the latest allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior against him "create too much of a cloud" for his Republican presidential candidacy to go forward.

Acknowledging the "firestorm" arising from an accusation of infidelity, Cain only committed to keeping his campaign schedule for the next several days, in a conference call with his senior staff.

"If a decision is made, different than to plow ahead, you all will be the first to know," he said, according to a transcript of the call made by the National Review, which listened to the conversation.

It was the first time doubts about Cain's continued candidacy had surfaced from the candidate himself. As recently as Tuesday morning, a campaign spokesman had stated unequivocally that Cain would not quit.

Cain denied anew that he had an extramarital affair with a Georgia woman who went public a day earlier with allegations they had been intimate for 13 years.

"It was just a friendship relationship," he said on the call, according to the transcript. "That being said, obviously, this is a cause for reassessment."

He went on: "With this latest one, we have to do an assessment as to whether or not this is going to create too much of a cloud, in some people's minds, as to whether or not they would be able to support us going forth."

Saying the episode had taken an emotional toll on him and his family, Cain told the aides that people will have to decide whether they believe him or the accuser.

"That's why we're going to give it time, to see what type of response we get from our supporters."

Cain has denied the affair, as well as several other accusations of inappropriate sexual behavior that have dogged his candidacy over the past month. He had been publicly resolute about pressing ahead even as his standing in public opinion polls and his fundraising started to slide.

But in the conference call, he pledged only to keep his imminent schedule, including a foreign policy speech at Hillsdale College in Michigan later Tuesday that he promised to deliver with "vim, vigor and enthusiasm."

He scrapped at least one planned event, withdrawing from a party in New York on Sunday to meet with some of the city's top journalists including NBC's Matt Lauer and ABC's Barbara Walters.

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Levins nets hat trick in Lady Pirates 8-0 win

Crystal River cruises to victory with mercy-rule win at home

LARRY BUGG
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — The Lady Pirates sailed past the Lady Buffalo with one hat trick and five other goals in an 8-0 mercy-rule game Tuesday night at Earl Bramlett Field.

Crystal River High School's Brooke Levins was on fire, scoring three goals

for her team in a district matchup against The Villages (1-4-1 overall, 1-2 district). The junior forward added an assist to her count before the night was over.

Her teammates, Clarissa Consol and Aubrie Menster, added a pair of goals each as the Pirates (5-2-1, 3-1) out-shot the Buffaloes 47-3.

Natalie Ezzell booted one in from 10 yards out with

13:12 left in the game to finish off the night.

Consol scored the first goal unassisted at 29:52. Menster's first goal followed about five minutes later. Melissa Cong Cuesta added an assist.

Consol scored her second goal — the third for the night — with an assist from Cassidy Newcomer at 7:47.

Menster scored her second goal at five minutes in the half with Levins assisting.

Levins netted her hat trick next, hitting the final goal of the first half on the

equivalent of a basketball lay-up. Menster passed to Levins, who was in front of the net and tapped the ball in.

In the second half, Levins booted one in unassisted from 15 yards out at 34:22. She added her third from 15 yards out with 26:09 left in the half. Consol received the assist.

"A lot of it was they passed the defense and I worked into it," Levins said. "I had a hat trick the first game we had. I'm happy with this game. We were passing well."

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Buffalo boys soccer trample Pirates

Special to the Chronicle

THE VILLAGES — The Villages High School boys soccer team made an early mistake but rebounded with six unanswered goals to defeat Crystal River High School 6-1 in a Class 2A-District 6 game Tuesday night at VHS.

VHS senior Ryan DeMarco recorded a hat trick while fellow seniors Chandler Holt, Robbie Houston and Hudson Parr each also scored.

Crystal River (4-3, 1-2 in district play) struck first in the third minute of play when Jimmy Tully — with an assist from Travis Swanson — put the ball into an empty net when VHS goalkeeper Sam Sullivan left his box after a miscommunication with

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Suh appealing NFL's suspension

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Ndamukong Suh is going back to the NFL, this time hoping for some leniency.



Ndamukong Suh

The league suspended Detroit's All-Pro defensive tackle without pay for two games Tuesday, punishing the second-year player for roughing up a Green Bay Packers offensive lineman after the whistle last week. Suh promptly appealed his suspension, hoping his stomp doesn't keep him away from his playoff-hopeful teammates when they need him most.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Suh's hearing will be with Art Shell, an appointed appeal officer who is paid by the league and NFLPA.

Colts's defensive coach Coyer fired

INDIANAPOLIS — Curtis Painter and Larry Coyer are out in Indianapolis, and it could be just the start of the changes for the winless Colts.



Larry Coyer

Coach Jim Caldwell broke up a normally quiet Tuesday by announcing Coyer had been fired as defensive coordinator and Dan Orlovsky would replace Painter at quarterback when the Colts play at New England on Sunday. Longtime linebackers coach Mike Murphy will replace Coyer.

The moves come in the midst of a shocking 0-11 season and two days after Indy may have lost its last chance at a win.

Judge holds off NBA proceedings

MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota federal judge has put the legal fight between the NBA's players and owners on hold to give the two sides time to finish their collective bargaining agreement.

U.S. District Judge Patrick Schiltz granted a request by the players and issued a stay of all court proceedings Tuesday. The stay is valid until Dec. 9, by which time a formal collective bargaining agreement is expected to be approved.

The two sides reached a tentative agreement Saturday and are now in the process of completing the negotiations. Before the proposal can be approved, the players must re-form their union and some secondary issues must be resolved.

If the deal is ratified, training camps are tentatively scheduled to open Dec. 9.

— From wire reports

Panthers pounce



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

ABOVE: Crystal River High School's Ashley Meiman drives to the net to shoot as Lecanto High School's Elizabeth Crowe grabs the ball out of her hands and passes it down court in the first period Tuesday at Crystal River High School. **BELOW:** Crystal River High School's Alexis Ulseth fights Lecanto High School's Elizabeth Crowe for a rebound in the second period Tuesday in a cross-county rival game.

Lecanto girls defeat county rival Crystal River

JUSTIN PLANTE
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — County rivalries always produce some of the season's best games, and Tuesday night was no exception.

In what started out as a one-sided affair, the Lecanto High School girls basketball team, led by sophomore Paige Richards and junior Megan Straight, defeated Crystal River 57-43, handing the Lady Pirates their second loss of the season.

Lecanto's offense started early, going up by nine points right off the bat.

The key to their early success: ball control. They moved the ball very well among the perimeter and slowed the pace to find open shots.

On the defensive side of the ball, junior Miranda Barber stole the show. Her game high 12 rebounds took away the second shot opportunities for the Lady Pirates.

And with a lot of shots not going through, the



Lady Pirates fell behind quick.

"We went shot 5 of 27 from the field," Crystal River head coach Jason Rodgers said. "That hurts us. We shot better from the free throw line, which is great, but we just had a lot of shots fall short."

After shooting 5-23 from the free-throw line Monday night, the Lady Pirates improved at the stripe, going 14-24.

But what hurt was the deficit. The Lady Pirates were down by as much as 20

points at one point. Crystal River just couldn't find their rhythm for the majority of the game, often settling for bad looks and rushing down the court.

Lecanto coach Brittany Szunko made it a point to change up the defensive looks in this game.

"We wanted to mix it up a ton tonight," she said. "We tried to throw some looks at them they haven't seen, keep them guessing."

Lecanto's offense flexed

Lecanto boys beat Crystal River on home court

SEAN ARNOLD
Correspondent

LECANTO — It was another strong second period performance for the Lecanto High School boys' basketball team in its gym on Tuesday.

A pair of field goals by Crystal River junior forward Robert Speakman put the Pirates even with the Panthers at 15 with seven minutes remaining in the half.

But then Lecanto senior point guard Skylar Summers ignited his squad with three field goals within a minute and a pair of early blocks to help the Panthers embark on a 28-16 run, giving them a 43-31 lead at the break.

The Pirates stayed within reach for the remainder, but they were outmanned by a deeper Panther bench as Lecanto moved to 3-0 with a 75-61 win.

Afterward, Panthers coach Eddie Buckley discussed the contributions by Summers — a

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Syracuse: Boeheim is our coach

Some still call for basketball leader to quit

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse University Chancellor Nancy Cantor gave men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim a vote of confidence Tuesday amid an investigation of child molestation allegations against his former longtime assistant coach.



Jim Boeheim

Cantor emerged from an economic development conference with state officials and said: "Coach Boeheim is our coach."

Some commentators and sex abuse victims' advocates had said Boeheim should resign or be fired after three men, including two former Syracuse ballboys, accused former assistant coach Bernie Fine of molesting them and Boeheim verbally attacked the accusers.

"Coach Boeheim is our coach; he's getting the team ready tonight," Cantor said. "We're very pleased with what he said Sunday night, and we stand by him."

In his 36th season at his alma mater, Hall of Famer Boeheim ranks fifth all-time in wins in Division I and has a record 33 20-win seasons. In 2004, the university named the Carrier Dome court "Jim Boeheim Court."

After initially saying Fine's first two accusers were lying to make money in the wake of the Penn State University sexual abuse scandal, Boeheim backed off those comments in a statement Sunday.

"What is most important is that this matter be fully investigated and that anyone with information be supported to come forward so that the truth can be found," Boeheim said after the firing of Fine, who has denied the allegations. "I deeply regret any statements I made that might have inhibited that from occurring or been insensitive to victims of abuse."

Bobby Davis first contacted Syracuse police in 2002 about Fine, but there was no investigation because the statute of limitations had passed. Kevin Quinn, a spokesman for the university, said police did not inform the university of Davis' allegations then.

On Tuesday, the Syracuse police chief said Dennis DuVal, a former SU basketball player who was police chief in 2002, knew of the allegations against Fine.

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GET IN THE GAME

Without big fish, pool looks deeper

Woods's travails shift focus to younger stars

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THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The pool of young talent in golf has never looked deeper.

Rory McIlroy won the U.S. Open at age 22, the second-youngest player to win a major since the Masters began in 1934. Jason Day, the 23-year-old Australian, was a runner-up in two majors this year. Rickie Fowler, 22, won his first pro event in South Korea and is responsible for all those bright orange Puma hats in just about any gallery.

Matteo Manassero won twice on the European Tour before he was 18. Ryo Ishikawa had 10 wins in Japan before he was 19.

The list gets even longer with budding stars in their 20s — Martin Kaymer, Charl Schwartzel, Dustin Johnson, Keegan Bradley, Webb Simpson and Anthony Kim.

Attribute that depth to Tiger Woods.

It's not because he set the bar so high and made everyone try to get better. It's because he no longer wins so many tournaments. So maybe the pool only looks deeper because it no longer has such a big fish.

For the second straight year, nobody won more than three times on the PGA Tour. And both years, that third win came in their last tournament — Luke Donald last month at Disney, Jim Furyk last year at the Tour Championship.

The five previous years, Woods won at least six times in all but one year. The exception was 2008, when he missed the second half of the year with knee surgery. He won four times in six starts.

It's one thing to talk about this great parity in golf, particularly on the biggest tour. But two questions should be asked: Would that perception of parity exist if Woods had not gone away the last two years? Is it possible that just as many great young players were around over the last decade, only to be overlooked by the overwhelming presence of the game's biggest star?

Sergio Garcia nearly won the PGA Championship at 19 except that he went up against Woods that day in Medinah. Adam Scott was 23 when he won The Players Championship. Justin Leonard was 25



Associated Press

Tiger Woods reacts to a bad shot on the eighth fairway during the third round of the Australian Open golf tournament Nov. 12 in Sydney, Australia. All but three players at the Chevron World Challenge are younger than Tiger Woods, perhaps evidence golf has never been so loaded with young talent. But that might be misleading. If Woods had kept winning, odds are the public would not have noticed these guys.

when he won the British Open. Phil Mickelson won as an amateur.

“The talk like there's parity on tour is slightly flawed, because there's always been parity,” Geoff Ogilvy said in a recent interview. “It's just that there was one guy who made no one notice. The last 15 years you've had Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, David Duval, Adam Scott, Sergio Garcia. You had arguably more proven players — lots of them — over the last 15 years. Now it's the same.

“You have new names, but we notice them now. The media notices them. Fans notice them.”

They used to be looked upon as possible challengers to Woods. Now they are seen as potential replacements.

Woods has gone two years since his last win, which for so many years seemed unimaginable until his personal life unraveled, until he chose to go through yet another swing change, then effectively went four months without being

able to practice due to injury. Through it all, his confidence eroded with each setback.

Thirteen players have won the last 13 majors, dating to Padraig Harrington at the 2008 PGA Championship. There was a time when Woods won seven out of 11 majors early in his career, and six out of 14 majors right before reconstructive knee surgery.

If he had kept winning at the rate he did for 14 years, would anyone have noticed this crop of young players?

“Rory McIlroy would still be up there,” Hunter Mahan said Tuesday. “But Tiger played a practice round and it made news. He's chasing records whenever he plays. How are you not going to write about that? No offense to the young guys.”

Nick Watney also suggested that McIlroy, based on his sheer talent and eight-shot win at the U.S. Open, would get his fair share of attention even if Woods had kept

winning a major a year, along with a half-dozen other titles.

“But he would be like Sergio was, like Adam Scott was, like whatever the media tabbed — Charles Howell, at one point,” Watney said.

The question is whether Woods can get back.

The Chevron World Challenge, for an 18-man field in which everyone but the host — Woods — is among the top 50, figures to be a good benchmark. Woods has gone 26 official events without winning. He is coming off two strong weeks in Australia during which he hit the ball where he was aiming for nine rounds in windy conditions.

To win at Sherwood — or even to be in contention — would send expectations for 2012 higher than they have been in two years. But the road back doesn't start until he's posing with a trophy.

What happens then?

Only three players at Sherwood are older than Woods (Steve Stricker, Jim Furyk and K.J. Choi),

so the challengers he faces around the world are all younger than they used to be. And while none of these guys has won more than three times in a year, they feel a lot better about themselves because no one else has won that much more.

That's the Tiger effect. “Golf is a very confidence-driven game,” Ogilvy said. “A lot of these players now have more confidence than if he was winning eight times a year. Because if a guy is winning eight times a year, even if you win three times, you don't feel like you're as good of a player because there's someone who's so much better than you.”

Donald is No. 1 by a wide margin, courtesy of his work ethic, consistently being in the top 10 and four wins around the world. But it's not domination that golf saw for the better part of a dozen years.

Golf always has had its share of rising stars. It only looks as if there are more now because no one is that much better than anyone else.

Golf NOTES

Ladies invitational tourney next week

The Lakeside Women's Golf Association is partnering with the Citrus Springs WGA in offering area ladies an invitation to play in the annual two-day tournament “Mistletoe and Holly” on Dec. 6 and 7. For entry forms and details, call Jan at (352) 344-9550.

Johnson has surgery on knee

JUPITER — Dustin Johnson had surgery Tuesday to repair cartilage in his right knee. He is expected to be out of competition until sometime in January. Johnson won The Barclays in August to become the first

player since Tiger Woods in 1999 to win in each of his first four years on the PGA Tour straight out of college.

Johnson is expected to be on crutches for a week, then resume chipping and putting. He should be at full speed by the end of December before returning to golf. It was not clear if he would

be able to play the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua, which starts Jan. 6.

Day wants dad's ashes at Augusta

Jason Day said he plans to speak to officials at Augusta National about spreading some of his father's ashes over the home of the Masters. Alwyn

Day, who gave Jason his start in golf, died of cancer when Day was 12, and one of his final requests was that his son spread some of his ashes at Augusta National if Day were to ever play there. The 24-year-old Day tied for second this year in his debut at the Masters.

“It's a plan but obviously if I don't get clearance from Au-

gusta, I am not going to do it,” Day said last week at the Australian PGA Championship.

“That was one of my dad's wishes and if I was allowed to do it, that would be great. Obviously, I know how the rules are at Augusta, it would be probably very unlikely, but we will see how it goes.”

— From staff and wire reports

Local LEADERS

HOLE-IN-ONE

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, Ron Bland of 7 Rivers Golf and Country Club carded his first hole in one. He aced the 15th hole using a 4 iron from 170 yards.

BRENTWOOD

Nov. 23 — Wednesday Point Quota Group.

First	+5 (MOC)
Rick Mallon/Micah McDonald	
Second	+5
Don Osance/John Pruett	
Most Over Quota	+4
Joel Fox	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Don Gittings
No. 4	Brian Ingraham
50/50 Winner	Bruce Iliston

Nov. 26 — Saturday Morning Scramble.

First	6 under
Kenny McCabe/Robert Haden/Art Miller/Jessie Lewis	
Second	3 under
Pete Kroll/Larry Litze/ Mike O'Donahue/Gene Pokaluk	
Third	2 under
Jack Coyne/Bob Day/ Joe Velez/Bob Bouchard	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Jessie Lewis

No. 4	C.W. Goschen
Nov. 27 — Sunday Morning Scramble.	
First	6 under
Kenny McCabe/Joe Laporte/ Chuck Curtis	
Second	4 under
Anita McCabe/Don Osance/ Malcolm Hollop/Claudette Kemp	
Third	3 under (MOC)
Dick Lamb/Nick Rogers/ Bobby Smith/Lou DeGennarro	
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Malcolm Hollop
No. 4	Don Gittings

Nov. 28 — Monday Morning Mens Group.

First	Rob Goyette +5
Second	Rick Belgiorno +4
Closest to the Pin:	
No. 2	Jim Kieffer

Second	Kay Fitzsimmons	54.5
Third	Barbara Ouellette	50.5
Low Gross	Glenora Hilton	45
Low Net	Glenora Hilton	29
Game of the Day — Most 6's (TIE):		
Kay Fitzsimmons	3	
Corinne Kielan	3	
Birdie:		
No. 2	Penny Magliano	
Chip-In:		
No. 6	Penny Magliano	

CITRUS SPRINGS

Nov. 25 — Results.	
Carole Seifert	+10
Sandy Brown	+4
Marj Sibley	+4
Mary McConnell	+3
Bev McGonnigal	+3
Patsy Delp	+2
Jan Himmelspach	+2
Verna Brunswick	+1
Closest to the Pin:	
Nov. 4 and 16	Verna Brunswick
No. 8	Bev McGonnigal
No. 11	Jan Kominski

teams.		
First	-26	
Dick Brown, Paul Rosenow		
John Bechler, Blind Draw		
Second	-20 (MOC)	
John Nagle, Jim Pachmayer		
Tsung Lin, John O'Day		
Third	-20	
Gene Yanosey, Bob Miller		
Ray Keyser, John Rowan		
Fourth	-19	
Mac McDuff, Dennis Brugger		
George Lowell, Blind Draw		

PLANTATION

Nov. 21 — 9 hole points game.	
B. Midgley	+3
D. Leitner	+5
R. Jarzyna	+2
J. Elmirst	+4
B. Struck	+1
J. Brothers Sr.	+2
J. Cioe	+2
D. Taylor	+5
B. Matthews	+2
S. Pfannenstien	+5
B. Pridemore	+3
Nov. 27 — 18 hole points game.	
B. McPhee	+2F
B. Ruane	+8F
T. Hume	+1F

D. Pfannenstien	+5F +2B
B. Reynolds	+1F
K. Gosse	+2F
T. Botilla	+1F
L. Cioe	+3B
R. Jarzyna	+1B
T. Benson	+1F
D. Keegan	+1F
D. Patel	+6F
D. Lippert	+3F +1B
B. Midgley	+3B
B. Matthews	+1F

PINE RIDGE

Nov. 29 — Beverly Hills Men's Nine Hole Tuesday Morning Group played.	
Low scorers	
Rick Mazzacua	27
George Pierce	31
John Griest	35
John Griest	35
Golfers of any age and ability are welcome to join this friendly nine-hole round of competitive golf every Tuesday morning at Pine Ridge. The group alternates the front nine and back nine and tees off at 7:25 a.m. Call Frank Hughes at (352) 746-4800.	

results.

First	-15
Pat Larsen, Bill Long, Brian Hadler	
Second	-14
Patty Chadderton, Tony Colucci, Tom Venable	
Third	-13
Betty Salzman, Kyle Muzina, Frank Nolan	
Fourth (tie)	-12
Delores Jasper, Mike Medland, Rod Fortune	
Fourth (tie)	
Nelson Wright, Steve Ley, Bill Murray	
Fourth (tie)	
Pam Davis, Ron Severson, Ed Lynk, Bill Gilbert	

TWISTED OAKS

Nov. 29 — Results for Twisted Oaks.	
Low Gross, Low Net:	
A Flight	
Low Gross	Mary McConnell 80
Low Net	Verna Brunswick 66
Low Net	Jan Himmelspach 68
B Flight	
Low Gross	Jan Kominski 92
Low Net	Hattie Townsend 71
Low Net	Carol Seifert 72
Low Net	Leanne Feher 72
C Flight	
Low Gross	Shirley Young 97
Low Net	Nancy Vallimont 68
Low Net	Bev McGonnigal 71

CITRUS HILLS

Nov. 23 — Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association played Game "1-2-3 Best Ball" with 13

PREP BOX SCORES Citrus 2, Lecanto 1 girls soccer

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Citrus 1-1-2, Lecanto 1-0-1. Includes scoring, shots, saves, and records.

Crystal River 53, Dunnellon 42 girls basketball

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Crystal River 17-8-14-14-53, Dunnellon 0-10-10-22-42. Includes top scorers and records.

Seven Rivers 49, Ocala Christian 16 girls basketball

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Crusaders 3-2-11-00-16, Warriors 16-17-11-5-49. Includes OCA and SRC scores, scorers, and records.

Seven Rivers 71, Ocala Christian 22 girls basketball

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Crusaders 1-10-6-5-22, Warriors 30-22-10-9-71. Includes OCA and SRC scores, scorers, and records.

Saints 49, Giants 24 N.Y. Giants vs New Orleans

Table with columns for scores, quarters, and individual statistics for Saints and Giants.

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senior captain who has moved from shooting guard to the point this year — that often fail to show up in box scores.

“Sometimes, I think people get lost in stats like points and rebounds. But he’s like a floor general out there,” Buckley said.

Despite the loss, Crystal River’s (0-3) recent improvements in talent and competitiveness were evident as they wrestled with an eight- to an 11-point deficit most of the second half.

“We really could have used Will Cleveland on the inside,” Pirates coach Steve Feldman said.

For the record Florida LOTTERY

Florida Lottery advertisement featuring a swan logo and winning numbers for CASH 3, PLAY 4, FANTASY 5, MEGA MONEY, and MEGA BALL.

On the AIRWAYS

Table of sports events including College Basketball, Golf, NHL, and Versus events.

Prep CALENDAR

Table of prep sports events including Boys Basketball, Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Wrestling.

Clarification

The Seven Rivers Christian School boys basketball game final score against Ocala Christian Academy was 71-22. The halftime score was 52-11. The Chronicle regrets the misinformation.

REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

Table showing regular season standings for AMERICAN CONFERENCE, NATIONAL CONFERENCE, and Monday's game.

Panthers 75 logo and score.

Pirates 61 logo and score.

each pulled down a half-dozen rebounds on the night.

“Winsor and Vega really play the hustle point guys for us,” Buckley said.

Crystal River sophomore point guard Ty Reynolds notched a double-double, posting a team-high 14 points and 10 assists.

“We tried to wear them down,” Buckley said of his persistent opponent.

“Overall, you’re never pleased with a loss, but I’m proud of what these eight guys gave us,” he said.

“We made too many mistakes,” he added.

Crystal River Sharks beaten by Broncos

Palmetto Bay ends Junior Midgets season

MICHAEL MAKSYMICZ Correspondent

The Palmetto Bay Broncos ended the Crystal River Jr. Midget football team’s championship hopes Friday, 26-16, in St. Cloud.

The game was for the Southeast Regional Pop Warner Championship. If successful, the Sharks would have been part of the eight teams vying for the title of ESPN Wide World of Sports Pop Warner Champion at Walt Disney in Orlando.

The Sharks trailed 20-16 before losing star running back Khyrel Harvey to injury in the third quarter.

“The team played very positively knowing that they were playing with the best of the best,” Coach Russ Baldner said.

In the first quarter, Ricky Heymans, their starting corner, posted the first score of the game.

The Broncos took a 20-8 lead in the second quarter by capitalizing on a pair of Sharks mistakes.

The Sharks scored on their first possession of the third quarter to cut the lead to 20-16.

On the ensuing kick off, the Sharks recovered an inside kick, but could not make it pay off in points.

“During halftime, I was able to have the team refocus and get their mojo working again,” Baldner said.

In the fourth quarter, the teams traded possessions until the Broncos scored the final touchdown at the three-minute mark.

“I am very proud of these boys and how they played as a team,” Baldner said.

Lady Hurricanes hold off Wildcats

Citrus wins its fifth straight

JOE KORNECKI III Correspondent

Inverness — The Lady Hurricanes basketball team kept their winning record with a 52-44 victory over an athletic Wildwood squad Tuesday night.

Both teams had trouble finding their rhythm in the first period, but Lindsay Connors still scored four of her team’s nine points in the opening period.

“Wildwood was a fast, athletic and aggressive team,” Citrus head coach Brian

Latin said. “In the first half, we let them dictate the pace of the game.

In the second half, we played more relaxed and under control. It’s one of those games that will make us better.”

The second period featured more of the same as the first, but both teams battled hard, diving for loose balls and fighting for rebounds.

Wildwood’s Quansanay Ewing’s bucket tied the score at 14-14 with 2:50 remaining before halftime, but Lindsay Connors hit a 3-pointer to put Citrus up 17-14 with 1:50 left.

Citrus’s Connors had six points while Shenelle Toyen and Paige Garvin scored four points a piece in the fourth quarter.

“It’s nice to get the win, but we still need more work,” Lattin afterwards.

The Lady ‘Canes will host North Marion on Thursday night.

Seven Rivers falls to Williston, 70-61

MICHAEL MAKSYMICZ Correspondent

LECANTO — The Warriors boys basketball team drove to a commanding lead in their game against the Red Devils, but fatigue and a running game on both sides led to a 70-61 defeat Tuesday night.

All during the game it appeared Seven Rivers Christian School had control and would collect a win.

However, fatigue started to show in the late in the third period and carried into the fourth.

Sports BRIEF

AP: Red Sox choose Valentine as manager

The Boston Red Sox have picked Bobby Valentine to be their next manager and the sides were working to complete a contract.

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its muscles as two players reached the 19-point mark.

BUFFALO Continued from Page B1

defender Nathan Hubbard. That would be the only mistake made by Sullivan, who made 10 saves the rest of the game.

PIRATES Continued from Page B1

played solid soccer, but thinks there is room for improvement.

Crystal River Sharks vs. Palmetto Bay Broncos in Junior Midget Football

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Sharks 1-2-3-4-16, Broncos 8-0-8-0-26.

The game was for the Southeast Regional Pop Warner Championship.

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The Sharks scored on their first possession of the third quarter to cut the lead to 20-16.

On the ensuing kick off, the Sharks recovered an inside kick, but could not make it pay off in points.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Entertainment BRIEFS

China bans ads in TV dramas

BEIJING — China's government is prohibiting television stations from placing advertisements in the middle of TV dramas in a move meant to attract viewers and boost program quality.

The ban, which was published Monday and takes effect Jan. 1, said no ads may appear in any drama series, whose episodes typically run 45 minutes.

The order is the latest in a series since the ruling Communist Party last month endorsed a program to raise the entertainment and ideological value of cultural offerings to better hold the attention of Chinese increasingly turning to the Internet for alternate viewpoints.

TV is the most popular, lucrative and, hence, tightly controlled of all media in China. The ad ban follows a directive last month to limit reality shows and other entertainment fare.

The State Administration of Radio, Film and Television said eliminating ads from programs will "improve the level of public cultural services, protect people's basic cultural rights ... and leave the people satisfied."

While ad revenue is expected to shrink, broadcasting executives and analysts quoted by state media said the ban will force TV stations to air higher quality series to keep viewers from switching stations.

'Fahrenheit 451' finally an e-book

NEW YORK — At age 91, Ray Bradbury is making peace with the future he helped predict.

The science fiction/fantasy author and longtime enemy of the e-book has finally allowed his dystopian classic "Fahrenheit 451" to be published in digital format. Simon & Schuster released the electronic edition Tuesday at a list price of \$9.99.

First published in paperback by Ballantine in 1953 and as a hardcover by Simon & Schuster in the 1960s, "Fahrenheit 451" has sold more than 10 million copies and has been translated into 33 languages. It imagined a world in which the appetite for new and faster media leads to a decline in reading, and books are banned and burned. Bradbury himself has been an emphatic defender of traditional paper texts, saying that e-books "smell like burned fuel" and calling the Internet nothing but "a big distraction."

"It's meaningless; it's not real," he told The New York Times in 2009. "It's in the air somewhere."

A phone call to Bradbury was not immediately returned. A prerecorded voice-mail message, a woman's voice, warned that the author doesn't usually check his messages.

Bradbury's agent, Michael Congdon, said Tuesday that rights for Bradbury's book were expiring and that the growing digital market, estimated at 20 percent or higher of overall sales, made a deal for e-books inevitable. A wave of former e-holdouts have changed their minds recently, notably "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling.

— From wire reports

Silence and doom



Associated Press

In this film publicity image released by The Weinstein Company, Jean Dujardin portrays George Valentin in "The Artist." The black-and-white ode to silent film, which itself is silent, earned five nominations, including best picture, for the annual Spirit Awards.

"The Artist" and "Take Shelter" rack up award nominations

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

— LOS ANGELES

The silent movie "The Artist" and the doomsday drama "Take Shelter" led the Spirit Awards honoring independent film on Tuesday with five nominations each, including best picture.

Also in the running for best picture were the cancer tale "50/50"; the action thriller "Drive"; and the family dramas "Beginners" and "The Descendants."

A black-and-white throwback to early Hollywood, "The Artist" also earned a lead-actor nomination for Jean Dujardin as a silent film star whose career crumbles as the sound era takes over in the late 1920s. The film grabbed directing and screenplay nominations for Michel Hazanavicius, along with a cinematography slot for Guillaume Schiffman.

"Take Shelter" star Michael Shannon earned a lead-actor nomination as a family man who comes unhinged amid visions of a coming apocalyptic storm. Co-star Jessica Chastain was nominated for supporting actress, while "Take Shelter" also received nominations for director Jeff Nichols and a prize for emerging producers for Sophia Lin.

Other lead-actor contenders were Ryan Gosling for "Drive," Demian Bichir for the immigrant drama "A Better Life" and Woody Harrelson for the police story "Rampart."

The lead-actress field included Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe in "My Week with Marilyn." Also nominated were Lauren Ambrose for the single-mom story "Think of Me," Rachael Harris for the road-trip comedy "Natural Selection," Adepero Oduye for the teen drama "Pariah" and Elizabeth Olsen as an escapee from a cult in "Martha Marcy May Marlene."

Presented by the cinema group Film Independent, the Spirit Awards will be handed out the day before the Academy Awards, at an afternoon ceremony on Feb. 25. The show will air later that night on IFC.

The Spirit Awards nominations are one of the first key honors on the long road to the Oscars, which often are dominated by big Hollywood films but generally include many nominees from the independent film world.

Last season's top winner at the Spirit Awards, "Black Swan," also



Associated Press

In this undated film image released by Sony Pictures Classics, Michael Shannon is shown in a scene from "Take Shelter," which earned five nominations, including best picture, from the annual Spirit Awards, honoring independent films. Winners will be announced Feb. 25, the day before the Academy Awards.

was a hit with Academy voters, earning a best-picture nomination there and winning the best-actress Oscar for Natalie Portman.

Notably absent from the Spirit Awards lineup was Academy Award winner George Clooney, considered a strong prospect for a best-actor nomination at the Oscars for "The Descendants."

"Like Crazy," the top winner at last January's Sundance Film Festival, was completely overlooked, receiving no nominations.

The stars of Woody Allen's romantic fantasy "Midnight in Paris" — among them Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams and Oscar winners Marion Cotillard and Kathy Bates — missed out, too. But their relatively unknown co-star, Corey Stoll, picked up a supporting-actor nomination for his scene-stealing role as Ernest Hemingway.

Clooney's young co-star Shailene Woodley, who plays his daughter in "The Descendants," earned a supporting-actress slot.

Nominees in the supporting categories included Christopher Plummer for "Beginners," Oscar winner Anjelica Huston for "50/50," Albert Brooks for "Drive" and John Hawkes for "Martha Marcy May Marlene," who won the supporting-actor prize at last season's Spirit Awards for "Winter's Bone."

Along with Hazanavicius and Nichols, directing nominees were Mike Mills for "Beginners," Alexander Payne for "The Descendants" and Nicolas Winding Refn for "Drive."

Spirit Awards nominees were chosen by panels of film professionals. Members of Film Independent, who include filmmakers and movie fans, are eligible to vote on the winners.

Eligible films must have production budgets of no more than \$20 million and meet independent-cinema criteria that include uniqueness of vision and original, provocative subject matter.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, **Page B4.**

MONDAY, NOV. 28

Fantasy 5: 5 – 15 – 18 – 28 – 32
5-of-5 2 winners \$99,258.28
4-of-5 322 \$99
3-of-5 8,504 \$10.50

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

Fantasy 5: 2 – 11 – 12 – 13 – 28
5-of-5 1 winner \$175,663.36
4-of-5 276 \$102.50
3-of-5 8,743 \$9

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

Powerball: 20 – 37 – 39 – 45 – 55
Powerball: 28

5-of-5 PB No winner
No Florida winner
5-of-5 No winners
No Florida winners

Lotto: 2 – 9 – 13 – 22 – 26 – 37

6-of-6 No winner
5-of-6 60 \$3,762
4-of-6 3,215 \$55.50
3-of-6 59,126 \$5

Fantasy 5: 5 – 15 – 19 – 29 – 35
5-of-5 1 winner \$262,366.95
4-of-5 376 \$112.50
3-of-5 11,415 \$10

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, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2011. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Nov. 30, 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Mo.

On this date:

In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1960, the last DeSoto was built by Chrysler, which had decided to retire the brand after 32 years.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

Ten years ago: Robert Tools, the first person in the world to receive a fully self-contained artificial heart, died in Louisville, Ky., of complications after severe abdominal bleeding; he had lived with the device for 151 days.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush met in Jordan with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki; Bush said the United States would speed a turnover of security responsibility to Iraqi forces but assured al-Maliki that Washington was not looking for "some kind of graceful exit" from Iraq.

One year ago: Pentagon leaders called for scrapping the 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" ban after releasing a survey about the prospect of openly gay troops.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Efram Zimbalist Jr. is 93. Actor Robert Guillaume is 84. TV personality and producer Dick Clark is 82. Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 81. Movie director Ridley Scott is 74. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 68. Playwright David Mamet is 64. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 59. Musician Shuggie Otis is 58. Singer Billy Idol is 56. Former football and baseball player Bo Jackson is 49. Rapper Jilil (Whodini) is 48. Actor-director Ben Stiller is 46. Rock musician Mike Stone is 42. Actress Sandra Oh is 41. Country singer Mindy McCready is 36. Singer Clay Aiken is 33. Actress Elisha Cuthbert is 29. Actress Kaley Cuoco is 26. Actress Christel Khalil is 24.

Thought for Today: "Civilization is the limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities." — Mark Twain (1835-1910).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Your Birthday: It may be during those very times in the coming months when you feel everything is going against you that you will achieve some of your greatest successes. There is a lesson to be learned here: Never give up.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Put your analytical skills to work, so that you don't overlook any situation that could produce something that would be of a huge advantage to you.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be firm but also fair when it comes to any financial dealings. Don't feel obligated to give more than your share when you know you won't be compensated for it in any way.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A lesson might be learned from a negative experience that you may have to endure. As long as what happens to you isn't wasted, it will be worth the unpleasantness.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep to yourself any ambi-

tious undertaking that you are contemplating. Don't expose your intentions until you know you can pull it off without a hitch.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Try to include in your business meetings an associate who has been a frequent presence. With this person's vast experience, she or he may have many unique things to offer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — It'll be your effectiveness, not your flamboyance, that gets the attention and wins the respect of others. You won't have to play any games, just the hard, cold facts will do.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Help a disagreeable old friend to look for the good in people instead of always dwelling on what's wrong. It's just a bad habit, and life can be a whole lot nicer if they can learn to brighten up.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — If you can keep your mind riveted on the results that everyone desires, it will help

overcome any obstacles that might periodically get in the way. Don't let anything impede your progress.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Concentrate on and emphasize the facts, not the frills when trying to present a case to others. Doing so would help sway to your cause the people whose help you need.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Get your mind off all the small details and focus on a profitable purpose as a whole. Once you do, everything else will automatically fall into place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your peers recognize that you have the leadership abilities to steer everyone through what might be a difficult situation. Take the reins and guide them through the maze.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — An opportunity, albeit of a limited nature, will present itself to you through the offices of a grateful person whom you assisted in the past.



Big expansion, big questions for Teach for America

Strong teachers needed for weak schools

Associated Press

MIAMI — In a distressed neighborhood north of Miami's gleaming downtown, a group of enthusiastic but inexperienced instructors from Teach for America is trying to make progress where more veteran teachers have had difficulty: raising students' reading and math scores.

"These are the lowest performing schools, so we need the strongest performing teachers," said Julian Davenport, an assistant principal at Holmes Elementary, where three-fifths of the staff this year are Teach for America corps members or graduates of the program.

By 2015, with the help of a \$50 million federal grant, Teach for America recruits could make up one-quarter of all new teachers in 60 of the nation's highest need school districts. The program also is expanding internationally.

The expansion comes as

many districts are trying to make teachers more effective. But Teach for America has had mixed results.

Its teachers perform about as well as other novice instructors, who tend to be less successful than their more experienced colleagues. Even when they do slightly better, the majority are out of the teaching profession within five years.

"I think ultimately the jury is out," said Tony Wagner, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and an instructor to the first class of TFA corps members.

They provide an impor-

tant pipeline of new teachers. But critics cite the teachers' high turnover rate, limited training and inexperience and say they are perpetuating the same inequalities that Teach for America has set to eradicate.

"There's no question that they've brought a huge number of really talented people in to the education profession," said Kati Haycock, president of The Education Trust, which advocates on behalf of low-income and minority children, and a longtime supporter of TFA.

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Associated Press

Michael Darmas "high fives" a student recently at Holmes Elementary School in Miami. In a distressed neighborhood north of Miami's gleaming downtown, a group of enthusiastic but inexperienced instructors from Teach for America is trying to make progress where more veteran teachers have had difficulty: raising students' reading and math scores.

Engaging in academics



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Inverness Middle School students Alex Calderone, 12, left, and Hannah Pendleton, 12, work on their iPad 2 tablets recently during their geography class. Students are planning and creating a video diary of a fictional Euro-trip and using the tablets to research and create the projects.

Middle-schoolers use Internet tablets to expand their horizons in technology

MATTHEW BECK
 Chronicle

— INVERNESS

Engage: To hold the attention of, to induce to participate.

It's what all teachers hope to do for their students, and it's what some new technology is providing for children at Inverness Middle School.

At the end of the last school year, faculty and staff voted to use a portion of their school-recognition, A-plus dollars to purchase 22 iPad 2 tablets, IMS Principal Trish Douglas said.

"We wanted to use technology to enhance the curriculum," she said.

The school spent about \$20,000 on the units and related equipment, according to Douglas.

Each iPad 2 is an Internet-based, handheld, wireless mini computer commonly called a tablet. They're one of the hottest pieces of hardware on the market today.

Students in Kathy Androski's seventh-grade geography class have

become big fans of the small, high-tech gadgets. She says technology is an important resource to help students learn.

"As a teacher, technology is vital because it helps to develop students' skills, their real-world skills. As an adult, they're going to use technology in most of the jobs they will pursue," she said. "I also feel it's important because it helps them to create instead of just regurgitate information. They begin to own what they are learning."

Like all seventh graders at the school, Androski's class is planning a fictional Euro-trip. Students in other classes will utilize more conventional equipment to complete their project.

Internet research is done from the tablets to create the projects, which require students plan the details of their trip from start to finish, working out every facet of the trip. Each student has been given a \$5,000 budget for their excursion.



Garrett Bogart, 12, left, receives a little help on his project from Hunter Helton, 12.

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More children skip school shots

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A rising number of parents in more than half of states are opting out of school shots for their kids. And in eight states, more than 1 in 20 public school kindergartners do not get all the vaccines required for attendance, an Associated Press analysis found.

That has health officials worried about possible new outbreaks of diseases that were all but stamped out.

The AP analysis found more than half of states have seen at least a slight rise in the rate of exemptions over the past five years. States with the highest exemption rates are in the West and Upper Midwest.

It's "really gotten much worse," said Mary Selecky, secretary of health for Washington state, where 6 percent of public school parents have opted out.

Rules for exemptions vary by state and can include medical, religious or — in some states — philosophical reasons.

Parents' reasons for skipping the shots vary. Some doubt that vaccines are essential. Others fear that vaccines carry their own risks. And some find it easier to check a box opting out than to get the shots and required paperwork.

Still others are ambivalent, believing in older vaccines but questioning newer shots against, say, chickenpox.

The number of shots is also giving some parents pause. By the time most children are 6, they will have been stuck with a needle about two dozen times —

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TABLETS

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Then students create a video diary using iMovie, something the students enjoy, according to their teacher.

Androski says that she and her students have utilized laptop computers for quite some time, but the iPad 2 has a laptop beat hands down because of its advanced capabilities.

"I've used laptops in the classroom extensively, but the iPads have the 'wow' factor so it gets their attention," she said. "The iMovie application on these things is great. On the tablets there are so many more tools to allow students to be creative. They are more interested and engaged, and they get very engrossed in what they are doing. The class gets very, very quiet."

The tablets are checked out by teachers when they are using them in the classroom and returned at the end of each school day. The students do not take the units home.

Stepping out of the classroom after observing Androski's students using their gadgets, Douglas observed some things she said she was impressed with.

"The students are engaged. They are on topic. They are talking about what

work they are working on with their project," she said. "Whereas, at times, when they're using a textbook doing research independently, they may not be as focused, not paying attention, and many times their conversations are not about what they're learning about. If you watch the students use the iPads you can see it's relevant to them. They are having fun learning."

Jim Kelly, district technology specialist, was on hand in Androski's class to offer assistance and said most students have little problem adapting to new technology.

"You can see how engaged these kids are. They're actively learning," he said. "They are helping one another out and that takes a lot of pressure off the teacher. The teacher sets the expectation and the kids are able to navigate through these programs with little or no effort, really. In turn, they show each other what they've learned and, at times, they show us. We all benefit from it."

Seventh-grader Garrett Bogart paused from his work and said learning is different on the device versus traditional study tools.

"I think they're easier to learn on these because you can remember it more. It's fun to work on. And you're learning while you're having fun."

Classmate Marissa Ver-



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Geography teacher Kathy Androski offers some help to Katie Cusack as both student and teacher get used to the new iPad 2 tablets.

done agreed.

"I think they're pretty cool for learning," she said. "I do learn a lot more on the iPad than if I'm taking notes or using a textbook."

Androski says the students have provided helpful input on specific applica-

tions that fulfill certain needs on their projects as well, and also offered suggestions on apps that are not needed.

The teacher says she also sees the need to help students stay connected. She believes, in turn, that will

keep them excited about their class work.

"I think the wave of the future is utilizing what works best with the students to get them connected. They are connected everywhere but school for the most part," she said. "When they

use this equipment, they are really engaged and excited about what they are doing. So that part I love to see."

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TEACH

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But, she said, "Nobody should teach in a high poverty school without having already demonstrated that they are a fabulous teacher. For poor kids, education has to work every single year."

Over the past 20 years, the program has sent thousands of recent college graduates to teach for two years in some of the most challenging classrooms. Applications to the program have doubled since 2008. Foundations have donated tens of millions.

"When we started this 20 years ago, the prevailing notion backed up by all the research was socio-economic circumstances determine educational outcomes," founder Wendy Kopp said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We've seen real evidence it does not have to be that way."

Yet, for example, just 18 percent of low-income eighth-grade students scored as proficient or above in reading on the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Increasingly, the question of how to overcome the challenges of poverty is focusing on effective teaching. But such teachers are hard to find at the least advantaged schools.

"The reality, particularly in urban centers in America, is they aren't there," said Tim Knowles, director of the Urban Education Institute at the University of Chicago, who served as the founding director for Teach for America in New York City.

A Harvard study of students in Texas found a teacher's level of education, experience, and scores on licensing exams have a bigger influence on how well students perform than any other factor.

North Carolina research on teacher training programs, including Teach for America, found that elementary students taught



Associated Press

Students at Holmes Elementary School in Miami listen to a teacher during a class. In a distressed neighborhood north of Miami's gleaming downtown, a group of enthusiastic but inexperienced instructors from Teach for America is trying to make progress where more veteran teachers have had difficulty: raising students' reading and math scores.

math by a first-year teacher lose the equivalent of 21 days of schooling compared with students who had teachers with four years of experience.

If inexperienced teachers don't perform as well, then why pair them to teach students who struggle the most?

"When they started, we were staffing our high poverty schools ... with anything that breathed," said Haycock. But, she added, "Saying their solution is better than what came before it is not to say it's the right thing."

Wagner noted that his master's degree in teaching from Harvard hardly prepared him for the challenges of being a first-year teacher.

"Unless and until we have a dramatically different system, and a universally high quality system for preparing teachers, I think TFA is a stopgap, and an important one," he said.

Teach for America training starts with thick packages of readings and then five weeks co-teaching a summer class, usually in an urban school district, with students who have already fallen far behind and are taking remedial coursework in order to advance to the next grade.

The fledgling teachers are

overseen by another instructor. That could be a more veteran public school teacher, or current or former Teach for America corps member, some of whom only have two or three years of experience themselves.

Corps members describe it as a boot camp for teachers. "It was a real steep learning curve," said Sarahi Constantine Padilla, a recent Stanford University graduate teaching at Holmes.

When the summer is over, teachers are sent to their assigned districts, which pay up to \$5,000 to Teach for America for each corps member they hire, in addition to the teacher's salary. Many don't find out their school or subject until shortly before school begins.

In interviews with nearly two dozen Teach for America corps members, many described triumphs in the classroom. Several also acknowledged feeling dubious about their abilities as first-year teachers.

"I struggled personally with my ability to be effective, and I think the gains my kids achieved were largely in spite of me," said Brett Barley, who taught fourth-graders in the San Francisco Bay area. "I thought the key thing I was able to bring to them was

communicating the urgency of the predicament they faced and having them buy in to the idea they could be successful."

Most of his class entered reading and writing at the second-grade level. About 30 percent weren't native English speakers; two were

classified as blind.

"The biggest challenge was trying to learn on the job to meet all the kids at their different skill levels," he said.

Teach for America, in its own review of external research, concludes its teachers achieve student gains that are "at least as great as that of other new teachers." It also gathers information on how its teachers are performing, but does not release the data.

One consistent finding, however, is Teach for America's high turnover rate. According to the organization, 33 percent of its graduates are still teaching. But in many districts, those retention rates are significantly lower. A North Carolina study last year, for example, found that after five years, 7 percent of Teach for America corps members were still teaching in the state.

Kopp and others at Teach for America note turnover rates are high across low-income schools. She said the main reason Teach for

America teachers leave the classroom is because they want to have a bigger impact. Sixty percent of program graduates are still working in education, whether it's in policy, or for a nonprofit or government agency, according to TFA.

Throughout their time with Teach for America, corps members are frequently told about the organization's "theory of change." It's the idea that, no matter what field they ultimately go in to, they will remain committed to fixing educational inequalities.

Megan Hopkins, who was a TFA bilingual teacher in Phoenix, eventually went on to earn a doctorate in education and has focused much of her research on English language learners. She called Teach for America's theory of change "decent."

"But what if their theory of change would encourage their teachers to stay in the classroom as a form of leadership in the field of education?" she asked.

We need your information

As our community grows, it becomes even more important that we know how to keep in touch with each other. The Chronicle's annual publication of Our Home Citrus is the best and most complete resource for all those important organizations, clubs, hobby groups, and other ways we make friends, share pastimes and help each other out.

If you would like your group to be listed in this publication please fill out the following form and mail or deliver by December 30, 2011 to:

Citrus County Chronicle
Attention: Our Home Citrus
1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd.
Crystal River, FL 34429

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: (must be non-profit) _____

ORGANIZATION WEB PAGE: _____

MEETING PLACE: Specific building designation (Elks Lodge, Resource Center, Town Restaurant, etc.) _____

Street address: _____

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Day of the week (every Monday, third Monday of the month) _____

CONTACT: Name: _____

Phone number: _____

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Please check the category which best describes your organization – only one category, please:

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SHOTS

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with many of those shots given in infancy. The cumulative effect of all those shots has not been studied enough, some parents say.

"Many of the vaccines are unnecessary, and public health officials don't honestly know" the effects of giving so many vaccines to such small children, said Jennifer Margulis, a mother of four and parenting book author in Ashland, Ore., a small liberal community that has unusually high vaccination exemption rates.

But few serious problems have turned up over years of vaccinations, and several studies have shown no link between vaccines and autism, a theory from the 1990s that has been widely discredited.

To be sure, childhood vaccination rates remain high overall, at 90 percent or better for several vaccines, including those for polio, measles, hepatitis B and chickenpox. In many states, exemptions are filed for fewer than 1 percent of children entering school for the first time.

Health officials have not identified an exemption threshold that would likely lead to outbreaks. But they worry when some states have exemption rates climbing beyond 5 percent. The average state exemption rate has been estimated at less than half that.



Michele Pereira sits with her daughters, Evangeline, 6, right, and Genevieve, 2, recently at a park in Ashland, Ore. A registered nurse, Pereira is among the growing number of parents questioning the government's schedule of mandatory vaccinations for children.

Even more troubling are pockets in some states where exemption rates are much higher. In some rural counties in northeast Washington, for example, vaccination exemption rates in recent years have been above 20 percent and even as high as 50 percent.

"Vaccine refusers tend to cluster," said Saad Omer, an Emory University epidemiologist who has done extensive research on the issue.

Parents who let their kids skip some vaccines put others at risk, health officials say. Because no vaccine is completely effective, if an

outbreak begins in an unvaccinated group of children, a vaccinated child may still be at some risk of getting sick.

Studies have found that measles has suddenly re-emerged in some communities with higher exemption rates. Vaccinated kids are sometimes among the cases, or children too young to be vaccinated.

And measles isn't the only risk. Last year, California had more than 2,100 whooping cough cases, and 10 infants died. Only one had received a first dose of vaccine.

"Your child's risk of get-

ting disease depends on what your neighbors do," Omer said.

While it seems unlikely that diseases like polio and diphtheria could make a comeback in the U.S., immunization expert Dr. Lance Rodewald says it's not impossible.

"Polio can come back. China was polio-free for two decades, and just this year, they were infected from Pakistan. And there is a big outbreak of polio in China now. The same could happen here," Rodewald, of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in an email.

Vaccines run gamut, from polio to mumps

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Most people don't think about polio and diphtheria these days because those diseases have been stamped out in the United States, largely because of vaccines.

But a growing number of parents are seeking exemptions so their children don't have to get those vaccinations and others required by most states for kids to attend school.

Here's a rundown of the diseases the most commonly required vaccines help prevent:

■ Polio, a paralyzing, sometimes deadly disease once seen in terrifying outbreaks, now only occurring in a few developing countries.

■ Measles, a once-common illness that causes a rash and in rare cases can be fatal. In recent years, fewer than 100 cases were seen, but that number has at least doubled this year in the U.S.

■ Mumps, a usually mild disease known for swelling the salivary glands, sometimes leading to more severe complications like deafness or miscarriage. Nearly 2,500 cases were

reported last year.

■ Rubella, or German measles, causes a rash but can trigger birth defects if acquired by a pregnant woman. Only a handful of cases are reported in the U.S. each year.

■ Pertussis, or whooping cough, a highly contagious disease that can cause violent coughing in children. Nearly 20,000 cases were reported in 2010, an unusually bad year with several infant deaths.

■ Tetanus, or lockjaw, can cause tightening of the muscles that prevents a victim from swallowing. Only a couple of dozen cases have been seen in the U.S. in recent years.

■ Diphtheria, a bacterial illness that can lead to neck swelling and even death. Kids are at the greatest risk, but no confirmed case has been reported in the U.S. since 2003.

■ Hepatitis B, a viral infection that attacks the liver and can lead to liver failure or death. About 2,700 cases were reported last year.

■ On the Web: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/

ENTERTAINING NOTIONS

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News NOTES

Beverly Hills plans Christmas party

Beverly Hills Civic Association invites the public to its Christmas party planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Recreation Center, 77 Civic Circle.

The gala will feature food, live music and dancing; cost is \$5. Everyone is welcome.

Sale to benefit Relay team

Inverness Relay For Life, Stevenson Family Team, will have a yard/garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3708 S. College Ave. off South Apopka Avenue.

Many items will be available including Christmas items, household, knick knacks, linens, girls' clothing, women's clothing, CDs, cassette tapes, toys and books.

Absolutely no early birds. All proceeds go to American Cancer Society's Inverness Relay For Life.

Antique Fair set for Saturday

Olde Inverness Antiques will host an Antique Fair sponsored by the city of Inverness and featuring several dealers, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the parking area at 104 N. Pine Ave.

For more information, call Cindy DeVries at (352) 344-0333.

You and 'i' at open house

Have you wondered what the big deal is with iPhones, iPads or Macintosh computers? Or, why Citrus Macintosh Users Group is such a popular club (more than 300 members)?

Come to the CMUG open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, classroom 103, building C4 at College of Central Florida Citrus campus. The public and CMUG members are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Visit the website at cmugonline.com or email cmugpres@gmail.com.

German Americans to meet in B.H.

German American Social Club of West Central Florida Inc. invites everyone to join members at their next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14. New friends of German Heritage are always welcome.

The club meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly at the Recreation Hall in Beverly Hills, 77 Civic Circle. After a brief business meeting, there is a social hour with refreshments.

For information, call (352) 637-2042 or (352) 746-7058.

Adopt A RESCUED PET

Eli



Special to the Chronicle

Eli is a 3-year-old Boston terrier/pug mix. He has a very sweet temperament and even personality and gets along well with other dogs. He has lived inside and is housetrained. 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 other pets and the adoption calendar with locations, dates and times.

'Surviving the Holidays'

Hospice to offer special workshops

Special to the Chronicle

Wings Grief Services of Hospice of Citrus County will present a series of workshops titled "Surviving the Holidays" to be offered at convenient times and locations throughout Citrus County.

Grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for encouraging seminars that will help you survive the holidays and dis-

cover new reasons to enjoy them again.

"Surviving the Holidays" will be offered at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa, and 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Hospice of Citrus County East Citrus Office, 326 S. Line Ave., Inverness.

Programs will be offered at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Hospice of Citrus County Beverly Hills Office, 10

Regina Blvd., Beverly Hills, with another program slated for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Hospice of Citrus County Hospice House, 3350 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto.

A program will be presented at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Hospice of Citrus County Levy Office, 24-B State Road 40 East, Inglis.

"Surviving The Holidays" workshops are free and open to the community. Reservations are requested. Call Lynn Miller at (352) 527-2020 for a reservation.

Visit www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org.

Swingin' in the season



Special to the Chronicle

Encore Swing Band will perform at Floral City Heritage Days from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The event will take place on Orange Avenue, which will be lined with luminarias for the occasion. Stroll down to sing your favorite swinging Christmas carols with Encore. For more information, call band director Chaz Iannaci at (352) 464-4153, or co-director David Morgan at (352) 302-3742, or email encoreswingband@embarqmail.com. The event is free, with free parking. Encore Swing Band rehearses from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Calvary Chapel Café on 900 U.S. 41 South in Inverness. The band still needs a bass guitar player.

Come do some stargazing at the WGP

Event is free on Dec. 16

Special to the Chronicle

The Chiefland Star Party Group is presenting a telescopic view of the stars and planets at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve in Yankeetown on Friday, Dec. 16.

There is no entrance fee. It will begin with a laser show of the fall constellations. Several large telescopes will be available for viewing, including the largest "GoTo" Scope in the Southeast. Multiple objects will be observed, including

the bands on Jupiter and its moons. The late-rising moon gives little night light interference for better stargazing conditions.

The preserve has very low artificial lighting, which adds to the experience and is hard to find in our electrified environment. For your safety, we recommend arriving before sunset (prior to

5:30 p.m.) to sign in. Bring a flashlight and bug spray. Program will be rescheduled in case of rain or cloud cover.

The program is another in Yankeetown's Friends of Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve presentations. Email friendswgp@bellsouth.net or visit www.withlacoochee.gulfpreserve.com.

Pizza and turkeys for a good cause



Special to the Chronicle

The Knights of Columbus, St. Scholastica Council No. 14485, hosts a pizza party for its members to collect turkeys for Daystar. Dozens of frozen turkeys were donated and taken to Daystar to be given out this year to those who may not be able to afford one. Dana Rossignol, grand knight, said the party was a success and plans to make this an annual event. Pictured, from left, are Clair Provencher, Irene Komatowski, Pat Mazzone, Teresa Cieslicki, Marge Preble, Bohdan Cieslicki, Roger Preble and John Mazzone; kneeling is Ron Komatowski.

News NOTES

Thinkers change meeting location

New Age Thinkers has grown and will now be meeting at a new location, in the Florida Room at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park on U.S. 19.

All are welcome at the 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, meeting in celebration of the holiday season. There will be a special presentation on archangels and guardian angels with guest speaker the Rev. Rae Moonwind from Cassadaga.

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

Needle crafters meet monthly

The Needlecraft Workshop of FCNA offers instruction in quilting, embroidery, knitting, crochet and more, for beginners to advanced levels at no charge.

This is a group of needle artists who like to share knowledge and experiences of their craft. The group meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly at the Floral City Community House (between the library and the museum) on Orange Avenue. December sessions will be Dec. 13 and 27.

Call Beth at (352) 344-5896.

Come celebrate winter solstice

The Winter Solstice Ceremony will be at 11 a.m. at the Wilderness Circle Sunday, Dec. 18.

It is free and Indian blood is not required; just the Indian heart. Potluck follows the ceremony, after which there will be afternoon music.

Mackie Sanford of Cherokee descent will lead the prayers.

Call Betty Berger at (352) 447-2736 or e mail bberger@bellsouth.net for details.

Citrus Springs MSBU to meet

Citrus Spring MSBU will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

For information, call Larry Brock at (352) 527-5478.

Corvette drawing benefits charities

Crystal Chevrolet has donated a red 2012 Chevrolet Corvette to United Way of Citrus County and Black Diamond Foundation.

Both groups are working together for the benefit of local charities they support. Donation is \$100.

The drawing will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Crystal Chevrolet, 1035 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa. Order tickets online at www.citrusunitedway.org or call (352) 795-5483.

Special needs drill set for Dec. 13

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will host a Special Needs Call Down Drill from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 13. The training exercise is sponsored in partnership with Citrus County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management.

The drill is hosted annually to prepare in the event Emergency Management declares an evacuation. Volunteers are needed to assist with contacting the Special Needs registrants and verifying their contact information. All volunteers will be briefed on procedure and a script will be provided to follow.

The training will be in room 166 of the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto. For registration and more information, call the Nature Coast Volunteer Center at (352) 527-5950 or e-mail ncvc@bocc.citrus.fl.us.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.
■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

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

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.
■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 30, 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 descriptions.

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Bridge

Last year, Eddie Kantar wrote "Take All Your Chances at Bridge." Now he has published "Take All Your Chances at Bridge 2" (both Master Point Press). There are 100 intermediate, advanced and advanced, plus declarer-play problems. This deal is from the middle bracket. South is in four spades. West leads the heart 10. East takes the first two tricks with top hearts, then plays a third round to South's queen. How should declarer continue? North's two-club response was Reverse Drury-Fit. It showed a maximum pass with at least three-card spade support. (Drury is a recommended convention.) At first glance, declarer needs to play either spades or clubs without loss. Taking each suit in

Bridge puzzle diagram showing North, South, East, and West hands with cards and suits. Includes a dealer's West vulnerable North-South and an opening lead of heart 10.

isolation, in spades it is fractionally better to play off the ace and king; in clubs, though, it is much better to finesse on the second round. But as you can see, if South plays that way, he will go down and, no doubt, grumble about his bad luck. Assuming the breaks are reasonable, the contract is a certainty. Declarer should cash his diamond ace, play a spade to dummy's king, take the diamond king (discarding a club from his hand), and ruff the last diamond in his hand. South returns to dummy with a club and calls for a trump. When East follows low, declarer finesesses his 10. Here, the finesse wins and the contract is home. But if West could take the trick, he would be employed, forced either to lead into South's ace-jack of clubs or concede a ruff-and-sluff.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes a cartoon of a man and woman, a grid of letters to be unscrambled, and a list of words to be formed.

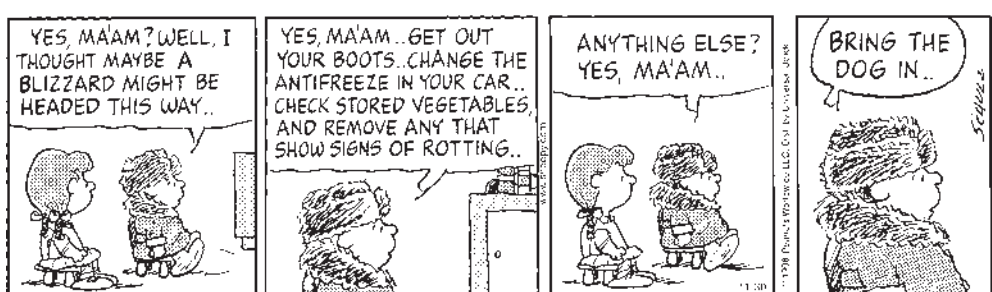
Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include 'Travel document', 'Problem for a computer user', 'Delphi's god', etc.

Answer to Previous Puzzle crossword grid with filled-in letters. Includes a list of words like CURD, STY, BABA, AMBO, LOA, ALEX, etc.

Dear Annie: We are the grandparents of a beautiful 4-year-old girl. We have been watching her for the past three months because her parents had their water service shut off due to lack of payment. A month ago, they had their gas and electricity shut off, as well. They are living off of the welfare system with no other means of support. In the past, my wife and I have paid a lot of money to keep their utilities on, but this time we took a stand and decided not to. Instead, we opted to assist in taking care of their daughter until they can fix this situation, knowing it will probably happen again. We want our granddaughter to have a shot at normalcy, and we feel she will never get that if we return her to her parents. Unfortunately, my wife and I lack both the finances to raise a child and the vitality necessary to keep up with her. We don't know what to do. If we decide to seek custody, how do we go about it? Is there financial aid available for people in our situation? We want to do the right thing for our granddaughter. — Geezer with a Cause in Los Angeles

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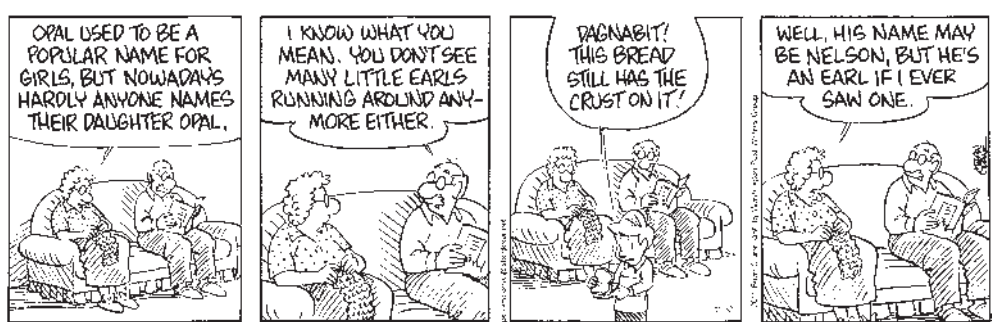
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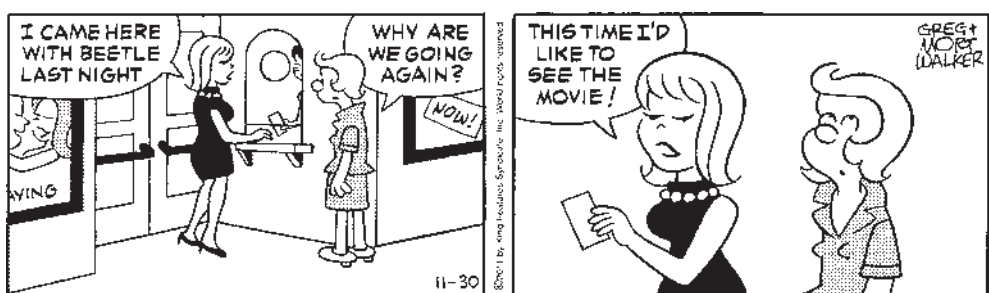
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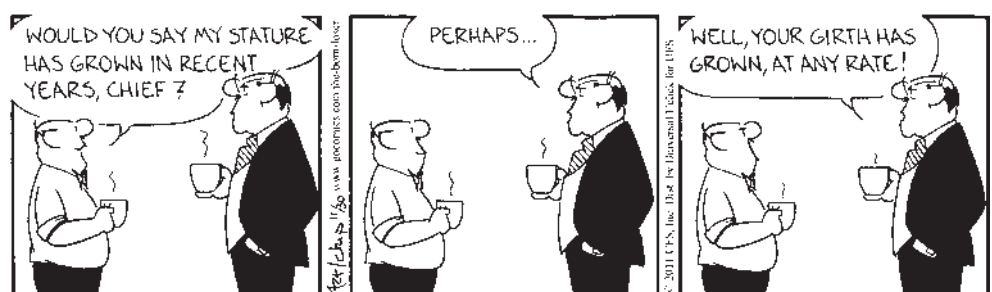
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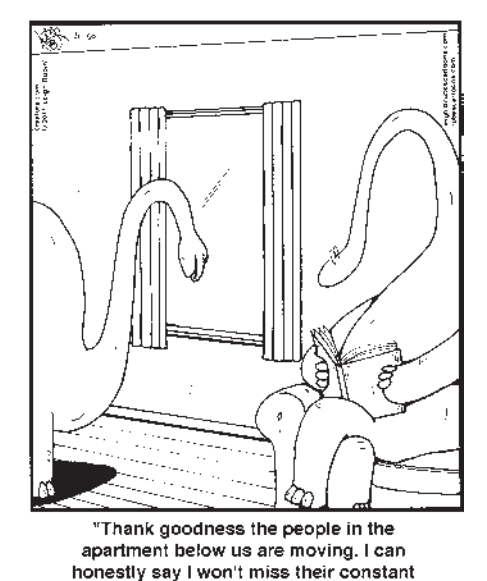
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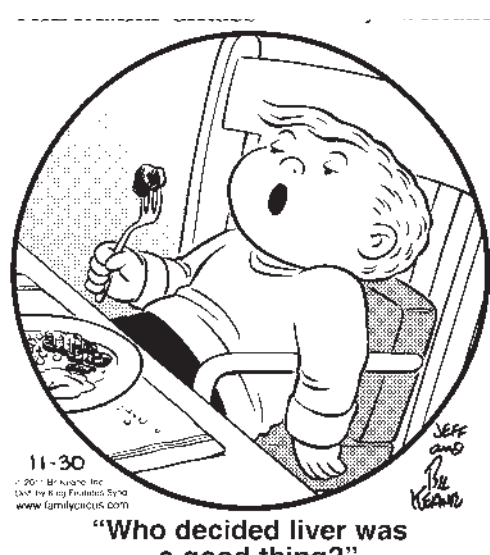
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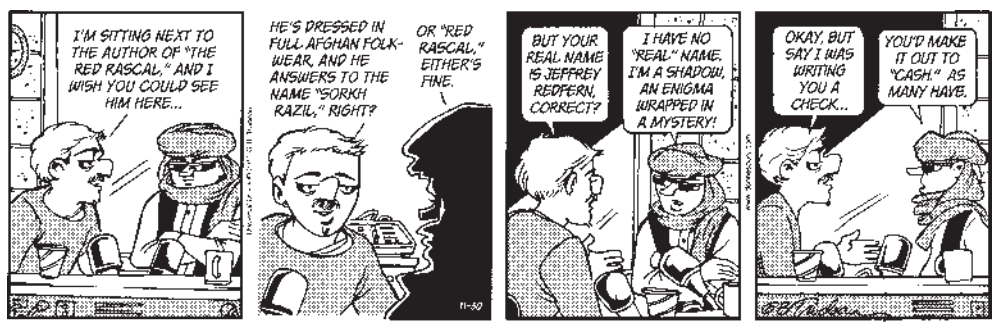
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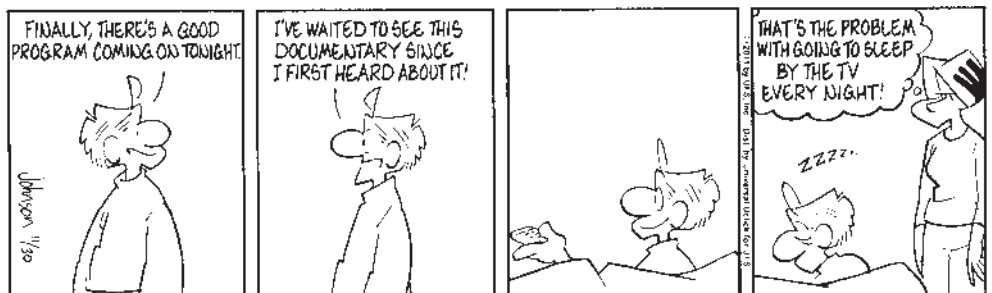
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Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
Arthur Christmas (PG) In Real 3D. 1:50 p.m., 7:25 p.m. No passes.
Happy Feet 2 (PG) In Real 3D. 1:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
The Muppets (PG) 1:30 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:05 p.m. No passes.
The Twilight Saga: 'Breaking Dawn - Part I' (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Jack and Jill (PG) 2 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Tower Heist (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:20 p.m. No passes.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
The Muppets (PG) 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. No passes.
Arthur Christmas (PG) 4:30 p.m.
Arthur Christmas (PG) In Real 3D. 1:55 p.m., 7:20 p.m. No passes.
Happy Feet 2 (PG) In Real 3D. 1:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
Happy Feet 2 (PG) 4:20 p.m.
The Twilight Saga: 'Breaking Dawn - Part I' (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Jack and Jill (PG) 1:35 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
Immortals (R) In Real 3D. ID required. 4:35 p.m. No passes.
Tower Heist (PG-13) 1:50 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:25 p.m.
Puss in Boots (PG) 4 p.m.
Puss in Boots (PG) In Real 3D. 1:35 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
TODAY'S CLUE: Z equals W
BDTRXCP NY LCRBDS, B LCEX HLNTXD
RN YNMSBEX CDP TUXDP CAA NY WO
UNTBRBEX XDXMSO ND HLCDSBDS RLX
ZNMAP." - HCWMOD WCDLXBW
Previous Solution: "The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity." - Harlan Ellison
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