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### Amazon: We'll bring 2.5K jobs to Fla. — if...

TALLAHASSEE — Amazon.com is promising to bring between 2,500 jobs and 3,000 jobs to Florida if state lawmakers and Gov. Rick Scott agree to a deal that would exempt the online retailer from collecting sales taxes for the next two years.

Sen. Elynn Bodganoff, R-Fort Lauderdale, and the chairman of the Senate Finance and Tax committee confirmed that Amazon representatives have approached her about passing legislation during this year's legislative session. Bodganoff had already been talking about drawing up a bill this year that would apply the state's 6 percent sales tax to Internet merchants in exchange with tax cuts elsewhere to keep the proposal from generating additional tax money.

Amazon reached a similar agreement with the state of South Carolina.

### Six breeds get OK to compete at Westminster

LOS ANGELES — Six dogs will make history this year as the newest breeds eligible to compete at Westminster. If they have visions of winning, though, history is against them.

The names of some of the rookie breeds competing in the 2012 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Feb. 13-14 at Madison Square Garden are a mouthful: the Entlebucher mountain dog, the Norwegian Lundehund, the American English coonhound, the Finnish Lapphund, the Cesky terrier and the Xoloitzcuintli, previously known as the Mexican Hairless.

The six new breeds bring to 185 the number that will compete this year for the best of show grand prize in the annual contest, the oldest sporting event in the United States next to the Kentucky Derby, said David Frei, the club's director of communications.

—From wire reports

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## Who won the debate? Well, that depends...

MIKE WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

### 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

avorites shone during the debate at the University of South Florida. And, they added, Rick Santorum set himself aside in his own right.

Debbie Ressler, who supported Romney in 2008 and is again this campaign, said she thought Romney won the debate with his attacks

on Gingrich's leadership and financial associations with mortgage lender Freddie Mac.

"He presented himself in a very professional manner," Ressler said of Romney.

Dick Windle, who chairs the Gingrich campaign committee in Citrus County, disagreed.

"Newt came across pretty well," Windle said. "He didn't take the bait. The competition wanted to get into some kind of catfight. He's getting his game down pretty good."

Windle noted that NBC broadcaster Brian Williams, who moderated much of the debate, told the audience not to

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- Early voting for the Jan. 31 Republican presidential preference primary continues through Saturday. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. weekday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the following locations:
  - Inverness City Hall.
  - Homosassa Library.
  - Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills.
  - West Citrus Government Center in Meadowcrest.
- For more, go to www.vote Citrus.com.

## New digs in arm's reach



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Gary Goodman, ACA Construction Group project manager, speaks with Citrus County School Board member Linda Powers on Tuesday morning during a tour of Crystal River High School. Powers, along with other school board officials, took a tour of the major construction under way at the school.

### It's out with the old, in with the new at Crystal River High School

MIKE WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

—CRYSTAL RIVER school board members donned hard hats to take a look Tuesday morning at what they agree is already an unqualified success.

Phase 2 of the Crystal River High School renovation project is in various stages of completion and, when done, students will move from 16 portable classrooms into shiny new classrooms with shiny new equipment.

The new cafeteria should be finished by the time school starts next August, project manager Gary Goodman with ACA Construction Group told board members during a tour of the construction site.

Construction workers finished the first phase, which included a new two-story administration/classroom building, baseball field and entrance off Turkey Oak



The Crystal River High School Health Academy's dental lab will provide students with high-tech equipment with which to work.

Avenue, before school started this year.

Both phases cost about \$35 million — at least half what it would have cost the district to completely build a new Crystal River High School, assistant superintendent of schools Kenny Blocker said.

The district borrowed money through a bond funded with federal stimulus grants that should end up not costing the district any money in interest. Blocker said he expects construction to end in late 2012; the funding, he

said, must be spent by April 2013.

Tuesday's tour included the new health academy classrooms where the old administrative offices once were. Construction has just

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## Obama: State of the union 'getting stronger'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring the American dream under siege, President Barack Obama called Tuesday night for a flurry of help for a hurting middle class and higher taxes on millionaires, delivering a State of the Union address packed with re-election themes. Restoring a fair shot for all, Obama said, is "the defining issue of our time."

Obama outlined a vastly different vision for fixing the country than the one pressed by the Republicans challenging him in Congress and fighting to take his job in the November election. He pleaded for an active government that ensures economic fairness for everyone, just as his opponents demand that the government back off and let the free market rule.

Obama offered steps to help students afford college, a plan for more struggling homeowners to refinance their homes and tax cuts for manufacturers. He threw in politically appealing references to accountability, including warning universities they will lose federal aid if they don't stop tuition from soaring.

Standing in front of a divided Congress, with bleak hope this election year for much of his legislative agenda, Obama spoke with voters in mind.

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Associated Press

President Barack Obama greets retiring Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., on Tuesday before his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

## Romney's tax returns in, and the numbers are big

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney's newly released tax returns represent an extraordinary accounting of the household finances and far-reaching corporate investments of one of the richest U.S. presidential candidates in generations, with an annual income that tops \$20 million.

How the details of Romney's extensive wealth will play among Republican taxpayers, rival campaigns, the media and the American public

# \$21,700,000

Mitt Romney's earnings in 2010. The figure puts him in the top 0.006 percent of Americans.

# 14%

Romney's effective tax rate on those earnings. The average rate for an American earning between \$50,000 and \$75,000? 13 percent.

# \$3 million

The amount of federal income tax Romney paid in 2010, as well as the amount of his charitable givings. Of the \$3 million donated, half was tithed to the Mormon church.

Source: Associated Press

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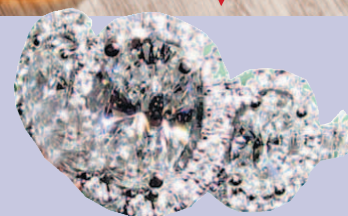
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## Deadline for mail ballots Jan. 25 Voters must return ballots by Jan. 31

Special to the Chronicle

INVERNESS — The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Eligible voters who have not previously requested a ballot may call the elections office at 352-341-6740, visit [votecitrus.com](http://votecitrus.com) or submit the request in writing.

Written requests must include the voter's date of birth, signature and Citrus County residence address. Vote-by-mail ballots cannot be forwarded, but can be mailed to a temporary address if it is outside Citrus County.

Voters are encouraged to confirm their mailing address when ordering a vote-by-mail ballot.

Requests are fulfilled immediately, with ballots being mailed daily.

Voted ballots must be returned to the elections office by 7 p.m. Jan. 31 — Election Day. One 45-cent first-class stamp is required to return the ballot by mail.

Voted ballots may also be hand-delivered to the Inverness Elections Office, 120 N. Apopka Ave., or Crystal River Elections Office, 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., or one of the four early voting sites.

Early voting continues through Saturday, Jan. 28. Early voting sites are:

- Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills;
- Crystal Elections Office, 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River;
- Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa;
- Inverness City Hall, 212 W. Main St., Inverness.

Early voting hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31. Voted mail ballots may not be turned in at the polling place on Election Day.

For more information, visit [www.votecitrus.com](http://www.votecitrus.com) or call 352-341-6740.

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- Submit the request in writing.

# Crystal River's crime numbers drop

Fourth-quarter stats reveal decrease in most categories

A.B. SIDIBE  
 Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Law enforcement activity in the latter part of the year dropped significantly from the same time in 2010, according to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's office Westside Commander Capt. Charlie Simmons told the City Council on Monday almost every category saw a drop, except for a few categories where the numbers stayed "static."

The only category showing a rise in crime numbers was commercial burglaries, which went from two in the fourth quarter of 2010 to three in 2011.

Showing a significant drop were sex offenses. Simmons said three sex offenses occurred in 2010 while zero happened at the same time in 2011.

No homicides have occurred during the respective periods.

Residential burglary numbers also stood pat at four apiece, while auto burglaries registered a 25 percent decrease from eight to six incidents.

"The big thing we always try to tell people is make sure you lock your cars and lock your doors," Simmons said.

He encouraged residents to call his office at any hint of trouble.

"We would rather you call if you hear any noise, even if the wind blew your trash can over," Simmons said. "We would rather know that is

what happened than wait until something bad really happens."

According to the statistics Simmons shared with the council, the number of arrests went from 172 in 2010 to 145 in 2011. The number of warnings, citations and traffic crashes went from 1,224 to 795, 238 to 146, and 69 to 66, respectively. Offense reports went from 279 to 262 and calls for service decreased by 11 percent with 5,213 calls to 4,638.

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# Award-winning shot



Special to the Chronicle

Jean Clark took this picture at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in 2011. The picture won first place in the 2011 Florida State Parks Photo Contest.

## Area woman wins first place in Florida state park photograph contest

MATTHEW BECK  
 Chronicle

HOMOSASSA — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Florida Park Services recently announced the winning photos selected in the 2011 Florida State Parks Photo Contest.

The first-place photograph was taken by Jean Clark at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Her photo was selected from hundreds of images submitted in the statewide contest.

"Congratulations to the winners of the 2011 photo contest, whose photos were selected from

hundreds of beautiful photos sent in last year," DEP's Florida Park Services Director Donald Forgone said in a press release. "Florida's state parks and trails offer a fantastic canvas for one-of-a-kind photos."

Park Manager Art Yerian was proud the winning photograph came from the park he oversees.

"I think it is a wonderful thing that this photo was selected as the overall winner," he said. "We're one of the best places in Florida for professional and amateur photographers to shoot many animals native to Florida. We're one of about eight places in the world to see live whooping cranes."

Yerian said while other images have been recognized in the contest, this is the first overall winning photo.

Annual photo contest winners are selected from the 12 monthly photo contest winners chosen throughout 2011. Monthly winners are selected by visitors to the Florida Online Park Guide. That link and other information about the contest can be found by going to [www.FloridaStateParks.org](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org).

From the 12 monthly winners, a trio of professional photographers judged the images and selected the top three.

Second place was awarded to

Heidi Hopwood for a photo she took at De Leon Springs State Park. Third place was awarded to Kristin Crawford for a photo at Honeymoon Island State Park.

For her top photo, Crawford will receive a Florida State Parks Family Annual Entrance Pass and the other two photographers will receive Florida State Parks Individual Annual Entrance Passes.

An attempt by the Chronicle to reach Clark for comment was unsuccessful.

Chronicle reporter Matthew Beck can be reached at 352-564-2919 or [mbeck@chronicleonline.com](mailto:mbeck@chronicleonline.com)

## Around THE STATE

### Citrus County

#### Bills seeks enterprise zone for county

A legislative committee Tuesday approved a bill sponsored by state Rep. Jimmie T. Smith that would allow Citrus County to apply for enterprise zones.

The House Business and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee passed HB 371 on an 11-0 vote. The bill would authorize Citrus County to apply to the Department of Economic Opportunity for an enterprise zone designation by Dec. 31.

An enterprise zone designation would provide state tax incentives for a business locating in the designated zone and for hiring employees who live in the designated zone.

The bill goes to the Finance and Tax Committee, followed by the Economic Affairs Committee.

tee. The final vote will be on the House of Representatives floor.

### Jacksonville

#### Lawsuit filed in north Florida helicopter crash

JACKSONVILLE — The daughter of a Mayo Clinic organ procurement technician killed in a north Florida helicopter crash is suing the company that operated the aircraft.

David Hines and a heart surgeon from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville died in the Dec. 26 crash, along with SK Logistics pilot E. Hoke Smith. They were flying to pick up a heart.

Hines' 27-year-old daughter Christine Hines filed a lawsuit Friday in Clay County Court seeking more than \$15,000 in damages from Smith's St. Augustine company and his estate.

—From wire reports

# Fundraising gala benefits local libraries

## Love Your Library Evening to feature music, food, auction

SHEMIR WILES  
 Staff Writer

It's not Valentine's Day yet, but the Citrus County Library System wants the community to show some love to the local library system during this year's Love Your Library Evening fundraiser.

Sponsored by the Library Advisory Board, the after-hours evening event will be Friday, Feb. 17, at Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., in Beverly Hills.

Sabrina Smith, communications facilitator for the Citrus County Library System, said this is the second

year the library's foundation has hosted this event. Last year, the fundraiser drew more than 300 people; therefore, Smith said it is thrilling to see just how this year's event will turn out.

"It's really an exciting evening for us," she said.

The gala will include live musical entertainment from the Citrus County Jazz Society, wine from Aspirations Winery in Tampa, catered gourmet hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Specialty baskets with everything from spa treatments to food will be raffled off, as well as a chance to win an e-reader from Barnes & Noble in Ocala.

In addition, one of the unique pieces available to win is a handmade throw quilt. Smith said Barbara Wilbur, a member of Friends of the Citrus County Library System, made the quilt and more than 75 authors' names are stitched into the quilt.

Tickets are \$20 per person and available at every library branch. All proceeds from the silent auction and the raffles go to the Citrus County Library Foundation, which uses the funds for long-term needs.

Smith stated the people of Citrus County are supportive of the local library system. With the population in the county floating around 140,000, about 96,000 are active cardholders.

"We enjoy quite a high

level of support," she said. It is important to a community to have strong libraries, Smith explained. They not only serve as a place for reading, but double as community centers, which provide numerous services from computer access to classes and events for children.

With nearly 2,100 visitors a day in the local libraries, they do stay busy.

"We have a lot of foot traffic through our doors," Smith said.

For more information on the Love Your Library Evening, visit [www.citruslibraries.org/love](http://www.citruslibraries.org/love) or call 352-746-9077.

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**Legislative BRIEFS**

**Anti-abortion bills get House panel approval**

TALLAHASSEE — Three anti-abortion bills are moving through the state Legislature. Each got initial committee approval Tuesday on party-line votes — Republicans for, Democrats against. The House Health & Human Services Access Subcommittee heard sometimes emotional debate and public testimony on the bills. One would ban selective abortions based on the sex or race of the fetus. Another would prohibit abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy based on a presumption the fetus can sense pain at that point. The third would set up a variety of new barriers to abortions, including a 24-hour waiting period. Another provision would limit the ownership of abortion clinics to doctors who received training in abortion-related procedures during their internship. Abortion doctors also would be required to get continuing education in ethics.

**Prison privatization measure clears House panel**

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida House panel has cleared that chamber's version of a plan to privatize prisons in South Florida. The Justice Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday passed by a 10-5 party-line vote, a measure that would allow the privatizing of all prison facilities in the southern part of the state. A similar bill cleared a Senate committee Monday. Democratic lawmakers and correctional workers continued their opposition to privatization. They say the plan will put state employees out of work and reduce public safety. Proponents say the measures all but guarantee savings to state government. A similar privatization attempt last year was shot down by a judge who said it was unconstitutional. This year's bills fix the legal problems.

—From wire reports

**Florida LEGISLATURE**

**How they voted**

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 20

The Florida Senate last week passed new political maps for the state Senate and U.S. Congress, along with resolutions honoring the Miami Lighthouse, Pregnancy Resource Centers, Osteopathic Physicians and the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts in Florida. The Senate Regulated Industries Committee also took up the regulation of Internet cafes, also called storefront casinos.

The House held no floor votes, but the Redistricting Committee forwarded two redistricting map bills — HB 6005 (Congress) and HB 6011 (State House) — to be voted on at their next meeting, Jan. 27.

Key: \*\*\* Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness | \*\* Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey

**SB 1174: Congressional Redistricting plan**

The proposed Congressional map draws the boundaries of 27 political districts. Although the Fair Districts Amendment was intended to stop gerrymandering, the new map keeps the district of 10-term Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-Jacksonville) stretching from Duval to Orange County. Reps. Brown and Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Miami) have filed suit against the Fair District Amendment to keep their minority access districts intact.

**Vote:** Yes, 34; No, 6.

**Yes:** Haridopolis, Alexander, Altman, Benacquisto, Bennett, Bogdanoff, Bullard, \*\*\* Dean, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Evers, \*\* Fasano, Flores, Gaetz, Garcia, Gardiner, Gibson, Hays, Jones, Latvala, Lynn, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Norman, Oelrich, Richter, Ring, Simmons, Siplin, Sobel, Storms, Thrasher, Wise.

**No:** Braynon, Dockery, Joyner, Rich, Sachs, Smith.

**SJR 1176: Senate Redistricting plan**

This bill draws new lines for 40 Florida Senate districts and is controversial in part because it divides Central Florida's Polk County into four districts.

**Vote:** Yes, 34; No, 6.

**Yes:** Haridopolis, Alexander, Altman, Benacquisto, Bennett, Bogdanoff, Bullard, \*\*\* Dean, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Evers, \*\* Fasano, Flores, Gaetz, Garcia, Gardiner, Gibson, Hays, Jones, Latvala, Lynn, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Norman, Oelrich, Richter, Ring, Simmons, Siplin, Sobel, Storms, Thrasher, Wise.

**No:** Braynon, Dockery, Joyner, Rich, Sachs, Smith.

**SB 380: Game Promotion**

Providing for the registration of electronic devices and computer terminals used to conduct electronic game promotions and regulating the industry.

**Vote:** Yes, 8; No, 1.

**Yes:** Altman, Braynon, \*\*\* Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Rich, Siplin, Sachs, Jones.

**No:** Thrasher.

**Senate resolutions**

**SR 890** Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.; Recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

**SR1326** Pregnancy Resource Center Month/January 2012; Commending the work of the volunteers and staff at Florida's pregnancy resource centers and recognizing January 2012 as "Pregnancy Resource Center Month".

**SR 1344** Osteopathic Medicine Day; Commending the osteopathic physicians of this state and recognizing January 18, 2012, as "Osteopathic Medicine Day."

**SR 2020** Year of the Girl Scout/100th Anniversary; Recognizing 2012 as the "Year of the Girl" and celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting in the State of Florida.

**Upcoming**

The House will be voting on the 911 Good Samaritan Act, which would protect from prosecution those who act in good faith when providing medical treatment for someone experiencing a drug overdose. The Senate is scheduled to take up a bill providing tax credits for businesses that hire veterans; create a court program for veterans with mental illness, substances use, and brain injury due to military service.

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# CRHS

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begun on a new media center, and the walls are up for the freshman academy.

Meanwhile, students move about their day even as construction requires a constant change in traffic patterns, Principal Mark McCoy said.

"It's like 'Follow the yellow brick road,' but the road keeps changing," he said.

The project not just entails tearing the old and replacing it with new. Programs also have found new homes.

The old drama and art rooms are now set aside for agriculture classrooms, including a fish hatchery and a welding shop.

Students are now housed in 20 portable classrooms. When this phase has ended, all but four will be removed. The school's ROTC program will have classes in two portables, and two others will be used for ROTC



Crystal River High School principal Mark McCoy, right, addresses the group in the school's new Health Academy area.

storage, McCoy said.

Construction on the cafeteria begins in early May, before school lets out, so it can be completed by the time school starts in August. The district will offer students sandwiches that are made at Crystal River Primary School and then transported to the

high school.

Goodman said cafeteria work will require double shifts.

"It's going to be a lot of work to get in there and get that done," he said.

Board members marveled at the contrast between old buildings and new ones.

"Look at how beautiful this campus has become," board member Pat Deutschman said. "It's astounding, really astounding."

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# DEBATE

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react to statements made by the candidates. That hurt Gingrich, he said, who feeds off the audience.

"They goofed up by not letting the audience indicate their approval or disapproval," he said. "It was kind of quiet. I thought it was dull."

Edna Mattos, chairwoman of the Citrus County Tea Party Patriots, said she thought Paul stood out.

"I think it was one of his better debates. He was more relaxed," Mattos, a Paul supporter, said. "There was so much controversy between Mitt and Newt. It wasn't really affecting him."

Ressler and Windle agreed on one thing: The bickering between their candidates will not help the Republican nominee against President Barack Obama.

"That's one of the reasons this negativity is so bad," Ressler said. "Of course they're bashing President

Obama and that's what you expect them to do. They're also dividing the party."

Windle said the debates would be more focused on defeating Obama if they were moderated by the Republican Party — especially in Florida, a closed-primary state.

"These are liberal questions. There are four conservatives on stage," he said.

The debate didn't have any impact on early voter numbers in Citrus County, though the voting so far indicates a high turnout for Republicans in the primary.

Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill said more than 500 Republicans voted Tuesday — about the same number as Monday and Saturday.

She said 7,032 absentee ballots have been sent out and 4,371 absentee votes returned. That means 17 percent of the 41,000 registered Republicans have already voted in the primary, which is Tuesday, Jan. 31.

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# ROMNEY

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only started to emerge Tuesday, as more than 500 pages from a 2010 tax return and a 2011 estimate spilled out both significant and minor revelations about Romney's scattered holdings, tax strategies and charitable donations.

The returns outline both the dimensions of Romney's finances and the complexity of the tactics used to reduce his effective tax rate close to the low 15 percent paid by many middle-class Americans. Among the new details contained in the documents are Romney's continuing profits from the private equity firm he founded but no longer runs, a Swiss bank account closed just as Romney launched his White House run and new listings of investment funds that were set up in offshore locations from the Caribbean to Ireland and Luxembourg.

Romney's advisers stressed that he met all his

federal tax obligations, provided maximum transparency and did not take advantage of "aggressive" strategies often used by the ultra-rich. Still, for millions of American taxpayers who are just beginning to grapple with their latest returns as tax season looms, Romney's multimillion-dollar returns provide a window into an unfamiliar world.

Tax law experts familiar with the formidable financial portfolios of investment fund managers said Romney's returns would at the very least reinforce the rising public issue of income inequity.

"The average American has a hard time understanding their own two-page tax return let alone Gov. Romney's 200-page return," said Joseph Bankman, a Stanford University professor of business and law who has testified to Congress on tax issues. "What would jump out at anyone is the sheer amount of money and low tax rate he pays, as well as the enormous complexity of his financial transactions."

Romney paid about \$3 million in federal income taxes in 2010, having earned more than seven times that from his investments. That income, \$21.7 million, put him among the wealthiest of American taxpayers. Romney's campaign said Tuesday he followed all tax laws.

At the same time, Romney gave nearly \$3 million to charity — about half of that amount to the Mormon Church — which helped lower his effective tax rate to a modest 14 percent, according to records his campaign released Tuesday.

Romney's income puts him in the top 0.006 percent of Americans, based on the most recent Internal Revenue Service data, from 2009. That year, only 8,274 filers reported income above \$10 million.

He could be worth up to \$250 million, based on previously released financial information.

Romney had long refused to disclose any federal tax returns, then hinted he would only offer a single



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney stands in front of a foreclosed home Tuesday as he talks to citizens in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

year's return in April. But mounting criticism from his rivals and a hard loss in last week's South Carolina primary forced his hand.

For 2011, Romney will pay about \$3.2 million with an effective tax rate of about 15.4 percent, the campaign said. Those returns haven't been filed yet.

In total, he would pay more than \$6.2 million in

taxes on \$45 million in income in the past two years, his campaign said.

"Gov. Romney has paid 100 percent of what he owes," said Benjamin Ginsberg, the Romney campaign's legal counsel. Ginsberg and other advisers

insisted Romney did not use any aggressive tax strategies to help reduce or defer his tax income.

Romney's charitable giving is above average, even for someone at his income level. In 2009, more than 37 million filers claimed charitable deductions averaging more than \$4,000. Among those making more than \$10 million, the average charitable deduction was about \$1.7 million, according to the IRS.

Before the tax records were released, Romney's old investments in two government-backed housing lenders stirred up new questions at the same time his campaign targeted Gingrich for his work for Freddie Mac.

Gingrich earned \$1.6 million in consulting fees from Freddie Mac. Romney has as much as \$500,000 invested in the U.S.-backed lender and its sister entity, Fannie Mae.

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Greece negotiations spook investors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors on Wall Street fretted Tuesday that a deal to keep Greece from triggering a financial crisis might fall apart, and a slew of corporate earnings reports at home didn't make them feel much better.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 33 points at 12,676. It has risen or fallen less than 100 points in 14 straight trading sessions, the longest calm stretch since late March and early April last year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 ended in the red for only the third time this year, losing a point to close at 1,315. The most the S&P has lost in a day this year is seven points. It is up 4.5 percent for 2012.

The Nasdaq added two points to close at 2,787 after a day of wavering between small gains and losses. The Nasdaq has led the major stock indexes in January with a 7 percent gain.

Technology stocks could be in for a strong day Wednesday. After the market closed Tuesday, Apple trumped analysts' estimates for its revenue and profit.

Market watch

Market watch table showing indices: Dow Jones Industrial (12,675.75, -33.07), Nasdaq composite (2,786.64, +2.47), Standard & Poor's 500 (1,314.65, -1.35), Russell 2000 (788.26, +5.21).

NYSE diary

NYSE diary table showing advanced, declined, and unchanged stocks. Advanced: 1,631; Declined: 1,381; Unchanged: 108.

Nasdaq diary

Nasdaq diary table showing advanced, declined, and unchanged stocks. Advanced: 1,489; Declined: 992; Unchanged: 144.

Volume

Volume table showing volume for NYSE and Nasdaq. NYSE: 1.6 b; Nasdaq: 1.6 b.

Treasury prices rose from their lowest levels this year because of uncertainty about whether Greece will reach a deal with its creditors.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.06 percent from 2.07 percent Tuesday. The lower yield indicates investors are willing to accept a lower return in exchange for safety.

In Europe, Greece's stock market index fell 5.5 percent. Stocks fell less than 1 percent in Germany, France and Spain and ended slightly higher in Italy.

A deal between the Greek government and the banks that hold Greek national bonds is considered crucial to the stability of the European financial system.

Investors fear that if Greece can't pay its debt, it could trigger a panic. "There's a lot of apprehension about the unknowns," said Brian Gendreau, market strategist for El Segundo, Calif.-based Cetera Financial Group.

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Apple doubles iPhone sales in first quarter

NEW YORK — After uncharacteristically tepid sales in the July-to-September quarter, Apple came back with a vengeance in the last three months of 2011, vastly exceeding analyst estimates and setting new records.

Apple Inc. on Tuesday said it sold 37 million iPhones in the quarter, double the figure of the previous quarter and more than twice as many as it sold in last year's holiday quarter.

The result may make Apple the world's largest maker of smartphones. Samsung Electronics, which held that position for most of last year, has said it expects to report shipping about 35 million smartphones in the October to December quarter.

October saw the launch of the iPhone 4S, and the addition of Sprint Nextel Corp. as an iPhone carrier in the U.S.

McDonald's fourth quarter net income jumps 11 percent

NEW YORK — McDonald's says net income rose by 11 percent in the fourth quarter, as the fast-food giant continues to attract budget-conscious customers.

Net income of \$1.38 billion translated to \$1.33 per share, beating the \$1.29 predicted by analysts polled by FactSet.

Revenue jumped 10 percent to \$6.82 billion, slightly above expectations for \$6.81 billion.

McDonald's has performed well throughout the recession and its aftermath with a two-pronged strategy. It's continued to attract a base of cash-strapped customers by keeping prices

Facebook forces Timeline; users' past more visible

NEW YORK — Facebook will start requiring people to switch to a new profile format known as Timeline, making photos, links and personal musings from the past much easier to find.

Timeline is essentially a scrapbook of your whole life on Facebook. By contrast, Facebook's traditional profile page is more of a snapshot of you today.

Although some people have already voluntarily switched to Timeline, Facebook hadn't made that mandatory. Beginning Tuesday, Facebook is telling some users that they have seven days to clean up their profiles before Timeline gets automatically activated.

New Fed voters likelier to back help for economy

NEW YORK — If Chairman Ben Bernanke decides the economy needs more help from the Federal Reserve this year, he probably won't face as much resistance as he did last year.

Call it the changing of the guard. As the Fed's policy committee meets for the first time this year, its roster of voting members is rotating slightly, as it does each year.

And its new makeup suggests fewer members would oppose further steps to boost the economy.

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## Top seed 'Canes plow through Hornets

### Senior Cignarelli scores hat trick in Citrus' 8-0 win

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE  
Correspondent

INVERNESS — The outcome is usually predictable any time a No. 1 seed faces a No. 8 seed in the first round of district tournament play, but the value of the performance was not lost on the top-seeded Citrus Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

Citrus routed winless visitor Weeki Wachee 8-0, as five different players scored goals for the Hurricanes boys' soccer team to advance to the next round in the District 3A-6 tournament.

The Hurricanes (16-2-1, 7-0-1 in district play) dominated possession throughout and had several opportunities before breaking through in the 19th minute. Senior standout midfielder Robert Cignarelli notched a hat trick with three goals, along with two assists.

It was Cignarelli who started the scoring barrage, taking the assist from Austin Killeen into the

left corner, losing his defender, dribbling back down to the end line and angling a shot on goal that snuck in by the near pipe.

Five minutes later, Connor Killeen fed Cignarelli entering the offensive zone, who this time took the ball straight through the defense onto the goal. Weeki Wachee keeper Michael VanSlee came out and valiantly blocked Cignarelli's initial close-range shot. But he fell to the ground on contact and the ball popped into the air. Cignarelli found the ball on its way down and headed it into the empty net for a 2-0 lead.

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### Panthers advance past Gainesville, 2-0

LARRY BUGG  
Correspondent

OCALA — Jacob Rice made a memory Tuesday night.

The Lecanto High School sophomore midfielder attempted his first shot on goal and found net as the Panthers boys soccer team beat Gainesville High 2-0 in the opening night of the Class 4A-District 4 Boys Soccer tournament at Booster Stadium.

The victory gave the Panthers (13-5-2 overall) a semifinal game with second-seeded Ocala West Port at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Lecanto, the third seed, has a loss and a tie against the Wolf Pack during the regular season.

Rice scored his first varsity goal with 23:48 left in the first half. Josh Swander fed him the ball and Rice booted it in. The

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### Girls Soccer Class 4A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

## Overtime thriller

### Lecanto girls fall at home to Orange Park

JAMES BLEVINS  
Correspondent

LECANTO — You could have heard a pin drop in Lecanto stadium Tuesday night.

You could have heard the great wave of sudden disappointment, as the ball bounced perfectly down from the cross bar and into the Lecanto goal, giving the Orange Park Raiders the game-winning goal in the second overtime to eliminate the Panthers in a Class 4A regional quarter-final match 2-1.

Not a whisper came from the many fans who had come out to cheer on the District 4A-4 champion Lady Panthers. The realization was slow to dawn on everyone. Disbelief was in the wind.

"It took that bounce and then it just hit high," Lecanto head coach Roselle Lattin said about the goal. "There was nothing (the goalkeeper) could do about it. She was positioned well, it just went a bit higher than her vertical."

The goal that won it for Orange Park was a high shot, directed at the crossbar that Lecanto goalkeeper Darah Nason (20 saves) jumped for, but couldn't tip it away.

The game was over in a flash.

Lecanto brought its "A" game against the Raiders, playing 93 minutes of strategic, defensive soccer.

Orange Park dominated much of the first half, outshooting Lecanto 9-7 and making the first goal of the game in the 18th minute for the lead at halftime.

A different Lecanto team returned the field in the second half. The Panthers outshot the Raiders by a sliver in the second half 10-9.



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Lecanto junior Chloe Benoist (9) battles Orange Park's Hannah Bunn in front of the Panthers' goal during a Class 4A regional quarterfinal girls soccer match Tuesday at Lecanto High School. The Panthers fell to the visiting Raiders, 2-1, in a second overtime.

Chloe Benoist (who lead Lecanto with seven shots on goal, five coming in the second half) connected on a free kick in the 39th minute and brought Lecanto back in the game.

"(We) thought we had really great possession the whole second half," Lattin said. "Orange Park is a really good team. They're pretty well balanced and you can tell they're well coached. They move the ball re-

ally well. "The first half we struggled a little bit and panicked a little bit," the coach added. "But as soon as Chloe (Benoist) was

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## Citrus pummels CR, 64-40

### Garvin notches double-double in 'Canes' victory

JUSTIN PLANTE  
Correspondent

INVERNESS — The Citrus High School girls basketball team lives by a motto.

"The best offense is a good defense."

The Hurricanes proved that again Tuesday night, as they trounced county rival Crystal River 64-40 at Citrus High School.

Citrus' defense suffocated the Lady Pirates' shooters, forcing seven steals in the first quarter alone. Those steals turned into quick transition points for the Lady 'Canes, as they jumped out to a 10-2 lead early.

But Crystal River would find a small spark in a short six-point run that saw both Kiersten Croyle and Megan Wells nail back-to-back 3-pointers, bringing the game to within two points. Unfortunately for the Lady Pirates, it would be the last time they were within reach of Citrus.

Behind the Hurricanes was Lady 'Canes' Paige Garvin, who scored 10 of her game-high 17 points on a 33-6 run in which Citrus stretched its lead to 29 points as it entered halftime.

"I really think our defense is what won this game tonight," Citrus head coach Brian Lattin said. "And it was a total team effort on our part. I've said this before; but no matter what our offense is doing, if you play good defense, it'll keep you in the game."

It was a total team effort for the Hurricanes. In the 33-6 run, Citrus had contributions from five different players: Lindsay Connors hit eight of her 15 points in the run, Elizabeth Lynch added seven, and Treleasha Simmons and Marissa Dubois scored four of their own.

But the Lady Pirates wouldn't go away easily, as they found a rhythm in the third quarter in the form of two big 3s from Megan Wells, who ended the game with nine points, and another one from Katelyn Hannigan, who led

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## Tigers catch big free-agent prize in Fielder

### First baseman helps make team AL favorite

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers responded to a jarring injury with an audacious move.

Free-agent first baseman Prince Fielder and the Tigers agreed Tuesday to a nine-year, \$214 million contract that fills the AL Central champions' need for a power hitter, a person familiar with the deal said.

Detroit boldly stepped up in the Fielder sweepstakes after the recent knee injury to star Victor

Martinez. A week ago, the Tigers announced the productive designated hitter could miss the entire season after tearing his left ACL during offseason conditioning.

CBS first reported the agreement with Fielder.

The person told The Associated Press the deal was subject to a physical. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract was not yet complete.

The Tigers won their division by 15 games before losing in the AL championship series to Texas. Adding the 27-year-old Fielder gives the Tigers two of the game's premier sluggers, pairing him with Miguel Cabrera.

With Fielder now in the fold, general manager Dave Dombrowski and owner Mike Ilitch

have a team that figures to enter the 2012 season as a favorite to repeat in the division — with an eye on winning the franchise's first World Series title since 1984.

"Everyone knew Mr. Ilitch and Mr. Dombrowski were going to make a move when Victor went down," outfielder Brennan Boesch said in a phone interview with the AP. "But I don't think anybody thought it would be this big."

The move also keeps Fielder's name in the Tigers' family. His father, Cecil, became a big league star when he returned to the majors from Japan and hit 51 home runs with Detroit in 1990. Cecil played with the Tigers into the 1996 season, and young Prince



Associated Press

Free agent first baseman Prince Fielder signed a nine-year, \$214 million contract Tuesday with the Detroit Tigers.

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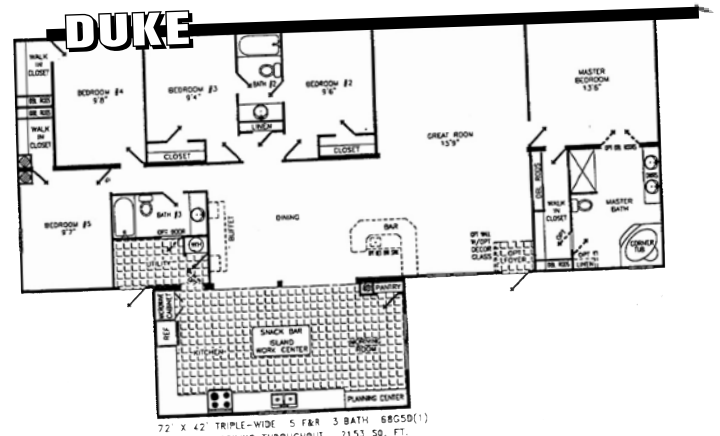
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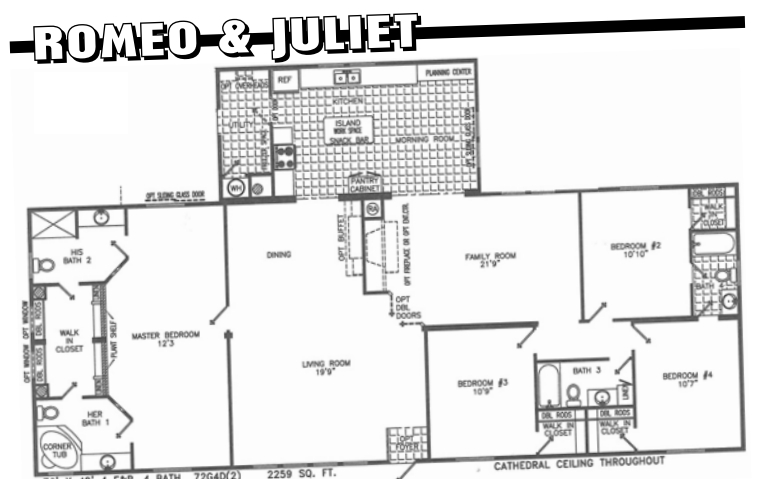
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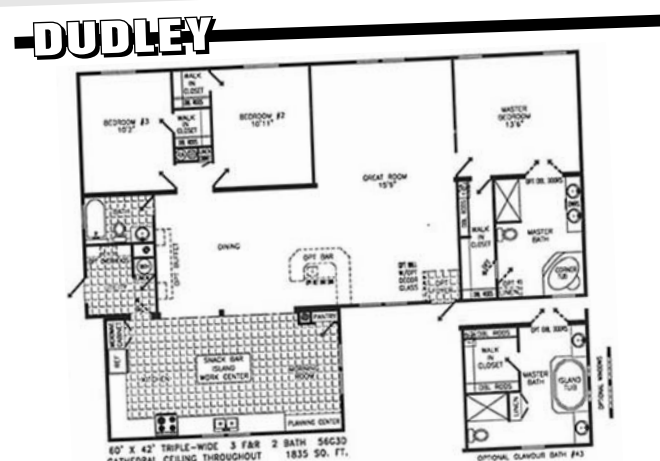
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**Soloman "Tres" Banda III**  
CREST School, teacher's assistant.



**Denise Barber**  
Withlacoochee Technical Institute, secretary.



**Rachel Bender**  
Citrus Springs Middle School, teacher's aide/receptionist.



**Dennis Bidlack**  
Citrus Springs Elementary School, custodian.



**Michael Billings**  
Maintenance department, facilities specialist.



**Jackie Blersch**  
Central Ridge Elementary School, health room attendant.



**Deloris Chesteen**  
Crystal River bus compound, bus operator.



**Teresa Corradino**  
Renaissance Center, teacher's assistant.



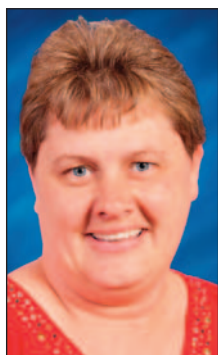
**Tammy-Lynn Davis**  
Inverness Middle School, technology support specialist.



**Michael Fisher**  
Inverness Primary School, custodian.



**Frances Grady**  
Citrus High School, student services secretary.



**Christine Graham**  
Floral City Elementary, food services assistant.



**Phyllis Hicks**  
District Services Center, switchboard operator.



**Angelia Hopkins**  
Rock Crusher Elementary School, ESE paraprofessional.



**Theresa Cain**  
Crystal River High School, ESE teacher's aide.



**Jennifer Paugh**  
Crystal River Middle School, student services secretary.



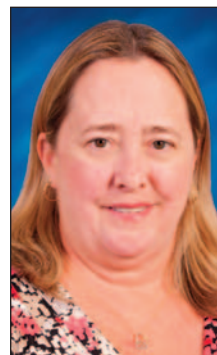
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**Jenny Lou Wilson**  
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**Sandi Wright**  
Lecanto High School, office clerk/secretary.



**Nancy Zuppinger**  
Hernando Elementary School, ESE paraprofessional.

## Faked pregnancy spurs book deal

### Student's school project explored stereotypes of teenage mothers

Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. — Nine months after revealing to classmates that she had faked her pregnancy for a senior class project, a Washington state teenager is promoting a new book that details the experience and explores her reasons for taking on the project.

Gaby Rodriguez of Toppenish, Wash. earned international headlines last April when she announced at a high school assembly that she had worn a faux baby bump for months to explore stereotypes about teen pregnancy.

Only a handful of people, including her mother, boyfriend and principal, were in on the secret. The rest of the Toppenish community, where buildings are adorned with Western-themed murals in central Washington's agricultural Yakima Valley, had no clue.

The local newspaper, the Yakima Herald-Republic, published a story that was then picked up nationally by The Associated Press, and the project drew both praise and criticism. Some people credited her for selflessly committing to her idea and addressing such a serious topic, while others lashed out at her for lying for a school project.

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Some critics still don't understand what led her to take on the project in the first place, Rodriguez said in a recent interview, and she hopes that they'll get that from her book, "The Pregnancy Project."

The book was written with a ghostwriter. A movie about the experience, starring "Spykids" actress Alexa Vega, premieres Jan. 28 on the Lifetime movie network, and Rodriguez is making numerous television and radio appearances to promote her story.

The book details her mother's first pregnancy, at age 14, and marriage to the baby's father — a 16-year union troubled by allegations

of abuse that produced seven children. Their three daughters got pregnant as teenagers and two sons got their girlfriends pregnant.

Teen pregnancy was practically a family tradition, said Rodriguez.

"It's hard to understand why they didn't learn from each other; I guess they all needed to make their own mistakes," she wrote in the book. "They have great kids, but it's never easy to have children before you're even fully grown yourself."

Her mother, Juana, said it was difficult to share her story so openly.

"There are a lot of women who go through stuff like that and they prefer to try to forget it, but sometimes it's better to get it out," she said, adding that the story was an important part of understanding Gaby, who was born later and has a different father.

"A lot of people were making comments, 'How could she do that?' without really knowing. They needed to know."

The experiment took on particular significance in Toppenish, which is about 75 percent Hispanic. Latinas have the highest teen pregnancy and birth rate among any major racial or ethnic minority.

In the top 5 percent of her class, Rodriguez participated in a leadership class and lectured her friends about safe sex. But she still heard the refrain — often from members of her own family — that she'd end up just like her sisters.

"Being a Hispanic girl from a family full of teen pregnancies meant that my odds of also becoming a teen mom were way higher than average," she wrote. "If I gave people what they predicted, how would they react?"

The profile of teen moms has changed in recent years. Kids on shows like MTV's "Teen Mom" and "16 and

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## WTI offers advanced studies courses

Happy New Year! This is the time of year when a lot of people put forth an effort to start fresh. Well, at least they tell themselves they are going to make an effort by making a number of New Year's resolutions.

For some that is as far as they get, while others follow through and really embark upon making a change in their life.

If one of your resolutions is to go to school to obtain additional training to improve your career or to start a new career or are just interested in learning something new, then I would suggest you look at what WTI's Institute of Advanced Studies offers.

To view course offerings go to the WTI website — [www.wtionline.cc](http://www.wtionline.cc) — and click on "Programs" on the left. Then click on "Community Education."

As you scroll down you will see the courses we offer by category. By clicking on the course name you will see a brief course description. If you wish to enroll go back and click on the "register now" button.

As you look through the list you will see language courses, financial workshops, welding certification courses, firearms classes,



**Denise Willis**  
GUEST COLUMN

and a number of computer classes which include AutoCAD, Microsoft Word and Outlook.

A class we are offering for the first time is "How to Build a Web-based Business." This class will provide how to instruction and unveil some of the mysteries surrounding Internet

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Denise Willis is the director of Withlacoochee Technical Institute.





# PREGNANCY

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Pregnant” have taken spots alongside movie stars on magazine covers. Now 18 and a student at Columbia Basin College studying psychology, Rodriguez said she doesn't condone teen pregnancy.

“It's something we have to be very aware of. I wish we could have more information on that in schools — and if parents don't want that, they should be more open about it,” she said. “In my home, my mom was always open with me about it, and I'm absolutely glad that she was.”

After her grand revealing, a student who was pregnant told Rodriguez she was glad she had taken on the project.

“She was so proud of me,” Rodriguez said of the girl, now a senior. “Because it showed how much she had to struggle and I gave her the inspiration to move forward and inspire her child now.”

If anything, Rodriguez believes that should be the biggest message from her experience: Things will definitely be OK.

“It's not the end of the road for them,” she said. “It's going to be harder, but it's not the end of the road.”



Associated Press

**Gaby Rodriguez hugs Toppenish High School principal Trevor Greene following the presentation of her senior project last year. For her project, Rodriguez faked a pregnancy to judge the reactions of others to the pregnancy. Nine months after revealing to classmates that she had faked her pregnancy, Rodriguez is promoting a new book exploring her reasons for taking on the project.**

# CHALK

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To be considered for a scholarship, your child must be in public school in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade, meet the financial eligibility requirements, agree to remain drug- and alcohol-free and get good grades.

Take Stock in Children scholarships are provided through the Florida Prepaid Foundation. Applications are now available. To obtain more information about the program, call 352-344-0855.

## CLASSES AND COURSES

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

■ The state-required course for first-time drivers will now be offered at the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

The class will meet Friday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Dorothea G. Jerome Building, Room 102. The course fee is \$35.

The first-time driver's four-hour course meets the Department of Highway and Safety Motor Vehicles requirements for anyone who wants to obtain a first-time driver's license in Florida. The class will be offered again on Friday, March 23, and Wednesday, May 23.

To register or for information about additional noncredit courses, call 352-249-1210 or visit CFITraining.cf.edu.

■ The College of Central Florida offers basic motorcycle training in cooperation with the Motorcycle Training Institute.

The Motorcycle Basic Rider Course is a research-based and action-oriented curriculum designed to teach beginning motorcyclists of all ages the physical and mental skills necessary to ride safely on the road. It includes basic motorcycle operation, maximum effective braking techniques, turning skills, obstacle avoidance maneuvers, classroom instruction and 10 hours of on-cycle training.

The course is on Fridays from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sundays 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The course fee is \$195 until March 31 and includes student workbooks and use of helmets and motorcycles.

RiderCoaches for the program are all experienced motorcycle operators who are nationally certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

For more information, call Continuing Education at the Citrus Campus, 352-249-1210. For enrollment, call MTII at 877-308-7246. The schedule is also available at www.mtii.com.

■ The College of Central Florida is offering a variety of non-credit courses:

● A “Writing Your Memoirs” course is being offered at the Citrus campus.

Whether your life has been filled with disasters, unbelievable events or even if your life has been mundane, a memoir is a way to find meaning in the world, make sense of your existence, leave a legacy for family and friends, and maybe help someone benefit from your experience. This course will cover the ways to make this project happen.

The class will be offered twice this semester: sign up for Thursday, Jan. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. or Monday, March 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes handouts.

Claudine Dervaes, instructor, has been in the publishing business for more than 30 years, has written and published 15 books and writes the Travel Talk column in the *Ocala Star-Banner* and *Gainesville Sun* newspapers.

● **How to Write and Publish Your Own Book** will be presented from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 8, 15 and 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. The six-hour course will cover all the specifics, details, advantages and disadvantages of writing and publishing. The fee for the course is only \$49 and includes handouts.

Instructor Claudine Dervaes, author-publisher of 15 books, founded her company Solitaire Publishing Inc. 30 years ago, and her travel writing appears in the “Travel Talk” column of the *Ocala Star-Banner* and *Gainesville Sun*.

● For more information on these courses and registration, call the College of Central Florida at 352-249-1210 or 352-746-6721 or go online at CFITraining.cf.edu.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Whispering Pines Park** will offer the following classes at the Recreation Building. All classes require preregistration and payment at the park office. Call 352-726-3913 for information or visit [www.inverness-fl.gov](http://www.inverness-fl.gov) (Recreation and Leisure classes).

● Genealogy Strategies —

Stumped in your search? Attend this class to get started again with Jackie Reiss. Classes are April 21 and May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15.

● **Beginning Genealogy** — Offered on Saturdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. Four classes for \$20 with instructor Jackie Reiss. Want to find out where you came from? Reiss will show you how to find them, where to look and what to believe about the information you find.

● **Scrapbooking** — Sherri Geick offers weekly scrapbooking classes on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 for each class. Bring your own photos, supplies and scrapbook. Geick will help you put it all together to create those special memories your family will treasure through each generation.

● **Scrapbooking Workshops** — Sherri Geick also offers all-day or half-day scrapbooking workshops. Come spend the day creating your photo memory book. Cost is \$25 for the whole day or \$12.50 for a half day of fun and fellowship and making memories. Dates are Jan. 28, Feb. 18, April 28 and May 19.

## MISCELLANEOUS

■ Citrus High School class of 1982 wants to share its **30th class reunion** with other classes, primarily those that graduated from 1978 through 1985. Any graduates of CHS, however, are also invited. Reunion coordinator Jeff Hudson said faculty and staff from those years are also invited. The multi-class reunion effort is in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of CHS.

The reunion will be July 13

through 15 at Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando. Festivities will start Friday night with a cocktail reception by the pool. Saturday will be family day around the pool, which just went through a multimillion-dollar renovation.

Saturday night will be a semi-formal dinner/dance with contests and door prizes for recognition of most changed, least changed, who traveled furthest, most children, most grandiose, etc. After the dinner and program, there will be a deejay for dancing.

Cost for the reunion for both days is \$125 per couple; \$100

for individuals. Those who wish to attend only one evening may do so for \$80 per couple; \$60 for singles. Grand Cypress offers a special rate of \$139 per night, good for two nights prior and two nights following the event, for a total of six nights.

Almost 100 people have committed to attending so far, but Hudson requests help in tracking down class members. To help, or to RSVP to attend, email Jeff Hudson at [jhudson4992@yahoo.com](mailto:jhudson4992@yahoo.com).

■ **Rotary Club of Inverness** will have an online and live television auction fundraising event on Feb. 4, with proceeds bene-

fitting the Rotary Club of Inverness Charitable Foundation. This auction is a major fundraiser for scholarships, which last year provided \$7,000 for Citrus High School and Withlacoochee Technical Institute students.

The club needs donations of items, a tax-deductible contribution, to help the foundation continue to help make life better for individuals in need.

For more information or to make a donation, call Ron Lundberg at 352-746-9502, or email him at [rjlundberg@embarqmail.com](mailto:rjlundberg@embarqmail.com).

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes channels like WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WCLF, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WYKE, WOGX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, ESPNT, EWNTN, FAM, FNC, FOOD, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MAX, MSNBC, MTV, NGC, NICK, OXY, SHOW, SPEED, SPIKE, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TNT, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A.

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

Print answer here: [Grid of circles] (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: WHARF TRICK SHIELD SPRUCE Answer: The underwater casino featured — FISH AND CHIPS

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

In "Henry V," William Shakespeare wrote, "If it be a sin to covet honor, I am the most offending soul." This is part of a fictional rendering of the speech given by Henry V to his troops before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. Bridge players covet and generate tricks with their honor cards, which is this week's theme. However, today's deal involves a second important aspect of declarer play and defense. You are South, in three no-trump. West leads the spade queen. What would you do? Before engaging the enemy in trick-to-trick combat, count your immediate winners. Here, you have seven: two spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club. So, you need two more tricks from somewhere. The clear candidate is the diamond suit. However, since you need three diamond tricks, do not lead the queen for a finesse. This will break even if the suit splits 3-3 (when all sane plays work), but costs badly against many 4-2 divisions. The right basic plan is to lead diamonds twice toward the hand with the two honors. But with this layout, if East ducks the first round and takes his king on the second, your suit will be blocked. After regaining the lead and cashing the diamond jack, you will need a dummy entry to get to the diamond ace. Win trick one in the dummy and lead a low diamond toward your queen-jack. Assuming East ducks, win with your queen, return to the dummy with a heart to the jack, and call for another low diamond. Here, as you were careful with your entries, everything is wine (red, white or rose) and roses (red, white or some other color).

Bridge deal layout showing North and South hands with cards and suits. Dealer: South, Vulnerable: East-West. Opening lead: ♠ Q.

- ACROSS 1 As expected 5 Make tapestries 10 Gesture 12 Sheep herder 13 City map line 14 Farm machine 15 — Arnaz 16 Motel amenity 18 Auction motion 19 Like Jell-O, maybe 22 Processed cotton 25 Toiled away 29 Flat-tasting 30 Pushed ahead 32 They have spines 33 Sheer 34 Like folk art dolls 37 Roof supports 38 Gave a jerk 40 Riviera summer

Answer to Previous Puzzle. A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: GLOM, NTH, AFRO, MERE, EEO, NAIL, CARAMELS, TIDE, JESSE, LED, STEREO, AXE, TONGUE, DIRE, MOO, DEBS, ETAS, NIB, ELLA, OSIRIS, MUG, ACTS, ODORS, ATHENA, OLE, HEAR, JALOPIES, SUFI, ADA, ORCA, OPEC, REF, TAOS.

Dear Annie: My wife is addicted to playing games on her smartphone. She lies in bed in the morning playing games before she gets ready for work. When she comes home, she is often on the phone when she walks through the door. When we sit down for supper (which I usually make), she plays games while we eat. At bedtime, she lies in bed with her smartphone, playing until she falls asleep. If we go out, she plays games at the restaurant. Conversation always begins with, "What?" because she is so engrossed in her game. She hardly does anything around the house anymore and barely notices our son, let alone interacts with him. How do I break her of this habit? — Lost in Lexington, Ky. Dear Lost: These games can be highly addictive, and your wife must admit the extent of her involvement before she will be able to cut back. Have you addressed this directly with her? Have you told her how neglected you feel and how much your son misses his mother? Have you asked her to limit her game-playing to specific times? If she refuses to deal with this or change her behavior, the next step is counseling before your resentment creates a more serious problem. We hope she will listen to an unbiased third party. Dear Annie: I have two sisters. They never have been financially

savvy, especially when it comes to saving money. They start and then decide it's a waste of time and end up spending everything they set aside. I'm the opposite. I have always saved for whatever I needed or wanted. My grandfather got me into the habit when I was 10, and I kept it up long after he passed away. Over the past 15 years, I managed to save quite a bit. But when my parents saw what I had, they demanded that I share it with my sisters. I absolutely refuse. This is my money. I earned it. I saved it. And I told them that. Since then, I've been receiving messages from my parents that "families help each other out" and "families share." My parents have always given my sisters money whenever they needed it. When I was in high school, I would always give them money when they needed it. Now that the folks are retired, they say it's my job to help my sisters. I say it's not. Why should I give them my hard-earned income because they can't be frugal? I feel as though I am being punished for being financially responsible. My sisters haven't saved a dime toward their own retirements, so this is only going to get worse. What can I do? — Stuck in the Middle Dear Stuck: You do not owe your sisters money simply because they have been irresponsible. What you can do, however, is teach them better fiscal behavior:

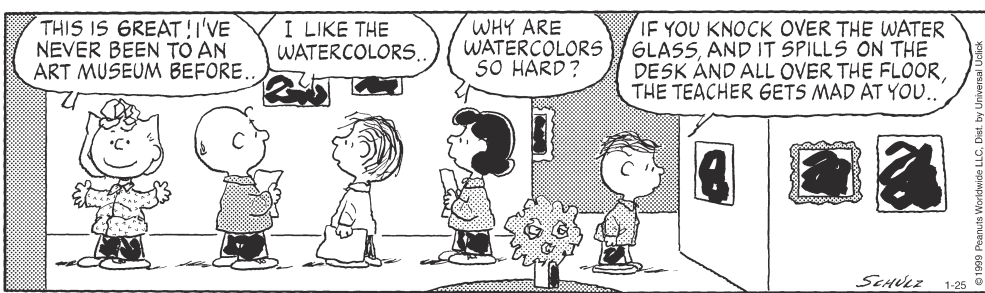
Tell them you are absolutely under no circumstances going to bail them out, so they need to start setting aside some funds for their future. Make an appointment for them to see a financial counselor through the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org) at 1-800-388-2227, and set up a budget. It's the biggest favor you can do for them. Dear Annie: I disagree with your response to "Loveless in Spokane," the 72-year-old geezer who thinks women in his senior complex should bed down with him after they have dated a "few times." These ladies, and it is obvious they are ladies, were born and raised in an era when good girls did not have sex with a man until after they were married. This old guy is a cad. — Senior Citizen Who Respects Women Dear Senior: Many readers pointed out that these women may not wish to have sex outside of marriage, a perfectly respectable position. If that's the case, however, they should tell him so he understands the ground rules and doesn't keep badgering them. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.



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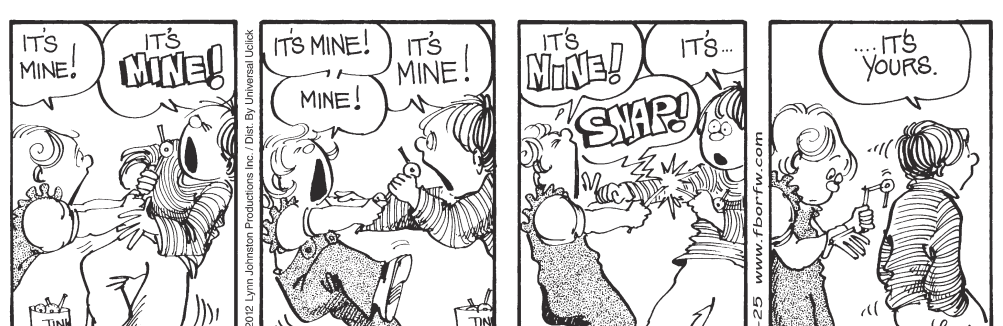
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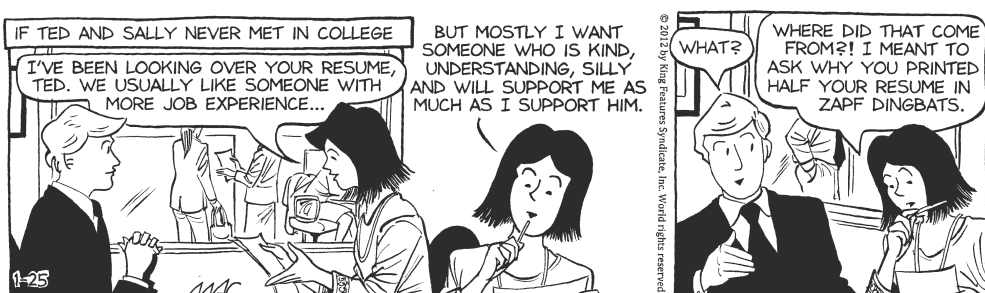
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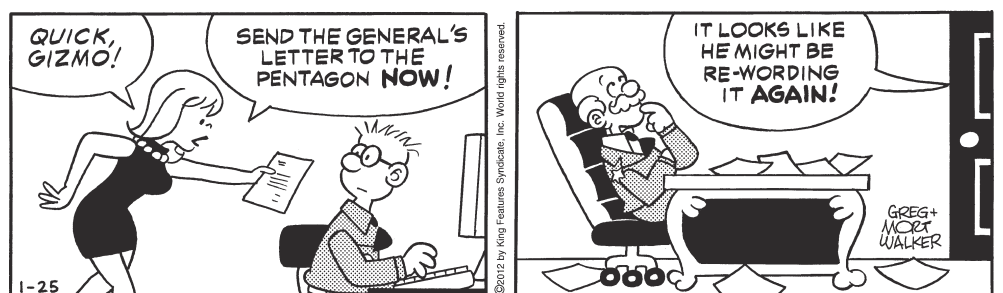
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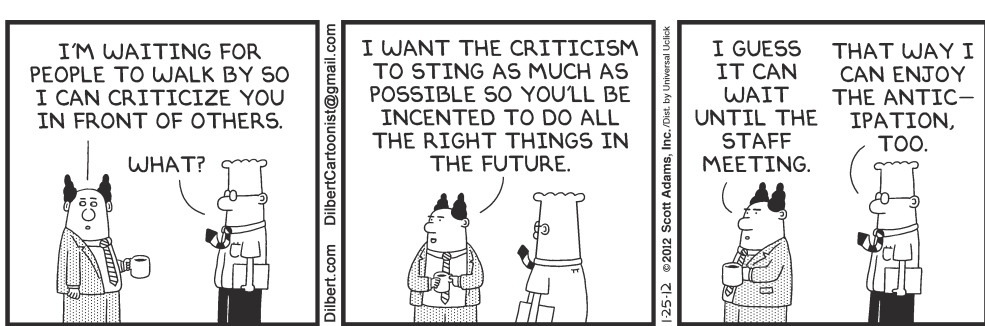
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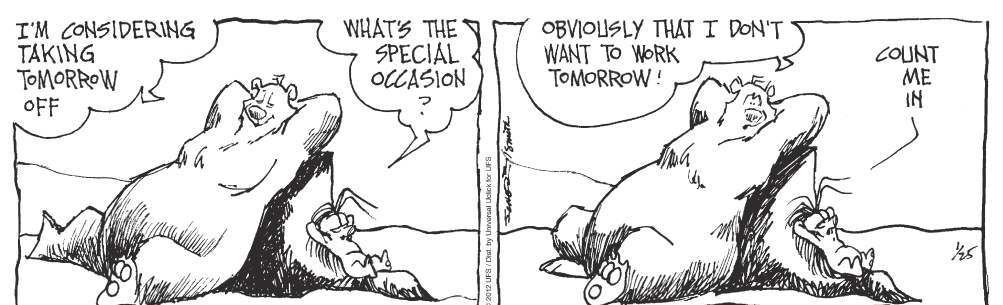
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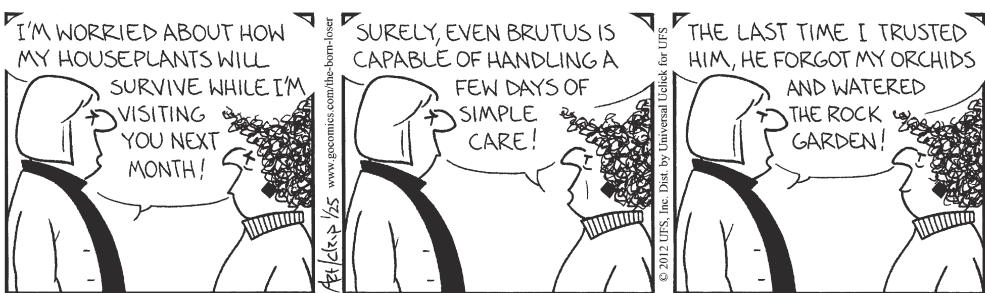
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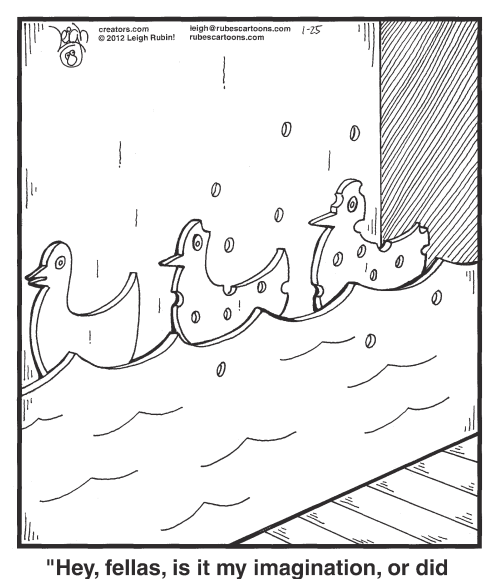
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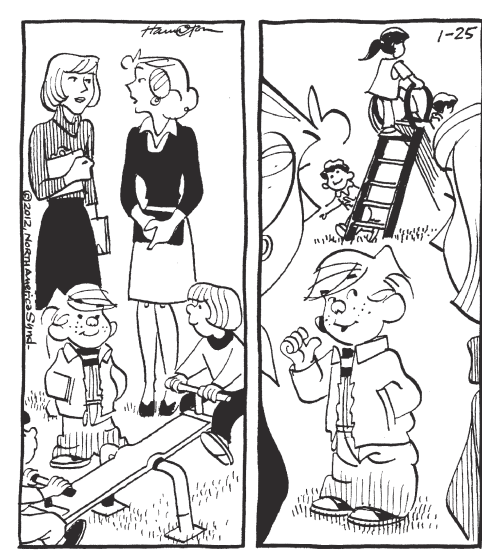
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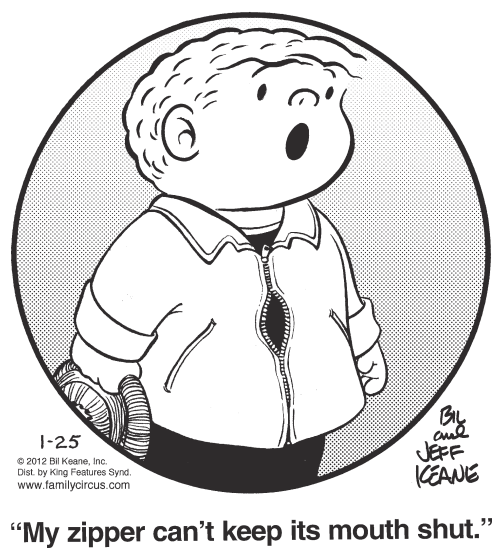
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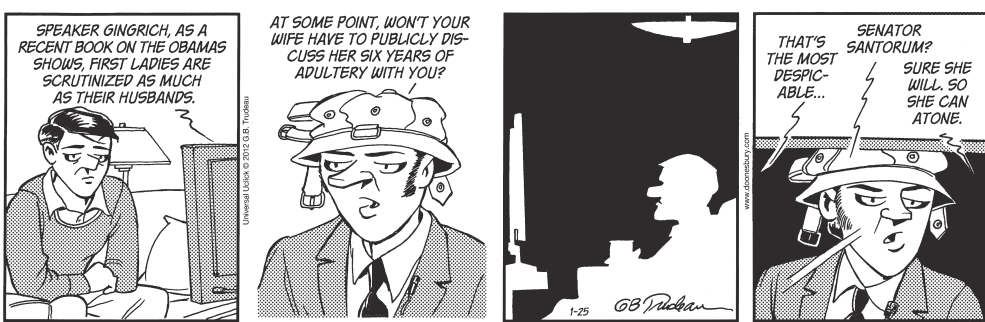
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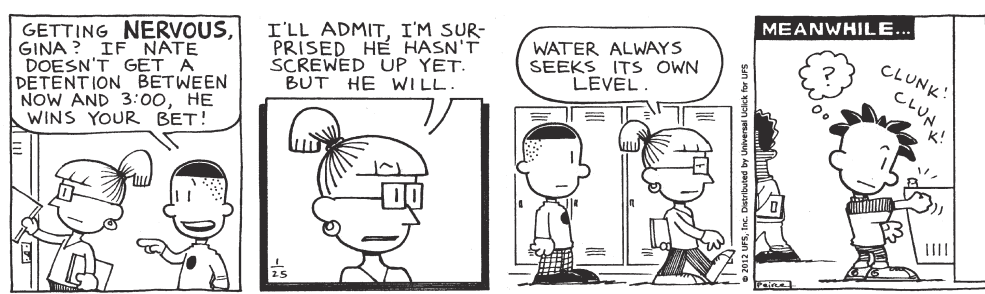
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

TODAY'S CLUE: S equals W

"PBZJBCHXAE ... FXB ZCF KU MBFFAVM
KFXBCH FK SZVF FK JK HKDBFXAVM TKR
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Previous Solution: "It is great to be a blonde. With low expectations, it's very easy to surprise people." - Pamela Anderson

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Today's MOVIES

- Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
"Red Tails" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
"Underworld Awakening" (R) ID required. In Real 3D. 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 8 p.m. No passes.
"Contraband" (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
"Joyful Noise" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"Beauty and the Beast" (G) In Real 3D. 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
"War Horse" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
"Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" (PG-13) 1:05 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m.

Times subject to change; call ahead.









