

TODAY & Wednesday morning  
**HIGH 77** Partly sunny, warmer.  
**LOW 55** Mostly cloudy tonight.  
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**C.R. douses springs tiff**  
 The Crystal River City Council urged calm in the dispute over the management of Three Sisters Springs and passed a resolution in favor of a proposed management plan./Page A3

**Anna Jo Dr. to be closed**  
 Motorists need to be aware of a pending traffic detour at the intersection of County Road 581 and Anna Jo Drive, as a turn lane project continues in Inverness.  
 Anna Jo at C.R. 581 will need to be temporarily closed today during daylight hours for reconstruction and repaving. Temporary detour signs will be in place directing traffic to alternative routes.  
 C.R. 581 traffic flow will not be affected by this construction. The completion date for the entire project is scheduled for March 20.  
 For more information, contact Lindsay Ubinas, public information officer at 352-527-5484.

**School board to meet today**  
 The Citrus County School Board meets at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the district administrative offices on the corner of State Road 44 and Montgomery Avenue in Inverness.  
 The agenda includes a report from the Academy of Environmental Sciences. Board members also will consider negotiating with a consultant to conduct a feasibility study of Inverness Primary School.  
 To view the board's agenda online, go to www.citrus.k12.fl.us, and click on "school board."

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 A Virginia program works to match shelter pets' personalities to new owners./Page C1

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**Man dies in fire Monday**

*Cause not yet determined, victim not ID'd*

**SANDRA FREDERICK**  
 Staff Writer

HOMOSASSA — A Citrus County Sheriff's deputy was on a routine patrol early Monday morning when he spotted a raging fire in the woods behind Walgreens on U.S. 19. He called it in to the county dispatch and trucks

from Homosassa, Sugarmill Woods, Rock Crusher and Crystal River responded to the 4:22 a.m. fire.  
 "We had a truck and two firefighters assist with water supply," Lt. Rick Justice said Monday.  
 The thickly wooded area off the beaten path where the single-wide mobile home was located made it challenging for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division to combat the fire. When the fire was extinguished, firefighters searched the property and found a deceased male in the burned-



JACK DAMBACH/Bay News 9

out remnants of the home. The victim has not been identified and his name has not been released by the sheriff's office, spokeswoman Gail Tierney said Monday afternoon. The Florida State Fire Marshal's Office was also called to the scene of the fire. "We do not know the

cause of the fire at this time," said Deborah Cox, spokeswoman for the office in Tallahassee. "It is an ongoing investigation."  
 Cox said samples of debris were collected at the scene and will be sent away to a state laboratory to determine the cause of the fire, but she added that it could take weeks for the report to come back.  
 The mobile home and its contents were a total loss. Damage is estimated at \$25,000.  
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**Manatees return to wild**



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) intern Samantha Hook, left, and USFWS volunteer Katherine Cullen discuss C.C. Baby's condition Monday morning prior to the manatee's release. This manatee and two others were released into Three Sisters Springs.

*Three gentle giants released at Three Sisters following rehab*

**A.B. SIDIBE**  
 Staff Writer

—CRYSTAL RIVER  
 Almost to the day two years ago, Sam Hamilton, the new head of U.S. Fish and Wildlife and former head of the agency's office in the Southeast, died suddenly at the age of 54 during a skiing trip.  
 Hamilton was lauded as a visionary for bringing fresh ideas to conservation and habitat restoration.  
 Monday, his memory was resurrected at Three Sisters Springs, when his namesake Hamilton, a rescued manatee, and two other



A host of animal professionals and volunteers work Monday morning to prepare the three animals for release.

■ Manatee season begins; see Page A5

**Skeptics question water project**

*Residents make views known*

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
 Staff Writer

FLORAL CITY — The only thing everyone agreed on is the need for clean, sufficient, quality water.  
 After that, the gloves were off, battle lines drawn and heels dug in as Floral City residents and Floral City Water Association (FCWA) board members met Monday to discuss the future of the proposed Stage Coach Water Facility near County Road 581.  
 Water association superintendent Gary Judd said the \$3.5 million well field treatment facility would solve two existing problems — capacity and water quality.  
 The project includes running a 5.2-mile transmission line connecting the existing facility to the Stage Coach facility.  
 Chris DeFelice addressed the board first, presenting an alternative plan, to buy Tarawood Utilities, owned by former county commissioner John Thrumston.  
 "There are two wells on it right now with 30-horsepower pumps, pumping 200 more gallons per minute than you do," DeFelice said. "You could buy out Tarawood and run a transmission line only 1.8 miles. According to Mr.

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**Readers respond: Hooray for Valentine's Day!**

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
 Staff Writer

When it comes to Valentine's Day, there are those who love the whole shmoozy-shmoozy, red-hearts-and-roses, love-is-in-the-air, let-me-call-you-sweetheart aspect of the holiday.  
 And there are those who don't. (And those who buy their wives a new broom.)  
 In an informal poll of Chronicle readers asking their thoughts on Valentines Day, it seems the "yeas" have it. No Valentine's Day naysayers responded.  
 Here's what local lovers had to say about the holiday ...

"I love Valentine's Day. It was my mother's birthday; it's my birthday and the day my mother turned 81, two great-grandsons were born on that day. So, it's an important day in my family. This year I'll be 75 and there's going to be a party at Crystal River Village where I live."  
 — Faye Cartner, Crystal River

"My husband belongs to a Barbershoppers chorus, so every Valentine's Day, he is out serenading others while I spend the day alone. However, I don't need candy and flowers to know how much he loves me — he shows that every day of the year. Also, last Valentine's Day my father passed away, so this day will always hold a note of sadness for me. This Valentine's Day I will be at the cemetery remembering the man I was proud to call Dad."  
 — Juanita Oxford, Beverly Hills

"Sign me up for a yea and here is why:

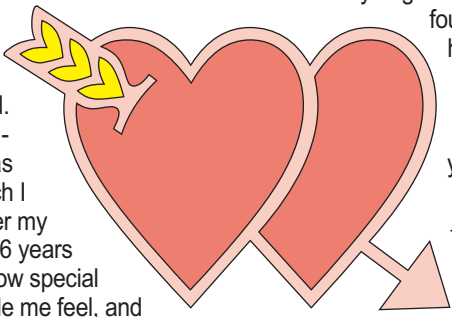
I love Valentine's Day because I have the opportunity to show not only my husband but many dear friends and relatives what a significant piece of my heart they hold. My very first Valentine's Day card was from my dad, which I found tucked under my pillow when I was 6 years old. I remember how special that little card made me feel, and I believe it was such a simple act of love that made me the "hope-full" romantic I am to this day.  
 I'm also very lucky to have a wonderful husband that has made sure the last 28 Valentine's Days were filled with great memories, and anticipation for the next Valentine's Day."

— Deb DeVito, Hernando

"I vote 'yea' for Valentine's Day. When you have a blessed life, every day is another day to give thanks. Recently I've found that the Japanese haiku verse adds depth to just words. So:  
 A selfless giver  
 My wife of sixty-two years  
 A Valentine jewel."  
 — Roy Watson, visiting Citrus County from Moneta, Va.

"Love it — married my prince on Valentine's Day eight years ago. God has truly blessed the broken road. My husband had wanted to be married on National Sweetest Day in October, but I couldn't get things ready that quickly. God is good and everything worked out perfectly, but the ceremony was a bit humorous."

— Sharon Whaley Seagle, Inverness



# RETURN

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orphaned sea cows, C.C. Baby and Krystal, were released into the wild in its temperate and crystal clear waters.

More than two dozen employees and volunteers from five different organizations braved a crisp late morning to organize and execute a well-choreographed release.

The three went through various periods of rehabilitation and they all tipped the scales at more than 600 pounds when they were lowered from trucks to begin the process of reintegration.

Longtime manatee researcher and expert Dr. Bob Bonde of the U.S. Geological Survey took body temperature readings of the mammals, and radio transmitters were tethered to their tails before being lowered into the water. The radio transmitters will be used to monitor their activities monthly for several months to see how well they are adjusting to life in their new environment.

Bonde said he soon noticed Hamilton run circles around the females.

"He seems pretty interested in the females. But everything went well and we are pleased," he said.

Bonde said a period of loose bonding will probably exist between C.C. Baby and Krystal, since they came from the same place — Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Hamilton came from Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa.

"However, we found that the bonding usually doesn't last long before they start acting independently of each other," Bonde said.

He said Three Sisters is the ideal spot for these releases because it is a natural spring.

"It has all the elements for them to thrive naturally in the wild. Our other alternative would be near power plants, but we all know those places eventually close," he said.

And, Bonde said, if sea cows live in a peaceful spot without accidents, they can live up to 70 years.

"We have evidence of this. You see, we can't age them by their teeth, because they lose and regrow teeth every seven years," Bonde said. He said biologists often use manatee ear bones to estimate their ages.

Michael Lusk, manager of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge, said he was glad to have the manatees at Three Sisters and that everything went without a hitch.

"Can you believe there were five agencies involved in this, but it all went perfectly? I think we are functioning much better because we have had a core group working together for nearly three years now," Lusk said.

Hamilton was rescued as an orphan calf Feb. 21, 2010, from Three Sisters and two days after the death of the director. Hamilton, the manatee, weighed 205 lbs. He now weighs 670 pounds.

C.C. Baby was rescued from Caloosahatchee River in Lee County on Sept. 16, 2007. She weighed 73 pounds. She was first rehabbed at Lowry Park Zoo, spent some time at the Cincinnati Zoo and eventually came to Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park. She weighed 610 pounds at her last weigh-in.

Krystal was rescued Dec. 8, 2009, from Three Sisters. She weighed 198. She rehabbed at Miami Seaquarium and then Homosassa Springs State Park. She was 620 pounds at her most recent weigh in.

Besides U.S. Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Geological Survey, the following agencies also participated in the release: Florida Department of Forestry, Lowry Park Zoo and Sea to Shore Alliance.

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ABOVE: A manatee is cared for by workers from Lowry Park Zoo, where it resided for the past two years. BELOW: Tracking devices were placed on each of the animals to monitor their movements.



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**THE STATE**

**Citrus County**

**Audubon Society plans Feb. 15 meeting**

The Citrus County Audubon Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Unity Church of Citrus County.

The guest speaker will be Marianne Korosy, Audubon of Florida's Important Bird Area coordinator. Her presentation, "Forests, Beaches, Marshes and Shrublands: Chapter Opportunities in Important Bird Areas," will focus on some of Florida's 100 designated Important Bird Areas.

Tour some of Florida's special IBAs and find out where the birds can lead us in citizen science, conservation and outreach.

All CCAS events are open to the public. For more information, visit CitrusCountyAudubon.com.

**Tallahassee**

**Senate keeps prison privatization alive**

The Florida Senate has kept alive a South Florida prison privatization bill by voting down an amendment that would have killed the plan in favor of more legislative study.

The full Senate on Monday voted down the amendment to the bill (SB 2038) by 21-19 after more than two hours of debate.

Sen. Dennis Jones had previously opposed privatization but switched his vote.

Nearly 4,000 prison employees' jobs in at least 26 facilities could be affected.

Lawmakers in support of privatization say it could save at least \$16.5 million a year. They're looking to plug a more than one-billion-dollar hole in this year's state budget. Opponents say savings aren't guaranteed.

**Panel rejects food stamp sweets ban**

A Florida House panel has rejected a proposal to ban using food stamps to purchase sweets, potato chips and other junk food.

An appropriations subcommittee Monday stripped the provision from a bill (HB 1401) that also would ban welfare recipients from using debit-like cards to access cash benefits outside of Florida or at strip clubs, liquor stores, bars and gambling establishments.

The panel then approved the truncated bill 9-5.

Several members who voted for it, though, warned the sponsor they would oppose a similar Senate bill (SB 1658) that still contains the food stamp provision if it should pass in that chamber or any effort to restore the ban to the House version.

**West Palm Beach**

**\$232M proposed to restore Everglades**

Some environmentalists are cheering President Obama's budget proposal for Everglades restoration projects.

The budget request unveiled Monday includes about \$232 million for Everglades restoration.

—From wire reports

**Council reaches accord on springs**

**A.B. SIDIBE**  
*Staff Writer*

CRYSTAL RIVER — It appears a timeout has been called in the landscape matter that has roiled this community for the past several months.

Crystal River Councilman Ron Kitchen urged a packed house Monday to tamp down the rhetoric regarding the 57-acre urban parcel Three Sisters Springs and "just go with what the management plan says."

He also suggested, as he has previously, to use a quarterly meeting mechanism in the contract to address the competing interests of some who disagree with elements of a conceptual plan and those who favor it.

City Manager Andy Houston

came to the meeting with recommendations aimed at solving some of the contentious issues in the debate.

Houston and Kitchen's ideas were merged into a resolution and the panel passed it unanimously.

Kitchen's ideas called for leaving the boardwalk in place and following the dictates of the approved management plan. Some critics of the conceptual plan for the property, which is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service but owned by the city and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), have called for the dismantling of the \$160,000 boardwalk because USFWS built it contrary to what the management plan states. Kitchen said other issues, such as the argument over whether to locate a viewing area

near Gator Hole or Magnolia Springs and the kayak landing, can be dealt with during upcoming quarterly meetings.

Houston in his plans urged the council to make recommendations to modify the management plan and reflect some changes that may be necessary for parking areas and a future visitor center because of alterations to the SWFWMD wetlands plan. He added he made contact with officials at Florida Communities Trust (FCT), a major financial player in the public/private partnership that purchased the property and saved it from becoming a housing development. Houston noted FCT said it would consider the deletion of a kayak landing in the conceptual plan if an alternative recreational feature can be agreed to.

"We, as a council, don't need to be micro-managing this. We should just do what the management plan says and keep tweaking it as necessary," Kitchen told the panel.

Kitchen was piggybacking off something Burt Eno, president of the Rainbow River Conservation group, said earlier.

Eno said the group, too, dealt with an FCT management plan situation, but was able to work through the differences by tweaking things along the way.

Eno, however, urged panel members earlier not to succumb to the demands of four or five families, but to get to "brass tacks and do what is for the great benefit of the community."

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**Singing their hearts out for Valentine's Day**



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

**A quartet of members from The Barbershoppers from The Chorus of the Highlands harmonizes Monday afternoon as they present a singing Valentine for a lunch party in Meadowcrest. Quartets from the group stayed busy Monday and will continue today as they serenade residents across Citrus County on Valentine's Day. From left: Barry Disbrow, Dick Lamery, Bob Spence and Vern Stephan perform "My Wild Irish Rose."**

**Agriculture alliance hosts scallop forum**

*Researcher talks to near-capacity crowd*

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
*Staff Writer*

Residents whose livelihoods depend on the Gulf of Mexico joined farmers and ranchers Monday to learn about scallops.

Questions ranged from the length and timing of the scallop season to the possibility of farming scallops. As the 2011 season was extended by nearly three weeks, business people will learn in June, when the scallop count is done, whether it had an impact.

The Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County hosted a near-capacity crowd that heard Dr. Steve Geiger, of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg, discuss ways to manage scallop production and encourage more scallops.

"The scallops spawn in the fall," Geiger said. "All of the offspring you harvest came from last year's crop, so they are an annual crop. If you impact this year's stock, it's definitely going to affect next year's because you don't have any brood stock to produce those."

The county's seagrass helps its scallop stock.

"The seagrass that you have here is actually some of the best seagrass, really, in the world," Geiger said. "There's not many places anywhere that have this extensive coverage — about 150,000 acres off of Citrus County."

The scallop season starts July 1, when scallops are still growing but taste best. Usually the season ends Sept. 10.

"The time when people are harvesting scallops in Florida is when they are storing the most energy in their muscle tissue," Geiger said.

The scallops later transfer the energy to their gonads to reproduce. For ultimate scallop production, the season should be later in the fall, even around Thanksgiving, Geiger said. But the meat, though larger, would be watery and not as tasty.

When and how long to allow the harvest is an important consideration since population declined to the point of closing the season off Citrus County from 1994 until 2002.



BRIAN LAPETER/Chronicle file

**Since scallops spawn in the fall, the offspring harvested come from last year's offspring.**

Restoration programs have brought them back using several methods: planting hatchery-produced scallop seed, releasing hatchery-reared scallop larvae, direct translocation of native stock from stable populations and collecting tiny wild scallops (spat) for seeding.

One project in 1998 to help restore the stock was a scallop platform built by Withlacoochee Technical Institute welding students. It is a bird rest today, Geiger said.

"It was intended as a larval source," Geiger said, "but the larvae may not go to the right place."

DuWayne Sipper, executive director of The Path of Citrus County, and Kevin Cunningham of RE/MAX Realty One, asked about scallops as aquaculture. Geiger said the Florida Department of Agriculture handles the permits.

"Perhaps a USDA grant could help us get a stabilized scallop population," Sipper said. "We don't want five years of a closed fishery."

**Correction**

A photo caption on page A3 of Sunday's edition, "Having a ball — for a good cause," contained an error. The Cattle Barons' Ball Committee is seeking to raise \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society. An incorrect figure was published.

The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

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**Hospital board won't back down from records request**

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
*Staff Writer*

INVERNESS — Pleas Monday by a fundraising arm of Citrus Memorial hospital to call off a public records request by the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees fell on deaf ears.

Members of a hospital advisory committee had asked the CCHB to rescind its public records request for the names of people who donated to the hospital's capital campaign for a

wellness and education center at the Allen Ridge facility.

Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill, the committee's vice chairwoman, read a letter to CCHB members during their monthly meeting that said forcing donors to reveal their names would hurt fundraising efforts with those who prefer to remain anonymous.

"What information do you hope to obtain at the risk of alienating our donors and future donors that is not al-

ready publicly displayed on our donor wall in the hospital lobby?" Gill asked.

CCHB attorney Bill Grant sought the names of donors, along with copies of canceled checks. CCHB trustees have not said why they want the information and they offered no opinion Monday, either.

Grant later admonished Citrus Memorial Health System for not formally responding to his public records request. He added CMHS can redact signa-

tures and checking account numbers from cancelled checks.

"We have a deliberate purpose," Grant said. "Some of the trustees know why." After the meeting, Trustee Debbie Ressler struggled to answer a reporter's question about why the board demanded the names of donors in the hospital's wellness center campaign.

Ressler said the request was based on the board's wish for "transparency"

with the hospital. She suggested the opposition is more aligned with ongoing legal disputes between the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation and CCHB over control of the hospital.

"Some of it may be posturing," Ressler said. "If everything else wasn't going on, would it still be an issue?"

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For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Burglaries

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred on Nov. 11 in the 13100 block of E. Shawnee Trail, Inverness.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence and a grand theft occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Feb. 10 in the 80 block of Corkwood Boulevard, Homosassa.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at about 11:46 p.m. Feb. 10 in the 9000 block of W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

■ Vehicle burglaries occurred at about 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the 4700 block of W. Nester Court, Homosassa.

Thefts

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 11:22 a.m. Jan. 28 in the 2600 block of W. Laredo Drive, Citrus Springs.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred Feb. 9 in the 10100 block of N. Empress Circle, Citrus Springs.

■ A grand theft (\$100 or more) occurred at about 8 a.m. Feb. 9 in the 900 block of N.E. 8th Avenue, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about noon Feb. 9 in the 5700 block of W. Pine Circle, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 6:25 p.m. Feb. 9 in the 600 block of N.E. U.S. Highway 19, Crystal River.

■ A theft of a controlled substance occurred at about noon Feb. 10 in the 8000 block of W. Longfellow Street, Homosassa.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 3 p.m. Feb. 10 in the 20 block of S. Tyler Street, Beverly Hills.

■ A petit theft occurred at about 3:45 p.m. Feb. 10 in the 5800 block of N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando.

■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 7:35 p.m. Feb. 10 in the 2800 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to [www.sheriffcitrus.org](http://www.sheriffcitrus.org).

Highway, Inverness.

■ A retail petit theft occurred at about 8 p.m. Feb. 10 in the 1800 block of N.W. U.S. Highway 19, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Feb. 11 in the 8500 block of W. Venable Street, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 4 p.m. Feb. 11 in the 2300 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ A petit theft occurred at about 1 p.m. Feb. 12 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Vandalisms

■ A vandalism (\$200 or less) occurred at about 11 p.m. Feb. 11 at Maltese Drive, Citrus Springs.

■ A vandalism (\$200 or less) occurred Feb. 12 in the 5300 block of E. Old Stump Court, Inverness.

Bill to standardize red lights passes committee

Yellow lights at intersections monitored by red-light cameras would give motorists the same time to respond across the state under a measure approved Monday by the Senate Community Affairs Committee. The proposal, SB 590 and 588, would also standardize rules regarding right turns at red lights at camera-monitored intersections around the state.

The bill has one more stop before reaching the Senate floor.

Saunders wants action on claims bills

House Minority Leader Ron Saunders, D-Key West, pushed House leaders to move a pair of claims bills important to Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island. In a letter to Rep. Eric Eisnaugle — who chairs the House Civil Justice Subcommittee — Saunders asked for a meeting to be held to vote on claims bills for Eric Brody and William Dillon. "As President Haridopolos has repeatedly stated: The fate of these important pieces of legislation rest in the hands of House Republican leaders," Saunders wrote. "I encourage your urgent consideration of

this request." One of the bills (SB 4) calls for Brody to receive \$10.75 million as compensation for debilitating injuries he suffered in a 1998 car crash with a Broward County sheriff's deputy. The other bill (SB 2) would provide \$1.35 million to Dillon, who spent 27 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of a murder in Brevard County.

The two measures died in the crossfire of a House-Senate battle at the end of the 2011 legislative session; the Senate approved both on the first day of this year's session and has pushed for the House to consider them ever since.

No money for Mayport carrier in budget

President Obama doesn't include in his proposed budget announced Monday any money for changes to Mayport to make it able to accommodate a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the Associated Press reported. The Navy has put on hold plans to move a carrier from the Norfolk area to the Jacksonville port.

Navy officials had wanted to spread out the east coast fleet to avoid a situation where all of them could be threatened in one port at once. The AP quoted U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia as saying in a

statement that the Navy now plans to keep the carriers at Norfolk, at least through 2020. Florida has pushed for Mayport to get a new carrier since the John F. Kennedy, which previously was ported there, was decommissioned in 2007.

The Government Accountability Office says upgrading Mayport for a nuclear carrier would cost more than \$250 million, with the Navy pegging the cost at more than twice that.

Public-voice bill faces final vote in Senate

Local governing boards would be required to hear from concerned citizens on almost any subject under a measure poised for a vote in the Florida Senate on Tuesday. The bill (SB 206) was advanced after amendments were added on the floor, including one that would exempt peer review and quasi-judicial proceedings. The bill comes in response to concerns that some local boards and commissions have sometimes muzzled dissent on controversial issues.

A similar bill, HB 355, is traveling in the House and is now before the State Affairs Committee, its last stop before reaching the floor.

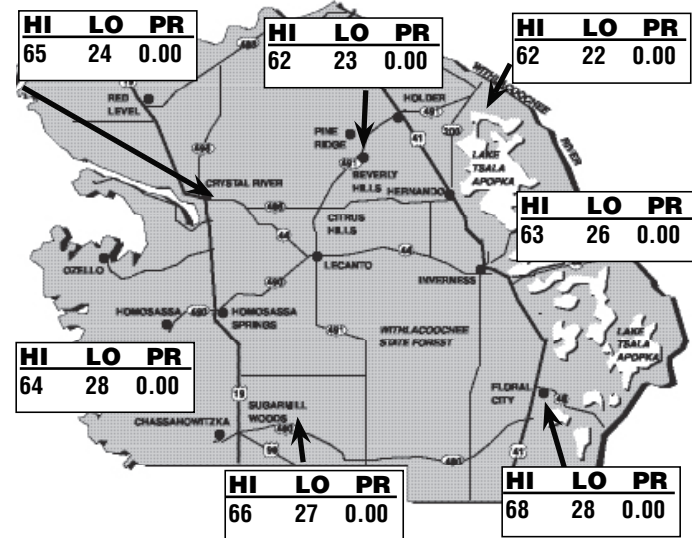
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 Surplus Property..... C11

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	73	58	pc	Miami	78	66	pc
Ft. Lauderdale	77	64	pc	Ocala	73	55	pc
Fort Myers	79	61	pc	Orlando	75	58	pc
Gainesville	71	55	sh	Pensacola	70	53	sh
Homestead	78	60	pc	Sarasota	74	61	pc
Jacksonville	69	56	sh	Tallahassee	67	52	sh
Key West	76	67	pc	Tampa	75	61	pc
Lakeland	76	57	pc	Vero Beach	76	56	pc
Melbourne	75	58	pc	W. Palm Bch.	77	63	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters will have a light chop. Partly cloudy and warmer today.

Gulf water temperature

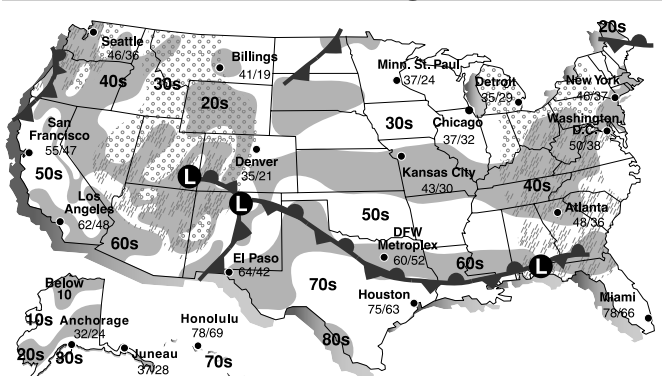
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LAKE LEVELS

Location	Sun.	Mon.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.75	27.73	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	34.05	34.02	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	36.21	36.19	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	37.72	37.70	42.40

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY

City	Monday				Tuesday				City	Monday				Tuesday													
	H	L	Pcp.	Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	Fcst										
Albany	40	17	c	39	26	New Orleans	63	39	sh	71	57	Albuquerque	49	34	c	53	29	New York City	44	27	c	46	37				
Asheville	24	21	sh	50	29	Norfolk	51	22	.12	pc	56	41	Atlanta	40	25	sh	48	36	Oklahoma City	38	30	.03	pc	51	40		
Baltimore	48	20	sh	48	37	Philadelphia	44	25	.11	pc	37	23	Birmingham	49	23	sh	53	39	Omaha	32	25	.11	pc	37	23		
Boston	41	17	pc	45	33	Phoenix	68	48	c	63	40	Boise	49	29	c	45	28	Portland, ME	36	7	pc	38	25				
Buffalo	33	23	sh	36	32	Pittsburgh	35	18	rs	41	30	Burlington, VT	33	14	.01	c	35	29	Portland, Ore.	45	40	.12	sh	44	35		
Charlotte, NC	55	24	sh	58	48	Raleigh	52	22	c	55	37	Charlotte, WV	40	20	sh	47	34	Providence, R.I.	43	17	c	46	32				
Chicago	36	15	c	37	32	Rapid City	49	17	c	42	22	Charlotte, WV	40	20	sh	47	34	Reno	45	33	.09	c	45	25			
Cincinnati	38	18	rs	40	28	Rochester, NY	36	24	rs	37	31	Chicago	36	15	c	37	32	Rochester, NY	36	24	rs	37	31				
Cleveland	33	19	sh	35	31	Sacramento	54	44	.27	pc	58	39	Cincinnati	38	18	rs	40	28	St. Louis	35	28	.12	pc	42	29		
Columbia, SC	57	20	sh	53	38	St. Ste. Marie	35	22	rs	33	24	Cleveland	33	19	sh	35	31	St. Louis	35	28	.12	pc	42	29			
Columbus, OH	36	17	sh	38	30	Salt Lake City	48	33	rs	43	32	Columbia, SC	57	20	sh	53	38	Salt Lake City	48	33	rs	43	32				
Concord, N.H.	39	6	c	41	23	San Antonio	65	40	.46	s	73	64	Columbus, OH	36	17	sh	38	30	San Antonio	65	40	.46	s	73	64		
Dallas	47	34	.21	s	60	52	San Diego	60	56	.02	pc	60	49	Concord, N.H.	39	6	c	41	23	San Diego	60	56	.02	pc	60	49	
Denver	41	20	c	35	20	San Francisco	53	47	.15	pc	55	44	Dallas	47	34	.21	s	60	52	San Francisco	53	47	.15	pc	55	44	
Des Moines	32	27	.14	pc	36	24	Savannah	47	21	sh	59	49	Denver	41	20	c	35	20	Savannah	47	21	sh	59	49			
Detroit	37	17	sn	35	29	Seattle	45	41	.47	sh	46	36	Des Moines	32	27	.14	pc	36	24	Seattle	45	41	.47	sh	46	36	
El Paso	64	38	pc	64	42	Spokane	42	32	trace	c	39	25	Detroit	37	17	sn	35	29	Spokane	42	32	trace	c	39	25		
Evansville, IN	37	18	sh	40	30	Syracuse	38	25	rs	39	29	El Paso	64	38	pc	64	42	Syracuse	38	25	rs	39	29				
Harrisburg	47	23	sh	41	29	Topeka	34	28	.17	pc	46	32	Evansville, IN	37	18	sh	40	30	Topeka	34	28	.17	pc	46	32		
Hartford	44	22	c	44	30	Washington	50	24	sh	50	38	Harrisburg	47	23	sh	41	29	Washington	50	24	sh	50	38				
Houston	61	43	.47	s	75	63	Yesterday's National High & Low	HIGH 73 Fort Myers, Fla. LOW -14 Caribou, Maine				Houston	61	43	.47	s	75	63	Yesterday's National High & Low	HIGH 73 Fort Myers, Fla. LOW -14 Caribou, Maine							
Indianapolis	35	18	sn	36	29	Little Rock	36	28	.34	s	50	42	Indianapolis	35	18	sn	36	29	Little Rock	36	28	.34	s	50	42		
Jackson	46	25	.48	s	60	47	Los Angeles	60	52	trace	pc	62	48	Jackson	46	25	.48	s	60	47	Los Angeles	60	52	trace	pc	62	48
Las Vegas	61	50	sh	55	42	Louisville	38	21	rs	41	32	Las Vegas	61	50	sh	55	42	Louisville	38	21	rs	41	32				
Little Rock	36	28	.34	s	50	42	Memphis	41	26	.18	pc	51	39	Little Rock	36	28	.34	s	50	42	Memphis	41	26	.18	pc	51	39
Los Angeles	60	52	trace	pc	62	48	Milwaukee	31	16	.01	c	36	29	Los Angeles	60	52	trace	pc	62	48	Milwaukee	31	16	.01	c	36	29
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Memphis	41	26	.18	pc	51	39	Montgomery	54	22	sh	57	44	Memphis	41	26	.18	pc	51	39	Montgomery	54	22	sh	57	44		
Milwaukee	31	16	.01	c	36	29	Nashville	40	18	sh	47	32	Milwaukee	31	16	.01	c	36	29	Nashville	40	18	sh	47	32		
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Mobile	57	30	sh	71	50	Key to Conditions:	c=cloudy; dr=dry; f=fair; h=hazy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy.																				
Montgomery	54	22	sh	57	44	©2012 Weather Central, Madison, WI.																					
Nashville	40	18	sh	47	32	World Cities																					
Nightville	40	18	sh	47	32	Tuesday																					
Nightville	40	18	sh	47	32	Acapulco	88/74/c	Lisbon	56/40/pc																		
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## WATER

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Thrumston's figures, it can be done for about a million dollars and only take months instead of years."

He added that the question of current water quality, the trihalomethanes (THM) in the current water supply affecting 5,000 residents could also be solved, because Tarawood's water tested lower.

"It's a faster, better solution," DeFelice said.

FCWA board president Mike Gooch pointed out that Tarawood's water also has levels of THM, albeit lower than theirs.

"Rather than put a Band-Aid on the problem, we're trying to fix something that will carry us well into the future," Gooch said.

Judd said they had looked at a Tarawood option three separate times in the past 12 years and each time concluded it didn't meet their long-term needs. In addition to quality is the issue of capacity. Judd said they need a 500,000-gallon storage capacity for fire flow.

Mary Raymond suggested combining Tarawood with an additional storage tank

"I would think that if (FCWA) members were presented with an option ...I'd be interested in how they'd feel about saving more than \$2 million. With that savings, couldn't you refund some of that money and lower members' water bills?"

A visibly frustrated Thrumston said, "I don't care if you buy my facility or not; I care that you're wasting (members') money. I'd hate to see you guys make a

decision that in these economic times is not necessary."

Gooch told him, "We want a final solution to our water problem."

"You'd have one with Tarawood and you know it," Thrumston said. "You're fiefdom building is what you're doing."

Other residents brought up the issues of drilling increasing the potential of sinkholes, the possibility of putting wellheads in other areas such as Floral Park and suggested the board had "hidden agendas."

Former county commissioner Joyce Valentino voiced concern about whether or not there had been sufficient opportunity for public input and current Commissioner Rebecca Bays urged everyone to think carefully before making any decisions, that everyone needs to be a good steward of water resources.

Ninety minutes into the nearly three-hour meeting, DeFelice said, "I want to ask you a straight question, man to man, eye to eye: Is it too late to look at alternatives or are you, in your mind, saying, 'We've spent too much money on engineering and the property and survey.' As a board, is it too late to turn around and look at an alternative?"

Gooch replied, "My personal opinion? Yes, it is too late. We've put a lot of effort into this and worked on it for years and we feel it's the best solution for the members."

The association plans to break ground the end of 2012.

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## Space heater causes fire

### Residents escape injury

SANDRA FREDERICK  
Staff Writer

HOMOSASSA — What started as a way to stay warm on a frigid Sunday night ended with a near disaster.

"Last night (Sunday night) was supposed to be very cold and we have animals and kids in the house, so I decided to plug in a small electric heater I bought a few weeks ago," Carla Hileman said Monday afternoon. "I own two other heaters and they work well when it gets cold."

From the start, sparks started flying, she said.

"It blew a breaker in the living room," she said. "So my fiancé decided to take it to the bedroom in the back of the house and try it there to see if it would work and warm up the house."

Minutes later the couple smelled plastic burning along with smoke and found the bed and the walls in the room on fire.

"It was scary," she said. "We have fire extinguishers (in the house) and got hoses and were able to put the fire out, but not before 25 percent of the house was destroyed."

Hileman said it took a good 20 minutes to put the 7:30 p.m. fire out.

If there is one thing she wants to tell others, it is to make sure to pay close attention to these types of heaters when using them.

"If we would have plugged it in and gone out somewhere, we would have lost everything we owned," she said Monday afternoon. "Thankfully we lost a bed, furniture and some clothes, but not life."

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## Manatee season now in full swing

Special to the Chronicle

After a successful January that included the twenty-fifth annual installment of the popular Florida Manatee Festival, manatee season is going strong in Citrus County.

Like many visitors, Citrus County's manatees are drawn to the area by its weather and waterways: Colder temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico cause the sea cows to seek out the area's comparatively warm, spring-fed rivers, bays and estuaries. This creates North America's largest manatee gathering every winter.

"Visitors from around the world are coming to see Citrus County's iconic manatees up close," said Marla Chancey, director of the Citrus County Visitors and Convention Bureau. She recommends that interested guests come mid-week for especially uncrowded waterways.

Guests wanting to see manatees from land can

head to Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. There, manatees in a natural spring can be seen from above on the recently expanded boardwalk, or from a snook's-eye-view down in the park's "Fish Bowl" observatory.

Licensed local tour operators are available to assist visitors who wish to snorkel with manatees. These experts help guests make the most of the experience by taking them to the best manatee-viewing locations. The tours typically include a wetsuit rental and all other equipment needed. Some tour operators even videotape the trip, allowing guests to take home a motion-picture memento of their once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

The Citrus County Visitors & Convention Bureau has a variety of information available to help guests meet manatees. An instructional video, a list of tour operators, manatee facts and more can be found online at [VisitCitrus.com](http://VisitCitrus.com).

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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## Obituaries

**Lois Cassidy, 86**  
HERNANDO

The Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Lois M. Cassidy, age 86, of Hernando, Florida, will be held 9 a.m. Friday, February 17, 2012, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fero Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills, Florida. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com).

She was born December 9, 1925, in East Dubuque, IL, daughter of Leslie and Clara (Runde) O'Neill. She died February 12, 2012, in Inverness, FL. She worked as a Technical Librarian for Honeywell. She moved to Hernando from Rockville, MD, in 1987. Mrs. Cassidy was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, where she served as an acolyte.

Mrs. Cassidy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Floyd M. Cassidy (2004); brother, Earl O'Neill; and sister, Ruth Hocking. Survivors include 2 sons, David P. Herburger of Manhasset, NY, Mark Herburger of Beverly Hills; 2 daughters, Joan Etchells of Pittsfield, NH, Janet Forney of Inverness; stepson, Gregory Cassidy of Silver Springs, MD; a brother, Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill, Rockford, IL; 2 sisters, Erma Schneider, Dubuque, Iowa, Sister Helen O'Neill, Sinsinawa, WI; 8 grandchildren, Michael, Stephen, Amy, Mark, Katie, David, Laura, and Liam; 2 step-grandchildren, Gannett and Stephen; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

**Gloria Kostige, 79**  
CITRUS SPRINGS

Gloria D. Kostige, 79, of Citrus Springs, FL, died Saturday, February 11, 2012, at Citrus Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 5, 1932, in Hawley, PA, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Elsie Skinner Dexter. After relocating to Hialeah, FL, in 1952, she not only raised three children as a single parent but also worked as an office manager for Jim Wood Land Clearing and later Cuyahoga Wrecking for 34 years until her retirement in 1997. After retirement, she relocated to Citrus County. To satisfy her interest in giving back to the community, she enjoyed volunteering at the Citrus Springs Elementary School, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office as well as the Citrus Springs Surveillance Unit. She was voted "Volunteer of the Year" in 2011.

Gloria enjoyed motorcycling and was a member of the Retreads, an "over 40" motorcycle club, making several trips with the group over the years to destinations all over the Eastern U.S. An avid cat lover, she has been known to provide safe harbor to numerous feline friends. She enjoyed relaxing by playing bingo, solving word puzzles, and reading; pretty much anything that would challenge her active mind. She was well known for her good nature and unique sense of humor.

She is survived by a son, Russell (Ginger) Kostige of Citrus Springs, FL; and two daughters, Edith Williams of Citrus Springs, FL, and Paula (John) Owens of Crescent City, FL. Also surviving are grandchildren James Kostige of Sebring, FL, Chad Williams of Orlando, FL, Stacey McCann of Middleburg, FL, Christie Perrone of Sebastian, FL, and Josh Owens of Vero Beach, FL; as well as several great-grandchildren; and beloved sister-in-law Mary Dexter of Honesdale, PA. She was preceded in death by a brother, David L. Dexter of Honesdale, PA.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Citrus County of the Nature Coast, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

**David H. Maynard, 82**  
HERNANDO

David H. Maynard, 82, of Hernando, passed away on February 9, 2012, at his home under the loving care of his wife, Pat and Hospice of Citrus County.

He was born on March 17, 1929, in Port Chester, NY the son of Frederick and Hazel Maynard. David was a former WBZ Boston Radio and TV personality. He and his wife lived in Citrus Hills for some 18 years and loved every minute. David suffered from Parkinson's for 10 of those years and became very affected by it over the last 6 months of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Maynard; children, Michael Maynard of Winthrop, MA, Meredith Rogers of Kennebunk, ME, Marney Whittaker of Bradford, MA, Mark Maynard of Harrisburg, PA, Megan Kirby of Ocala, FL, Mathew Maynard of Kennebunk, ME, Debra Crosby of Salem, MA, and John Crosby of Tampa, FL; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Mr. Maynard will be scheduled at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464 or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, ATTN: Tribute Gifts, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL.

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**Shirley Myers, 75**  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Shirley Ann Myers, 75, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2012, at her daughter's residence in Indianapolis, IN surrounded by her family. Shirley was a devoted mother and worked selflessly to provide a loving home for her children, who were the center of her life. Shirley cherished her family, was loved by all and will be missed by many.

Shirley was born in Justice, WV, on September 24, 1936, to Warner and Ellen Collins. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Geneva Cline and Juanita McKeown; brother-in-law, Wetzel Cline and nephew, Jerry Cline. Shirley is survived by her son, Scott Myers; daughter, Tina (David) Oakes; brother, Arvid (Joy) Collins; nephews, Mike (Tina) Cline, David (Leah) Cline, Martin (Marlene) Collins, Joseph (Lenora) Mckeown; nieces, Ava Collins, Theresa Mckeown; and cousins, Marie (Harry) Hatfield and Roy Allen.

Shirley graduated from Gilbert High School, WV, and moved to Hernando, FL, when her children were young to be with her parents during their retirement. She was employed by the Citrus County school district for 31 years. She initially worked at Inverness Middle School cafeteria for 3 years, before transitioning to an office aide for a year. Next, Shirley was hired as secretary to the director of support, where she ordered and purchased all books for the county schools. She retired as a buyer for the food service department, where she was in charge of ordering all food and nonfood items and evaluating bids from vendors.

Per Shirley's wishes, no funeral services were held; her remains were cremated and her ashes will be returned to the hills of WV in celebration of her life.

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**Donald Ossmann, 82**  
RINGGOLD, GA.

Donald Thomas Ossmann, 82, of Ringgold, Georgia, passed away Friday, February 10, 2012.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, he lived in the Ringgold area for the past four years and was formerly of Lecanto, Florida. Donald was a former employee of Brentwood Retirement Center, where he worked security for four years; a member of First Baptist Church of Lecanto; a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served during the Korean War; member of the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union No. 123, member of the VFW and the Korean War Veterans of Citrus County, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline Ossmann; parents, William Lewis and Lillian Ossmann; and two sons, Timothy John and Paul Ossmann. He is survived by five sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Stella Ossmann of Jacksonville, FL, Russ and Ronda Ossmann of Valrico, FL, Robert and Abby Ossmann of Seattle, WA, Joseph and Michelle Ossmann of Ringgold, GA, and Michael and Lori Ossmann of Macclenny, FL; two brothers, John Ossmann of St. Petersburg, FL, and Norman Ossmann of Milpitas, CA; ten grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia. An online register book may be signed at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

**Billy Riley, 85**  
FLORAL CITY

Billy J. Riley, 85, of Floral City, FL, passed away on February 13, 2012, at HPH Hospice in Inverness, FL. Billy was born on September 2, 1926, the son of Clarence and Ann Riley in Greenville, SC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Billy was a driver for ARCO Carriers in New Jersey. He moved to Floral City in 1985 from Warwick, NY. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness and the Inverness Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4337, where he served on the honor guard.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Margaret E. Riley of Floral City, FL, son Charles W. Riley and his wife Deborah of New Derry, PA; three grandchildren, Mark, Keegan and Shannon; five great grandchildren, Dakota, Taylor, Riley, Jake and Sophia.

Visitation for Mr. Riley will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Heinz Funeral Home in Inverness. A vigil service will begin at 4 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, with the Inverness VFW Post 4337 providing military honors. Donations may be made to HPH Hospice 3545 N. Lecanto Hwy Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

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**Kenneth Dicillo, 66**  
INVERNESS

Kenneth Dicillo, 66, of Inverness, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at Hospice of Citrus County in Inverness.

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**Anthony 'Tony' Gomez, 59**  
BUSHNELL

Anthony "Tony" Joseph Gomez, 59, of Bushnell, FL, passed away January 27th, 2012, at the VA in Gainesville, FL.



Tony was born February 28th, 1952, in NYC to the late Leroy & Alicia Gomez. In 1961, he moved with his family to Florida. He graduated from St. Pete High in 1970. He later served as an MP in the U.S. Army.

Tony is survived by his son Christopher and daughter-in-law Michelle; four grandchildren, Christopher, Fabian, Alex and Joseph; his brothers; Efrain and Leroy; sister-in-law, Barbara; and sister, Minerva.

A service will be held February 17th at the Florida National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

**Robert Mathias, 75**  
CHASSAHOVITZKA

Robert E. Mathias, age 75, Chassahowitzka, died Monday, February 13, 2012, under the care of HPH Hospice.

A native of Norway, Wisconsin, he was born on May 15, 1936, to the late Edison and Mary (Sinkas) Mathias. He was employed by Goodyear in the St. Mary's, Ohio, plant and relocated here in 1976. He was an avid football fan and Christian by faith.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Nancy Mathias, Chassahowitzka; stepsons Dane (Lana) Peterson, Williamstown, KY, and Richard (Marissa) Peterson, Crystal River, FL; and stepdaughter Cheryl Stone, Vancouver, WA; three sisters, Marilyn, JoAnne and Judy, all of Racine, WI; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a stepson, Kelly Peterson.

Private cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory.

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## OBITUARIES

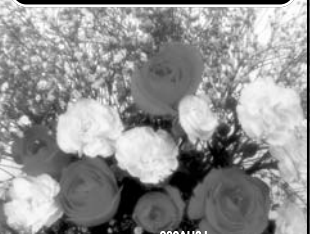
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**Timothy 'Tim' Ziebarth, 54**  
INVERNESS

Timothy J. "Tim" Ziebarth, 54, Inverness, died Feb. 12, 2012, in the Hospice House of Lecanto.

A native of Miles City, Montana, he was born on March 2, 1957, to the late Clarence and Mary (Olson) Ziebarth. He moved to Florida in 2005. Tim worked in the construction industry, enjoyed doing things with his hands, and could fix anything, especially rebuilding computers. Other interests included painting and wood working. He was a Life Member of the Cascade Masonic Lodge in Montana.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Charlotte (Haag) Ziebarth; and his mother-in-law, Charlotte Elizabeth Haag of Inverness; 4 brothers-in-law; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Samuel Jay Ziebarth, in 1990.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, Feb. 17th, at 10 a.m. from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Fr: Charles Leke of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church officiating. Cremation arrangements will follow. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorials requested to Hospice of Citrus Co., P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

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## HOW THEY VOTED

The 2012 Florida Legislature passed its halfway mark last week. The House and Senate took their final votes on redistricting bills that will create new congressional and legislative boundaries. The maps now face review by the Florida Supreme Court. The Legislature has already achieved one of two requirements for the 60-day annual session, next up is the budget.

**Full House HB 5001 Appropriations 2012-2013 State Budget**

Vote: Yes, 79; No, 38; Missed Vote, 3.  
Yes: Adkins, Ahern, Albritton, Artiles, Aubuchon, Baxley, Bileca, Boyd, Brandes, Brodeur, Broxson, Burgen, Caldwell, Cannon, Coley, Corcoran, Costello, Crisafulli, Davis, Diaz, Dorworth, Drake, Eisnaugle, Ford, Fresen, Frishe, Gaetz, Glorioso, Gonzalez, Goodson, Grant, Grimsley, Hager, Harrell, Harrison, Hooper, Horner, Hudson, Hukill, Ingram, Legg, Logan, Lopez-Cantera, Mayfield, McBurney, McKeel, Metz, Moraitis, Nehr, Nelson, Nunez, O'Toole, Oliva, Passidomo, Patronis, Perry, Pilon, Plakon, Porter, Precourt, Proctor, Ray, Renault, Roberson, Rooney, Schenck, Smith, Snyder, Stargel, Steube, Tobia, Trujillo, Van Zant, Weatherford, Weinstein, T. Williams, Wood, Workman and Young.  
No: Abruzzo, Bemby, Bernan, Bernard, Bullard, Chestnut, Clarke-Reed, Clemens, Cruz, Fullwood, Garcia, Gibbons, Jenne, Jones, Julien, Kiar, Kriseman, Pafford, Perman, Porth, Randolph, Reed, Rehwinkel-Vasilinda, Rogers, Rouson, Sands, Saunders, Schwartz, Slosberg, Soto, Stafford, Steinberg, Taylor, G. Thompson, Thurston, Waldman, William, A. Williams  
Missed vote: Campbell, Holder, Kreegel.

**Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation SB 604 Fertilizer Bill**

The bill would exempt certified lawn-care workers from local fertilizer regulations.  
Vote: Yes, 3; No, 4.  
Yes: Detert, Latvala, Dean.  
No: Jones, Rich, Sobel, Oelrich.

**Full Senate SB 278 "991 Good Samaritan Act"**

Provides that a person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing a drug-related overdose may not be charged for specific offenses in certain circumstances.  
Vote: Yes, 40.  
Yes: Haridopolis, Alexander, Altman, Benacquisto, Bennett, Bogdanoff (after roll call), Braynon, Bullard, Dean, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Dockery, Evers, Fasano, Flores, Gaetz, Garcia, Gardiner, Gibson, Hays, Jones, Joyner, Latvala, Lynn, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Norman, Oelrich, Rich, Richter, Ring, Sachs, Simmons, Siplin, Smith, Sobel, Storms (after roll call), Thrasher, Wise.

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## State BRIEFS

**Justices set date for redistricting plan**

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court will hear oral argument on a redistricting plan for the state House and Senate later this month.

The justices will have 10 days after the Feb. 29 hearing to make a decision.

The Republican-controlled Legislature finalized the maps last Thursday. The next day, Attorney General Pam Bondi asked the justices to review the plan as required by the Florida Constitution.

That began a 30-day period for the high court to complete its work. Democrats and non-partisan groups that supported two anti-gerrymandering state constitutional amendments say they will oppose the plan.

Democrats also have filed a lawsuit challenging another redistricting plan for Florida's congressional seats although it has not yet been signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott.

**Pastor's daughter shot at church**

ST. PETERSBURG — Authorities said the daughter of a pastor is still in critical condition at a Florida hospital, a day after being accidentally shot in the head at a St. Petersburg church.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office was called to the Grace Connection Church at about 12:24 p.m. Sunday.

Investigators said Moises Zambrana was showing his gun in a small closet to another church member interested in buying a firearm. Zambrana reportedly took out the magazine of the Ruger 9mm weapon but did not know there was a bullet in the chamber.

The gun went off and fired through a wall, striking 20-year-old Hannah Kelley. She was transported to Bayfront Medical Center and remained in critical condition Monday evening.

Deputies said Zambrana has a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

**Walmart evacuated after man pulls gun**

ORLANDO — Authorities said a central Florida Walmart was evacuated after a man pulled a gun during a fight.

Orlando police reported that three men got into an argument inside the store Monday. One brandished a firearm, but no shots were fired.

The *Orlando Sentinel* reported that the men were gone by the time police arrived.

**Bar committee to write snitch rules**

TALLAHASSEE — A state panel on wrongful convictions agreed to let a Florida Bar committee resolve differences over a proposed court rule on jailhouse snitches.

Florida Innocence Commission member Bradley King, a state attorney from Brooksville, said Monday that prosecutors do not object to identifying such informants expected to testify prior to trial.

King disagreed with other provisions of the proposal that would require the state to provide details on informants' past cooperation and their motivation for testifying.

No final action was taken. The commission, including King, agreed its staff should draw up two versions of the proposal for submission to the bar's committee on criminal court rules.

A national study indicates 15 percent of wrongful convictions discovered through DNA testing involved testimony by jailhouse snitches.

**Micosukees say members owe IRS**

MIAMI — The Micosukee Indian tribe in South Florida said its members could owe nearly \$26 million to the Internal Revenue Service because of bad legal advice.

The tribe is blaming its former attorney Dexter Lehtinen, who is also a former Miami U.S. attorney and husband of U.S.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla. The tribe claimed Lehtinen gave misleading advice about whether individual members had to pay federal income taxes out of casino gambling distributions.

The tribe itself is considered a sovereign nation not required to pay income taxes. But the IRS says individual members do have to pay.

Lehtinen's attorney told *The Miami Herald* that the Micosukees are trying to shift blame to him to cover up mistakes by their own leaders. Lehtinen represented the tribe on a variety of issues from 1992 until he was fired in 2010 following a change in Micosukee leadership.

**Bus company sued in hazing case**

ORLANDO — The parents of a Florida A&M band member who died after being hazed filed a wrongful death lawsuit Monday against the owner and driver of the charter bus where the ritual took place, claiming the company's managers told drivers to ignore hazing.

On the night Robert Champion died, the driver even stood guard outside the bus, the lawsuit said, and forced the drum major back on the bus after he got off to vomit. The lawsuit doesn't explain how Champion was forced back on the bus.

Ray Land, the owner of Fabulous Coach Lines, said in an email that he needed time to prepare a statement. He told *The Associated Press* last year that the bus driver was helping students unload their instruments when Champion collapsed.

A fellow pledge who was hazed with Champion said band members on the bus treated Champion more brutally than others.

— From wire reports

**'Inspirational message' bill OK'd by House panel**

*Would let public school students speak at events*

*The News Service of Florida*

TALLAHASSEE — A controversial measure allowing students to deliver "inspirational messages" at public school events passed the House Education Committee on Monday, leaving it one stop away from what could be the final vote on the House floor.

The bill (SB 98) passed the committee on a party-line, 9-6 vote, with Republicans arguing the measure would boost freedom of religion and speech while Democrats said it could become a vehicle for divisive messages and hate speech.

The measure — sponsored in the House by Rep. Charles Van Zant, R-Keystone Heights — does not specifically reference prayer at school events, but would allow that as a kind of inspirational message, along with just about anything else. Adults would have no say over what could be said by students under the bill.

Van Zant acknowledged it would allow any type of speech but admitted it was aimed, in part, at protecting students who want to give a prayer and have felt they've been unable to do so publicly.

"When we took school prayer ... out of school, it's clearly documented that school discipline — disciplinary cases went up, that we had a lot more school vandalism, that we had a lot more disrespect for schools, including the physical plant, as well as school personnel, teachers and principals," Van Zant said.

Still, he said, the primary reason for the legislation was to allow students to exer-

cise their free-speech rights.

But critics argued the measure would instead leave students as young as kindergartners in charge of what is inspirational, since teachers are not allowed to have a roll in preparing or delivering the message.

"What inspires me may not inspire you," said Rep. Dwight Bullard, D-Miami.

Bullard and other Democratic members said that there was nothing to prevent a student from presenting a racially charged inspirational message, even one that contained racial slurs. Bullard grew emotional as he recounted his own experience when a schoolmate called him a racial slur when he was in elementary school.

"What this bill does is open up the possibility of messages of hate," he said. "Whether you like to believe it or not, hate is inspirational."

Republicans argued that allowing students to air views that others find offensive in an open forum might actually prove beneficial.

"It is better that some young man or woman espouses those views in public so the issues can be properly debated," said Rep. Jimmie Smith, R-Inverness.

But Rep. Cynthia Stafford, D-Miami, said she wasn't convinced it would spark a healthy debate.

"It may start a fight," she said.

Other groups, meanwhile, were worried that the danger lies in the potential for infringing on the rights of other students, who would be forced to listen to prayers or messages they don't agree with.

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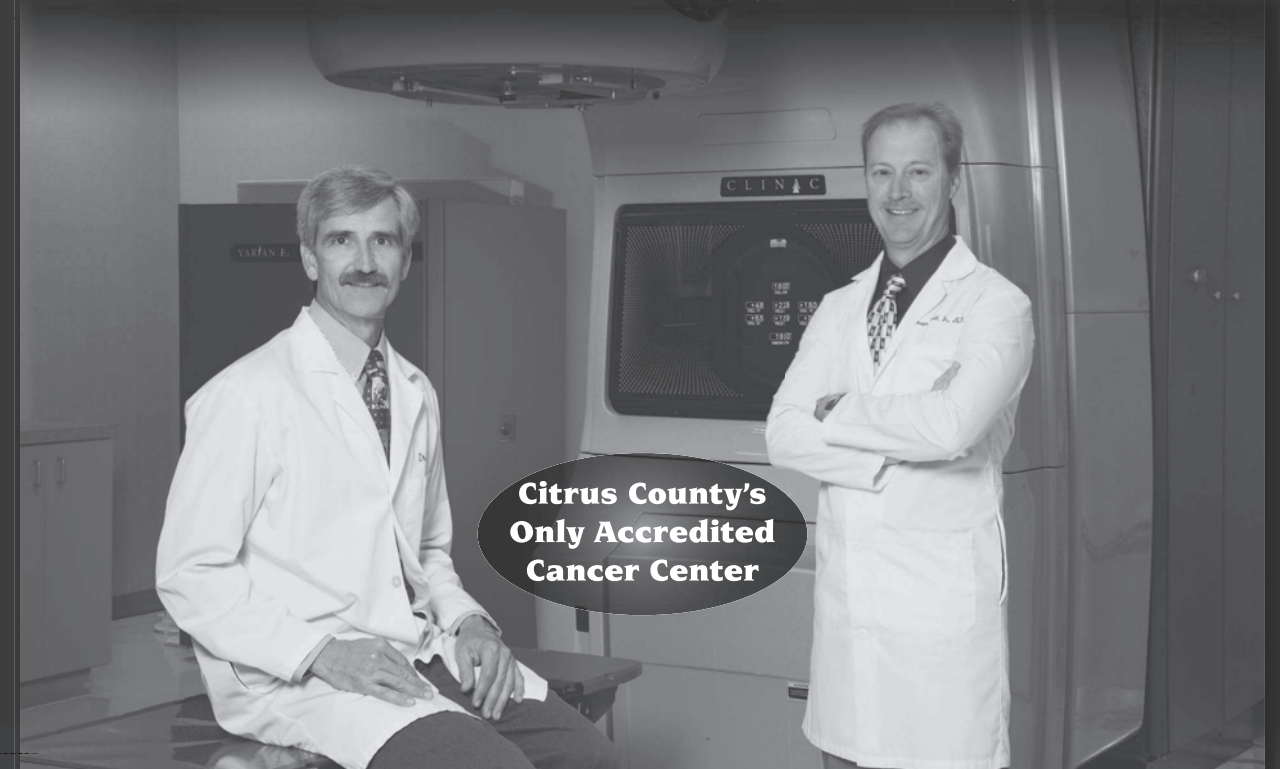
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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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.

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US market shakes off Greek worries, advances

Associated Press

Investors shook off their worries about Greece on Monday and got back to their routine of little-by-little gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 73 points — nothing flashy, but enough to regain most of what it lost with an 89-point drop on Friday.

Financial stocks led the Dow higher. Its biggest gainers were Bank of America, up 2.2 percent, and JPMorgan Chase, up 1.8 percent.

Financial stocks have been the best performers in the market this year. Apple crossed \$500 per share for the first time, with a 1.9 percent rise to close at \$502.60.

The company jockeyed with Exxon Mobil last year for the title of most valuable by market value, but now enjoys a wide lead, \$468 billion to \$400 billion.

The market's gains were broad-based, with nine of 10 stock categories in the Standard & Poor's 500 rising, led by industrial stocks.

Utilities declined by a whisker. European stocks rose. For once, investors had the Greek parliament to thank.

On Sunday, it approved sharp cuts in civil service jobs, welfare and the minimum wage, required by international leaders for a

Market watch

Feb. 13, 2012

Market watch table showing Dow Jones (+72.81), Nasdaq composite (+27.51), Standard & Poor's 500 (+9.13), Russell 2000 (+11.48), NYSE diary, Nasdaq diary, and Volume.

than they are owed, said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist for Rockwell Global Capital. Still, "orderly default is better than a chaotic default, which would lean on the whole eurozone and the global economy as well," he said, referring to the 17 countries that use the euro currency.

Cardillo said market gains may be muted for a while because of the social unrest in Greece and because stocks have already risen this year. The Dow is up 5.4 percent, the S&P 7.5 percent.

The Dow closed up 72.81 points, or 0.6 percent, at 12,874.04. It's 16 points shy of its highest close since the 2008 financial meltdown.

The S&P rose 9.13 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,351.77. The Nasdaq composite rose 27.51 points, or 1 percent, to 2,931.39.

Rates rise at Treasury auction

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills rose in Monday's auction to the highest levels since late last summer.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$33 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 0.095 percent, up from 0.08 percent last week.

Another \$31 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 0.13 percent, up from 0.10 percent last week.

The three-month rate was the highest since three-month bills averaged 0.115 percent on Aug. 1. The six-month rate was the

highest since these bills averaged 0.150 percent, also on Aug. 1.

The discount rates reflect that the bills sell for less than face value. For a \$10,000 bill, the three-month price was \$9,997.60, while a six-month bill sold for \$9,993.43.

That would equal an annualized rate of 0.097 percent for the three-month bills and 0.132 percent for the six-month bills.

Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, rose to 0.15 percent last week from 0.13 percent the previous week.

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 — David S. Arthurs publisher emeritus

SIDEWALK STUMBLE

# Paperwork necessary to pave the way

If you bicycle the Withlacoochee State Trail in the Floral City area, you've probably noticed that a new, short length of sidewalk now links the trail to businesses on the south side of Orange Avenue. It's great not to have to slog through dirt and sand to get to the popular bike shop there, and the sidewalk keeps you safely out of the roadway near the busy intersection.

**THE ISSUE:**

Asking forgiveness vs. seeking permission.

**OUR OPINION:**

Must get permission when it's public land.

good idea, but the bike shop owner went about it the wrong way. At this point, the manager said he just wants the paperwork to be completed.

We don't expect anyone to quibble about the paved path's benefit, because it does serve a public purpose. But it's the principle of the thing. Think about how you'd feel if someone erected a fence, not a sidewalk, on public land.

The bureaucracy involved in getting permission for a project such as this is cumbersome and maybe even burdensome, but the steps were put in place to protect the public interest.

No one likes jumping through hoops. And we can all agree that clearer rules and simpler hoops would probably improve compliance. But this experience should provide a caution to others: especially if you're dealing with matters affecting public property, proactively working through the required steps is the right way to go.

# Romney should go on offensive

The Obama administration is touting the latest unemployment numbers released last week by the U.S. Department of Labor as proof its policies are working. But a closer look at the actual number of able-bodied people who are willing to work, but are not, reveals a different picture.

As economist John R. Lott has written, not only is the drop in the unemployment rate from 8.5 percent to 8.3 percent still half a percentage point higher than when President Obama took office three years ago, the number of unemployed is higher. Compared to January 2009 when 11.6 million Americans were jobless, today, writes Lott, "there are 12.8 million unemployed and 43 percent have been out of a job for more than six months. The average length of unemployment has increased dramatically since the recovery started. Back in June 2009, 'only' 29 percent of the unemployed had been unemployed longer than six months."

The way government counts things, slowing the rate of increased spending amounts to a cut and reducing the percentage of unemployed people by two-tenths of 1 percent counts as more people finding jobs, which then counts as progress.

Lott examined the Labor Department's statistics and found nearly 1.2 million Americans no longer in the labor force. That means most have given up look-

ing for work and are no longer counted as unemployed. That fact skews the statistics to make the employment picture appear better than it is.

Real unemployment is mostly ignored by the major media, which was happy to tout the latest jobless rate reduction as a boon to President Obama and a problem for Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney. Most reporting has focused on the impression voters might have of an economic recovery, or at least trending in the right direction. The opposite is true and it is up to Romney to make that case.

After an initial tepid reaction to the unemployment numbers, Romney rebounded, but it came a day late after the news cycle had moved on and the media cheerleading for President Obama had achieved the desired effect.

Many in the major media can't be counted on to tell the truth about the economy if doing so makes Obama and his policies look bad. Consider how some in the media collectively claimed the recession had not eased as the 1992 election neared. After the inauguration of President Clinton, it was reported that, in fact, the recession had ended more than a year earlier. Through the election, the media completely accepted the Democratic line the recession had not abated.

This means the Republican nominee will have to go over or

around the media to make his case. The best way to do this is not with statistics, but with real people. The Republican candidates for president should identify unemployed people who have lost their jobs, or who have given up looking for one. Have them tell their stories and let the candidates put the blame on the president and congressional Democrats whose plans to raise taxes, drastically increase spending and impose Obamacare on the country has added to the economic uncertainty and the reluctance of businesses to hire new workers.

Featuring real people who are out of a job and desperately want to work would help undermine the Democrats as the party of compassion, while simultaneously blunting the Republican stereotype as the party that doesn't care about the poor.

Democrats seem eager to get more people onto food stamps than to adopt policies that would free them from addiction to government and give them the dignity of a real job and the self-sufficiency that goes with it.

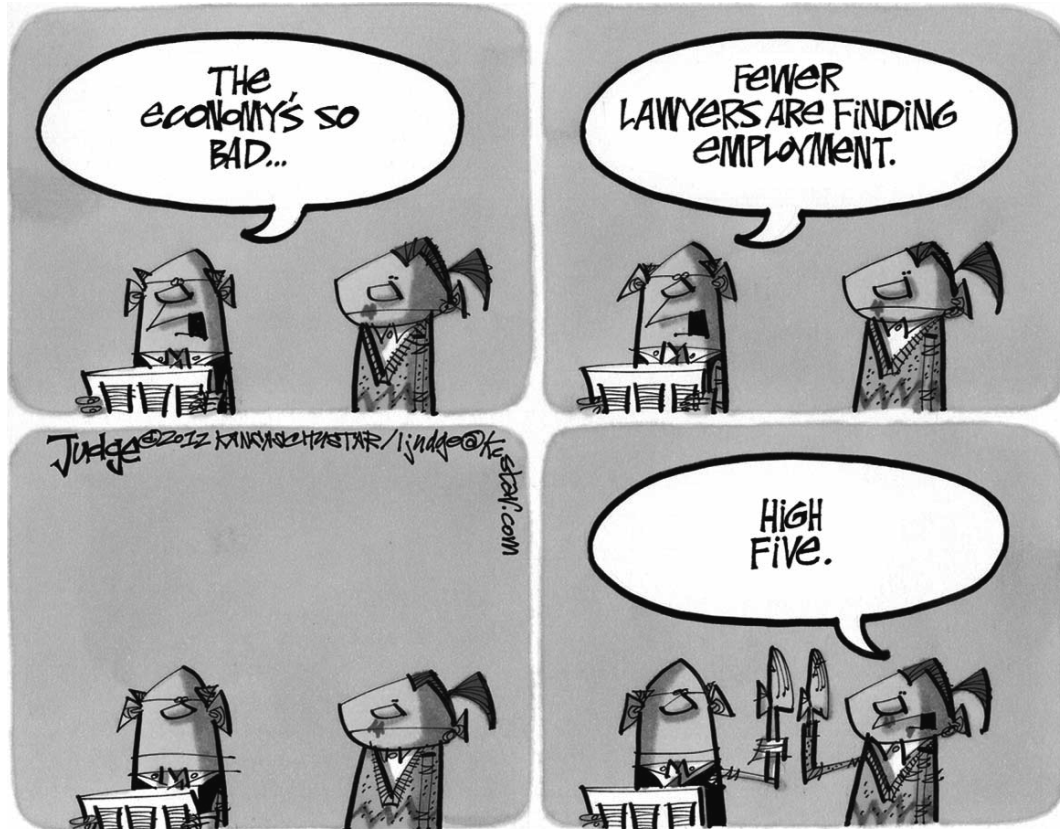
Romney must be less reactive and more proactive, less responsive to Obama and the news of the day and more concerned with creating his own news every day. Going on the offensive about unemployment is a strategy that can work.

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OTHER VOICES



Cal Thomas



**Dental distress**

I'm 53 years old. I live in Inverness. I've been on Social Security disability, Medicare, Medicaid for approximately 10 years. In the last two years or so, I've been to the Citrus Memorial hospital for abscessed teeth, which they took care of, OK? That's not the problem. The problem is Medicare, Medicaid's not taking care of it and the taxpayers have paid many thousands of dollars for my few trips to the ER for teeth abscesses. They're not fun. I cried every time, screaming, yelling in pain, and Medicare, Medicaid will not help me with it. What is the problem, OK? You see where I'm coming from? If anyone ever had an abscessed tooth, they'll know what I'm talking about. I've had three abscessed teeth in approximately two years. They treated me at Citrus Memorial hospital for my immediate problem. However, I am still left with teeth rotting out of my head and Medicare, Medicaid is not paying for it. Maybe some of these politicians need to have abscessed teeth like I have and see how it is to suffer. Whatever.

**American entitlements**

Some elderly in this country have a real sense of entitlement. No matter how you look at it, Social Security is social welfare. Even if you paid in for it for 40 years, you get all of your pay out in the first five or six years on Social Security. After that, you're on the government dole. Medicare is even more of a government welfare program. You think you could buy great coverage for \$98 a month if you are elderly and have preexisting conditions? The government is helping you there big time.

**Palmettos everywhere**

I'd like to know if somebody could tell me how to get rid of saw palmettos. They're like razors. Anyway, I like a little bit of them, but they're overgrowing my yard.

**My two friends**

Coyote problem in Pine Ridge. For the people that live there, there are two things that will surely help you. They are at your fingertips. They are: 12-gauge and Smith & Wesson.

**High roller**

Yesterday I stood behind someone in the supermarket counter service line. They purchased \$200 worth of lottery tickets. Hopefully they donated \$1 or \$2 to the food bank.

**Don't feed the birds**

I called the Animal Control about one of our neighbors feeding turkey vultures. They said I should call the wildlife people. I asked if I should call the sheriff and they said the sheriff is in charge of the Animal Control. I called the wildlife and they said they couldn't do anything about it. I don't know why the sheriff can't do it. He's got all these other departments that he's in control of now and he just doesn't have the people to take care of the things anymore. We have 50 or more of these vultures flying over our house all day long because our neighbor's feeding them. There's got to be something that the sheriff can do at Animal Control. Wildlife says it's not in their hands.

**Jill's days**

Interesting fact: The vice president's wife, Jill Biden, is a school teacher and is actively teaching in the school system.



LETTERS to the Editor

**Time for change**

"U.S. Fish and Wildlife to ban high speed boats in King's Bay."  
 "Feds deny part of Fla. Medicare proposal."  
 "Obama adjusts birth control policy."

What do these have in common? They are headlines of recent news articles in the *Chronicle* announcing the federal government has taken more steps into the day-to-day control of our lives. From the operation of the air conditioning in your car to the types of toilets you use in your bathroom to the fuel you burn in your car, "big brother" is there dictating everything about your lifestyle.

This is the same federal government that can't balance a budget, can't root out theft and corruption in federal programs, gives away billions of your tax dollars in the form of "bailouts" and makes loans to companies doomed to bankruptcy. Yet we are willing to stand by and let these bozos tell us how to run our local affairs and tell religious organizations that they cannot deny women contraceptives.

When are we going to tell the federal government that we have had enough? We have stood by while Washington has hocked our grandchildren's future to the Chinese and the Middle East oil czars to the tune of \$15 trillion. We have stood by when the Obama administration alone has added over \$1 trillion per year to

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this debt (\$4 trillion total and counting).

For those of you who voted for "change," take a hard look across the Atlantic Ocean. Look at what is happening in Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal. After years of socialist governments where spending went unbridled, these countries are now in or near bankruptcy. At the current state of affairs in America, it is

not a question of if the same thing will happen here; it is a matter of when. Is this the legacy we want to leave our children and grandchildren? I pray not!

Come November, I too will be voting for a "change" — a change in the White House occupiers (Obama and the czars) and to remove Sen. Bill Nelson from office.

Floyd Ford  
 Crystal River

**Abortion myth**

Planned Parenthood is an organization that deals with women's health matters. It is not stipulated to deal only with abortion. It deals with breast cancer and many other women's health matters. Women are not eager to have abortions; indeed, any woman who feels it is necessary to have such a procedure dreads it and fears it. If we are to believe the radicals, it would seem that thousands of women all over the country are waiting in line to have many, many abortions. This is not true.

Women should stand up for their rights. There should not be a controlling organization of any kind that tells women what to do with their own bodies. This is wrong. This is the United States of America, and we should never forget it.

Ruth J. Anderson  
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# Obama's proposed tax hikes at odds with GOP rivals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama proposed tax increases on wealthy individuals and some corporations Monday, setting the stage for an ideological battle that won't be resolved until after the November election — if then.

Obama's proposed tax hikes put him at odds with the Republican presidential hopefuls. They have all called for tax packages that would lower taxes but possibly add to the federal deficit.

Obama's 2013 budget proposal mixes tax cuts designed to improve the economy with long-term tax increases aimed at reducing the federal budget deficit.

The plan calls for a tax reform package that would increase revenue by \$1.5 trillion over the next decade. Obama did not offer a detailed plan for tax reform. Instead, he proposed a series of changes to the

current tax system and several principles for what comprehensive tax reform would look like.

Administration officials said Monday Obama would release a framework for corporate tax reform by the end of the month. The top corporate income tax rate of 35 percent is among the highest in the industrialized world. But the system is filled with so many deductions, credits and exemptions that many corporations pay taxes at a much lower rate.

Obama says he wants to simplify the tax code, lowering marginal tax rates while eliminating or reducing tax breaks enjoyed by wealthy individuals and U.S.-based multinational corporations.

Obama's plan would allow Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy to expire at the end of the year, and would impose a new rule that people making more than \$1 million a year pay at least 30 percent of their income in

taxes. The "Buffett" rule, named after billionaire investor Warren Buffett, would replace the alternative minimum tax, which was originally designed to ensure that wealthy families pay at least some tax.

Obama did not detail how the Buffett rule would work. He said it should be a guiding principle for comprehensive tax reform.

Obama's tax proposals have no chance of passing a divided Congress in which most Republicans oppose all tax increases. Obama has included many of them in previous budget proposals, only to have them ignored by Congress.

Instead, Congress appears headed for another year-end showdown over whether to extend tax cuts first enacted under former President George W. Bush.

The tax cuts, which expire at the end of the year, affect taxpayers at every income level. Obama wants to

extend them for individuals making less than \$200,000 a year and married couples making less than \$250,000. He wants to let the tax cuts expire for those who make more.

Obama's plan would increase the taxes on qualified dividends for the wealthiest investors. The top tax rate on qualified dividends is currently 15 percent. For the wealthiest investors, Obama would tax them at the same rate as ordinary income, with a top rate of 39.6 percent.

Obama's rivals, including former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, have proposed tax plans that independent experts say would result in lower taxes for corporations and the wealthy.

Romney's tax plan would make permanent all of the Bush-era tax cuts, including those for the wealthy. Romney's plan, however, would reduce revenue by \$180 billion in 2015, adding to the

federal budget deficit, according to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center, a Washington think tank.

Romney's campaign disputes the estimate, saying tax cuts in the plan would help improve the economy, leading to more revenue.

Among Obama's tax proposals:

- Make permanent the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which provides students with up to \$2,500 a year for college expenses, saving taxpayers \$137 billion over the next decade.

- Extend through 2012 a provision that allows businesses to more quickly write off the cost of new equipment such as computers, saving them \$31 billion over the next decade.

- Provide a tax credit for employers that increase their payrolls in 2012. Employers could get a tax credit equal to 10 percent of the increase in wages subject to Social Security taxes.

- Raise \$143 billion over the next decade by increasing estate taxes, and changing the way some trusts are taxed.

- Increase taxes on U.S.-based multinational corporations by \$148 billion over the next decade, in part by changing the way foreign tax credits are calculated and restricting the ability to defer taxes on foreign profits by limiting deductions for interest expenses.

- Raise \$61 billion over the next decade by imposing a fee on financial institutions with more than \$50 billion in assets. The fee, which is designed to recover the costs of the Wall Street bailout, would be based on the covered liabilities of a financial firm.

- Raise \$30 billion over the next decade by eliminating tax breaks for oil, gas and coal companies.

- Raise \$87 billion over the next decade by requiring businesses to change the way they value their inventory for tax purposes.



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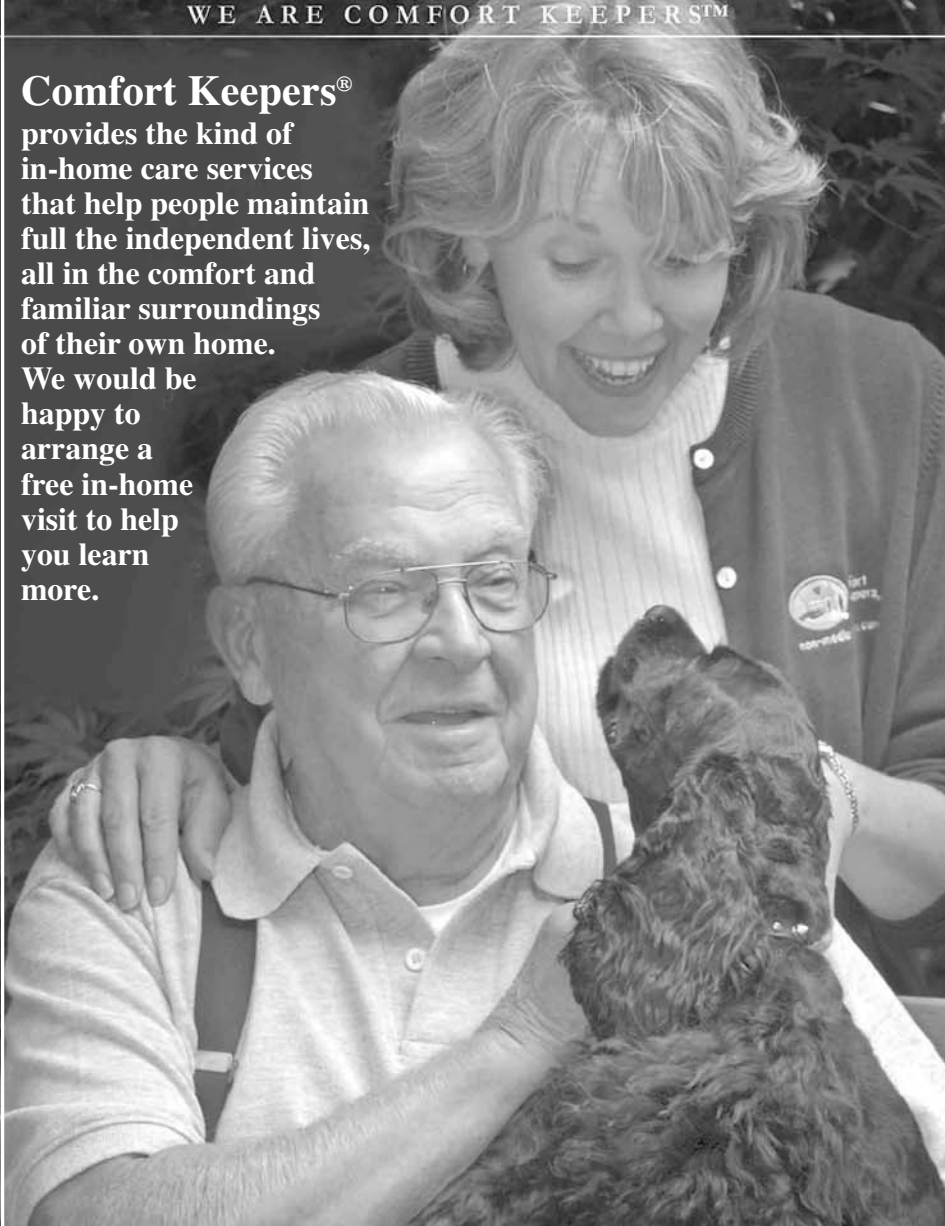
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**Getting hitched**



Associated Press

**Jason McClure, owner of Landmark Mercantile in Mesquite, N.M., adjusts a tie on his camel, Clyde, Monday before a rehearsal brunch for camels Clyde and Sarah. Nuptials for the camels will take place on Valentine's Day at 10 a.m. at the store as an event free to the public.**

## Obama's budget: Gov't still getting bigger

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking a pass on reining in government growth, President Obama unveiled a record \$3.8 trillion election-year budget plan Monday, calling for stimulus-style spending on roads and schools and tax hikes on the wealthy to help pay the costs. The ideas landed with a thud on Capitol Hill.

Though the Pentagon and a number of Cabinet agencies would get squeezed, Obama would leave the spiraling growth of health care programs for the elderly and the poor largely unchecked. The plan claims \$4 trillion in deficit savings over the coming decade, but most of it would be through

tax increases Republicans oppose, lower war costs already in motion and budget cuts enacted last year in a debt pact with GOP lawmakers.

Many of the ideas in the White House plan for the 2013 budget year will be thrashed out during this year's election campaigns as the Republicans try to oust Obama from the White House and add Senate control to their command of the House.

"We can't just cut our way into growth," Obama said at a campaign-style rally at a community college in the vote-rich Northern Virginia suburbs. "We can cut back on the things that we don't need, but we also have to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share for the things that we do need."

■ For more on the budget proposal, see **Page A11.**

Republicans were unimpressed.

"It seems like the president has decided again to campaign instead of govern and that he's just going to duck this country's fiscal problems," said House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

By the administration's reckoning, the deficit would drop to \$901 billion next year — still requiring the government to borrow 24 cents of every dollar it spends — and would settle in the \$600 billion-plus range by 2015. The deficit for the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30, would hit \$1.3

trillion, a near record and the fourth straight year of trillion-plus red ink.

Obama's budget blueprint reprises a long roster of prior proposals: raising taxes on couples making more than \$250,000 a year; eliminating numerous tax breaks for oil and gas companies and approving a series of smaller tax and fee proposals. Similar proposals failed even when the Democrats controlled Congress.

The Pentagon would cut purchases of Navy ships and F-35 Joint Strike Fighters — and trim 100,000 troops from its rolls over coming years — while NASA would scrap two missions to Mars.

But there are spending increases, too: The Obama plan seeks \$476 billion for

transportation projects including roads, bridges and a much-criticized high-speed rail initiative. Grants for better performing schools would get a big increase under the "Race to the Top" initiative, and there would be an \$8 billion fund to train community college students for high-growth industries.

As a political document, the Obama plan blends a handful of jobs-boosting initiatives with poll-tested tax hikes on the rich, including higher taxes on dividends and income earned by hedge fund managers. That would allow Obama to draw a contrast with GOP frontrunner Mitt Romney, whose personal fortune and relatively low tax rate would be an issue in the general election campaign.

**Authorities: Houston underwater in tub**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Whitney Houston was underwater and apparently unconscious when she was pulled from a Beverly Hills hotel bathtub, and she had prescription drugs in her room, authorities said Monday.

The regal pop star's family made arrangements to fly her body home to New Jersey for a funeral at the end of the week.

Authorities said there were no indications of foul play and no obvious signs of trauma on Houston's body, but that it could be weeks before the coroner's office completes toxicology tests to establish the cause of death.

Los Angeles coroner's assistant chief Ed Winter said there were bottles of prescription medicine in the room. He would not give details except to say: "There weren't a lot of prescription bottles. You probably have just as many prescription bottles in your medicine cabinet."

**World BRIEFS**

**Dresden prays**



Associated Press

**A woman prays Monday between thousands of candles commemorating the 67th anniversary of the deadly Allied bombing of Dresden during World War II in front of the famous 18th-century Frauenkirche cathedral, Church of Our Lady, in Dresden, Germany.**

**SCOTUS justice robbed in West Indies**

WASHINGTON — Justice Stephen Breyer was robbed last week by a machete-wielding intruder at his vacation home in the West Indies, a Supreme Court spokeswoman said Monday.

The 73-year-old Breyer, wife Joanna and guests were confronted by the robber around 9 p.m. Thursday in the home Breyer owns on the Caribbean island of Nevis, spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said. The intruder took about \$1,000 in cash and no one was hurt, Arberg said.

She said the robbery was reported to local authorities, but she did not know if an arrest has been made.

Breyer reported on his most recent annual disclosure in June that property he owns on Nevis is worth between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

The last time a justice was the victim of a crime was in 2004, when a group of young men assaulted Justice David Souter as he jogged on a city street. Souter suffered minor injuries.

—From wire reports



Associated Press

**A damaged garden gnome is displayed Feb. 10 at the Museum of Broken Relationships in Zagreb, Croatia. The exhibits, collected from all over the world, are random and varied, ranging from fake breasts to a cast from a broken leg. Each item is accompanied by a summary of dates and locations of the relationships, and notes written by their anonymous donors.**

## What becomes of the broken-hearted

*Croatia's Museum of Broken Relationships a V-Day favorite*

Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — What becomes of a garden gnome hurled in fury at a car during a stormy breakup?

Or a teddy bear that was once a Valentine's Day present? A wedding dress from a marriage gone awry? An ax that smashed through household furniture?

All are on display at the Museum of Broken Relationships in the Croatian capital, each with written testimonies telling tales of passion, romance and heartbreak.

On Valentine's Day, the museum sees its visits almost double.

"The objects that are here represent all the stages of a breakup ... and how people go through love," said Drazen Grubisic, a designer and artist who co-founded the museum in 2010 in the Croatian capital.

"We might say it's a love museum, just upside down," he said.

The mementos — collected from all over the world — are random and varied, ranging from fake rubber breasts to a cast from a broken leg. Each item comes with dates and locations of the relationships,

and notes by their anonymous donors.

Some are funny. The note next to a garter belt says: "I never put them on. The relationship might have lasted longer if I had."

Some are bitter. The garden gnome flew over a car driven by a husband who turned "arrogant and heartless." It bounced on the asphalt, shattering its face.

"It was a long loop, drawing an arc of time ... that defined the end of love," the note from Slovenia said.

An ax from Berlin was used by a woman to smash every piece of furniture her girlfriend had left behind.

"The more the room filled with chopped furniture, (the more) I felt better."

The text by a blue frisbee reads: "Darling, should you ever get the ridiculous idea to walk into a cultural institution like a museum for the first time in your life, you'll remember me."

The museum, across from Zagreb's City Hall where couples get married, displays some 100 "relics" out of about 1,000 that have been collected from around

the world.

Parts of the collection have traveled as far as Manila, London and Singapore to be put on display. In each city, the heartbroken can donate to the Zagreb museum.

A prosthetic leg showcased in England at the National Centre for Craft and Design was donated by a war veteran who fell in love with his physical therapist.

A note says it lasted longer than the relationship because it was made of "sturdier material."

The museum itself is the brainchild of a breakup. When Grubisic and co-founder Olinka Vistica, a filmmaker, split up, they got stuck when it came to dividing their sentimental memorabilia. They didn't want to just get rid of it, so they created a museum.

"Maybe sometime in your life you will want to remember some of the good parts of the relationship," Grubisic said.

He said donors of mementos find the giving therapeutic.

"They can move on," he said. "They also show there's something universal: We all have been brokenhearted at least once."

## Bombers target Israeli diplomats; Iran blamed

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Israel blamed Iran on Monday for bomb attacks on its diplomats' cars in India and Georgia, heightening concerns the Jewish state was moving closer to striking its archenemy.

Iran denied responsibility for the attacks that appeared to mirror the recent killings of Iranian nuclear scientists that Tehran blamed on Israel.

The blast in New Delhi set a car ablaze and injured four people, including an Israeli Embassy driver and a diplomat's wife; the device in Georgia was discovered and safely defused.

"Iran is behind these attacks and it is the largest terror exporter in the world," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told lawmakers from his Likud Party.

The violence added further tension to one of the globe's most contentious standoffs.

Iran has been accused of developing a nuclear weapons program Israel says threatens the existence of the Jewish state. Tehran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

Comments by Israeli officials in recent weeks have raised fears Israel might be preparing to strike Iranian nuclear facilities. While Israel says it hopes that international sanctions can curb Iran's nuclear program, leaders pointedly note that

"all options are on the table" and have warned that as Iran moves closer to weapons capability, time is running out for action.

The attackers in India and Georgia appeared to have used "sticky bombs" attached to cars by magnets, similar to weapons used against Iran's nuclear officials. Netanyahu said Israel had thwarted attacks in recent months in Azerbaijan and Thailand and unspecified other countries.

## House leaders change minds on payroll tax cut

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an abrupt about-face, House GOP leaders announced Monday they are willing to extend the two percentage point cut in the payroll tax through the end of the year and add the approximately \$100 billion cost to the nation's \$15 trillion-plus debt.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., and GOP Whip Kevin McCarthy of California said the House could vote on the payroll tax measure this week, but that the fate of unemployment benefits for millions of the long-term jobless and efforts to forestall a scheduled cuts in fees to doctors who treat Medicare patients would remain in the hands of a House-Senate negotiating panel that's looking for ways to pay for them.

The GOP statement came after intense talks this weekend failed to produce an agreement. Republicans were pressing for pay cuts for federal workers and requiring them to contribute more to their pensions. They recoiled at a Democratic proposal to raise Transportation Security Administration per-ticket airline security fees.

"Democrats' refusal to agree to any spending cuts in the conference committee has made it necessary for us to prepare this fallback option to protect small business job creators and ensure taxes don't go up on middle class workers," the GOP leadership statement said.

Without action by Congress by the end of the month, payroll taxes will rise for 160 million Americans. The two percentage-point tax cut delivers about \$20 a week to a worker making \$50,000 a year and a tax cut totaling \$2,000 this year for someone making a \$100,000 salary.

Democrats were encouraged and said the development could break an impasse over the payroll tax proposal and the other expiring provisions.

The move by the GOP leadership still would leave it to negotiators to come up with \$30 billion or \$40 billion in deficit savings to extend jobless benefits averaging about \$300 a week to people who have been out of work for more than six months. Republicans have pressed to cut the number of weeks from the maximum 99 permitted under current policies and economic conditions down to as few as 59 weeks.



# Crystal River powers past Citrus softball

*Pirates win with 13-5 mercy rule*

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE  
Correspondent

INVERNESS — It was only a matter of time — one inning — for the Crystal River girls softball team to put on display the kind of talent they possess, scoring nine runs through the sec-

ond and third frames on their way to a 13-1 five-inning rout over Citrus on Monday night.

The Pirates pounded out 18 hits to back a stellar performance from pitcher Rachel Roe, who struck out five and gave up one run on five hits. Roe also went 3-for-3 from the plate, watching her courtesy runners score for her each time.

Marissa Pool was 3-for-4 with a double and four runs batted in and a run scored, while Cheyenne Phelps went a perfect 4-for-4 with an

RBI and four runs scored. Leadoff hitter Meagan Unverdorben set the table, going 3-for-4 with a triple, two RBI, and four runs.

Crystal River (3-0) crossed the plate once in the first inning, as Unverdorben came home from third while Phelps beat the throw to steal second base. But Hurricanes starting pitcher Kayla Quesenberry got out of a two-on, one-out jam, following with a strikeout and a groundout.

The second inning, however, provided no way to escape.

With one out, Melissa Michaud and Roe each singled, followed by Unverdorben's stand-up triple to score both. Unverdorben then came home on a wild pitch. Phelps and Emily Laga reached on base hits and Pool drove them in with a deep drive to the wall in center for a two-run double. Pool then scored on a wild pitch, making it 7-0 in the third.

Citrus (1-2) head coach Larry Bishop saw both two sides to the game's story.

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## Lady Panthers open season with bang

JAMES BLEVINS  
Correspondent

LECANTO — In an attempt to redeem an early 7-2 preseason loss to The Villages, Lecanto showed real poise in a six-inning 11-1 victory against the Buffalo.

It was like a different team had taken the field. Easily controlling all aspects defensively and at the plate, the Lady Panthers cruised to a season-opening mercy-rule win Monday night.

"Much improved," Lecanto head coach Robert Dupler said. "We hit the ball hard tonight and we hit the ball in key situations when we needed to. We showed we could be aggressive on the bases."

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Ortiz, Red Sox strike deal for \$14.5 million

BOSTON — David Ortiz and the Boston Red Sox avoided salary arbitration by agreeing Monday to a one-year contract worth \$14,575,000.

The deal for the slugging designated hitter was midway between the \$16.5 million he asked for last month and the \$12.65 million submitted by the Red Sox, which matched his 2011 earnings.

Ortiz became a free agent after the season then passed up a chance to go elsewhere when he accepted Boston's arbitration offer on Dec. 7.

The Red Sox have not gone to an arbitration hearing in 10 years and have no unsigned players eligible for arbitration.

Ortiz hit .309 with 29 homers and 96 RBIs last year.

### Mountain West, C-USA to form new league

DALLAS — Members of Conference USA and current and future members of the Mountain West are on their way to forming a new conference that will begin in 2013.

The 16 schools announced plans Monday.

The new conference will likely include 18 to 24 schools, be split into divisions and not only have a football championship game but also semifinal games, and will hold a conference basketball tournament.

School leaders said they plan to complete work on the new league in six months.

### Kentucky stays runaway No. 1 in AP Top 25

Kentucky and Syracuse remain Nos. 1 and 2 in The Associated Press' Top 25, and Wichita State and Notre Dame are ranked for the first time this season.

The Wildcats received 63 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday, while the Orange got the others.

Missouri moves up one spot to third and is followed by Kansas, Duke, Ohio State, Michigan State, North Carolina, Baylor and Georgetown.

Notre Dame, winners of six straight and ranked as high as fourth last season, is No. 23. Wichita State, which has won 12 of 13 and is ranked for the first time since 2007, and Gonzaga, which returns after being out for one week, are tied for 24th.

Creighton, losers of three straight, dropped out from 17th. Mississippi State fell out from 20th and Harvard from 25th.

— From wire reports

## 2012 Prep girls TENNIS PREVIEW

# Time for top spin



CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

Crystal River's No. 1 seed Kayla Papp plays against Nature Coast Tech's Mallorie Pickersgill in a match Monday on the Pirates' home court.

## High school girls have high hopes for season

JUSTIN PLANTE  
Correspondent

While most normal states are still feeling the effects of winter, spring is here for Citrus County residents. And that means the local high schools' spring sports programs are up and running.

And one spring sport, if last season is to be an indicator, is sure to have plenty of people buzzing: girls tennis.

### Lecanto

For coach Sammie Hall, this new season brings a certain amount of intrigue.

"We are in a new district this year," Hall said. "So only time will tell where we stand."

Another point of intrigue is with only two members returning from last year,

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Lady Pirates' No. 5 seed Veronica Williams plays against the Sharks' Sam Hagland. Williams lost 3-6, 2-6.

## Crystal River girls conquer Nature Coast on tennis court

MICHAEL MAKSYMICZ  
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — Veteran and rookie Lady Pirates players hit the cold courts Monday, with some proving their mettle in lengthy sets and ultimately conquering the Lady Sharks of Nature Coast 5-2 on Monday afternoon.

Kayla Papp, the team's lead player, made easy work of her opponent in the first set 6-1. But the Lady Shark did not give in quickly. Papp won the second set 7-5.

"I knew that it would be tough and long, and in the end I knew that I could pull it out," Papp said. "What I need to do is to hit more shots each day that I practice and get a little more confidence in my stroke."

Ashley Allen did not share her teammate's success. She fought hard in the first set only to fall 6-7 with a 2-7 tie break. She lost the second set 6-1.

"I was somewhat satisfied with my singles match, but I know that I can do much better," Allen said.

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# Magic spark in third quarter

## Orlando beats Timberwolves

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Jason Richardson scored 17 points, and Jameer Nelson and Hedo Turkoglu each added 14 as the Orlando Magic used a big second half to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 102-89 on Monday night.

Richardson, coming off a season-high 31 points, was strong early against Min-

nesota but sat out the fourth quarter.

The Magic didn't need him, though, hitting 12 of 30 3-pointers for the game and with all five starters reaching double figures. Orlando has now won two of its last three games and earned its seventh straight victory over the Timberwolves.

Kevin Love led Minnesota with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Nikola Pekovic had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Minnesota lost its fourth straight game, with its next opportunity to stop the skid

coming Wednesday when it hosts Charlotte.

Magic center Dwight Howard picked up his fifth foul early in the fourth quarter and could only watch as his team's 20-point third-quarter lead was cut to 90-82 with less than six minutes to play on a pair of free throws by Derrick Williams.

Orlando bounced right back without their big man, though, thanks to back-to-back 3-pointers by J.J. Redick and Nelson.



Associated Press

Orlando's Dwight Howard goes after a rebound in front of Timberwolves' Nikola Pekovic during the first half of Monday's game in Orlando. The Magic won.

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COMING TOMORROW



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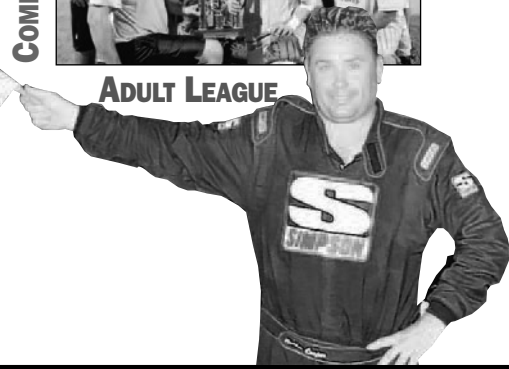


YOUTH LEAGUE

COMING SATURDAY



ADULT LEAGUE



# GET IN THE GAME

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## Heating up the track

### CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY

Results for Feb. 11

Super Late Models		
No.	Driver's name	Hometown
98	Herb Neumann Jr.	Inverness
4	Randy Anderson	Wildwood
82	Drew Brannon	Tampa
09	Scott Grossenbacher	San Antonio
23	Todd Brown	Lake Panasoffkee
1	Dale Sanders	Lecanto
07	Steven Simpson	New Smyrna Bch.
47	Keith Zavrel	Brooksville
59	Jake Perkins	Ocala
12	Cliff Bifaro	Inverness
97	Andy Anderson	Port Richey
177	Ray Hester	Lakeland
16	Eddie King Jr.	Alturas
22	David King	Alturas
44	Tony Altieri	Inverness
17	Eddie King Sr.	Alturas
94	William Fuller	Lecanto
30	Cyrus Robinson	Spring Hill

Street Stocks		
No.	Driver's name	Hometown
3	Curtis Flanagan	Inverness
63	Tim Alexander	Inverness
88	Craig Cuzzone	Lakeland
112	Joey Bifaro	Inverness
48	Dora Thorne	Floral City
98	Bubba Martone	Floral City
25	Ray Lyon	Brooksville
73	David Kingsbury	Brooksville
68	Austin Hughes	Hernando
12	John Hughes	Hernando
61	John Chance	Inverness
5	James Peters	Winter Garden
00	Carl Glaum	Crystal River
55	Jesse Veltman	Crystal River
10	Kenny May	Spring Hill

Mini Stocks		
No.	Driver's name	Hometown
01	Jeff Eberly	Spring Hill
32	Jeremy Sharrone	Floral City
43	Shawn Jenkins	Lakeland
47	Richard Kuhn	Ocala
29	Chris Snow	Inverness
24	Tim Scalise	Lutz
50	Jessey Mallory	Summerfield
46	Shannon Kennedy	Summerfield
60	Carson Taylor	Lecanto
88	Lenard Fussell	Dade City
11	Jerry Daniels	Weirdale
71	Wayne Heater	Homosassa
22	Mark Patterson	Webster
10	Bobby Mallory	Ocala
77	Kevin Knox	Wesley Chapel
28	Brandon Elwood	Antonio
53	Chuck Parrish	Dade City

Modified Mini Stocks		
No.	Driver's name	Hometown
7	Clint Foley	Dunnellon
69	Mark Powers	Hernando
24	Phil Edwards	Crystal River
47	Richard Kuhn	Ocala

Hornet Division		
No.	Driver's name	Hometown
9	Scott Bumgarner	North Carolina
151	Matthew Street	Lakeland
55	Daryl Veltman	Crystal River
777	Matthew Jenkins	Lakeland
32	Chris Hennessy	Beverly Hills

### Neumann tops Late Models

Special to the Chronicle

With nearly 60 cars in the pits for five divisions of racing, Citrus County Speedway fans were ready for the drivers to heat things up on a cold night and with a stiff wind Saturday.

Eighteen Super Late Models took the green for their 35-lap feature with Todd Brown (23) and Drew Brannon (82) on the front row.

Brannon drove Danny Maddox's machine to the lead from the pole position. Randy Anderson (4) followed in second in his new ride, with Brown settling into third.

These drivers put on a spirited battle until the first caution at Lap 24. Behind the young guns, 2011 division champion Herb Neumann Jr. raced his way to third from his 14th starting position.

On the restart, Brannon left the door open for Anderson going into turn 1. The cars made slight contact and Anderson slipped by on the inside for the lead.

Neumann followed Anderson and pressured him for the lead. Neumann then passed on lap 28 to take the victory at the start of the 2012 Super Late Model season. Anderson finished second just ahead of Brannon in third.

Neumann's win was a bit improbable since he dropped out of the heat race after a few laps because of as mechanical problems. Anderson and Steven Simpson (07) were the heat-race winners.

### Street Stocks

Fifteen Street Stocks battled to the checkered flag in their 20-lap feature.

Tim Alexander (63) took the early lead from the pole, with 2011 point champion Curtis Flanagan (3) behind him.

Flanagan made quick work of Alexander, moving to the top spot



Herb Neumann Jr. raced from deep in the field to win the Super Late Model feature.

Special to the Chronicle

after a few laps. Flanagan won unchallenged to start the 2012 Street Stock season, proving why he was the 2011 division champion.

Alexander held onto second after battling John Chance (61) and Bubba Martone (98) for the position through the middle of the race.

Craig Cuzzone (88) was the biggest mover of the race, starting eighth and finishing third. Flanagan and Austin Hughes (68) were the heat-race winners.

### Mini Stocks

Seventeen Mini Stocks put on one of the best battles of the night as three former Mini Stock champions swapped the lead back and forth during the final 10 laps.

Jeremy Sharrone (32), Rick Kuhn (47) and Jeff Eberley (01) proved why they are the drivers to beat in this division. Kuhn took the early lead and held it to the halfway mark. Sharrone then wrestled it away from him.

Not to be outdone, Eberley put

his Toyota power to the ground and got by Sharrone with a few laps remaining for the win in the 20-lap event. Sharrone settled for runner-up spot just ahead of the hard-charging Shawn Jenkins (43) in his new ride. Sharrone and Eberley were the heat-race winners.

### Modified mini stocks

Clint Foley (07) showed the way once again in the Modified Mini Stock 15-lap feature.

Chasing Foley to the checkered flag were Mark Powers (69), in the car normally driven by Shaun Cater, and Phil Edwards (24) in the third position. Foley was the heat-race winner.

### Hornet

The Hornet division provided the most thrilling finish of the night.

This race saw three different leaders during the 15-lap race. Daryl Veltman (55), Matthew Jenkins (777) and Scott Bumgar-

ner (9) all spent time at the top spot. But the real mover in the race was Matthew Street (151).

Street had problems with his transmission on the initial start, leaving him more than half a lap behind the leaders. Street overcame the handicap to battle Bumgarner for the lead in the final two laps.

Street had a shot on the outside lane coming to the checkers, but Bumgarner closed the door at Turn 4. He went onto Victory Lanes. Street settled for second, ahead of early race leader Veltman.

### Upcoming races

On Feb. 18, race fans will see the return of the Open Wheel Modifieds along with the Sportsman, Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, Pro Figure 8s and the Outlaw Modified Minis. Grandstand gates open at 4 p.m. The first heat race will be at 5:30 p.m.

Visit [www.citruscountyspeedway.com](http://www.citruscountyspeedway.com) or call the speedway office at 352-726-9339 for details.

## SEASON

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Amber Gamble and Chynna Liu, the majority of the team is made up of first-time players.

Madison Gamble, Simi Shah, Palak Gosai, Adrienne Burnett, Kim Hafner, Andrea Dela Cruz, Carly Howell and Megan Jervis round out the team and bring their talents to a young program.

But Hall is still gung-ho about the upcoming season, looking very forward to sharing it with the girls.

"These girls have great personalities," she said. "They enjoy the game of tennis, and are a wonderful group to work with. I really look forward to the season."

### Crystal River

For the 2011 state finalists, Crystal River's expectations are high for this new season.

Last year's team rode an undefeated streak into the state playoffs, before finally being

beat.

"What a ride!" said Crystal River coach Cynthia Reynolds, who is hoping for a follow-up performance this year.

But, of course, graduation has taken its toll on the state finalist team. Kristin Tringali, who was Crystal River's No. 1 seed for four years, and Rita Kerola, a foreign exchange student from Finland who was the No. 2 seed, have left the team.

However, that doesn't deter the Lady Pirates, who return Kayla Papp, Ashley Allen and Nikki Moynihan from last year.

Joining the team are newcomers Jessica Reynolds, Veronica Williams, Ginny Lane, Kelsey Schroeder, Crystal Menietti, Katie Purpura and Jacey Volkman.

### Citrus

Citrus comes into the season successful already, nabbing a big win Tuesday night against Gainesville High School, 5-2, behind their Nos. 1- and 2-seed singles and both doubles teams.

The team comes into the 2012 season on the heels of a regional appearance last year, which ended with a second-round

### LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL

- **Coach:** Sammie Hall, seventh year.
- **Key returners:** Amber Gamble and Chynna Liu.
- **Key newcomers:** Madison Gamble, Simi Shah, Palak Gosai, Adrienne Burnett, Kim Hafner, Andrea Dela Cruz, Carly Howell and Megan Jervis.

### CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

- **Coach:** Cynthia Reynolds, fourth year.
- **Key returners:** Kayla Papp, Ashley Allen and Nikki Moynihan.
- **Key newcomers:** Jessica Reynolds, Veronica Williams, Ginny Lane, Kelsey Schroeder, Crystal Menietti, Katie Purpura and Jacey Volkman.
- **Key losses:** Kristin Tringali and Rita Kerola.

### CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL

- **Coach:** Scott Waters, first year.
- **Key returners:** Sarah Labrador, Jackie Ear, Lena Martone, Taylor Jordan and Melanie Dodd.
- **Key newcomers:** Paige Jordan and Juliann Johnson.
- **Key losses:** Stephanie Dodd and Erin Davis.

loss to Sea Breeze High School. But, after losing two key players, Stephanie Dodd and Erin Davis, they look to return to form behind the senior crew, coach Scott Waters said.

The crew consists of Sarah Labrador, Jackie Ear, Lena Martone and Taylor Jordan. Add sophomore Melanie Dodd, then the team has key performers from the previous year ready to tackle the opposition, the coach said.

Newcomers for the Lady 'Canes include Paige Jordan and Juliann Johnson, who hope to add depth to an already solid lineup.

But for first year coach Scott Waters, it's not all about winning.

"Winning is fun, but being a winner at life is more important," he said. "We want to be prepared for every match, and strive to be the most physically fit team on the court. But, respecting others and ourselves, and always placing sportsmanship and quality conduct above all is our highest priority."



CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

The Crystal River Pirates' No. 4 seed Jessica Reynolds takes on Nature Coast Tech Sharks' Katie Viola on Monday in Crystal River.

## CRYSTAL

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The rest of the Lady Pirates showed stamina during the close and sometimes lengthy matches, especially Jessica Reynolds, who had her work cut out for her.

Reynolds split the first two sets 0-6 and 6-2, respectively. But the newcomer fought back to take the third set 7-6 in a 9-7 tiebreak and win the match.

Newcomer Veronica Williams also battled in her singles match, but was defeated 3-6 and 2-6.

Veteran Nikki Moynihan had an easier time, winning her singles match 6-4 and 6-3.

In the two double matches, the home team has the option to call a two-out-of-three match win or an eight-game pro-set. The Sharks started playing a pro-set without communicating with Crystal River head coach Cindy Reynolds.

"We would have liked to play a two-out-

“ Win or lose our goal is to prepare ourselves for district play. ”

Cindy Reynolds  
Crystal River girls tennis head coach.

of-three set match to give our players a chance show their stuff to me, but I saw no reason to challenge the Sharks because this was a non-conference match," she said. "Win or lose our goal is to prepare ourselves for district play, the regionals and on to state. However, I am very pleased with tonight's performance."

Allen said she and Papp have been playing since they were freshmen and have developed a strategy that works well.

"We are a great bunch of girls, but we need to keep our heads up and keep on going with what we have," she said.

The Lady Pirates' next challenge will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at home against Belleview.

**NBA****NBA standings**

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	9	.690	—
Boston	15	12	.556	4
New York	13	15	.464	6½
Toronto	9	20	.310	11
New Jersey	8	21	.276	12
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	7	.759	—
Atlanta	18	10	.643	3½
Orlando	18	11	.621	4
Washington	6	22	.214	15½
Charlotte	3	25	.107	18½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	23	7	.767	—
Indiana	17	10	.630	4½
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	10
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11
Detroit	8	21	.276	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	9	.679	—
Dallas	18	11	.621	1½
Houston	16	12	.571	3
Memphis	14	14	.500	5
New Orleans	5	23	.179	14
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	6	.778	—
Denver	16	12	.571	5½
Portland	15	13	.536	6½
Utah	14	13	.519	7
Minnesota	13	16	.448	9
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	—
L.A. Lakers	16	12	.571	2
Phoenix	12	15	.444	5½
Golden State	10	14	.417	6
Sacramento	10	17	.370	7½

**Sunday's Games**

L.A. Lakers 94, Toronto 92  
 Boston 95, Chicago 91  
 Washington 98, Detroit 77  
 Miami 107, Atlanta 87  
 Golden State 106, Houston 97  
 Utah 98, Memphis 88

**Monday's Games**

Philadelphia 98, Charlotte 89  
 Orlando 102, Minnesota 89  
 New Orleans 86, Utah 80  
 Miami 114, Milwaukee 96  
 Dallas 96, L.A. Clippers 92  
 Phoenix at Golden State, late

**Tuesday's Games**

Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Memphis at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 Portland at Golden State, 10 p.m.  
 Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**NHL****NHL standings**

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	54	36	13	5	77	153	110		
Philadelphia	56	31	18	7	69	182	169		
Pittsburgh	56	32	19	5	69	175	148		
New Jersey	55	31	20	4	66	154	155		
N.Y. Islanders	55	23	24	8	54	131	159		
Northeast Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	53	34	17	2	70	184	120		
Ottawa	58	28	22	8	64	169	181		
Toronto	56	28	22	6	62	171	166		
Montreal	57	23	25	9	55	152	154		
Buffalo	55	24	25	6	54	136	158		
Southeast Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Florida	55	27	17	11	65	141	152		
Washington	56	28	23	5	61	156	160		
Winnipeg	57	26	25	6	58	139	161		
Tampa Bay	55	24	25	6	54	155	185		
Carolina	57	21	25	11	53	147	175		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Detroit	57	38	17	2	78	182	135		
St. Louis	55	34	14	7	75	139	111		
Nashville	56	32	18	6	70	158	148		
Chicago	56	29	20	7	65	174	171		
Columbus	56	16	34	6	38	131	185		
Northwest Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Vancouver	55	34	15	6	74	178	138		
Calgary	56	26	22	8	60	134	151		
Colorado	57	28	25	4	60	146	159		
Minnesota	55	25	22	8	58	125	144		
Edmonton	55	22	28	5	49	147	165		
Pacific Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
San Jose	54	31	17	6	68	158	130		
Los Angeles	57	27	19	11	65	124	124		
Phoenix	56	27	21	8	62	148	144		
Dallas	55	28	24	3	59	145	157		
Anaheim	55	22	24	9	53	144	163		

**Sunday's Games**

N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2  
 Florida 4, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 Anaheim 5, Columbus 3  
 Los Angeles 4, Dallas 2  
 Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 2  
 St. Louis 3, San Jose 0  
 Detroit 4, Philadelphia 3

**Monday's Games**

San Jose 5, Washington 3  
 Carolina 5, Montreal 3  
 Phoenix at Vancouver, late

**Tuesday's Games**

N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
 Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.  
 Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.  
 Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
 Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
 Toronto at Edmonton, 10 p.m.  
 Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS****BASEBALL****American League**

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with DH David Ortiz on a one-year contract.  
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jon Garland on a minor league contract.  
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with OF Yoenis Cespedes on a four-year contract.

**BASKETBALL**

Women's National Basketball Association  
 ATLANTA DREAM—Signed F Anelka Henry to a training camp contract.  
 MINNESOTA LYNX—Signed G Erin Thorn.

**For the record****Florida LOTTERY**

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

**CASH 3 (early)**  
**5-1-0**  
**CASH 3 (late)**  
**7-5-3**  
**PLAY 4 (early)**  
**7-2-6-5**  
**PLAY 4 (late)**  
**1-8-1-9**  
**FANTASY 5**  
**6-18-25-34-35**

**On the AIRWAVES****TODAY'S SPORTS****COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**7 p.m. (ESPN)** Florida at Alabama  
**7 p.m. (ESPN2)** Texas A&M at Texas Tech  
**9 p.m. (ESPN)** Ohio State at Minnesota

**NBA**

**7 p.m. (SUN)** Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers

**NHL**

**7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Anaheim Ducks at Minnesota Wild

**SOCCER**

**2:30 p.m. (FSNFL)** UEFA Champions League: Olympique Lyonnais vs. Apoel

**8 p.m. (FSNFL)** UEFA Champions League: Bayer Leverkusen vs. Barcelona (Same-day tape)

*Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.*

**Prep CALENDAR****TODAY'S PREP SPORTS****GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Class 2A regional semifinal**  
**7 p.m.** Geneva Christian at Seven Rivers

**BASEBALL**

**6:30 p.m.** Citrus at Dunnellon

**7 p.m.** Crystal River at Trinity Catholic

**SOFTBALL**

**7 p.m.** Leesburg at Citrus

**Corrections**

In the story "On to the next one" in the Sunday, Feb. 12, edition, the Region 2A-2 tournament results were incorrect. In the 160-pound class, Nick McLean of Citrus beat Mitch Lambert 6-3.

In the same story, Lambert was misidentified in a quote. In a photo caption with the same story, Celebration High School's J.J. Francis was misidentified.

The *Chronicle* apologizes for the mistakes and regrets the errors.

**MAGIC**

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Turkoglu then took a miss by J.J. Berea coast to coast on the next possession and swished a jumper from the wing that made it 98-82.

The Timberwolves never threatened the rest of the way.

The Magic led 55-44 at the half after hitting six of their first 13 3-pointers.

With Howard saddled with early foul trouble, Turkoglu and Anderson picked up the slack early, each knocking down a pair of 3s and scoring 10 points in the opening 24 minutes.

The Timberwolves also had a pair of 10-point scorers in Love and Petrovic, who took advantage of Howard's absence in the paint. But Minnesota struggled from the outside and went just 2 for 8 from beyond the arc.

**Heat 114, Bucks 96**

MILWAUKEE — LeBron James scored 35 points and the Miami Heat finally found a way to beat Milwaukee, using a third-quarter surge to beat the Bucks.

Dwyane Wade scored 22 and Mario Chalmers added 13 for the Heat, who were 0-2 against the Bucks coming into Monday night's game.

James scored 16 of his points in the third quarter as the Heat outscored the Bucks 35-24 to take control of the game.

Carlos Delfino scored 24 for the Bucks.

With the win, Miami ran its record to 22-7 — equaling the franchise's best start after the first 29 games of a season, set in 1996-97 and again in 2004-05.

**76ers 98, Bobcats 89**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lou Williams scored 23 points off the bench as the Philadelphia 76ers built an early lead and held on to send the Charlotte Bobcats to their 15th straight defeat.

Thaddeus Young added 20 points on 6 of 9 shooting, and Jrue Holiday chipped in with 19 points for the 76ers (20-9).

Williams was averaging 19 points over the previous four games. He stayed hot, making several big shots including a 3-pointer with 6:11 remaining after the Bobcats had pulled within 71-69.

He also hit a 3-pointer in the final minute to seal Philadelphia's second straight win.

Corey Maggette scored a season-high 22 points for Charlotte, which fell to 3-25 on the season. It drops the Bobcats' winning percentage below that of the 1972-73 76ers, who finished with the worst record ever in the NBA at 9-72.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL****The Top 25**

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (63)	25-1	1,623	1
2. Syracuse (2)	25-1	1,509	2
3. Missouri	23-2	1,498	4
4. Kansas	20-5	1,356	7
5. Duke	21-4	1,336	10
6. Ohio St.	21-4	1,284	3
7. Michigan St.	20-5	1,283	11
8. North Carolina	21-4	1,227	5
9. Baylor	21-4	1,064	6
10. Georgetown	19-5	983	12
11. UNLV	22-4	976	14
12. Marquette	21-5	810	18
13. San Diego St.	20-4	688	13
14. Florida	19-6	675	8
15. Wisconsin	19-6	635	21
16. Murray St.	24-1	600	9
17. Michigan	19-7	562	22
18. Indiana	19-6	430	23
19. Louisville	20-5	421	24
20. Florida St.	17-7	406	15
21. Saint Mary's (Cal)	23-3	377	16
22. Virginia	19-5	337	19
23. Notre Dame	17-8	231	—
24. Gonzaga	20-4	221	—
24. Wichita St.	22-4	221	—

Others receiving votes: Temple 122, Mississippi St. 108, Creighton 20, BYU 12, Long Beach St. 12, New Mexico 12, Iowa St. 10, Southern Miss. 7, Harvard 6, Saint Louis 5, California 3, VCU 2, Vanderbilt 2, Memphis 1.

**The Women's Top 25**

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (40)	25-01	000	1
2. UConn	23-2	950	3
3. Stanford	22-1	905	4
4. Notre Dame	24-2	894	2
5. Duke	21-3	827	5
6. Miami	22-3	816	6
7. Kentucky	21-3	758	7
8. Maryland	21-4	707	8
9. Ohio St.	22-3	655	10
10. Delaware	22-1	644	12
11. Green Bay	21-1	523	9
12. Penn St.	20-5	483	18
13. Tennessee	17-7	462	11
14. Texas A&M	17-6	441	15
15. Georgetown	19-6	418	14
16. Nebraska	19-4	393	13
17. Purdue	19-6	378	16
18. Georgia	1		

# ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

## Spotlight on PEOPLE

### After long break, Thornton back

BERLIN — **Billy Bob Thornton** says his frustration at the state of films in America prompted him to direct his first feature in more than a decade, the 1960s



Billy Bob Thornton

family drama "Jayne Mansfield's Car." Thornton, 56, previously directed "All the Pretty Horses" and "Sling Blade." On Monday, he brought the new movie to the Berlin International Film Festival for its premiere.

The cast includes Thornton himself, **John Hurt**, **Robert Duvall** and **Kevin Bacon**.

Set in Alabama in 1969, it depicts the clash of culture and personalities that arises after a woman who left her American husband for an Englishman years earlier dies, and her English family goes to America to fulfill her wish to be buried in her homeland.

"I was complaining a lot about the state of movies in America," Thornton told reporters at the festival. So "instead of complaining, I decided to just write one and direct it."

### Distributor shuns Jolie's movie

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The sole film distributor in the Serb-run part of Bosnia says Serbs have no interest in seeing **Angelina Jolie's** movie set during the Bosnian war, so he won't be screening it.

**Vladimir Ljevak** told The Associated Press Monday that "In the Land of Blood and Honey" would not attract an audience as it portrays Serbs as the bad guys.

A small group of Muslim Bosniaks who have returned to their homes in the Serb part of the country say instead they plan to organize private screenings.

### White House to celebrate blues

WASHINGTON — The White House is opening its doors in an invitation to the blues.

**Jeff Beck**, **Mick Jagger**, **B.B. King** and **Keb Mo** are among an A-list of artists who will perform at the White House Feb. 21 to celebrate blues music and recognize Black History Month.

The program, called "In Performance at the White House: Red, White and Blues," will be live streamed on the White House Web site, [www.whitehouse.gov/live](http://www.whitehouse.gov/live). It will also be broadcast at 9 p.m. Feb. 27 on PBS stations.

—From wire reports

## 'Loving Story' shows unlikely civil rights heroes



Associated Press

**Richard Loving and his wife Mildred are shown in this 1960s image. The couple are the subject of an HBO documentary "The Loving Story," premiering Tuesday at 9 p.m.**

### Documentary delves into lives of pioneers of racial equality

Associated Press

Richard Loving looks out from the Jim Crow past with wary eyes, appearing on the screen with a blond crew cut, plaid work shirt, bad teeth and Southern accent.

"He looked like a redneck," said Philip Hirschkop, a lawyer who soon recognized his mistake — Loving was actually a pioneer for racial equality.

The white bricklayer from Virginia defied stereotypes and centuries of racist laws when he married Mildred Jeter, who was black and Native American. Convicted of violating a law against interracial marriage, the Lovings fought for their rights in a landmark 1967 Supreme Court case that struck down such bans nationwide.

Their lives are explored in a new documentary, "The Loving Story," which premieres Tuesday on HBO.

Today, there are more than 4 million "mixed marriages" in the United States, and roughly one in seven new marriages are between people of different ethnicities. But in 1958, when the Lovings' marriage was ruled illegal and they were banished from their native Virginia, 21 states outlawed interracial unions.

"The Loving Story" details the couple's nine-year battle to live in Virginia as man and wife. Using evocative photographs, newly unearthed footage and interviews

with the Lovings' daughter and lawyers, the film reveals the power of love to overcome bigotry.

"I came to respect Mildred and Richard so much," said the film's director and producer, Peggy Buirski. "I think these people had such high standards and strong principles and in many ways they defied stereotypes."

"You don't have to be an activist to change history," Buirski said. "You just have to believe strongly in something."

Richard and Mildred grew up near each other in rural Virginia. They courted for a few years before getting married in Washington, D.C., on June 2, 1958, then returned home to live near their families.

On July 14, the sheriff broke into the Lovings' bedroom in the middle of the night and took them to jail. Judge Leon Bazile sentenced the Lovings to five years in prison, but suspended the sentence as long as they left the state. And Bazile made a statement that demonstrates the immense distance society has traveled since 1958, a statement that is narrated at the start of the film: "Almighty God created the races: white, black, yellow, Malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents, and but for the interference with His arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages," Bazile said in court. "The fact that He separated the races shows that he did not intend for the

racings to mate."

But "The Loving Story" makes clear that Mildred and Richard Loving were meant for each other.

Numerous still photographs, taken for Life magazine by Grey Villet, capture the intimate glances and gestures shared by soul mates. Archival film depicts mundane moments of daily life — a sock smoothed over a foot; a log tossed into the stove — that become pregnant with meaning when a family is under attack.

Mildred, who died in 2008, does most of the talking, her gentle voice describing the ordeal she endured with her husband and three children. Richard, who was killed by a drunken driver in 1975, says little beyond, "I'm not gon' divorce her."

The Lovings moved to Washington to be together, but Mildred was not suited for city life. A friend told her to write to the U.S. attorney general, Robert F. Kennedy, who advised her to contact the American Civil Liberties Union.

Hirschkop and Bernard Cohen were the ACLU lawyers who took the case to the Supreme Court. Their opponents argued that interracial marriages — and the children they produced — were much more likely to have difficulties. They compared Virginia's law banning such marriages to those prohibiting polygamy or incest.

In 1967, the Supreme Court ruled 9-0 in the Lovings' favor.

## JFK intern recounts long-ago affair in new book

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mimi Alford was terrified in 1998 when the Monica Lewinsky scandal turned the word "intern" into a dirty joke, exposing an affair with a president. Her decades-old secret about her trysts with John F. Kennedy was still safe then.

Outed in a 2003 biography and a New York newspaper account, Alford has learned to tell her story and not be ashamed of it — from the moment she said Kennedy seduced her on her fourth day working at the White House until the affair ended shortly before his death.

In "Once Upon a Secret: My Affair with President John F. Kennedy and its Aftermath," published last



Associated Press

**Former JFK intern Mimi Alford recounts her affair with the president in a new book.**

week by Random House, she writes of her first encounter as a naive teenager; her "varied and fun" sex life with Kennedy, whom she al-

ways called Mr. President.

The Rumson, N.J., native was 19 and had no sexual experience when she first went to bed with Kennedy

in his wife, Jacqueline's, bedroom. It was June 1962.

"Short of screaming," she writes, "I doubt I could have done anything to thwart his intentions."

Nor did she want to thwart his intentions.

"I wouldn't describe what happened that night as making love," she writes. "But I wouldn't call it nonconsensual, either." Addressing people who have questioned the encounter, she said: "I don't consider it was rape. I have never considered it rape because I was willing."

The relationship continued, even after Alford had become engaged while attending college in suburban Boston, until Kennedy's 1963 assassination, she wrote.

## Florida LOTTERIES

### SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, **Page B3**.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 12

**Fantasy 5:** 6 - 10 - 21 - 28 - 35  
5-of-5 2 winners \$93,196.38  
4-of-5 298 \$100.50  
3-of-5 8,126 \$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](http://www.flalottery.com), or call 850-487-7777.

## Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2012. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

### Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

### On this date:

In 1778, the American ship *Ranger* carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood Park.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

**Ten years ago:** Launching his defense against war crimes charges, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic justified his actions as a "struggle against terrorism" and said he was a victim of twisted facts and "terrible fabrication."

**Five years ago:** Challenged on the accuracy of U.S. intelligence, President George W. Bush told a news conference there was no doubt the Iranian government was providing armor-piercing weapons to kill American soldiers in Iraq, and he said he would fight any attempt by the Democratic-controlled Congress to cut off money for the war.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama unveiled a \$3.7 trillion budget plan that would freeze or reduce some safety-net programs for the nation's poor but turn aside Republican demands for more drastic cuts to shrink the government to where it was before he took office.

**Today's Birthdays:** TV personality Hugh Downs is 91. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 78. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 68. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 64. Actress Meg Tilly is 52. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 52. Actor Zach Galligan is 48.

**Thought for Today:** "We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love." — R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989).

## Today's HOROSCOPE

**Birthday:** Some very interesting challenges of your own choosing could confront you in the year ahead. Even if you know you are a match for what is at hand, getting involved could hinder some other very important areas of your life.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — It's never a good day to get involved in the financial affairs of friends, especially if you're asked to play the role of a banker. It's one of the quickest ways to break up a relationship.  
**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Guard against talking about important things as if you've already accomplished them. It could cause you to be unrealistic about the chore at hand and let down your game just when you need to be driving to the hoop.  
**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — There are two means of thinking that could hold you back: one is nursing self-defeating thoughts and the other is repeating a mistake that you've made over and over again.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Don't pry too deeply into a friend's personal affairs, because you could uncover something juicy that you wouldn't be able to resist telling others about. Mind your own beeswax.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Be extremely careful about whom you choose to go to for advice; sometimes the people you like the most don't have all the answers. Make sure your adviser knows what he or she is talking about.  
**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — You should take care not to jump to conclusions when you don't have all the facts.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — There's a good possibility that you will be prone to taking risks both financially and otherwise, just because you want a long shot to pan out. This is no time to be an optimist.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Neither you nor your mate are likely to be very good at keeping promises made to one another. Be careful not to pledge something that you don't

know how to make good on.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Avoid participating in office gossip and workplace scuttlebutt. Word might get back to the boss that you're the big mouth who is causing all the discontent.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Be extremely protective of your belongings and resources. Any carelessness on your part, such as leaving things unattended or out in the open — even in a locked car — will lead to a regrettable loss.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — There's a chance that you could be kind to undeserving people in hopes of changing them, while being tight with those who are generous and giving. Reverse that.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Although usually you base your evaluations on logic and practicality, you might ignore these factors and go with what suits you at the moment. This could prove to be quite unwise.

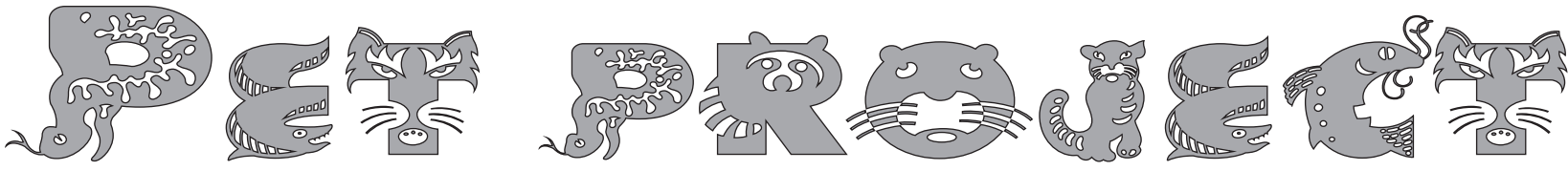




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The Meet Your Match report on Siam, a cat at the Richmond shelter, is color-coded green. Cats who test green thrive on adventurous, carnival-style living.

## Find puppy love (cats, too) through Meet Your Match

SUE MANNING  
Associated Press



— LOS ANGELES  
Have you been looking for love in all the wrong places? Move over, eHarmony and Match.com, and head to your local animal shelter to Meet Your Match. The color-coded program evaluates shelter pets and the people looking to adopt them in an effort to match personalities, energy levels and needs.

Playing Cupid with Meet Your Match helped workers at the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals increase adoptions by nearly 20 percent in just a few years. In 2008, when they launched the program, they found homes for 2,891 dogs and cats. Last year, 3,452 pets were placed.

At the same time, returns dropped from 13 percent to 10 percent, said Robin Starr, CEO of the Richmond SPCA.

Meet Your Match was designed by Emily Weiss, vice president of shelter re-

search and development for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Potential adopters answer 19 questions on subjects such as whether they want a playful or laid-back pet, how their animal will spend its days and how they will spend time together with their new dog or cat.

For the pet evaluation, animals are put in a room in front of a camera. Staff members watch how quickly they settle, lie down, curl up and what else they choose to do. They watch the animals play and interact.

Pet observation sessions last only 15 minutes, but the staff in Richmond has become very adept at reading the animals, Starr said. "There is no pass or fail or good or bad," Weiss said — for human or animal.

People and pets are assigned a color — green, orange or purple — and one of three categories in each color category.

Dogs are watched for friendliness, playfulness, energy level, motivation and drive. A dog might be a laid-back couch potato, a



Robin Starr, executive director of the Richmond SPCA, holds TeeJay, a schnauzer, one of the animals available for adoption Jan. 30 as part of the Meet Your Match program at the facility in Richmond, Va. The color-coded program evaluates shelter pets and the people looking to adopt them in an effort to match personalities, energy levels and needs.

curious busy bee or an action-hero go-getter, Weiss said. Green is for dogs who like to be physically and mentally engaged, orange for middle-of-the-road dogs who enjoy regular activity and interaction, and purple for dogs who are easygoing.

Cats who test green thrive on adventurous, carnival-style living. Orange is for go-with-the-flow pets, while purples require a less exciting, library-like home where they can be nothing more than a love

bug, Weiss explained. Merope Lolis of New York, N.Y., tested at the ASPCA's Adoption Center as a good fit for a purple love bug — a cat that would be on its own much of the day. But she fell in love with a beautiful calico cat before realizing that it was a "frisky cat who was going to need lots of attention when I wasn't available. I found that information to be very useful to me," Lolis said.

Lolis kept looking and found a 5-year-old, light

gray cat named Miss Piggy that had tested as orange, in between the active greens and mellow purples. She's had the cat since December and says it turned out to be "a good match, a good fit."

In the end, she said, "I paid less attention to what I thought was important — what she looked like — and more to personality and whether it would work in the long run." She also renamed the cat Christina

Associated Press



Dr. C. Joseph Bennett  
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

## Physical activity in cancer patients

For those of you who read my articles regularly, you know how often I write about the importance of exercise. The benefits seen with regular physical activity are seen in all of us, not just cancer patients.

Now, there is even more data to support the health benefits associated with physical activity. According to an investigation published by the British Medical Journal, cancer patients who have completed their cancer-related treatment and who engage in physical activity can enhance their health

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Dr. Sunil Gandhi  
CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE

## Radon and lung cancer

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer in United States. We all know that the most common cause of lung cancer is smoking. This does not mean that is the only cause. In one analysis in the United States, an estimated 19 percent of women with lung cancer had never smoked, compared to about 9 percent of men with the disease.

Several studies suggest that about 15 percent to 35 percent of lung cancer among never smokers is due to secondhand smoke, and that risk may be increased in those with exposure prior to age 25.

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## Ear pain is not always from the ear

As an ear, nose and throat doctor, I see many patients each and every day for ear pain and problems related to wax, infection and fluid behind the eardrum, the garden-variety problems most ear, nose and throat doctors see. But on occasion, there are times when ear pain is not related to an ear problem.

This might sound strange, but the fact is that the ear is a very complex organ, and is surrounded by other structures in the head and neck that make it possible for the pain to come from



Dr. Denis Grillo  
EAR, NOSE & THROAT

other sites. For example, if the patient suffers with some pain, or discomfort of the back wall of the ear canal, or the skin behind the ear, nerve problems called "neuralgia" can be the source.

Herpes zoster, which is a virus related to the cause of shingles can also be a factor.

On rare occasions, there is a growth or tumor that can cause this type of pain.

If the pain seems to be in front of the ear, or along the front wall of

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## Vitamin supplements: Take them or leave them?

Vitamins are complex organic substances found in food that are necessary for good health. Vitamins help your body metabolize food into energy, repair cells and grow healthy tissues. Your body needs only very small amounts of vitamins, yet a lack of even one of them can result in weakness, disease and sometimes death.

Vitamins by themselves do not supply your body with energy, but they help your body to release energy from carbohydrates, proteins and fats.

Scientists began to identify and

isolate vitamins around the beginning of the 19th century. By the 1940s, various types of vitamin supplements were being sold in drug stores. Today, 13 vitamins are recognized: vitamin A; the vitamin B complex, which includes thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B6, folic acid, vitamin B12, pantothenic acid and biotin; and vitamins C, D, E and K.

Most vitamins are found in the foods you eat every day. A few are synthesized by your body. Your body makes Vitamin D when you

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Dr. Carlene Wilson  
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# Dental school won't take all patients

After last week's column, I received the following comment:

*"You wrote in a previous article in the Chronicle about going to the Dental School. I called and had them mail me an application and information. I waited 6 weeks or more, got the application and filled out what I would like; major dental work, bridge, implants and etc. I received a reply of 'NO'. I was willing to pay their fee for a check up and to see if they could use me, but they turned me down without an examination. I believe the fee was \$118.00. So your information is flawed in the paper. I believe my age was against me — I'm 72. I wasn't asking for a freebie, only help, dental schools are supposed to be 50% off. You may want to write a correcting article in paper. Thank you."*

Thank you for your comment. I am sorry this was your experience at the school.

My understanding is that most of what happens in an educational environment depends on the needs of the school at that point in time. Most of the basic care needs are met through the undergraduate programs.

I assume that when there are

enough patients to educate the students, patients begin to not be accepted. When there are additional needs they begin to accept patients who will fill the need.

When there are needs that are over and above basic needs, you will likely get routed to the graduate programs. The number of doctors in these programs is fewer and the type of patient they need is more specific. I imagine if you don't fit the profile of the patient they need at the time, you might be rejected.

I believe patients in either of these programs are treated at a discount, depending on the type of treatment rendered. There are also attending doctors who practice through the university. To be treated by these doctors, the fees are usually quite substantial. The attending doctors are the ones who are usually teaching the undergraduate and graduate students.

Again, I wish things had gone better for you. However, when trying to get care at a school you are at the mercy of what they need to fulfill their goals of education. This type of situation might work at times and not at others. Unfortunately, it did not work for you.

Also, please realize this is only my perception of what goes on — it might differ.

**Q:** I read your column every week and have learned a lot from it. Now I have a question that concerns my teeth.

First, I have all of my own teeth, some do have crowns, and two have had root canal. I am 68 years old.

My dentist sent me to see a periodontic doctor. After a full set of X-rays, he said I have very bad gums and bone loss on some teeth. He also mentioned some kind of bacteria infection in both gums and bone. He wants to pull teeth No. 2 to 10 and 30. He also wants to do an implant on No. 30, a bridge on No. 10, No. 2 he will leave blank.

The surgery consists of all gums except the front. I went for a four-hour deep-cleaning (very expensive), now he wants to start surgery at a cost of more than \$12,000. He stated I have deep pockets and bone loss, and need this to be done.

I am very concerned about all the pain and aftercare, but mostly, the expense. None of my teeth are loose and I plan on having them cleaned every three months. The other thing I worry about is the infection he said I have in my bone. Why can't an antibiotic take care of it, and why doesn't it show up in a blood test?

I am at a loss as to what I should

do; please help with your wisdom. No pun intended.

**A:** I am sorry you are confused. The first thing you need to do is hold off on any additional treatment and ask either your general dentist, or the periodontist, to explain exactly what is going on and why you need what they are suggesting. You might also ask them what they feel will happen if all you do is continue with four-month recall appointments, instead of what they are recommending.

One of the questions that comes to mind is how long you have been going to the same general dentist. If it has been for a while, I would wonder why you have not known about this all along. If you are new to the practice, the referral is more understandable.

You also asked why antibiotics alone wouldn't work. This is not an unusual question to hear in the dental office. Depending on the type of infection, antibiotics alone will not work. There are times in the mouth that an antibiotic will lower the number of bacteria enough to make the symptoms go away; however, without the source of the infection removed, the disease process continues. It is obviously hard to be specific in my answer because I do not know all of the circumstances.

If I were to see you for an evaluation I would assess the pocket depth around the teeth in ques-

tion. It would also be important to evaluate the gum health around those teeth — do the gums bleed upon probing or not? The fact the teeth have no mobility is a benefit for the possibility of holding on to the teeth.

In addition, the fact you are 68 and still have all of your teeth tells me that genetics are likely on your side. Having had your teeth maintained at three-month intervals is another benefit to holding on to the teeth.

As usual, I can not diagnose a patient through this column. As I said earlier, have a conversation with you doctors.

If you are still confused, seek out a second opinion. However, please do not get caught in the idea of continued opinions just to hear what you want. Find someone you trust. If their plan seems reasonable give it a try and see how it goes. Please realize that once the tooth is gone, it is gone. However, you also need to realize that living with a true infection is not healthy for you as a person. Dental disease has been proven to affect many body systems. I hope this has helped.

*Dr. Frank Vascimini is a Homosassa dentist. Send your questions to 4805 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446 or email them to him at info@MasterpieceDentalStudio.com.*

## Health NOTES

**LifeSouth Community Blood Centers:** To find a donor center or a blood drive near you, call 352-527-3061. Donors must be at least 17, or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health to be eligible to donate. A photo ID is required.

All blood donors will be entered to win an Apple iPad 2 — drawing Feb. 29. The Lecanto branch office is at 1241 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491), open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (7 p.m. Wednesdays), 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

The Inverness branch is at 301 W. Main St., open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, (6:30 p.m. Wednesdays), 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, closed Sundays.

- Visit [www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org).
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Village-Cadillac-Toyota, 2431 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.
  - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, Wal-Mart, 3826 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.
  - 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, West Citrus Elks Lodge 2693, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.
  - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, Nick Nicholas Ford, 2901 State Road 44 W., Inverness.
  - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Crystal River High School, 1205 N.E. Eighth St., Crystal River.
  - Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.
  - 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb.

- 18, Lake Rousseau RV Park & Fishing Resort, 10811 N. Coveview Terrace, Crystal River.
- 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, Wal-Mart, 3826 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, Bealls, 346 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.
- 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, Wal-Mart, 3826 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.
- 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 21, Walden Woods Community, 7086 W. Eatonshire Path, Homosassa.
- St. Scholastica Church, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Council 14485, will have a **blood drive** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. Donors will receive a free breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., provided by the Knights in the Pope John Paul II Catholic

School cafeteria, 4301 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16-year-olds may donate with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the past 56 days. There is no upper age limit.

**Free seminar** on "ADD, ADHD, Bipolar and Depression" by Michelle McColley, Ph.D., CNHP, M.H., at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Doctor Vitamin Store, 3930 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, in the Publix shopping center. Limited seating, call 352-628-7036.

**Upcoming seminars** at the **SHARE Club** at CMHS. Call 352-560-6266 to register.

- Living With Low Vision — 10 a.m. Feb. 21. Those with low vision can improve their quality of life through vision rehabilitation services that will teach them how to use their remaining vision more effectively.
- Annual Estate Planning Seminar — 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 22. Brian Fitzpatrick, a financial planner with Edward Jones, leads this seminar about estate planning, income and estate tax updates, wills and trusts. Call 352-344-6905 to RSVP space.
- ED (Erectile Dysfunction) — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23. How ED relates to cardiovascular disease and what low testosterone is, presented by

- Dr. Michael Desaute.
- Diabetic Cooking Classes — noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 29. "Time to get your Plate in SHAPE" Free blood pressure and glucose checks will be available at 11:30 a.m. before the program begins. Space is limited and reservations are required.
  - INVERNESS — Hospice of Citrus County will provide **Orientation Training** for individuals interested in learning more about hospice and hospice volunteer opportunities, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness.

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# Drug treats age-related macular degeneration

**Q:** I heard that a new drug was approved for age-related macular degeneration. What can you tell me about it?

**A:** The FDA recently approved a new drug therapy to help slow vision loss in people with the eye disease known as neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration or AMD.

AMD occurs when the central part of the eye's retina, known as the macula, is damaged. This can lead to severe, irre-



Richard Hoffmann  
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versible loss of vision and is the leading cause of severe vision loss in people older than 50.

There are two types of AMD, wet and dry.

■ Dry AMD is the most common form, representing about 90 percent of all cases of AMD. However, dry AMD accounts for only 10 percent of the severe vision loss associated with this disease.

There is no generally accepted treatment for dry AMD, although vitamins, antioxidants, and zinc

supplements may slow its progression. Over time, dry AMD cases often develop into wet AMD.

■ Wet AMD occurs when abnormal blood vessels start to grow under the center of your retina. These new blood vessels may be very fragile and often leak blood and fluid, which can damage your macula or create a scar on your retina, causing vision problems. The vision loss may be permanent, because abnormal blood vessels and scar tissue actually replace normal retina tissue.

An early symptom of wet AMD is vision change, when straight lines appear wavy. Wet AMD can lead to

a rapid loss of central vision that impairs activities such as recognizing faces, reading, driving a car, crossing streets or performing basic tasks.

An estimated 2 million people in the U.S. currently have wet AMD, with an increase of 200,000 new cases each year. This number is expected to increase as the baby boomer generation ages.

The new drug that was approved for the treatment of wet AMD is named Eylea (aflibercept).

It belongs to a new class of ophthalmic drugs that act in a complex way to block abnormal blood vessel growth and leakage of

blood and fluids within the eye.

Other, similar drugs include Macugen and Lucentis.

Studies have shown that patients treated with Eylea had a significant improvement in visual acuity when treated during a 52-week period. Eylea is given by intravitreal injection once a month for the first three months and then once every two months after that.

Richard P. Hoffmann, Pharm.D., has been a pharmacist for more than 40 years. Send questions to him at 2960 E. Coventry Court, Hernando, FL 34442.

## GANDHI

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Another common cause of lung cancer is radon. It is a gaseous decay product of uranium-238 and radium-226, which is capable of damaging the lining of the lung via the emission of alpha particles. Radon is present in soil, rock and groundwater, and it can accumulate in homes. Expo-

sure to radon within the home may play a role in the development of lung cancer in never smokers.

In 2012, the federal government will begin more actively promoting radon testing in homes, schools, and other institutions in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Radon is the No. 1 cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and is the underlying cause of about 20,000 of the

roughly 160,000 lung cancer deaths each year, according to the EPA, which is encouraging all Americans to test their homes this winter.

Winter is the best time to test because this gas is usually released from soil and it becomes trapped inside by closed windows and doors. The invisible odorless gas has been found in every county in the United States, according to the EPA. An estimated 8 million homes have problematic levels of radon.

"Any home may have a radon problem. This means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements," according to the EPA.

The extent of the threat of radon is surprising. Exposure to radon in homes and workplaces causes more deaths in the United States than drunk driving, according to EPA statistics from 2003. The gas at high levels is especially toxic in the presence of cigarette smok-

ing, the EPA points out.

Home improvement stores sell radon test kits, which can also be purchased online from Kansas State University.

The EPA recommends remediation if the radon level is 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or more in a building. The average indoor radon level is about 1.3 pCi/L in the United States; the average outdoor level is about 0.4 pCi/L.

In short, it is a good idea

to buy a radon kit from a local hardware store and test radon in your house.

Dr. Sunil Gandhi is a hematologist and oncologist. He is the volunteer medical adviser of the Citrus Unit of the American Cancer Society. Write to 521 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, email sgandhi@tampabay.rr.com or call 352-746-0707.

## GRILLO

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the ear canal, the most common cause of pain in this area comes from the jaw joint, which is just in front of the ear, and refers the pain to the adjacent areas.

Also, dental pathology — problems with the back teeth, such as a cracked tooth, or infected tooth, or a misaligned bite — could cause pain in front of the ear.

There is also a saliva gland that is just in front of the ear. If it is infected, or has a growth, could potentially refer pain to this area.

Problems with the cervical spine, whether it is a disc, vertebrae or pinched nerve, can project pain to this area in front of the ear.

Pain described as being deep inside the ear, in areas that are not able to be touched or seen, such as the eustachian tube, the eardrum, and middle ear structures, can have pain that is referred from other sites, including the tonsils, and tonsillitis.

There is also the possibility that sinusitis can affect

this area of the ear, as well as cancers and tumors of the throat. This is because of some of the shared innervation of the ear and throat. This means that one nerve might have branches in both areas, and therefore the pain can travel back and forth, and thus be referred.

There is also a condition called "Eagle Syndrome," which is when some of the normal structures of the neck, including muscles and tendons, become calcified, therefore thickened and stiffened, and become painful and refer pain to the ear.

Ear pain that tends to be in the floor of the ear canal, and extending outward to the bowl of the ear, usually, if not an ear problem directly, is coming from reflux disease, acid indigestion, or hiatal hernia. A tumor on the voice box or problems with the thyroid gland, either inflammatory or a tumor (which could be benign or cancerous) can refer pain.

Pain involving the back part of the ear, and the bone behind-the-ear called the "mastoid bone" can be referred pain from cervical spine degenerative diseases

such as arthritis, and also old injuries to the neck such as whiplash injuries. Lastly there can be growths on the spinal column that will affect the nerves that come out from the spinal cord and reach this area behind the ear.

So you now can see how complex it can be when someone states that they have ear pain.

If you do have ear pain, and it does not go away in a reasonable amount of time, you should consider seeing your doctor. If your doctor is familiar with this problem, he may very well be able to help you, but if not, an ear, nose and throat doctor would be able to examine, evaluate, and make recommendations. This could include a detailed ear examination, and if it is indeed normal, thus suggesting referred ear pain, recommendations might include seeing a dentist or oral surgeon, if we think it is related to the jaw joint and/or the teeth.

If the patient's history suggests that the pain has been there for many years, a scan of the cervical spine looking for degenerative disease might be in order,

and could result in recommending cervical spine physical therapy, use of anti-inflammatory medications, or possibly a referral to our spinal specialists that we work with from time to time.

An abnormal examination, possibly showing a growth, or a lump, would likely suggest a need for a scan, a slightly different type that would be used for the cervical spine.

In this case, we would want to look at the soft tissue anatomy of the neck, and that could reveal some important information that might lead us to recommend a biopsy and/or surgery on the neck.

So, as you can see, ear pain is not always ear problems, and there needs to be some consideration for surrounding structures that could potentially refer pain to the ear. If you feel that you have issues, don't hesitate in contacting your physician.

Denis Grillo, D.O., FOCOO, is an ear, nose and throat specialist in Crystal River. Call him at 352-795-0011 or visit CrystalCommunityENT.com.

### HEALTH NOTE GUIDELINES

- It is the responsibility of each organization to inform the *Chronicle* about changes to existing listings.
- To submit information about upcoming seminars, health-related events open to the public or support group meetings, email [newsdesk@chronicleonline.com](mailto:newsdesk@chronicleonline.com) attn: Health Notes; fax 352-563-5660 or write to: Health Notes c/o Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.

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# PET

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Penelope “because she was much more regal than Miss Piggy.”

When Weiss was curator of behavior and research at the Sedgwick County Zoo,

she developed a behavior assessment test that is used by shelters around the country.

Building on that, she came up with the Meet Your Match dog program. She developed the cat match program after she joined the ASPCA in 2005.

Shelters across the coun-

try use the matchmaking programs, building promotions and holiday ad campaigns around it.

Valentine’s Day is the most popular and comes with a reduction in the \$95 adoption fee the shelter usually charges, Starr said.

However, with Meet Your Match, “love happens all

year long for us.”

Richmond was one of the first shelters in the country to embrace the matchmaking plan, Starr said.

The hike in the adoption rate didn’t happen immediately, but developed gradually, after a lot of training and a dedicated staff, she said.

# BENNETT

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in many different ways.

The reason I discuss exercise and physical activity so often is because it is important in many different ways.

Several studies have found that individuals with cancer anticipate returning to normal daily activities after completing their cancer-related treatment. However, these patients often find they experience a lower level of physical activity, increased fatigue, and a decrease in what they perceive to be their quality of life.

Now we have even more data that show that several health factors including, quality of life, can be enhanced through engaging in exercise, according to several studies, including this new study.

Investigators from the University of Hong Kong examined the results of 34 human trials that evaluated how exercise affects adult individuals with cancer. Each trial consisted of an average of 93 participants who had been diagnosed and treated for prostate, breast, lung, colorectal, gynecologic or gastric cancer.

The average age of the participants was 55 years.

The trials included resistance, strength and aerobic training for an average duration of 13 weeks. Health improvements, such as Body Mass Index, quality of life, body weight, blood sugar control, upper and lower limb strength, fatigue levels, and depression were observed among participants who received cancer treatment and who engaged in a period of physical activity.

Improvements, such as oxygen consumption, depression, Body Mass Index, body weight, handgrip strength, and quality of life were also observed among participants who completed

treatments for cancer and did not regularly participate in any form of exercise.

In addition, variations in the intensity and type of physical activity were carefully monitored, and it was found to influence the physical health of cancer patients and play a vital role in the effects of the exercise.

Individuals with breast cancer found that resistance and aerobic exercise was considerably more effective on emotional and physical fitness, as well as concerns regarding breast cancer and overall well-being, than aerobic activity alone.

In addition, the researchers found that the ef-

The best part of the program is it encourages people to focus on things like which pet will be the right fit for their lifestyle and their personality — instead of appearance.

On the other hand, Weiss said, with pets as with people, “we know love at first sight happens,” and Meet

Your Match is flexible enough to accommodate that.

“We don’t want to get in the way of love at first sight,” Weiss said.

Sometimes, Starr added, the “best match is a mismatch and simply going home with the right expectations.”

fects on physical functions in addition to quality of life.

However, this finding was not fully conclusive, as they were able to engage in physical activity for longer durations of time, and this may just be an effect of the younger age.

According to the researchers, additional trials are required, particularly on the intensity of activity needed, and on individuals with all cancer types.

However, until that research is available, it is clear that an improvement in quality of life was clear, and that clinically, there were important positive ef-

Dr. C. Joseph Bennett is a board-certified radiation oncologist, member of the Citrus County Unit and Florida Division Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society. Watch “Navigating Cancer,” hosted by Dr. Bennett, on WYKE TV, at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. Thursdays. If you have any suggestions for topics, or have any questions, contact him at 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, or email at [cjbennett@rboi.com](mailto:cjbennett@rboi.com).

# WILSON

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are exposed to sunlight, and vitamin A from the beta-carotene in orange, yellow and green vegetables and fruits.

Bacteria in your digestive system manufacture vitamin K.

Vitamins B and C are water-soluble and cannot be stored in your body, so you need to consume them every day.

Some vitamins are heat-sensitive and are destroyed by cooking.

Ideally, you can get all the vitamins your body needs by eating a varied diet of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy, eggs and lean meat and fish. Some processed foods, like milk, bread and orange juice, are fortified with additional vitamins.

Unfortunately, many of the fruits and vegetables sold today do not contain as many vitamins as they should because they are grown with artificial fertilizers and harvested before

they mature. To make sure you are getting all the vitamins your body requires, you may need to take a daily vitamin supplement.

Vitamin supplements are recommended if you are pregnant, have food allergies or digestive problems that prevent you from absorbing nutrients efficiently, eat a limited vegan or vegetarian diet, are older than 50, eat poorly, or consume less than 1,600 calories per day.

Vitamin supplements are meant to augment a healthy diet and are not a replacement for nourishing food. Whole foods contain complex nutrients, fiber, water, minerals and antioxidants that you will not get from a vitamin supplement.

Too much of a good thing can be harmful. Select a vitamin supplement that provides the minimum daily requirements for each vitamin.

Excessive doses can cause unpleasant symptoms, such as indigestion and insomnia, and even permanent damage to your body. Children require even smaller amounts because

their bodies are smaller.

Health problems such as fatigue, anemia, mood swings, and skin rashes may be signs of vitamin deficiency. Some vitamins undermine the effects of medications; for example, people taking blood thinners should not have a vitamin supplement containing vitamin K.

Talk to your doctor or nutritionist about whether you need vitamin supplements and what doses to take. He or she can make a recommendation after assessing your dietary habits, physical condition, lifestyle and medical status.

More information:  
 ■ Sayre, James Kedzie. Ancient Herbs and Modern

Herbs: A Comprehensive Reference Guide to Medicinal Herbs, Human Ailments and Possible Herbal Remedies. 2001 (www.bottlebrushpress.com/vitamins.html)

■ “Nutrition and healthy eating.” Mayo Clinic staff. (www.mayoclinic.com/health/supplements/NU00198)

■ Essential Vitamins and Nutrients. (www.fauxpress.com/kimball/med/essentialv.htm#vitamins)

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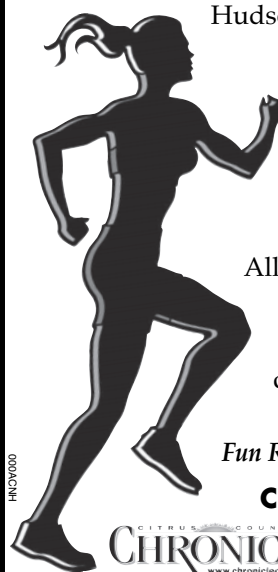
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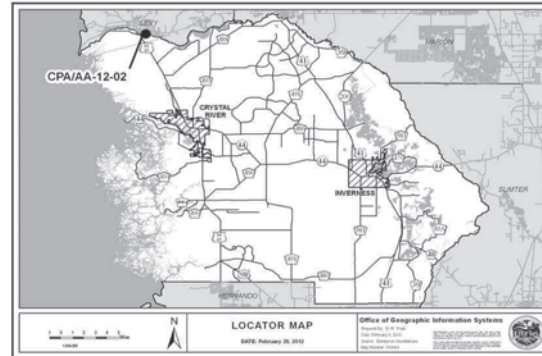
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The public hearing on the Ordinance will be held on February 28, 2012 at 5:01 P.M., in Room 100, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida.



A copy of the proposed ordinance(s) and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Development Services, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461. For more information about this application, please contact the Office of GIS at (352) 527-5544.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, (352) 341-6565, (352) 341-6560, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

Winn Webb, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Citrus County, Florida

**Citrus County Craft Council**  
 Presents their  
**22nd Annual Spring Fling Craft Show**  
 Crafts Raffles Food  
**Saturday, Feb. 25 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.**  
**Crystal River Armory**  
 W. Venable, Crystal River (Across from Home Depot)  
**Free Admission**  
 For more information, call 352-860-2598.  
 Proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County, Inc. Fifth Annual  
**BUILDING DREAMS**  
 Come and enjoy gourmet food paired with exquisite wines, accompanied by the smooth sounds of live jazz/R&B/soul.  
**Wine & Food Pairing Benefit with Silent Auction**  
**Thursday, March 8, 2012 6-10 p.m.**  
**Skyview Clubhouse at Terra Vista**  
 Tickets: \$50 in advance/\$60 at the door (if available)  
 For tickets and information, call 352-563-2744

Please support our Habitat house and event sponsors.

**News NOTES**

**Wilderness Circle to be Saturday**

The Wilderness Circle Gathering will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. It is free and Indian blood is not required. A potluck — fix anything you like — follows the prayer ceremony, after which there will be afternoon music. Mackie Sanford of Cherokee descent will lead the prayers, and others will join in with their prayers. A fire will be built in the center of the circle. Come and bring a guest. Call Betty Berger at 352-447-2736 or email bberger@bellsouth.net for details.

**Club to host orchid photographer**

Prem Subrahmanyam, award-winning orchid photographer, will speak on Florida Wild Orchids at the 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, meeting of Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill.

The meeting is at the Partner's Club behind Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Free refreshments are offered. Call Linda Roderick at 352-597-3736.

**CMUG sets annual meeting social**

Citrus Macintosh Users Group will have its annual meeting social for members and guests of members Friday, Feb. 24.

This is a reservation-only event, no walk-ins; reservation deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 14.

For more information, go to cmugonline.com.

For more information about CMUG, visit cmugonline.com or contact President Alan Wentzell at 352-220-6158 or cmugpres@gmail.com.

**Golden Agers to get together today**

The Golden Agers will meet at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 14, in the fellowship hall of Floral City Baptist Church.

After a business meeting, Deputy Cox from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office will be there with his dog "Priest."

A potluck lunch will follow. All seniors are welcome.

**Michigan Belleville Day is Wednesday**

A Michigan Belleville Day luncheon will be at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey. Call 727-868-6748 for information and reservations.

**Precious Paws ADOPTABLE**

**Dodge**



Special to the Chronicle

**Dodge is about 6 months old. He is a neutered lab mix ready for a family. He is energetic and would do best with a family with time to play and run with him. He is housebroken and crate trained. Kittens and cats are available for adoption at the Pet Supermarket on State Road 44, Inverness, every day during store hours. Precious Paws Adoption Center at Crystal River Mall is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. View pets at www.preciouspawsflorida.com or call 352-726-4700 to speak with a volunteer.**

**Learn about genealogy**

*Saturday seminar will offer information, prizes and more*

*Special to the Chronicle*

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will host a seminar from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Crystal River Moose Lodge, 1855 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

The speaker, George G. Morgan, internationally known lecturer and author of "How to do Everything: Genealogy," third edition, will present

the following topics: Alternative Record Types You May Never Have Considered; Sidestep Genealogy; and New Ways to Research Our Roots.

Learn about alternate record types, new research resources available today, alternative research paths and how to get around brick walls.

There will also be door prizes and a raffle. Cost is \$12 for members and \$16 for nonmembers.

Complimentary coffee, tea and cookies provided; however, attendees are encouraged to bring a brown-bag lunch.

To register, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 352-382-5515 or get the registration form at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~f1ccgs2 (Click "Learn about Our February Seminar," then click Registration at the bottom of the seminar page).

**Master gardeners to give free clinics**

*Special to the Chronicle*

Spring and all our fancies turn to thoughts of — vegetable gardening. Now is the time to start planning/seeding warm-season

vegetables.

The start time for tomatoes, peppers and summer squash (among others) is now and not April/May as it was up North.

The February Master

Gardener Plant Clinics will focus on "Warm Season Vegetable Crops." The remaining schedule is:

■ Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m., Lakes Region Library, Inverness;

■ Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m., Citrus Springs Library;

■ Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m., Homosassa Library.

For more information, call 352-527-5700.

**Mended Hearts**



Special to the Chronicle

**Mary Lou Magrino demonstrates the placement of a pacemaker for Jackie Popomaier, vice president of Mended Hearts' local chapter. Mended Hearts Chapter 367 had its first Health Fair on Feb. 10. Mended Hearts is a national group supporting heart patients and their caregivers. Mended Hearts meets at 10 a.m. the second Friday each month in the Gulf Room, first floor of the old schoolhouse, Citrus Memorial hospital. Everyone is invited. The next meeting will know Friday, March 9. For more information, call Millie King, president, at 352-637-5525 or Sharon Stewart-Dunn, R.N., Cardiovascular Services, at 352-344-6416.**

**Community honors cherished friend**

Last month my volunteer friend of my 51-year sojourn in Citrus County celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends. It was a joyful time for all of us. Along the way, you develop special bonds that enrich your life. Ethel Winn is a person that forms lasting friendships easily.

Ethel is a native of our area, the eldest alumna of Citrus High School, one of 10 children. She taught school for more than 50 years and retired as principal of Crystal River Primary School.

Her 30-plus years of perfect attendance faithfully kept in the Crystal River Woman's Club is quite a record of dedication.

Much has been written of her teaching tenure, and her early assignment on Raschel Island, arriving at school on a boat. She has been a "mother" to many of her nieces and nephews, and for years she furnished shoes and clothes for schoolchildren to wear.

As a faithful member of the Crystal River United Methodist Church, she arranged for a family of five children to be placed in the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. During their stay there, she saw to it that our ladies circle sent the children birthday and Christmas gifts each year.

Ethel knows all about many families around our county. Just ask Ethel and



Special to the Chronicle

**Columnist Ruth Levins with Ethel Winn at the Crystal River Woman's Club's celebration of members 90 and older in January at the clubhouse.**

she can readily tell you who is related to whom. She is quite the historian and has written the history of her church and the Citrus County School System.

She exercises every morning and is an avid football fan. Nothing interferes with the games she watches on TV.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, for her 100th birthday, her family and friends hosted an open house at Ethel's church and it was standing room only as nieces and nephews, school personnel, teachers, students she'd taught, their children and grandchildren and volunteer friends gathered in her honor.

They stood in line waiting to reminisce with Ethel as she sat in her rocking chair in the church fellowship hall, reliving the sweet memories

she cherishes.

One by one, I heard telling comments like, "She was one of the kindest, most soft-spoken teachers I ever had." One niece wrote a love poem about her, titled, "My Aunt Ethel." In it, she fondly recalls the baby chicks peeping under the back porch and writes, "Who would believe they'd grow up to be Sunday's fried chicken?"

Many spoke of the blessing that she has been to them and the community. Niece Becky Worthington remembered how she saw the dedication and love that Ethel had given to her teaching career and was inspired to follow her footsteps in the teaching field as well. She added that she loved her favorite aunt's pound cake with its special glaze.

Ethel's caregiver, Norma, referred to Ethel as a virtuous woman, remarking that Ethel had embraced her as "family" rather than an employee and that often, when she arrives on duty, Ethel says, "Come on in, are you hungry? Sit on down, let's have breakfast together."

Another niece remarked that her Aunt Ethel had honored her own parents with the exemplary life she has lived, touching the lives of so many people in positive ways with every kind, encouraging word and thoughtful prayer.

It has been an honor to have Ethel placed in my life as an encourager, a mentor and a loving friend.

*Ruth Levins participates in a variety of projects around the community. Let her know about your group's upcoming activities by writing to P.O. Box 803, Crystal River, FL 34423.*

**Step back in time**

*'Civil War' to be in March*

*Special to the Chronicle*

Step back in time at the 15th annual Civil War Re-enactment the weekend of March 9 through 11 at Holcim Ranch, seven miles north of Crystal River on U.S. 19.

On Friday, March 9, Education Day is open to students with about 15 different stations to visit. Presentations are from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Then, on Saturday, March 10, and Sunday, March 11, several hundred re-enactors will be on hand to portray that period of American history.

Cannons will roar in battle and the cavalry will storm on horseback among foot soldiers. Drums and bugles will call orders from commanders and "Taps" will follow the battles. In addition to the scenes and sideline events of battle, guests can visit sutler tents for toys, candy, clothing and equipment. Hear a historical lecture and listen to the music of the period while waiting for the battle to begin each day at 2 p.m.

Sample period fry bread, kettle corn and sasprilla. There will be barbecue and hot dogs, drinks and other foods available for purchase, as well. A nondenominational worship service will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Visitors can bring chairs or rent them. No ice chests or alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Handicap parking is available. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 9 through 17.

Schools interested in attending Education Day or seeking more information about the event can visit the Web at www.crystalriverreenactment.org.

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**Special Olympics spaghetti dinner**

Special Olympics will host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Homosassa Lions Club, 8408 Homosassa Trail (County Road 490).

Menu also includes meatballs, chicken, salad bar, dessert bar and beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

There will be prizes and raffles, clowns and entertainment provided by Miss Debbie's School of Dance.

For more information, call Irene Labarbara at the Pooch Parlor at 352-795-5896.

**Tryouts on for Citrus Hoops**

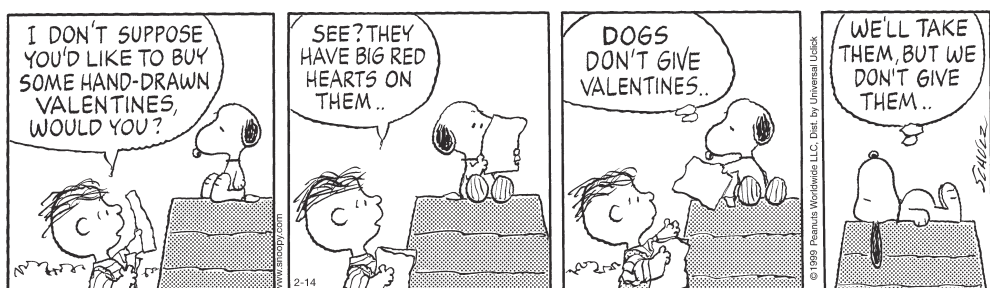
Citrus Hoops Basketball will have tryouts for eighth- and ninth-grade girls and sixth-grade boys spring basketball teams at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center at 5521 Buster Whitten Way in Lecanto.

Citrus Hoops teams compete in area and state-sanctioned basketball events to give players an opportunity to polish their skills and knowledge of the game at the "next level" of competition. Selected players will get their games developed by qualified area coaches who have experienced success with local talent at the state level.

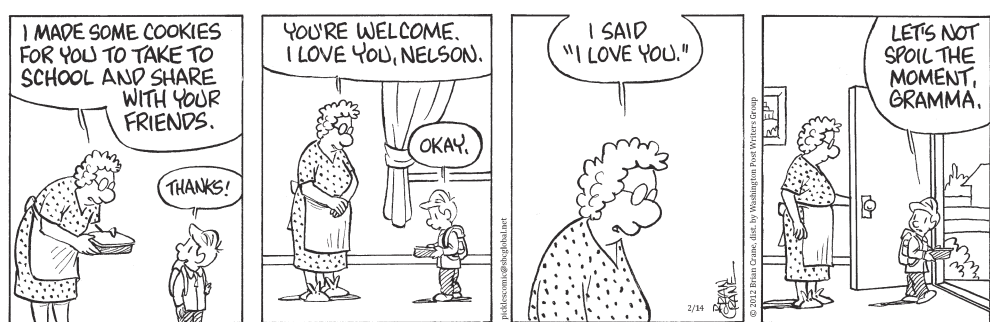
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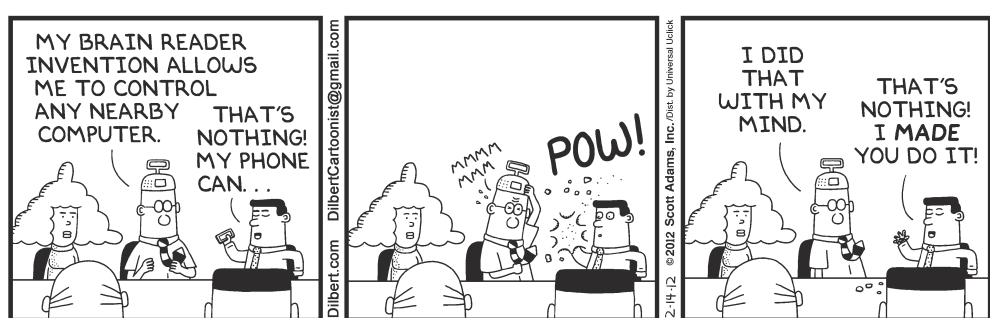
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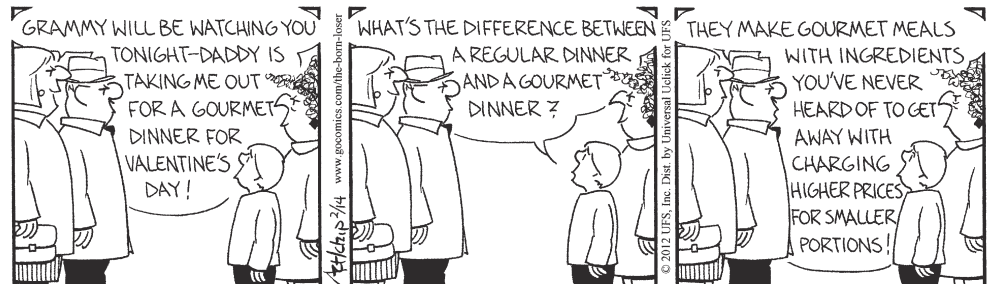
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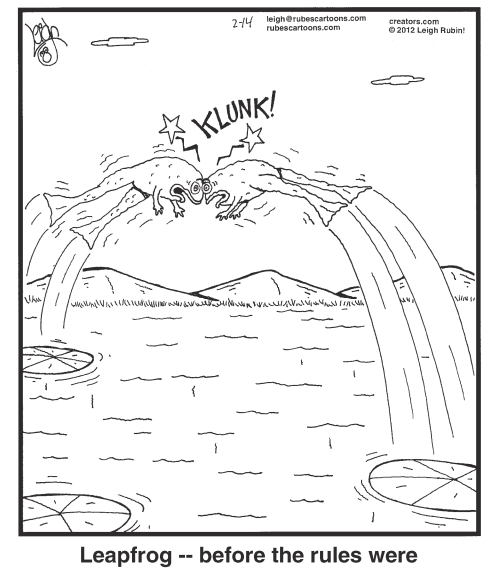
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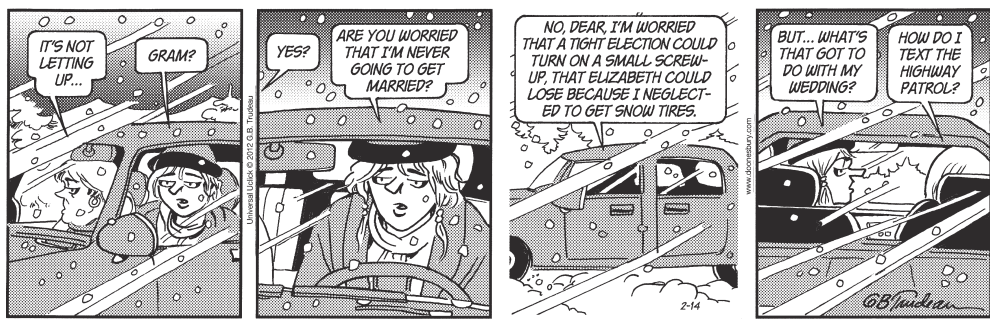
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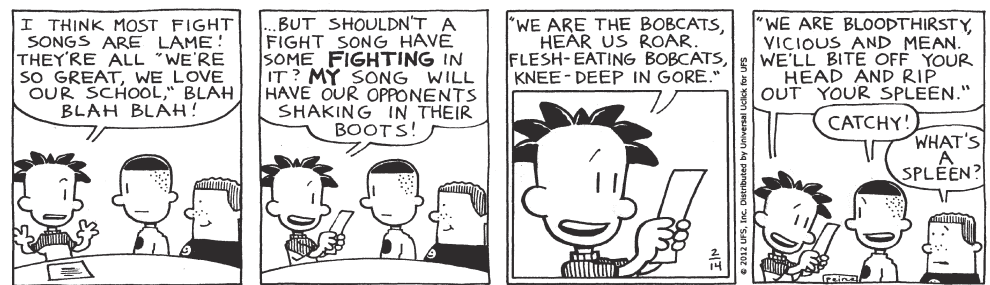
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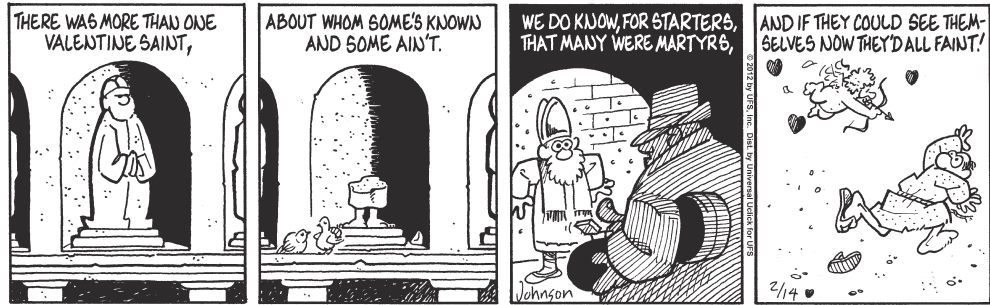
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Big Nate



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
'Safe House' (R) ID required. 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
'The Vow' (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
'Star Wars: Episode I' (PG) In Real 3D. 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.
'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island' (PG) In Real 3D. 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m. No passes.
'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island' (PG) 1:40 p.m.
'Chronicle' (PG-13) 1:50 p.m., 4:45 p.m.
'The Grey' (R) ID required. 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
'This Means War' (PG-13) 7:45 p.m.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
'Safe House' (R) ID required. 2 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island' (PG) 1:30 p.m.
'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island' (PG) In Real 3D. 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. No passes.
'Star Wars: Episode I' (PG) In Real 3D. 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
'The Vow' (PG-13) 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'The Woman in Black' (PG-13) 1:35 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
'Chronicle' (PG-13) 1:25 p.m., 4 p.m.
'Big Miracle' (PG) 1:55 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
'The Grey' (R) ID required. 1:20 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7 p.m.
'The Descendants' (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
'This Means War' (PG-13) 7:45 p.m.
Visit www.chronicleonline.com for area movie listings and entertainment information.

Garfield



For Better or For Worse



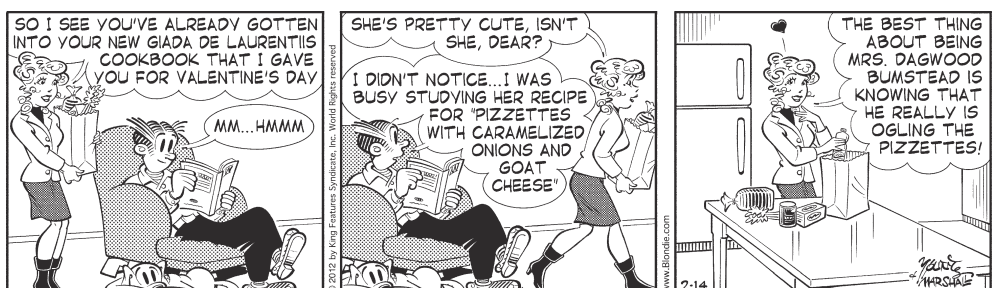
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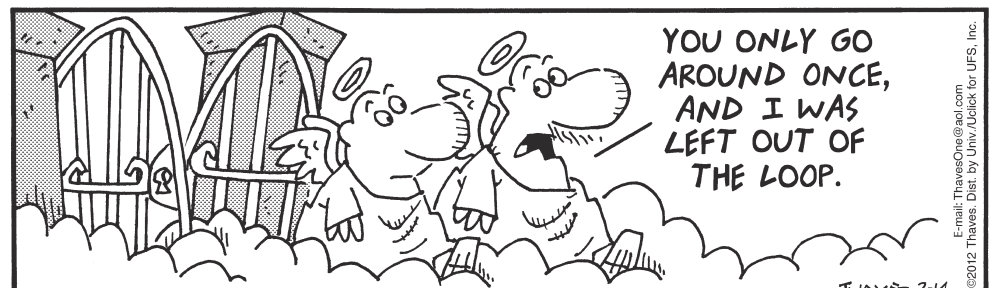
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WDUV 105.5 FM Hudson
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WFJV-FM 103.3 '50s, '60s, '70s
WRZN-AM 720 Adult Standards

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: J equals B
'WCX PNM X V WCVBZ KJNEW VW, WCX PNM X V MXYVFX WCXMX VR BNWCVD PNM X KMWVRWVG WCKB WN YNTX NWCXMR.' - TVBGXBW TKB DNDC
Previous Solution: 'Life is too short to miss out on the beautiful things, like a double cheeseburger.' - Channing Tatum
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To register for this class or to request training for your group, contact Volunteer Services Manager Debbie McManamy at 352-527-2020 or email [DMcManamy@hospiceofcitruscounty.org](mailto:DMcManamy@hospiceofcitruscounty.org).

■ **"Pillars of Health"** eight-week DVD class, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting Feb. 22 at Huffmans Health Foods in Crystal River, next to Kings Bay Shopping Center, based on author Don Colbert's book of the same name. Class size is limited; call Marianne at 352-628-7330 to pre-register.

■ **THE VILLAGES** — Alzheimer's Family Organization presents **Alzheimer's Caregiver Day** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages. Cost for AFO members is free, \$10 for non-members. Includes: certificate of attendance, continental breakfast and lunch. Free respite care provided by NCUMC — limited spaces. Arrangements must be made through the AFO office by Feb. 17. Seating is limited. Register by Feb. 17 by calling 888-496-8004 or 727-848-8888.

## Support GROUPS

■ **Positive Christians** is a new support group forming for people with HIV/AIDS and the parents, family and friends who love them. Call 352-601-3243.

■ **Parents Helping Parents Heal** of Citrus County, a support group for parents who would like to meet others who have experienced the loss of a child: visit [helpingparentsheal.net](http://helpingparentsheal.net) or email [helpingparentsheal@yahoo.com](mailto:helpingparentsheal@yahoo.com).

■ **Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA)**, 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, hosts a volunteer meeting at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly. Call 352-344-8111.

■ **Nature Coast Multiple Myeloma Support Group**, 6 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly at the Oak Hill Hospital Partner's Club (formerly Spring Hill Enrichment Center) at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50), Brooksville. Free dinner buffet will be served. Contact Herb and Dianne Terry at 352-621-0672 or [herry1@tampabay.com](mailto:herry1@tampabay.com), or Richard Blustein at 352-428-4536 or [Blustein22@aol.com](mailto:Blustein22@aol.com).

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■ **SPRING HILL** — **Look Good Feel Better** Support Group, 3:30 to 5 p.m. third Wednesday monthly at the Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Spring Hill Center, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203, in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call Peggy Beckett, R.N., group facilitator, at 352-688-7744.

■ **"Different Strokes for Different Folks"** stroke support group, 10:30 a.m. to noon the third Thursday monthly in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Multipurpose Room at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal River. Call 352-795-1234 for details.

■ **The Center for Independent Living** of North Central Florida in Lecanto offers free Social Security workshops, SSI, SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid. All questions are answered the third Thursday monthly from 10 a.m. to noon. (Closed Wednesdays.) Call for reservations, 352-527-8399.

■ **FFRA (Families and Friends Reaching for the Abilities)**, third Friday monthly at the Key Training Center in Inverness at 130 Heights Ave. Social time and business meeting at 9 a.m. is followed by a speaker at 10 a.m. Call Ron Phillips at 352-382-7819.

Speaker will be Bevin Brayton from Granny Nannies, a nonprofit group assisting people with disabilities to find meaningful activities.

■ **The Ostomy Support Group** of Citrus County, 2 p.m. the third Sunday monthly in the Cypress Room on the first floor in the Citrus Memorial Health System's Administration's Annex Building, across the street from the Medical Offices Building at 131 S. Citrus Ave., Inverness. Call Steve at 352-229-4202, Sue at 352-560-7918, Mel or Betty at 352-726-3802 or Sharon or Gerry at 352-382-4446. Email [OSGoFCC@yahoo.com](mailto:OSGoFCC@yahoo.com). If you are uninsured and need supplies, call **OstoGroup** at 877-678-6690 (you pay for S&H). **Brashear's Pharmacy** in Inverness also has supplies.

■ **National Osteoporosis Foundation Citrus County Support Group**, 1 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at the Citrus Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. Call Laura Henderson at 855-592-7772 or email [TheBoneZone2010@yahoo.com](mailto:TheBoneZone2010@yahoo.com).

## Weekly meetings

■ "Recovery from Food Addiction," 1 p.m. Thursdays at St. Anne's Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, in the parish hall library. Call Peg at 352-564-0198.

■ **Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)** is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. Meetings are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays at First Presbyterian Church, 206 Washington Ave., Room 5 in Inverness. For details or a list of meetings, call 352-270-8534 or visit: [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

■ **Depression and anxiety peer support group** meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays at Central Ridge Library. For information, call 352-513-4296.

■ **Bereavement Group**, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the back hall, St. Thomas Church, off U.S. 19 south of Cardinal Street. Group is composed of men and women who are experiencing grief and are convinced "Life can be good again." Open to all. Come or call Anne at 352-212-0632.

■ **GriefShare Recovery Seminar and Support Group**: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays to March 28 at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, 4221 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto, \$15. Child care is provided. Call 352-746-6200 or visit [www.sevenrivers.org](http://www.sevenrivers.org).

■ **Al-Anon** groups meet regularly in Citrus County. Call 352-697-0497.

● Inverness AFG: 8 p.m. Mondays, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic, 550 S. U.S. 41.

● Crystal River AFG: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Benedict Catholic, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd.

● Last Resort AFG: 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, First United Methodist, 3896 S. Pleasant Grove Road, Inverness.

● Lecanto AFG: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Unity Church of Citrus County, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

● Crystal River AFG: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at YANA Club, 147 Seventh St. (off Citrus Avenue), Crystal River.

● Awareness Lunch Bunch AFG: 12:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Margaret Episcopal, 114 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness.

● Beginners Al-Anon: 10 a.m. Saturdays at Yana Club, 147 Seventh St. (off Citrus Avenue), Crystal River.

● Tuesday Morning Serenity: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Unity

Church, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**: If you drink, and want to stop, call Alcoholics Anonymous Nature Coast Intergroup at 352-621-0599. Visit the website: [www.ncintergroup.com](http://www.ncintergroup.com).

■ **AC Group**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Church Without Walls, 3962 N. Roscoe Road, Hernando. Call Laverne at 352-637-4563. Visit the website: [www.alcoholicsforchrist.com](http://www.alcoholicsforchrist.com).

■ A 12-step **Christian support group** meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at Living Waters Ministries, 12 N. Melbourne St., Beverly Hills. Call Meg at 352-527-2443. Free and open to the public.

■ **DUNNELLON** — **Grief support group**, 6 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road. Call the church at 352-489-2730.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous**: ● Easy Does It, 8 p.m. Monday and Saturday, Lions Den, U.S. 41, Floral City.

● It Works How and Why, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon Sunday, YANA Club, 147 N.W. Seventh St., Crystal River.

● Focus on Recovery, 8 p.m. Thursdays, First Christian Church, Grover Cleveland Boulevard, Homosassa.

● Recovery on the River, 8 p.m. Monday and Friday, Lecanto Church of Christ, State Road 44 and County Road 491, Lecanto; 8 p.m. Sunday 797 S. Rowe Terrace, Lecanto, east of C.R. 491 and S.R. 44.

Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the meeting facilities listed. Information line: 352-382-0851.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**: ● 5 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Call Rits at 352-382-8503.

● Voices of Recovery, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Senior Center (V.A. building) on County Road 491, Lecanto. Call Dolores at 352-746-5019.

● Solution, 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness. Call Marilyn at 352-726-9112.

● 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at St. Anne's Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, in the parish hall library. Call Peg at 352-564-0198.

● The Circle of Love, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays at Our Lady of Grace Church in Beverly Hills, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call

Carolyn at 352-341-0777.

● The New Beginning, 7 p.m. Fridays at Our Lady of Grace, Roosevelt Boulevard, Beverly Hills. Call Carolyn at 352-341-0777.

■ **The Encouragers Support Group** has been helping people deal with depression, anxiety, bipolar and more for more than 15 years. Weekly meeting. Call 352-637-3196.

■ **Anorexia and bulimia anonymous** 12-step support group, 5:45 p.m. Mondays at the Yana Club, 147 N.W. Seventh St., Crystal River (behind the police station). Call Charmaine at 352-422-3234.

■ **Independent Living Skills, Peer Support and Literacy** workshops, 9 to 11:45 a.m. Mondays at the Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida, 3774 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Call Cathy at 352-527-8399.

■ **Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA)**, 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, offers two free weekly women's domestic abuse support groups: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. Child care available. Call CASA at 352-344-8111.

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■ **Celebrate Recovery**: ● 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Christian Recovery Fellowship Church, 2242 W. State Road 44. Call 352-726-2800.

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● Website: [www.alzsupport.com](http://www.alzsupport.com) — Live chat every Wednesday at noon. Message boards open at all times to post questions and leave replies. Join the Alzheimer's Association online community at [www.alz.org/living\\_with\\_alzheimers\\_message\\_boards\\_lwa.asp](http://www.alz.org/living_with_alzheimers_message_boards_lwa.asp).

● Brooksville: Lykes Memorial County Library, 238 Howell Ave.; 2:30 p.m. first Friday monthly. Call Jerry Fisher at 352-688-4537.

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