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## City to draft letter about King's Bay ruling

*Crystal River must notify federal agency of intent to oppose plan*

**A.B. SIDIBE**  
 Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — City officials tried to find their footing Monday in the wake of the still fluid decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate King's Bay a manatee refuge or protection zone.

The service also announced on March 15 new rules of conduct for waterborne activities, including a reduction of boat speeds in the area called the sport

zone from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Monday, during the Crystal River City Council meeting, officials grappled with the new rules and a unified response to what Mayor Jim Farley called "ridiculous" rules.

City and county officials have been against the rules when they were proposed in June 2011 and have previously informed the USFWS of their intent to pursue legal avenues should the rules come

to fruition.

Now that the agency has unveiled its rules, albeit a scaled-back version, city officials are still opposed to the plan.

City Manager Andy Houston told council members, the panel's window for a response was shutting and they had to act by the next meeting set for April 9. Officials have 30 days from the announcement of the final rules to give the agency a 60-day notice of their intention for litigation, according to City Attorney George Angeliadis.

After much deliberation during which every member of the panel vented their opposition to the

rules, the council decided to draft another letter of intent of litigation and have it for the next meeting. The panel, however, has not made a decision to sue, but are going to issue the letter to maintain an option in the future.

Council member Maureen McNiff suggested the letter option after another panelist, Ron Kitchen, asked attorney Angeliadis a bottom-line question.

"Will you spend your own money to do this (pursue a suit against USFW)?"

Angeliadis was equally blunt and thought a lawsuit will be an "uphill battle" and "tough" to win against the heft of the

federal government.

He even suggested maybe the panel could seek the counsel of another attorney with more experience in such matters.

But Kitchen said he would be reluctant to go along with any litigation that would end up costing the city oodles of money in an unsuccessful bid.

Mayor Farley added officials "are obligated to do it" because he fears the rules as they stand would be a danger to people using the sport zone.

However, when USFWS announced their decision, Cindy Dohner, USFWS

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## Hanging around



New Hope Methodist Church members Ted Vonderhorst, Eugene Morris, Jimmie Smith, Fran Bissonnett and Ron Taylor recently installed a bell donated by Bay News 9 viewers after they heard the story of someone stealing the church's bell from its steeple in December.

*Donor offers bell stored in garage to replace stolen church chime*

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
 Staff Writer

FLORAL CITY — For decades, Sunday church services didn't start at the historic New Hope Methodist Church on Istachatta Road without someone ringing the steeple bell.

Until someone stole it, that is.

But thanks to a couple in St. Petersburg who heard about the church's plight and offered them a bell they had in their garage, the fa-

miliar call to worship is sounding once again.

On the Sunday before Christmas, one of the church ushers tried to ring the bell, but nothing happened. At first he thought the rope had come off the bell. But as he tugged on it, the rope fell to the floor.

Beverly Raynor, who handles church publicity, sent out an email to the other church members. She wrote: "Two of our trustees went on the roof to try to reconnect the bell rope, but to their amazement someone had climbed onto the roof, broke into the steeple and removed the bell."

She said they couldn't understand why someone would steal a church bell. "We are praying for those responsible and looking forward to our bell's return," she wrote.

Clyde Edwards, one of several regular bell ringers, said he wasn't there the day they discovered it stolen. When he went to investigate he walked around the church and saw all the slats were off on the north side of the belfry, toward the church's graveyard.

He climbed a ladder to get onto the roof to take a look — no bell.

The original church, one of the oldest in Citrus County, began in 1830, and the first building was erected in 1884. The "new" church building was built in 1940.

Nobody knows much about the bell that was stolen, its size or even what it was made out of. The last man to climb up on the roof to replace the rope died a few years ago.

When church members realized the bell was missing, they called the sheriff's office to make a report.

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## Board: We need to convince public of need for tax

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
 Staff Writer

INVERNESS — Citrus County School Board members are in a position of again going to voters asking to keep what they already have.

The school board in April is expected to approve final wording on a November referendum to levy .25-mill for capital or operating programs.

The millage is already on the books for capital spending, approved by voters in 2010. That millage, which nets a little more than \$2 million and costs the average homeowner about \$25, expires at the end of this year.

Unlike the county commission, nearly the school district's entire tax rate is set by the state. Anything beyond a certain amount requires voter approval.

While board members say the tax levy is not an increase — and could be a tax cut for people with smaller taxable property values — they say a united message is necessary to convince voters of the need.

"This time is not going to be the same as last time," board member Pat Deutschman said.

Voters in 2010 approved the quarter-mill by more than 60 percent of the vote. Deutschman said the county's economy continues to struggle and she isn't sure voters will continue that commitment.

The school board cannot place the measure on the ballot without county commission approval. While commissioners in 2010 approved the ballot referendum, they openly disagreed with it and some incorrectly predicted its defeat.

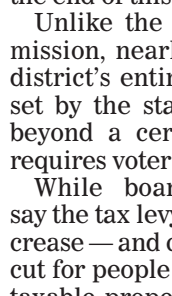
Board member Bill Murray said it's up to board members and Superintendent Sandra "Sam" Himmel to explain to voters the necessity of keeping the millage intact.

"That's the selling job we have to do as a school board and superintendent," Murray said.

Technically, state law is eliminating the current



**Pat Deutschman**



**Bill Murray**

## Six firms to pitch for chance at Port Citrus study

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
 Staff Writer

Six firms will vie next month for the job of conducting a Port Citrus feasibility study.

The Citrus County Port Authority Board decided at its Tuesday meeting to listen to proposals from six of the nine respondents to its request for qualifications (RFQ). All six will be heard in public sessions starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at the Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness.

"I think the responses publicly will be very informational for both the port authority and for the general public and it's going to answer a lot of questions about the viability and the marketability of this port," said Brad Thorpe, port director and county administrator. "It will also help to

lead us in the future as to what direction we're going to go as far as the port's concerned."

Richard Wesch, port attorney and county attorney, explained the method used to rank the applicants. The nine responses to the RFQ were ranked by four people: George Boyle, District 7 multi-modal systems administrator, Florida Department of Transportation; Ken Frink, Citrus County Public Works Director and assistant county administrator; Thorpe; and Wesch. Each followed a set of proposals and a score sheet to evaluate candidates.

"What we're looking for out of today's action is an indication from the authority, first off, as to the number of proposals you would like to hear from, and then set a timeline for those

proposals to be presented to you," Wesch said.

After discussion, the board decided unanimously to hear proposals from six firms: Gulf Engineers & Consultants, Martin Associates, TransSystems, Vickerman & Associates Inc., Hanson Professional Services and BEA Architects. These are listed by score. Thorpe said Gulf Engineers scored high because of its experience with shallow draft canals, for example.

Each firm will be given 30 minutes for a presentation. Question time will follow and time will be taken for deliberation among the board.

Dennis Damato, port authority chairman, urged the outcome to be the final choice of the firm to conduct the feasibility study, the grant and matching

funds funded investigation into whether and how a seaport within the area of the former Cross Florida Barge Canal could be economically viable.

Thorpe pointed out that he might not be able to negotiate successfully with the No. 1-ranked firm and would have to go with No. 2. The negotiations would be taken back to the board for approval.

In their deliberations about the six firms, board members would be given the same set of criteria the ranking group used to assist their choices. In addition, the board's decision would be based also on responses to the board's questions.

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### Almost ready to ride



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Belle City Midway worker Joshua Witt assembles the railing on the always popular Rock & Roll ride Tuesday at the Citrus County Fair in Inverness. Wednesday is Senior and Military Day at the fair from 1 to 10 p.m. Seniors over 55 get into the fair for \$4. The Belle City Midway opens at 5 p.m. and closes at 10 p.m., with a \$2 discount off a \$20 wristband price thanks to the Citrus County Chronicle Coupon Night. Get your coupon in Wednesday's *Chronicle*. The Youth Steer Show takes place in the livestock complex along with food and strolling entertainers like "Tall Tex," Robinson's Racing Pigs & Paddling Porkers. The Strutt Band takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. in the Citrus County Auditorium. The fair opens at 1 p.m. Regular admission is \$7 for ages 11 and older; \$3 for ages 5 to 10; age 4 and younger are admitted free. Exhibit buildings and midway close at 10 p.m.



Chronicle file

Bud Raynor holds the cut rope that was attached to the bell at the New Hope United Methodist Church. A piece of plywood covers the hole where the thieves broke in to steal the church bell.

## CHIME

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Church member Bud Raynor printed up fliers to put up around town, hoping someone who had any information about the stolen bell would come forward. He called the *Chronicle*. Also, Bay News 9 came out and did a story.

That's how Mike Waters in St. Petersburg heard about it.

"My wife and I were touched when we heard about it," Waters said. "The bell, which came from an old Chicago fire house, had been in our garage. When we saw the story we said, 'There's a home for our bell.'"

Church members Gene Morris and Fran Bissonnett rode out there to take a look.

"Before that, we had gone out to a salvage yard in Ocala," Bissonnett said. "They had one that we thought might be ours. They

were going to sell it to us for the price they paid for it, but we had to wait for it."

Meanwhile, Waters called Raynor. After the *Chronicle* and Bay News 9 stories, the church received a lot of calls with offers of bells, but they were all too small. The bell Waters had in his garage sounded like the right size — and it was.

As for the Florida State University emblem on the bell, that's a nod to the Waters who are avid FSU and also Tampa Bay Bucs fans. Whenever either football team would win, they would ring the bell.

"Our neighbors do not miss the bell," Waters said.

About two weeks ago, the new bell was installed.

"The first time it rang, we felt good about it," Raynor said. "It's a little larger, and it makes more noise. Now when the bell rings, it quiets everyone down. Before, there was always a lot of chit-chat going on."

## TAX

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quarter-mill levy for capital programs. That means the referendum cannot say the tax rate is being renewed, even though it's the same amount now being levied.

Board members said that could cause confusion with the public.

"I really don't care what you tell the public, they're going to see it as an added tax," Murray said.

Board members will discuss in April whether the tax should be set aside specifically for operational costs or capital programs, or

**The referendum cannot say the quarter-mill levy for capital programs is being renewed, even though it's the same amount being levied.**

a combination of the two.

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## Attempted robbery failed

*Tampa store owner shot 16-year-old boy, police say*

Associated Press

TAMPA — Tampa police said the owner of a grocery store shot and killed a 16-year-old boy during an attempted robbery.

Police spokeswoman Irene Thomas the *Tampa Tribune* that Quintavious Antonio Moore stopped in Baker's Mini Mart Monday morning and asked store owner Taquanda Shanti Baker for change. He re-

turned about a half-hour later armed with a handgun.

Police said the teen pointed the gun at Baker, who pulled out a handgun and accidentally shot one round into the ground before firing a second time and hitting Moore, officials said.

The newspaper reported Baker ran out of the store and flagged down a passing police officer.



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# CMH foundation invites trustees to strategic talks

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
*Staff Writer*

INVERNESS — Citrus Memorial Health Foundation directors want members of the rival board of trustees to understand the hospital's strategic plan.

The foundation board voted Monday night to set a private strategic session and strongly encourage members of the Citrus County Hospital Board to attend.

Foundation director Sandy Chadwick said with the uncertainty of a pending appeal on the foundation's lawsuit to overturn a state law giv-

ing trustees oversight of the hospital, she believed it was time for both boards to know and understand critical elements of the hospital's strategic plan.

Chadwick said she would hope trustees would sign confidentiality statements promising not to divulge information from the meeting. But, she said, the lack of signed agreements shouldn't stop the joint meeting from taking place.

"We will treat them the way we would like to be treated," she said.

State law allows public hospital boards to meet in private to discuss strategic plans to protect the hospi-

tals from unfair competition by private hospitals.

Without revealing details, Chadwick was especially emphatic that trustees are aware of and have input on one specific part of the plan.

She also suggested the boards meet without attorneys present. CMH attorney Clark Stillwell said he supported that, but suggested he attend for the first few minutes to advise board members what they can and cannot discuss in the closed meeting.

A law passed last year gives the Citrus County Hospital Board con-

trolling votes on the foundation board of directors, which leases the hospital from the CCHB.

The foundation challenged the law and a Leon County judge ruled the law constitutional. That ruling is now on appeal; an appeals court issued a stay pending a May 7 deadline for both sides to issue briefs.

Stillwell said he expects both parties to ask for oral arguments, though there is no guarantee the appeals court will allow that before making a ruling.

CCHB attorney Bill Grant said Tuesday he also favors both boards meeting without the attorneys pres-

ent. However, he said, he doesn't think the CCHB has the legal authority to meet in private to discuss strategic planning since it does not hold the license to operate the hospital.

Grant said that problem would disappear if the foundation simply added trustees as directors to its board.

Grant said he would discuss the situation with Stillwell and hospital attorney Jim Kennedy in hopes of finding a solution.

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## Around THE STATE Citrus County

### 3 students expelled from public schools

The Citrus County School Board expelled three students Tuesday for various offenses.

The expulsions included a Crystal River Middle School seventh-grade boy who was expelled for the rest of this school year and first quarter of the 2012-13 year for drug and alcohol violations. The boy also will attend Renaissance Center for the second and third quarter of next year.

So far this school year, the school board has expelled 53 students.

### Sarasota

#### Prosecutors rest case in UK slayings trial

Prosecutors rested their case Tuesday in the trial of a Sarasota teen accused of killing two British tourists in April 2011.

Closing arguments in the trial are expected Wednesday. Shawn Tyson, 17, is accused of shooting James Kouzaris and James Cooper, who ended up dead in a housing project early one morning after a night of drinking.

—From staff and wire reports

## Correction

Due to incorrect information provided to the *Chronicle*, the times for North Oak Baptist Church's presentation of Leonardo Da Vinci's "The Last Supper" as reported in Saturday's paper and an ad in Sunday's paper were wrong. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and Sunday's times are 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

# Inventors' 'Eye of the Tiger'

*Entrepreneurs knock out portable design for boxing bag*

**CATHY KAPULKA**  
*Staff Writer*

— HOMOSASSA

**I**nventors Eddie Hendrickson and David Lagarino are two boxing enthusiasts who have the "Eye of the Tiger," as they say in the boxing ring, as referred to in the popular "Rocky" movies.

They both have a passion for working out, and they love the speed bag, a piece of equipment instrumental in boxing training.

Unfortunately, it's not always convenient to go to the gym, where their favorite piece of workout gear is located, so they decided to invent a portable speed bag that could be set up in the average doorway, or on a pole or tree. It's called the "Universal Speed Bag."

"It's the same speed bag that a gym would have," Lagarino said. "Most people have never tried one because you usually only find them in gyms."

He said the bag is transportable and can be attached without drilling holes or causing damage to drywall.

The device, which is set up in Hendrickson's kitchen, supported Lagarino's whole body weight as he said, "it is so strong you can hang from it."

It enables the athlete to workout in the privacy of his or her own home or when they travel. It can be adjusted to accommodate various athletes' heights and can even be lowered so children can use it.

The device is designed so multiple workout bags, a heavy bag or a dexterity bag, can also be attached.



CATHY KAPULKA/Chronicle

Eddie Hendrickson, right, punches a speed bag as David Lagarino watches. The two have invented the "Universal Speed Bag," a portable workout device, which is entered in Wal-Mart's "Get on the Shelf" contest.

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■ To view a video of the invention or to vote, go to <http://getontheshelf.com/product/3861/Universal-Speed-Bag>.

Hendrickson demonstrated his skills on the bag as he talked about the patenting process for their invention for which they have applied.

"We're trying every avenue," Hendrickson said. "If we get noticed by the right person or people it would help. The biggest thing about selling a product is getting noticed."

The two have entered their invention in Wal-Mart's "Get on the Shelf" contest. The winner will have their product on Wal-Mart's physical store shelves, have a chance to sell their product on Walmart.com and will be

introduced to Sponsor's Wal-Mart Stores' merchandising teams.

"Bottom line, we're just trying to get it out there and get it recognized," Hendrickson said.

Hendrickson can be considered a fighter, but not in the boxing sense.

He fought thyroid cancer after being diagnosed Dec. 24, 2008. It had already spread to his lymph nodes, and he had 18 of them removed.

He's a survivor. He walks each year with the team that his friends and family assembled called "Team Eddie" in the Crystal River Relay for Life event dressed as "Rocky Balboa," the main character from the movie.

"During the relay he's walked the whole 18 hours, every time, nonstop," Jackie, his wife, said. "A man and his will to sur-

vive," Lagarino said quoting the song from the movie.

Since 2009 the team has raised about \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society, Jackie said.

"It's not how hard you get hit," Hendrickson said. "But how hard you get hit and keep moving forward."

The two inventors have high hopes for their invention and are determined to make it a success.

They need people to vote for their invention in Wal-Mart's contest to help bring it to fruition. Voting for the first round ends April 3.

To view a video of the invention or to vote, go to <http://getontheshelf.com/product/3861/Universal-Speed-Bag>.

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# Local man gears up for first bike ride since stroke

**SHEMIR WILES**  
*Staff Writer*

INVERNESS — Donna Nichols loves to joke about her husband, Chris, being a hometown celebrity.

Like the time when an entire restaurant full of people started clapping and Donna thought people were clapping for a football game on the television, but they were actually clapping for her husband.

And when Chris was in rehab after his stroke last year, all he had to do was say what he wanted to eat that day, and it would appear like magic.

It's that kind of support that has served as a welcome comfort during the last few years as the Lecanto High School basketball coach has battled numerous health problems.

"The community has been so great," Donna said.

To celebrate his accomplishments, Chris and a few biking friends will be riding this Saturday in the Clean Air Bike Ride. The bike ride benefits the Key Training Center.

It's Chris' first official bike ride since Jan. 5, 2011, when he suffered a massive hemorrhagic stroke and spent more than a month at

### '10-43' show to feature bicycling

*Special to the Chronicle*

Tune into the next edition of the "Sheriff's 10-43" show from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, on WYKE, channel 16 for cable customers.

Sgt. Chris Evan, a cycling enthusiast, is the special guest on the show, explaining the joys of cycling in Citrus, including great places to bike, how to buy the perfect cycle for you, as well as safety tips and laws relating to this great and healthy sport.

The "Sheriff's 10-43" is broadcast on WYKE, which is channel 16 for all cable customers. It can also be viewed at 11 a.m. Fridays. For those with satellite, prior "Sheriff's 10-43" shows can be seen via the sheriff's website at [www.sheriffcitrus.org](http://www.sheriffcitrus.org)

Shands before being taken to Seven Rivers rehab.

The stroke affected Chris' left arm, leg and speech, which meant the active Inverness resident could no longer do a number of activities, including his favorite — bike riding.

However, determined to see their pal back on the trail, friends from the Citrus Cycling Club raised \$2,500 to buy Chris a recumbent tri-cycle, which they presented to him in August on his 54th birthday.

Ever since then, Donna said her husband meets up every Sunday with a few of his cycling buddies at the Inverness trailhead of the Withlacoochee State Trail, and they ride to Floral City

and back. He also likes to ride around the neighborhood during the week.

For an avid biker who could ride between 30 and 50 miles a day and up to 100 on the weekends, it is not where Chris wants to be, but it's better than where he was.

Donna said Chris' friends want him to try to ride all the way to Istachatta and back, even if he has to stop a few times.

Chris hopes it is a step toward his ultimate goal — to be able to ride on two wheels again. And Donna's confident he will be able to do it one day.

"He's our miracle guy," she said. "He's a fighter. He's determined to get back to where he was."

“ He’s our miracle guy.”

**Donna Nichols**  
 speaking about her husband, Chris.

Registration for the ride is \$25 for adults; children 12 and younger are \$12, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riders who complete the 100-mile route will receive a special commemorative medallion.

There is no mass start, allowing participants to commence their 14-, 28-, 48- or 100-mile treks from 7 to 9 a.m. from the Inverness Trailhead on North Apopka Avenue.

There are also SAG stops at the trailheads at Ridge Manor, Istachatta and Citrus Springs.

Registrations may be made online or on the day of the ride from 7 to 9 a.m.

This is a rain-or-shine event hosted by Citrus Road Runners. For more information, visit [cleanairride.com](http://cleanairride.com).

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Lecanto High School Coach Chris Nichols suffered health problems that forced him from coaching and riding his bike. For Nichols' birthday last year, a group of friends gave him a trike so he could get back on the trail. Chris Nichols has progressed to the point where will be riding in this year's Clean Air Bike Ride.

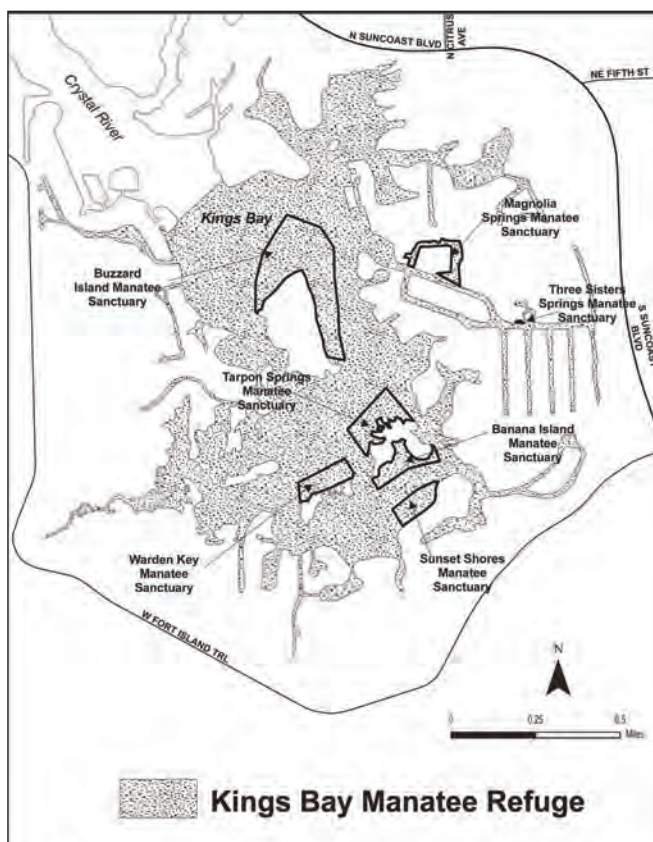


## Woman says she buried husband in back yard

Associated Press

LAKE ALFRED — Authorities say a central Florida woman buried her husband's dead body in their back yard. Polk County sheriff's detectives on Tuesday were trying to sort out how 77-year-old Benny Scott came to be buried under an herb garden in the yard.

A sheriff's report said Barbara Scott's daughter brought her to Lake Alfred police headquarters Monday to tell officers the story. They dug up the body on Tuesday from a grave 3 to 4 feet deep. So far, Barbara Scott has not been charged. Sheriff's spokeswoman Donna Wood said the cause of death wasn't immediately apparent.



Special to the Chronicle

To view this U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service map online, visit [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

## LETTER

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Southeast Regional director said the service took human safety seriously and drafted a common-sense approach to reducing the risk of collisions between boats and manatees.

USFWS officials also noted they compromised on the final rules after listening to people's concerns. They pointed to leaving a sport zone with a 25 mph speed zone as a prime example of concessions about concerns. The proposed rule had sought to make all of King's Bay slow or idle speed.

The sport zone will be open for use during daylight hours between June 1 and

Aug. 15. Slow or idle speed is defined as speed that allows steerage for a boater.

Jewel Lamb, who is with Save Crystal River Inc., a grassroots citizens group opposed to the rules, said her group is also drafting a letter of intent against USFWS.

Lamb said they will be coordinating their activities with city and county officials to mount a pushback against what she calls a takeover of the bay.

"I say, the more, the merrier as we take them on," Lamb said.

For more information about the new rules, go to <http://fws.gov/northflorida/>.

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## Florida redistricting goes to court

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Republican-led Florida Legislature finished its redistricting do-over on Tuesday, sending a revised Senate map back to the state Supreme Court for final action.

The justices affirmed the House's initial 120-district map but kicked back the 40-district Senate plan. If they decide the Senate map again flunks its constitutionality test, they can redraw it themselves.

"We put this in pencil," said Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Boca Raton. "The court's going to put this in ink."

The high court ruled the original Senate map violated new Fair Districts anti-gerrymandering standards in the Florida Constitution in part by intentionally favoring incumbents and Republicans.

The final vote was 61-47 in the House to close out a scheduled 15-day special redistricting session a day early. The vote was closer than prior redistricting roll calls because 11 Republicans, mostly Cuban-Americans, joined Democrats in opposition to the

plan that passed in the Senate last week.

GOP opponents argued the Senate map violates a Fair Districts provision in the Florida Constitution that protects minority voting rights. They said census figures easily would support a fourth Hispanic district in South Florida, yet the map has only three.

"Here we are again, having to justify the blatant disregard for the Hispanic population," said Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami.

House Redistricting Chairman Will Weatherford later said he was convinced the Senate map is in line with the Fair Districts standards.

"We feel pretty strongly none of the districts retrogressed," the Wesley Chapel Republican said. "There's a lot of different ways to draw a compliant map."

The House also voted 72-36 to reject an alternate plan proposed by Democrats in a roll call that adhered closer to party lines.

Democrats acknowledged the new Senate map is an improvement, but they said it remains flawed.

"We'll see you in court," Florida

Democratic Party spokeswoman Brannon Jordan said in a terse statement.

Democrats said their map would have doubled up eight incumbents against each other. No two incumbents would have been paired under the Senate's original map.

The new version puts only two incumbents in a single district, but Sen. David Simmons, R-Maitland, has said if that stands he'll move to a nearby vacant district rather than oppose Senate Majority Leader Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando.

The Supreme Court ruled eight Senate districts violated the Fair Districts standards. Besides favoring incumbents and the GOP, the justices cited a lack of compactness and a failure to follow geographic and political boundaries. To fix those districts, though, the Senate redrew the lines of 24 districts.

The justices also rejected the Senate's district numbering scheme, ruling it intentionally favored incumbents. Numbering is a factor because all districts are up for election in a redistricting year instead of just half.

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Obituaries



**George Cooper Sr., 75**  
HOMOSASSA

George William Cooper Sr., 75, of Homosassa, FL, died Monday, March 26, 2012, at Hospice House in Lecanto.



George Cooper Sr.

He was born July 31, 1936, in Mancos, CO, and moved to Homosassa in 1970 from Colorado. George was a retired Teamster Truck Driver, Army veteran of Korea and was of the Christian faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lenora Cooper; the mother of his 5 children, Susie Christine Smith; grandson Justin Judge; and son-in-law Tony Herrera.

George is survived by his son, George W. Cooper Jr. and wife, Michelle, of Starke, FL; daughters Karen Cooper and Ronnie Goff of Dunnellon, FL, Sharon Buffington and Darryl of Cortez, CO, Shelia Herrera of Bloomfield, NM, and Trudy Cooper and Jeff Garvin of Homosassa; brother Harry Cooper of Louisville, KY; sisters Esther Lyons of Farmington, NM, and Jo Jo Tucker of Cortez, CO; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of George's life will be held 4 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2012, at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of George may be given to Hospice of Citrus County, P O Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Condolence may be given at www.wilderfuneral.com.

**Cathy Taylor, 53**  
AUSTELL, GA.

Cathy Lynn Taylor, 53, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2012, at Tranquility Hospice in Austell, GA.

She was born in Paterson, New Jersey to Lillian and the late John C. Taylor of Beverly Hills, Fla. Cathy graduated from West Milford High School and attended Montclair State College. She worked for American Express for many years as a corporate travel counselor.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her aunt and uncle, Helen and Charles Claeys, and cousin, Gary Claeys.

Surviving are her mother, Lillian, Beverly Hills; one brother, John (Monika) of Cosby, TN; two nephews, John C. Hood-Taylor, of Memphis, TN, and Charles (Chelsey) Taylor, of Pigeon Forge, TN; and two cousins, David (Laurie) Claeys, of New Jersey, and Pat (Rob) Wintersteen, New Jersey. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online guestbook available at www.westcobbfuneralhome.com.

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**Richard 'Dick' Davis, 88**  
INVERNESS

Richard Frederick "Dick" Davis, 88, went home to God on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in Inverness, FL, with his immediate family by his side.



Richard Davis

Dick was born August 16, 1923, in Cleveland, NY, to Floyd and Jennie Davis. He spent the majority of his life in Rome, NY, while spending winters in Anna Maria Island, FL, and then Inverness, FL, beginning in 2003. He was an Iwo Jima survivor during WWII. He was cofounder and first president of the "Erie Canal Chapter 40" of the 4th Marine Division. He also served in the signal corps of the U.S. Army.

In 1974, Dick retired from Rome Air Force Development Corporation as a civilian engineer. He founded the New York Beekeeper Association and served as its president. He was a lifetime member of the National Ski Patrol, and served as president of the Griffiss Ski Club in Rome, NY. In addition, he served in the role of farmer, gardener, potter, poet, songwriter, and home builder. His dedication to fostering family unity was renowned and he will be missed more than words can express.

Dick was predeceased by two brothers, Robert and Theodore Davis; one sister, Marjorie Gallo; and his wife, Rachel Davis. He is survived by his wife Donna; two sons, Craig (Linda) of Verona, NY, and Eric (Linda) of Lockport, NY; two stepchildren, David (Angela) Matthews of Tarpon Springs, Florida, and Eden Matthews of Foley, Alabama; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A Mass of the Resurrection will take place at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto, FL, on Friday, March 30, at 12:30 p.m. His ashes will be interred at the Saratoga National Cemetery in New York. Donations in Dick's memory may be made to Hernando/Pasco Hospice, or to St. Scholastica Catholic Church toward the furnishings of their new parish center.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

**Marjorie Moreton, 68**  
INVERNESS

Marjorie A. Moreton, 68, of Inverness, died Monday, March 26, 2012, at Hospice of Citrus County in Inverness, FL. McGan Cremation Service LLC, Hernando, FL.

**Paula Ross, 74**

Paula Ross, 74, passed away on March 25, 2012, at home. She was born in Calhoun, GA.

She is survived by her son, Stirling Ross, and her daughter, Kimberly Ross, as well as her companion Tim Lawler. She will be dearly missed.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



**Arthur Flick Jr., 84**  
HOMOSASSA

Arthur Edwin Flick Jr., 84, of Homosassa, FL, died on Sun., March 25, 2012, at his residence.



Arthur Flick Jr.

He was born June 21, 1927, in Orlando, FL, and moved to Homosassa in 1996 from Milton, FL. Arthur was a retired Architectural and Structural Draftsman and a Navy veteran of WWII and Korea. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Homosassa, former member and deacon of the Hurricane Creek Baptist Church of Westville, FL, and past president of Holmes County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bonnie J. Flick of Homosassa; sons Robert E. Flick and wife, Cassandra, of Westville, FL, and Douglas D. Flick and wife, Tina, of Jacksonville, FL; daughters Barbara J. Ryan and husband, Homer, of Homosassa, Karen L. Cotton and husband, Raymond, of Homosassa and Linda J. Gibbs of Orlando, FL; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa Springs. A celebration of Arthur's life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Homosassa, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 29, following the burial with full military honors at Florida Nation Cemetery in Bushnell Thursday at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Condolence may be given at www.wilderfuneral.com.

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**Thomas Gidosh, 85**  
FLORAL CITY

Thomas John Gidosh, age 85, died Tuesday, March 27, 2012, under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Citrus County.

Tom was born on December 29, 1926, in Ranshaw, PA, to the late Rudolph and Josephine (Koyack) Gidosh, and came to this area in 1997, from New Jersey. He was an electrician in commercial and industrial construction. Tom served our country in the United States Navy as a Seabee. He enjoyed swimming, watching ball games on television and ballroom dancing. He especially liked going to the casinos. Tom was a parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Ann Gidosh, Floral City; two stepdaughters Denise Bernaldo, Ventura, CA, and Ann (John) Wilson, Royal Palm Beach, FL; a niece, Mary Dales, Philadelphia, PA, and four nephews, Robert, Thomas, Dennis and Russell Gidosh; and three step-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Associated Press

A sounding rocket launches Tuesday, March 27, from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Wallops Island, Va., as part of the Anomalous Transport Rocket Experiment (ATREX). Five rockets were launched from the site before dawn Tuesday for the ATREX mission to help scientists understand the upper-level jet stream, which is 60 to 65 miles above Earth's surface.

**NASA launches suborbital rockets from Virginia**

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Milky white chemical clouds were briefly visible in much of the night sky along the Eastern seaboard on Tuesday after NASA launched a series of rockets to study the jet stream at the edge of the earth's atmosphere.

The five sounding rockets began blasting off just before 5 a.m. from NASA's Wallops Island facility on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Each of the rockets was fired about 80 seconds apart and released a chemical cloud so that scientists could 'see' little-understood winds about 65 miles above the earth's surface. Firing multiple rockets allows scientists to track the high-speed winds over hundreds of miles.

NASA said it received reports that the chemical clouds were visible as far south as Wilmington, N.C.; west to Charleston, W.Va.;

and north to Buffalo, N.Y. The clouds were also visible above major metropolitan areas like Washington and New York.

The winds NASA is studying travel at speeds of up to 300 miles per hour in an area of the atmosphere where there are strong electrical currents.

Data gathered from the experiment should allow scientists to better model the electromagnetic regions of space that can damage satellites and affect radio communications.

Scientists also hope the experiment will help explain how atmospheric disturbances in one part of the globe can be transported to other parts of the globe in a day or two.

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# Hurricane officials: No more tape for windows

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Officials with the National Hurricane Center had a message Tuesday for residents living in hurricane-prone areas: Don't tape your windows.

Center officials are joining with a consumer advocate group at the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando this week to encourage residents to skip taping their windows when a hurricane is heading their way. They believe it leads to a false sense of security and actually increases danger.

Instead, residents should use proven methods such as hurricane shutters or impact-resistant windows, Bill Read, director of the National Hurricane Center, told hundreds of meteorologists and emergency management officials at the weeklong conference. Attendees are going to seminars on insurance policy and emergency communications as well as hawking hurricane-related wares such as canned food and building-hardening materials.

"Our goal is to break this myth," Read said, referring to taping. "It does not protect your windows. At best, it's an inconvenience. At worst, some people have the illusion that they're safe ... and people can get severely hurt."

Taping windows can create larger and deadlier shards of glass when winds blow through a home, said Leslie Chapman-Henderson, president and CEO of Federal Alliance for Safe Homes.

"The shards can become bigger because they're being held together," Chapman-Henderson said. "You're wasting your time. You're wasting your money and you're potentially in-

## HURRICANE WIND SCALE

A minor change is coming to the five-category system describing hurricane strength.

■ The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale starts at Category 1 with top sustained winds at 74 mph. Categories 3 and above are considered "major."

■ The National Weather Service says an adjustment was necessary to smooth converting units of wind speed measurement for public advisories.

■ The change broadens the Category 4 wind speed range to 130-156 mph, instead of 131-155 mph. That shifts the Category 3 range to 111-129 mph, instead of 111-130 mph.

■ Category 5 hurricanes will have top winds of 157 mph or higher, instead of a threshold of 156 mph.

■ Categories 1 and 2 remain unchanged. No historical storm records will be altered.

■ The change takes effect May 15.

■ Online: Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale: [www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php)

creasing the danger to your home."

Even some disaster management officials are guilty of advising residents to use tape on their windows. Read said when he started working in the 1970s, taping windows was still advised in hurricane brochures. That advice was eliminated from brochures in the 1980s, "but it still persists today," he said.

Hurricane Irene's devastation last year in Vermont and upstate New York was an impetus for the campaign, said Chapman-Henderson, because thousands of residents in the northeast taped their windows. Her group is enlisting local TV meteorologists to tell viewers "Go Tapeless" at the start of the coming Atlantic hurricane season, which starts in June.

Irene, which barreled up the Eastern seaboard last

August and caused the most damage in upstate New York and New England, also reinforced the notion that hurricanes are not just about damage from winds and storm surges but also from rainfall and flooding and spinoff tornadoes, said Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Irene caused \$1.5 billion in damage in New York and \$515 million in damage in Vermont. Last season's 19 tropical storms, seven hurricanes and four major hurricanes tied for the third busiest season since records have been kept, officials said.

"If nothing else, Irene reminds everyone that hurricanes are all hazards," Fugate said. "Who would have thought that some of the heaviest damage would occur in Vermont and upstate New York?"

## State BRIEFS

### State Board of Education takes up digital learning

MIAMI — Florida's Board of Education is discussing the expansion of online learning at public schools and colleges at its meeting in Miami.

Leaders from four colleges and three school districts made presentations on Tuesday. They say the number of students taking a course that has online learning components is rising dramatically as opportunities expand.

In the past 15 years, the number of students taking an online class at one of Florida's 28 colleges has risen from about 16,600 to 268,000. In all, about 33 percent of students took an online course in the 2010-11 school year. Many college-level degrees can now be completed entirely online.

Several groups that promote online instruction

are also providing a state and national outlook on how to continue advancing digital learning.

### Teamsters challenge Florida probation change

TALLAHASSEE — The Teamsters union, which represents corrections employees, is challenging a decision to suspend visits by state probation officers to the homes of released convicts.

The administrative law challenge was filed Tuesday against the Department of Corrections.

The agency suspended home visits of at least once a month for probationers from March through June 30, the end of the current budget year. It also reduced visits from four to two per month for those sentenced to community control.

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Name	NAV	Chg	Name	NAV	Chg
Advance Capital I	16.95	-0.03	GChinaA	32.84	+1.00
Balanc P	16.95	-0.03	HWVPA	6.45	+0.01
RetInc	8.79	+0.01	StratValA	25.85	+0.10
Alger Funds B:			TechGroA	36.48	+1.13
SmCapGr	7.23	-0.04	DrethsAcnc	10.58	---
AllianceBern A:			DrethsAcnc	10.58	---
BalanA	16.90	-0.02	EMKGr	29.17	+1.12
GibThGrA	68.53	-0.03	EVPtXMEml	47.56	+0.01
SmCPGrA	39.85	-0.22			
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LgCapGrA	30.17	-0.10	ChinaA	32.84	+1.00
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GrowthB1	28.10	-0.06	LgCpVal	18.88	+0.06
SCPGGr	31.88	-0.06	LatMunInc	9.87	+0.01
AllianceBern C:			SPeQa	16.96	+0.04
LgCapGrC	32.05	-0.18	TradGrVA	7.42	+0.01
Alliance Fds Inst:					
NFDVSB	12.53	-0.10	HHSB	9.93	-0.02
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RAKING IN THE MONEY

# Allocation could put dent in bay cleanup

State Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, deserves credit for his concern about water quality. His latest endeavor is music to our ears and the melody must be sounding exceptionally sweet to Art Jones.

Dean has procured \$100,000 in state funding for Jones' Save King's Bay effort. The project relies on the manpower of volunteers and donations from the community to rake up the lyngbya currently fouling the once-pristine body of water.

We are pleased Dean fought for and included the money in the latest budget. It is a boon for Jones' project and will go a long way toward seeing if the endeavor can have more than a temporary impact.

The money is being channeled through the Crystal River city manager's office, which means Jones' effort may not be the only one that receives financial support. We suggest other pilot projects be given consideration if the venture merits support. One never

knows where the next great idea may come from and it is important to look for ideas that may generate long-term results.

Ultimately the goal would be to replace the natural grass that once populated the King's Bay bottom where it acted as an important filtering system, removing sediments and nutrients and producing oxygen.

More importantly, the natural grass acts as a wildlife attractant for various species of fish, mammals and birds.

If successful, Jones' project could be the first step in the process of ridding the

King's Bay of the slimy, noxious weed that has fouled the waterway and choked out plants and animals alike.

The environmental health of King's Bay is essential ecologically and economically to our area.

We thank Sen. Dean for his support in this effort with the understanding this is only the beginning of what we hope will be a positive turn for the health of King's Bay.

**THE ISSUE:**

Senator procures \$100,000 for King's Bay cleanup.

**OUR OPINION:**

Wonderful news.

Hot Corner: RUSH LIMBAUGH

**Don't listen**

It just amazes me there's this movement out there to get rid of conservative talk radio hosts. Why don't we get rid of PBS because my taxpayer funding goes to that, and I don't agree with all the liberal agenda that they're brainwashing our kids. So all you people (who) are trying to stifle the freedom of speech, you know, you're not paying for it. Just don't listen to it.

**No censorship**

Hi, caller known as "Rush's run." Why are you against free speech when Limbaugh is the subject? How about Bill Maher and Howard Stern? Is it possible

you approve of them? You must be a liberal and censorship only goes to the right. Incidentally, Rush also has a contract until 2015.

**Most listened to person**

Geek whiz, for the person who just badmouthed Rush Limbaugh in your Wednesday (March 22) paper: I guess he considers it all right for Obama to hang around with people who would call women on the Republican side every name in the book. Rush Limbaugh is the most-listened-to person in the United States on talk radio with 22 million listeners a year. I listen to him daily and I learn the news.

**Child-proof property**

When owning a property that is not fenced in, if you have large holes on it and there are children living in the area, make sure to cover them up quickly. Children have a habit of wandering all over and if they fall into such a hole, they could break a leg. It's very dangerous.

**Thanks, trooper**

The Boy Scouts would like to thank Trooper Tod Cloud of the Florida Highway Patrol for coming to our Spring Camporee event at McGregor Smith Scout Reservation this weekend. Trooper Cloud came on his own time and brought with him the FHP rollover car display to teach safety to the boys and to give them a graphic demonstration of exactly how unsafe it is to drive without your seatbelts on. We appreciate very much the trooper taking his day off to come out and assist and instructing

these young boys and appreciate very much the Florida Highway Patrol for their assistance.

**Build school**

It seems to me that (Frank) DiGiovanni, his desire involved in (Inverness Airport) Business Park's development, putting an aeronautics school near the Inverness Airport, makes more sense than a lot of things that they want to do because you've got to have an airport to train them after they get all the education about engineering of aeronautics. Get that school built near here. That would be (a) good idea.

**Wrong clover**

Chronicle, shame on you. That is not a shamrock on your paper today; that's a four-leaf clover. A shamrock has only three petals or leaves or whatever you want to call them, but that is not a shamrock.



# CF strives to meet pressing needs

The March 22 edition of the *Citrus County Chronicle* featured an editorial opinion related to the recent decision made by the College of Central Florida to discontinue open-enrollment noncredit courses at the Citrus Campus. While the editorial board expressed the opinion that this was "not a



Vernon Lawter Jr.  
**GUEST COLUMN**

good move" on the part of CF, I suspect they did so without having a complete understanding of the very complex context in which this decision was made.

It has been and always will be the mission of the College of Central Florida to serve the needs of the local community by offering accessible, high quality, affordable educational programs. The college, however, does not operate in a vacuum unaffected by the economic and market forces that have forced virtually all individuals, families, businesses, municipalities, and other public and private entities with fiscal responsibility to seek greater efficiencies in their respective operations.

Over the past two decades the state-funded portion of the CF operating budget has been reduced from 80 percent to around 50 percent. Fixed costs such as utility expenses, insurance, and maintenance costs have continued to increase, while state funding per student (FTE) has continued to decline. In short, this is not a sustainable fiscal model.

In spite of this, CF has managed to remain on solid financial footing by carefully reducing operating expenses where possible, strategically building one of the largest educational foundations in the state, and attracting significant enrollment increases of tuition-paying college credit students.

The decision to discontinue our limited schedule of non-credit courses was made only after carefully considering a number of key factors. First, the college did, as the editorial board suggested, consider supply and demand factors. While there has been a 120 percent increase in the demand for college credit classes and programs over the past five years at the Citrus Campus, there has been a significant drop in demand for most non-credit offerings on campus over the same period. An increasingly high percentage of scheduled non-credit courses have been canceled due to lack of enrollment, while college-credit courses continue to fill at record pace.

Add to this the issue of program availability. Many, if not most, of the non-credit courses traditionally offered by CF are also offered by other community entities, including Withlacoochee Technical Institute, community centers, civic associations and social clubs. CF is the only accredited institution based in Citrus County offering college credit instructional programs leading to associate's and bachelor's degrees. In a county where the percentage of adults with college degrees is far below both the state and national average, focusing more of our limited resources on degree programs and degree completion seems to us a prudent decision — a decision in line with making our area a more attractive destination for would-be industries seeking an educated workforce.

As a member of the Florida College System, CF must also operate within the parameters established by the Florida Legislature. These parameters include a statutory requirement that non-credit offerings at each

college be fully self-sustaining and produce at least enough revenue to cover all costs associated with the offerings. Declining demand for non-credit instruction has made this extremely challenging for CF. The state offers no FTE funding support to colleges for non-credit continuing education. At the point the college cannot fully cover expenses in non-credit programming, ceasing these operations becomes a statutory obligation.

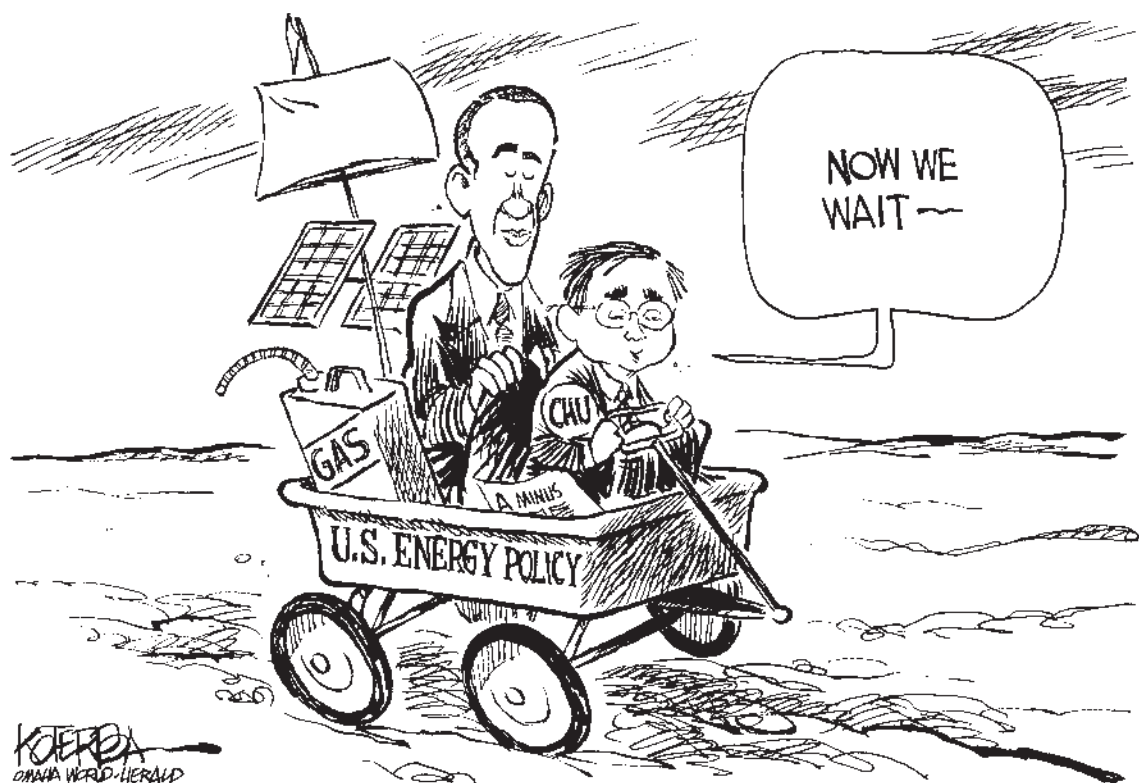
Finally, it is most important that the community realize that while there will be no published schedule of non-credit offerings, requests for workforce training from Citrus County businesses will receive full and immediate attention. Customized corporate training will continue to be delivered on demand in Citrus County, either on campus or at any area business.

CF will continue to work with local workforce partners including Workforce Connection, the Chamber of Commerce, the Citrus County Economic Development Council, SBDC and SCORE to ensure we have a well-prepared workforce.

Rest assured that CF takes its commitment to the local community very seriously. The decision we have made regarding non-credit instruction was made after years of serious deliberation and in the interest of keeping up with the growing local demand for credit programming we are uniquely obligated, and privileged, to provide.

CF is fully committed to remaining a vibrant community-focused institution where students transform their lives, and prepare to be strong community members committed to giving back to their community.

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LETTERS to the Editor

**A modest proposal**

In the past, China had a serious opium problem with a large number of its people. This problem was solved over the course of one generation by the following actions.

All people addicted to opium were required to register with the government, whereupon the government supplied them with their required amount of opium for the rest of their lives. However, anyone caught with opium and not registered were executed: problem solved!

Since most crime is drug related, costing billions and billions of dollars, would not a more civilized version of this solution be worth trying?

Is what we're doing now working?

Richard B. Sartell  
 Homosassa

**Just listen**

Being a good talker is not necessarily the best way to make love, or even a good impression.

As a psychotherapist for more than 60 years, I learned early that to help/heal individuals with emotional problems was to get them to talk, and intently lis-

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"If one knows the truth, the truth would make one free (well)."

More and more I am thinking that maybe the acceptance of truth is only a part of healing, but rather the major factor is that therapeutic talking relationships may uniquely become a love relationship. This means that when one sincerely listens to another talk, it may create feelings of interest, understanding, acceptance, and ultimately the healing power of agape (unselfish) love.

My conclusion now is that that talking and/or listening is not so much the cure for helping a person with their personal and interpersonal problems, but rather the major healing factor is a psychodynamic communicated feeling of love. A person who can listen well and gives precedent to another's wordage, may emotionally generate a conversation into a love reality.

Consequently then, positive interpersonal relationships certainly may not be so much about a smooth line, fancy dress, money, and/or sex, but rather about the willingness to care enough about another person to simply just listen.

William C. Young  
 Crystal River

Letters to THE EDITOR

**Abortion a sin**

**Editor's note:** This is a rebuttal to the Sunday, March 11, guest column "Why I Stand With Planned Parenthood" by Maria Weiser.

First of all, I'm sympathetic of what Maria experienced as a young coed. Planned Parenthood probably helped a lot of people like Maria.

But, that was then and now is now. Things have changed drastically with this organization. After abortion became legal with the 1973 Supreme Court decision, Planned Parenthood became a baby killing factory.

More than 50,000,000 of this county's babies have been murdered and never got to see the light of day. If this hideous practice were shown on television, Americans would demand it be stopped immediately. Abortion is a sin that cries to Heaven for vengeance. It might be this fiscal crisis we face today is God's way of punishing this nation for the slaughter of the innocent.

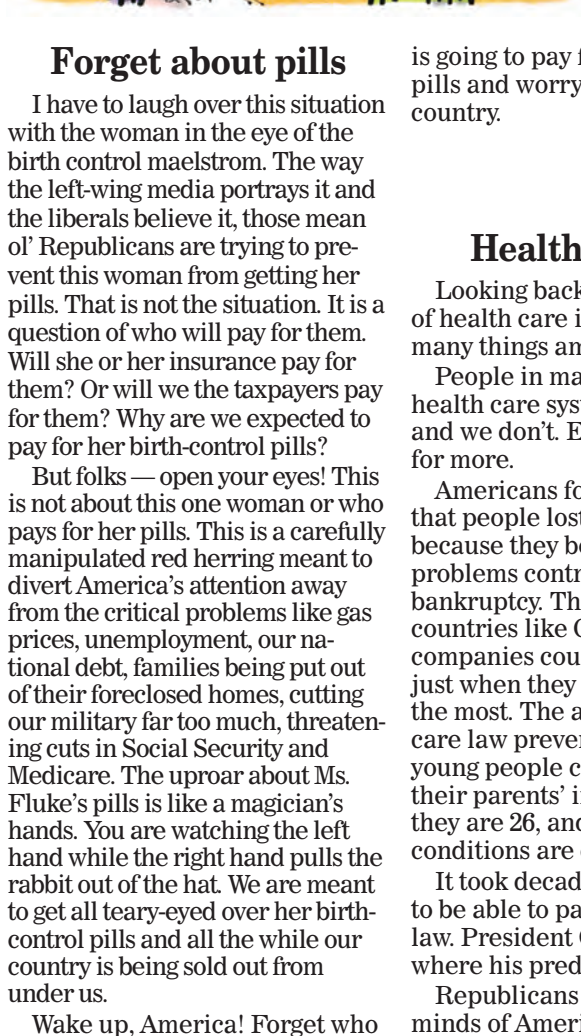
Have you ever heard of how you are guilty of participation in the sin of another?

For example: If you and I rob a bank and we shoot and kill a bank guard, your friend is the wheel man and my friend is the lookout. You and I get life, the wheel man and the lookout get 10 years and 5 years respectively as accomplices to murder. So too, if I counsel a woman to have an abortion and her husband demands she have one, both are guilty of a sin of murdering a baby. The same can be said of someone giving money to Planned Parenthood. If, as a Christian, I vote in this coming election for Obama and the Democratic candidates for the House and Senate, I'm guilty of abortion by association and all the other evils of the Democratic platform.

There is a book worth reading called, "Can a Catholic be a Democrat" by David Carlin. His conclusion is, yes, if he votes Democratic on a local level, but no on the national Democrat platform that espouses abortion and all the other liberal evils.

"Sin is Sin," and there is such a thing as the 10 Commandments, whether you believe in them or not, obey them or suffer the consequences. God sees all. You get away with nothing!

Tom Barron  
Citrus Hills



**Forget about pills**

I have to laugh over this situation with the woman in the eye of the birth control maelstrom. The way the left-wing media portrays it and the liberals believe it, those mean ol' Republicans are trying to prevent this woman from getting her pills. That is not the situation. It is a question of who will pay for them. Will she or her insurance pay for them? Or will we the taxpayers pay for them? Why are we expected to pay for her birth-control pills?

But folks — open your eyes! This is not about this one woman or who pays for her pills. This is a carefully manipulated red herring meant to divert America's attention away from the critical problems like gas prices, unemployment, our national debt, families being put out of their foreclosed homes, cutting our military far too much, threatening cuts in Social Security and Medicare. The uproar about Ms. Fluke's pills is like a magician's hands. You are watching the left hand while the right hand pulls the rabbit out of the hat. We are meant to get all teary-eyed over her birth-control pills and all the while our country is being sold out from under us.

Wake up, America! Forget who

is going to pay for this woman's pills and worry about saving this country.

Harry Cooper  
Hernando

**Health care law**

Looking back over the history of health care in this country, many things amaze me.

People in many countries have health care systems that work, and we don't. Europeans pay less for more.

Americans found it acceptable that people lost their life savings, because they became ill. Medical problems contribute to personal bankruptcy. This is unheard of in countries like Canada. Insurance companies could drop people just when they needed insurance the most. The affordable health care law prevents this. Now, young people can be carried on their parents' insurance until they are 26, and pre-existing conditions are covered.

It took decades for a president to be able to pass a health care law. President Obama succeeded where his predecessors failed.

Republicans plant fear in the minds of Americans, without

facts to back it up, calling it "Obamacare" as a way to show lack of respect for the president.

We were at the mercy of health insurance companies, as they got richer. Their profits rose 56 percent in 2009 rates. Now they must spend 85 percent of premiums on care and quality improvement, or they refund money to the consumer.

Why don't we have a better health care system? Republicans are afraid of change, don't want to give Barack Obama a victory, and they support big business. They don't care if everyone gets health care, as long as they do. Our wealth is not our worth as human beings! We are not going to move forward in this century by looking behind us.

What is the Republicans' alternative?

"Lower health care premiums," but they don't say how.

Having employers "reward those who have healthier lifestyles." (The "less government intervention party? No. They want business to have the right to intervene in your life.)

They also claim they can do their "plan" without job cuts, Medicare cuts or tax increases. That's unbelievable.

Vicky Iozzia  
Crystal River

**Liberal double standard**

In the Sunday, March 11, edition of the *Chronicle*, a writer quotes Matthew from the New Testament to defend Obama.

It is yet another example of liberal Democratic double standard. The liberal left, which has long declared and waged a constant war against God and religion, decrying the intrusion of religion into the political arena (and rightly so), has absolutely no qualms about invoking religious quotations to propagandize un-American ideology.

The writer's biblical reference is used for the sole purpose of justifying "social justice." The writer, however, very conveniently omitted three letters at the end of the expression "social justice." The letters "ist" should have been added to the word social (ist).

The concept the writer describes as "social justice," to which Obama readily subscribed, is the core ideology of Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto. It is diametrically opposed to Thomas Jefferson's declaration "Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who are not."

While it is society's duty and obligation to help those truly in need who are not able to help themselves, it is not the government's right to stifle motivation for advancement through hard work because Obama intends to punish that individual for greater achievement just to buy votes through continued entitlement programs.

Isn't it time for the liberals to put the American Constitution before their leftist agenda? It took me over 40 years as a Democrat before I realized the Democratic administrations never represented the working family. They simply overtaxed the working class to use the revenue for myriad entitlements they created and thusly keep the votes coming.

Gino Calderone  
Beverly Hills

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**Nation BRIEFS**

**Off to sea**



Associated Press  
**Marissa Shadler kisses boyfriend Cory Dutkiewicz Tuesday as he prepares to deploy on the USS New York, an amphibious transport dock ship, from Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Va. This is the first deployment of the ship, parts of which were built with steel from the World Trade Center.**

**Ex-doc dumps abortion files**

TOPEKA, Kan. — A former Kansas abortion provider isn't likely to face criminal charges for discarding hundreds of patients' private medical records in a recycling bin outside an elementary school, but anti-abortion lawmakers called Tuesday for the state Legislature to investigate.

Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe said he doesn't expect to pursue a criminal case against Krishna Rajanna, who confirmed that he left records from Affordable Medical and Surgical Services in a school recycling bin blocks from his home in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park. The Kansas City, Kan., clinic closed in 2005, shortly after the State Board of Healing Arts, which regulates physicians, revoked Rajanna's Kansas medical license.

**World BRIEFS**

**Blessing**



Associated Press  
**Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Kirill conducts a service Tuesday at the construction site of a new St. Spyridon cathedral in Nagatino, Moscow, Russia.**

**Syria OKs plan; clashes continue**

QAA, Lebanon — Syria accepted a cease-fire drawn up by U.N. envoy Kofi Annan on Tuesday, but the diplomatic breakthrough was swiftly overshadowed by intense clashes between government soldiers and rebels that sent bullets flying into Lebanon.

Opposition members accuse President Bashar Assad of agreeing to the plan to stall for time as his troops make a renewed push to kill off bastions of dissent.

Annan's announcement that Syria had accepted his peace plan was met with deep skepticism.

"We are not sure if it's political maneuvering or a sincere act," said Louay Safi, a member of the opposition Syrian National Council. "We have no trust in the current regime. ... We have to see that they have stopped killing civilians."

Annan's plan calls for an immediate, two-hour halt in fighting every day to allow humanitarian access and medical evacuations. The plan also outlines a complete cease-fire, but that will take more time because Syria must first move troops and equipment out of cities and towns, government forces and the divided opposition must stop fighting, and a U.N.-supervised monitoring mission must be established.

— From wire reports

**Judges sharply question health law**

*Skepticism about mandate*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fate of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul was cast into deeper jeopardy Tuesday as the Supreme Court's conservative justices sharply and repeatedly questioned its core requirement that virtually every American carry insurance. The court will now take up whether any remnant of the historic law can survive if that linchpin fails.

The justices' questions in Tuesday's hearing carried deeply serious implications but were

sometimes flavored with fanciful suggestions. If the government can force people to buy health insurance, justices wanted to know, can it require people to buy burial insurance? Cellphones? Broccoli?

The law, pushed to passage by Obama and congressional Democrats two years ago, would affect nearly all Americans and extend insurance coverage to 30 million people who now lack it. Republicans are strongly opposed, including the presidential contenders now campaigning for the chance to challenge Obama in November.

The court focused on whether the mandate for Americans to have insurance "is a step beyond what our cases allow," in the words of Justice Anthony Kennedy.

But Kennedy, who is often the

swing vote on cases that divide the justices along ideological lines, also said he recognized the magnitude of the nation's health care problems and seemed to suggest they would require a comprehensive solution.

He and Chief Justice John Roberts emerged as the apparent pivotal votes in the court's decision. The ruling is due in June in the midst of a presidential election campaign that has focused in part on the new law.

Though many of the justices asked tough questions and made strong statements, past cases have shown that those don't necessarily translate into votes when it comes time for a decision.

Wednesday's final arguments — the third day in the unusually long series of hearings — will focus on

whether the rest of the law can remain even if the insurance mandate is struck down and, separately, on the constitutionality of another provision expanding the federal-state Medicaid program.

The insurance requirement is intended to complement two unchallenged provisions of the law that require insurers to cover people regardless of existing medical conditions and limit how much they can charge in premiums based on a person's age or health.

The law envisions that insurers will be able to accommodate older and sicker people without facing financial ruin because the insurance requirement will provide insurance companies with more premiums from healthy people to cover the increased costs of care.

**Fire menaces homes**



Associated Press

**This aerial photo shows a plane spraying retardant Tuesday on the Lower North Fork Wildfire near Denver. The residents of about 900 homes have been evacuated. Two bodies have been found in the fire area.**

*Two bodies found in wake of blaze; 23 houses destroyed*

Associated Press

CONIFER, Colo. — Two people were found dead in an area destroyed by a wildfire that has claimed 23 homes and forced hundreds to flee the mountainous area southwest of Denver, authorities said Tuesday.

The Jefferson County coroner identified the couple as 77-year-old Sam Lamar Lucas and 76-year-old Linda M. Lucas.

The wife was found outside the burned home on Monday evening; the husband was found inside on Tuesday.

Authorities haven't concluded whether they died because of the fire, which has grown to about 7 square miles. Jefferson County coroner John M. Graham said a final report on their deaths wasn't expected for several weeks.

A third person is missing from the same area where the bodies of the Lucases were found.

The fire is burning several miles and mountain ridges west of Denver's tightly populated southwestern suburbs, which are not under threat. The area of pines and grassland is mountainous and sparsely populated, dotted with hamlets and the occasional expensive home. It is about 25 miles southwest of Denver at an altitude that ranges from 7,000 to 8,200 feet.

No part of the fire has been contained, with authorities focusing on defending homes rather than



**This aerial photo shows a home completely burned Tuesday during the Lower North Fork Wildfire near Denver.**

building fire lines.

The fire threat in much of Colorado has grown during an unusually dry and warm March. The potential for significant fires is increasing across parts of the southwest, although most western states face normal wildfire danger, according to National Interagency Fire Center reports.

About 900 homes have been evacuated and the residents of another 6,500 houses were warned to

be ready to evacuate Tuesday because the fire has been acting erratically. Many of the homes are in winding canyons, and authorities say giving people advance notice can help prevent accidents during evacuations.

Jefferson County sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Kelley had said earlier that the wildfire may have been a controlled burn from last week that sprang back to life because of strong wind gusts.

**Cheating prompts tighter test security**

Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. — The millions of students who take the SAT or ACT each year will have to submit photos of themselves when they sign up for the college entrance exams, under a host of new security measures announced Tuesday in the aftermath of a major cheating scandal on Long Island.

The two companies that administer the tests, the

College Board and ACT Inc., agreed to the precautions under public pressure brought to bear by Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice, who is overseeing the investigation. The measures take effect in the fall.

"I believe these reforms, and many others which are happening behind the scenes, will prevent the kind of cheating that our investigation uncovered, and give high schools and col-

leges the tools they need to identify those who try to cheat," Rice said.

Rice has charged 20 current or former students from a cluster of well-to-do, high-achieving suburbs on Long Island with participating in a scheme in which teenagers hired other people for as much as \$3,500 each to take the exam for them.

In one instance, a young man allegedly produced ID and took the test for a

teenage girl who had a name that could have been either male or female.

Students have long been required to show identification when they arrive for one of the tests. Under the new rules, they will have to submit head shots of themselves in advance with their test application. A copy of the photo will be printed on the admission ticket mailed to each student, and will also appear on the test site roster.

**Obama walks back remark**

*'Not hiding the ball' on Russia*

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Speaking to the microphones intentionally this time, President Barack Obama on Tuesday assured he had no hidden agenda with Russia for a second term, seeking to contain a controversial gaffe that bounded all the way to the campaign trail at home and back again.

Obama got caught on tape Monday telling Russian President Dmitry Medvedev that he would have more room to negotiate on missile defense after getting through a November election, presumably expecting to win and not have to face voters again.

Obama's Republican rivals back home pounced, accusing him of secretive plotting and dealing over American national security.

The president's explanation: He wants to work with Russia on the deeply divisive issue of a missile defense shield in Europe, knowing only by building trust first on that matter can he make gains on another goal of nuclear arms reductions. And there's no way to expect progress during the politics of this election year, so he is already looking to 2013.

"This is not a matter of hiding the ball," Obama said, well aware of criticism erupting at home. "I'm on record."

Still, Obama had not meant for his initial political assessment to be heard. It was picked up by live microphones during a meeting with Medvedev and soon shot around the world. "This is my last election," Obama was heard telling Medvedev, Russia's outgoing president. "After my election, I have more flexibility."

Seizing on the comments, 43 Republican senators sent a letter to the president saying any concessions to the Russians would run counter to U.S. safety and security, and contradict assurances Obama gave the Senate when he secured ratification of the New START treaty in December 2010.

"We will oppose any efforts by your administration to arbitrarily limit our missile defense capabilities or pursue ill-advised nuclear arms reductions," wrote the senators, led by Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona.

Obama said he wants to spend the rest of this year working through technical issues with the Russians, and said it was not surprising that a deal couldn't be completed quickly.

■ Andy Roddick loses to Juan Monaco in Fla. /B3



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## 'Canes fall at home

### Boys tennis takes 6-1 loss in district contest

JOE KORNECKI III  
 Correspondent

INVERNESS — Ocala Vanguard defeated the Citrus boys tennis team 6-1 in a District 3A-5 contest Tuesday. The Hurricanes gave some quality effort and lost three matches in which tiebreakers were involved to decide the outcome.

"We wanted to play, but I wasn't happy how we played overall," Citrus head coach David Assumpcao said. "We've got to get ready for Crystal River and then districts. We have to bring our 'A' game in every aspect."

"The 'Canes' (4-6) most competitive singles match was when Guy Harris defeated the Knights David Little in the opening set by a score of 6-2, but Harris dropped the next set 6-1, and the tiebreaker by a

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## Academy at Lakes handles Warriors

LARRY BUGG  
 Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — Academy at the Lakes shortstop Sydney Boynton tripled, doubled and drove in four runs to lead the Wildcats to a 12-0 mercy-rule victory over Seven Rivers Christian on Tuesday evening at Bicentennial Park.

Academy at the Lakes is now 10-5 overall and holds first place in District 2A-4 at 3-0. Seven Rivers is now 1-9 overall.

Warriors pitcher Tessa Kacer pitched the complete five-inning loss.

Seven Rivers coach Gary Dreyer was impressed with Academy at the Lakes.

"They have a good pitcher," Dreyer said. "They are a good team. They are well-coached. They played a nice, clean defensive game."

"Our pitcher (Kacer) was fine. We didn't have our best defensive game," Dreyer continued. "Mental errors hurt us tonight."

Academy at the Lakes pitcher Lauren Evans allowed one hit and struck out six, picking up the victory. Evans is only a sophomore but has verbally committed to the University of South Florida in Tampa. She scored two runs in the victory and recently hit two home runs in a game against Hernando Christian.

Boynton blasted a two-run triple in the first inning to highlight a five-run first. She also singled in a run in the five-run third inning. Seven Rivers committed four errors in that inning.

Boynton also doubled home a run in the two-run fourth inning.

Academy at the Lakes had six hits and took advantage of seven walks and five Warrior errors.

Academy at the Lakes is fortunate to have a coach who is already in the FACA Hall of Fame. Jerry English came out of retirement to

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# Expanding their horizons

## CHS students sign on to play college football at Webber

J.M. SORACCHI  
 Staff Writer

Brandon Roberts and Ryan Travers enjoyed their four years at Citrus High School as teammates on the Hurricanes football team.

Now the pair has elected to stay classmates for longer after both signed letters-of-intent to attend Webber International University in Babson Park, Fla. The NAIA campus is about 60 miles southwest of Orlando and about 105 miles from

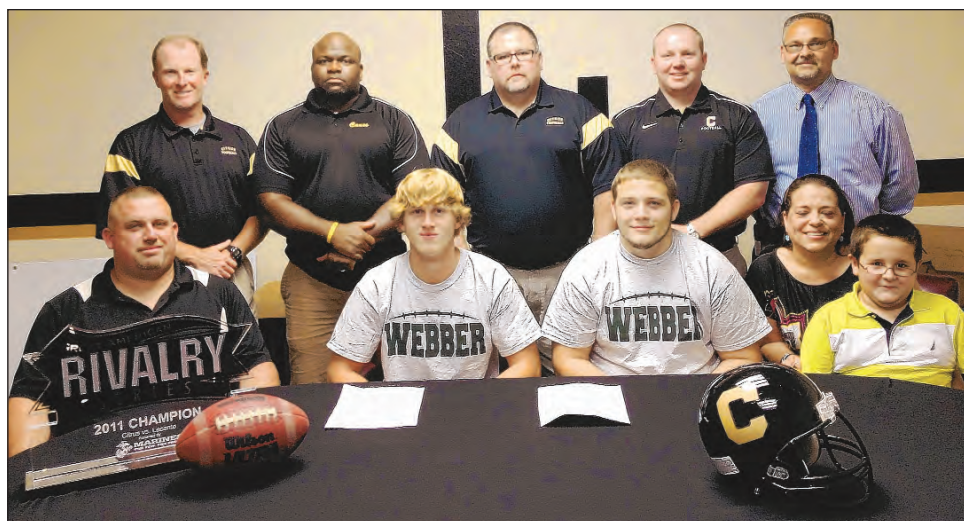
Citrus High School.

Besides the location and opportunity to keep playing football, the ability to continue their playing careers together lured the duo to Webber.

The Warriors went 4-6 in 2011 as an NAIA independent and have only offered football since 2004.

"I think it's really cool that I can spend four years with one of my teammates from high school," Roberts said.

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J.M. SORACCHI/Chronicle

Citrus seniors Brandon Roberts, front left center, and Ryan Travers, front right center, signed national letters-of-intent to attend Webber International University, an NAIA school in Babson Park, Fla.

# County rivals clash on court



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

ABOVE: Lecanto High School's Rishi Gurnani defeated Crystal River's Brandon Papp 9-7 in No. 1 singles Tuesday at Crystal River High School. BELOW RIGHT: Crystal River High School's Kayla Papp earned a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Lecanto High School's Amber Gamble in No. 1 singles at Crystal River.

## Lecanto routs Crystal River 6-1; tourneys coming up

JAMES BLEVINS  
 Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — With district tournaments around the corner, local tennis teams geared up for the final stretch of their seasons by honing their games in the final few days of regular-season play.

The Lecanto boys tennis team did its part by clinching a county rivalry match Tuesday afternoon against Crystal River with a 6-1 meet victory.

"It's been a good season (so) now we have to see what we can do in districts," Lecanto head coach Jack Hall said.

The two teams split in doubles with Lecanto's No. 1 team of Rishi Gurnani and Zach Alford dropping the match 8-5 to Crystal River's Brandon Papp and Travis Swanson. The No. 2 match went to Lecanto as Sam Alford and Lloyd Justo defeated Matt Allen and Alex Papp 8-2.

Lecanto took all of the singles matches to decisively win the meet.

The No. 1-seeded match was a brutally fought battle between two gifted tacticians but Gurnani came out on top 9-7 over Papp.

The Panthers' Zach Alford narrowly edged out the Pirates' Travis Swanson in the No. 2 match 8-6.

Lecanto's Sam Alford shut out Crystal River's Matt Allen in the No. 3 singles 8-0.

At No. 4 singles, Lecanto's Lloyd Justo quickly shut down Crystal River's Alex Papp 8-2.

Dale Eastmond of Lecanto won the No. 5 match in similar fashion as he defeated Crystal River's Ryan Johnson 8-2.

"Most of the contests were close but ultimately they got the best of those close contests," Crystal River head coach Bill Reyes said. "They did a great job and I wish them luck in districts. We continue (on) and hopefully (we'll) iron out the kinks and be ready by next week."

## Lady Panthers beat Pirates 4-3 in rematch

JUSTIN PLANTE  
 Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — After a hair-splitting first meeting between the two, it was assumed the rematch between the Lecanto and Crystal River girls tennis teams would produce a similar outing.

Neither team disappointed, as the traveling Lady Panthers picked up their second win over the Pirates, taking the match 4-3.

"We have a great relationship with Lecanto," Crystal River coach Cynthia Reynolds said. "They just outplayed us today."

Lecanto's four wins came via their singles play.

Madison Gamble, Lecanto's No. 2

singles player, notched an impressive win over Crystal River's Ashley Allen, taking both sets 6-4, 6-1. Afterwards, she was complimentary of her opponent.

"It was a lot of fun," Madison Gamble said. "She (Allen) is a really good player and she was serving the ball very well."

The No. 4 singles match, between Lecanto's Chynna Liu and Crystal River's Jessica Reynolds, looked as if it was going to come down to a tie breaker, but Liu held on to finish off the match in a 6-1, 7-5 outcome.

The most competitive match of the night came between No. 3 players Simi Shah from Lecanto and Nikki Moynihan of Crystal River. After Moynihan took the first set 6-4, Shah battled back

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# Baylor's Brittney Griner leads AP All-America team

Associated Press

Brittney Griner has dominated women's basketball all season.

Now the 6-foot-8 junior phenom is a unanimous selection to The Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, a day after leading the unbeaten Lady Bears to their second Final Four in three seasons.

She was joined on the squad by Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike, Notre Dame's Skylar Dig-

gins, Delaware's Elena Delle Donne and Maryland's Alyssa Thomas.

"That would be a very strong team," Griner said. "I feel sorry for anyone who would have to play us."

Griner, who was on the first team for the second straight year, hasn't taken pity on her opponents. She has the Lady Bears two wins away from becoming the first team in NCAA history to go 40-0.

"I would never have thought it would be like

this. It's amazing," Griner said. "Sometimes you forget what you've done. You don't sit back and enjoy it as you're so focused on a goal. It definitely has been a great year so far. I hope it finishes the right way, too."

Griner has been incredible all season, but raised her game over the last month. She's averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks this season. Throw in two incredible dunks in the NCAA tournament and she's been unstoppable.

Griner and Ogwumike received 200 points and were unanimous choices by the 40-member national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. It's the fifth straight season that there has been at least one unanimous choice. Voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

It's the first time since 2006 that no Tennessee or Connecticut players were on the first team.

Ogwumike had been on the second team the past two seasons and was

thrilled to make the first team this year. Yet she was more excited that her sister Chiney earned second team honors.

"Not a lot of people can say they play with their sister and win an award," the Stanford senior proud said. "I'm really proud of Chiney. She even has more to grow on as she's only a sophomore. For her to be one of the top players in the country as a sophomore is remarkable."

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*Golf* **BRIEFS**

**Scramble to benefit Hospice**

The fourth annual Camp Good Hope Golf Scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Southern Woods Golf & Country Club, 1501 Corkwood Blvd., Homosassa. The tournament supports Hospice of Citrus County benevolent camps — Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter. Entry fee for the event is \$60. Hole sponsorships are \$100. The deadline to register is April 7. For more information or to register, call Hospice of Citrus County at 352-527-2020.

**AIC to host golf tournament**

The American Irish Club (AIC) will host its 11th annual golf tournament Saturday, April 21, at Seven Rivers Golf and Country Club, 7395 W. Pinebrook St. (off Venable and Dunkenfield Road), Crystal River. Proceeds will benefit the AIC local scholarship program and Citrus County organizations supported by the club. For information, call Dave Horsman at 352-897-1398 or Russ Doring at 352-795-4548 by April 17.

**Correction**

The Wednesday, March 14, edition of the *Chronicle* contained incorrect information about a local golfer. Walt McCoy lives in Citrus Hills and is a member of Citrus Hills Golf Club in Hernando. The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

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**GET IN THE GAME**

**Mastering the 18th hole**

The 18th hole at World Woods Pine Barrens measures a maximum of 473 yards from the newly established "elite tees." No matter what tee you play from, this hole is an extremely demanding hole.



Scott Wyckoff  
**SHOTS BY SCOTT**

The dogleg-left hole is enclosed with trees on both sides and sandy waste area on the left side of the fairway — indicative of the course name, Pine Barrens. At the pinnacle of the dogleg, golfers will notice the fairway provides more room to the right to hit a tee shot. However, this also adds more yardage to your second shot.

The aesthetics and serenity of the Pine Barrens make it a very unique golf course by Florida standards. Rated No. 2 in the state of Florida by Golfweek, this is truly a golf course that needs to be on your 'bucket list' of must-play golf courses.

**Tee shot**

Depending on the tees you play, the tee shot must favor the right center of the fairway, due to the waste area on the left side that protects the bend in the dogleg. Tee shots ending up

on the right side of the fairway will find a more level lie. However, it also will add 10 to 20 yards to the length of the hole. For most golfers this is an acceptable trade-off versus being in the waste area to the left. Any tee shot finding the left waste area or ending up in the trees to the left of the fairway will have difficulty reaching the green. A well-executed tee shot to the left side of the fairway will leave golfers with a distance of 160 to 170 yards. Tee shots on the right side have a distance of 170 to 200 yards to the green.

**Approach shot**

The second shot is just as demanding, because the green is protected on the front right by a large and very deep sandy waste area. To end your round successfully, the second shot must avoid this area. Most golfers do not hit enough club and, consequently, do not carry the golf ball far enough when hitting approach shots to the green. Therefore, take one extra club for your second shot. The mistake on the approach shot for this hole is missing the green short. Although the area past the



The 18th hole at World Woods Pine Barrens measures a maximum of 473 yards from the newly established "elite tees."

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green is not visible, there is no trouble if your golf ball comes to rest past the green. For the golfer who is unable to carry the ball over the front right waste area, he or she will have a better chance at achieving par if he or she plays the second shot short and left of the green. This will present an easier third shot to a green that has a lot of movement (i.e. a lot of slope throughout the green).

**On the green**

As you view the green from the fairway, the green

is egg-shaped with the front left part closest to the golfer.

Medium-sized humps are positioned on both sides of the green with the low portion being through the middle. Based on the location of the flagstick, maintaining focus becomes crucial when putting.

In addition, the green slopes from back to front. Therefore, players who hit shots short will have the best opportunity to make the putt.

**Pro's tip**

A conservative tee shot to

the right of the fairway sets up the second shot to the green. Hit one extra club than what you anticipate since the second shot is slightly uphill, and a majority of the trouble is short of the green.

Once on the green, do not lose focus. Ending a round of golf with a three putt always causes the food and drink in the clubhouse to not taste as good nor paying off any friendly wagers caused by the 'flat stick' on the last green.

Remain focused and finish like a champion.

Scott Wyckoff is the general manager and PGA golf professional at World Woods Golf Club.

*Local* **LEADERS**

**BRENTWOOD**

**MEN**  
March 21 — Wednesday Point Quota Group results  
First +12  
Bob O'Brien and Morris Frank  
Second +10  
Bob Staker and Joe Fulco  
Most Over Quota +6  
Bob Smith  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 2 Bob Staker  
No. 4 Kenny McCabe  
50/50 winner Judd Backus  
March 24 — Saturday Morning (HDPC) Scramble results.  
First  
Robert Haden, Morris Frank, Art Miller and Jesse Lewis  
Second  
Bob Myers, Irv Rayburn, L.T. Shull and Wilson Timmons  
Third  
Dick Emberly, Frank Hughes and Jerry Krause  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 2 Wilson Timmons  
No. 4 Kenny McCabe  
March 25 — Sunday Morning Scramble (Early) results.  
First 5 under  
(MOC) Eagle on No. 3  
Bob Staker, Don Henderson and Claudette Kemp  
Second 5 under  
(MOC) Eagle on No. 9  
Malcolm Hollup, Bruce Liston, Pete Bauerle and Sue Bauerle  
Third 5 under  
Jim Kieffer, Ann McLaughlin and Dave McLaughlin  
"Honorable Mention"  
Dick Sorrells, Larry Holcomb, Jerry Gillespie and Johnny Holcomb  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 2 Wayne Brooks  
No. 4 Jay Hylemon  
50/50 winner Dick Sorrells  
Door-prize winner Johnny Holcomb  
March 25 — Sunday Scramble (Late) results.  
First 6 under (MOC)  
Ron Carl, Maggie Cart,  
Carl Kattenacker and Linda Kettenacker  
Second 6 under (MOC)  
Norm Knowles, B. J. Knowles, Jerry Walker and Glenn Vallance  
Third 5 under  
Margaret Roberts, Gail Palmer, Lou DeGennaro and Tom Ladner  
No. 2 John Magee  
No. 4 Glenn Vallance  
March 26 — Monday Mens Group results.  
First +5  
Herb Holbrook  
Second +3 (MOC)  
Rob Goyette  
Third +3  
Chuck Taylor  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 2 Chuck Taylor  
No. 4 Russ Kauffman  
Players in the Saturday Morning Scramble, the Wednesday Point Quota Group, the Sunday Morning (Early) Scramble and the Monday Morning Mens Group and over 80 years

of age may play from the red tees if they wish.  
**WOMEN**  
March 27 — Brentwood Tuesday Ladies League standings.  
Final team points:  
First 131.0  
Penny Magliano and Jane Vandenberg  
Second 124.5  
Kay Fitzsimmons and Dianne Joyner  
Third 122.5  
Glenora Hilton and Dorothy Gratien  
Final individual points:  
First Penny Magliano 64.5  
Second Gail Nowicki 58.5  
Third Sandi Luther 57.5  
Low Gross Dianne Joyner 45  
Low Net Dianne Joyner 31  
Birdies:  
No. 4 Kathy Thompson  
Game of the Day — Best Score on Odd Holes  
Dianne Joyner 25  
**CITRUS HILLS**  
March 21 — The Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association played "baseball" on the Oak's Golf Course.  
First -39  
Curt Mesler, Jon Walton,  
Bob Palmer and Harold Cipollone  
Second -36  
Armando Jaococo, Pete Lindley, Clive Affleck and Joe Matt  
Third -32  
Mike Stefani, Bill Lindsey,  
Jerry McClemon and Lou Pulgrano  
Fourth -31  
Bob Sarno, Dick Brown,  
Mike Rizzio and Bob Fabrie  
Fifth -30 (Match of Cards)  
Mac McDuff, Bruce Cahoon,  
Jerry Krause and John Rowan  
**WOMEN**  
March 13 and 20 — The Citrus Hills Ladies Golf Association participated in a two-week tournament that was a total of the low net score from each week. All ties for first were decided by a playoff.  
**Flight 1**  
First Peg Crowley 132  
Second Kay Close 136  
Third Helen Forte 138  
Fourth Becky Holland 140  
(Tie) Marti Jones 140  
**Flight 2**  
First Barbara Hirnyk 136  
(Winner by playoff)  
Second Nina Kimball 136  
(Tie) Susan Kim 136  
Fourth Deniece Gatz 137  
**Flight 3**  
First Nancy Larsen 139  
Second Barbara Musick 145  
(Tie) Sandra Skiesgellas 145  
**Flight 4**  
First Linda Fick 132  
Second JoAnn Messina 138  
Third Diane Halloran 143  
Fourth Cathi Smith 145  
Birdies (for two weeks):  
No. 2 Kay Close  
No. 3 Ruth Rosenow  
No. 3 Peg Crowley  
No. 3 Deniece Gatz  
No. 4 Nancy Larsen  
No. 5 Cindy Rhee  
No. 5 Becky Holland  
No. 9 Kay Close

No. 10 Barbara Musick  
No. 11 Sherry Robertson  
No. 11 Clara Kim  
No. 11 Helen Reed  
No. 11 Peg Crowley  
No. 12 Peg Crowley  
No. 13 Helen Forte  
No. 13 Linda Berg  
No. 14 Barbara Hirnyk  
No. 14 Becky Holland  
No. 14 Jean Heck  
No. 15 Becky Holland  
No. 15 Jackie Dziekan  
No. 15 Ruth Rosenow  
No. 16 Susan Kim  
No. 16 Jackie Dziekan  
No. 17 Peg Crowley  
No. 17 Kay Close  
**CITRUS SPRINGS**  
March 23 — Citrus Springs Golf and Country Club Mulligan's group played individual quota.  
First Rich Howard +3  
Second Fred Dunbar +1  
Third Stan LaPlante 0  
Birdies:  
No. 17 Fred Dunbar  
The Mulligans at Citrus Springs have shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. every Friday. Anyone who would like to join, call Fred Dunbar at 352-527-1670.  
**MIXED**  
March 20 — Citrus Spring Golf & Country Club played 9 Hole Par 3 Mixed Scramble. Foursomes Division  
First 25  
Nancy Chow, Lawrence Goldberg, Ian Fitch and Don Voss  
Second 26  
Linda Miller, Jane Woodard, Rick Drohan and Ed Turschmann  
Threesomes Division  
First 26  
Linda Turschmann, Scott Maier, and Keith Miller  
Second 28  
Anne Arcudi, Sharon Kundel, and John Kundel  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 2 women only Linda Turschmann  
No. 5 all players Don Voss  
No. 7 men only Don Voss  
**WOMEN**  
March 23 — Points Quota "Chicks with Sticks" results.  
Marj Sibley +9  
Joy Cocuzzi +9  
Amy Thomas +5  
Kathleen Littlefield +3  
Jean O'Brien +3  
Vickie Colebank +2  
Patsy Delp +1  
Judy Hodgins +1  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 4 Vickie Colebank  
No. 8 Joy Cocuzzi  
No. 16 June Goyette  
"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Jan at 352-344-9550 or Carole at 352-746-2082.

**INVERNESS**  
March 20 — The Inverness Golf & Country Club Women's Golf Association played 3's, 4's & 5's.  
First 115  
Carole McHugh, Sally Staton, Marilyn Jackson and Di Arnell  
Chip-ins:  
No. 6 Linda Hertig  
No. 9 Marilyn Jackson  
No. 12 Sally Staton  
No. 18 Mollie Chamberlain  
**PINE RIDGE**  
March 27 — Beverly Hills Men's Nine Hole Golf League results.  
Winning scorers:  
H. Snider 29  
E. Charron 30  
C. Welch 30  
J. Kruse 33  
Bill Lewis 35  
OTG winners: Jerry Kruse and R. Mazzacua. Golfers of any age and ability are welcome to join in the friendly round of nine holes of competitive golf every Tuesday morning at Pine Ridge. The group alternates weekly front nine and back nine with tee time at 8 a.m. For information call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800 or email new216@tampabay.rr.com.  
**POINT 'O WOODS**  
DATE — Paradise Oaks/Blueberry Hill out-ing at Point O' Woods Golf Club winners.  
First 30  
Snap Knapwurst, Mary Lou Knapwurst, Eddie Monroe and Elizabeth Monroe  
Second 31  
John Zaruba, Jeanne Zaruba, Ted Greene and Carol Greene  
Third 31  
Dean McCurdy, Faye McCurdy, Will Dunkin and Charlotte Dunkin  
Fourth 32  
Paul Backman, Hal Ballew, Bill Hutchison and Paul Cass  
Closest to the Pin:  
Nos. 2 and 3 Eddie Monroe  
**SEVEN RIVERS**  
**MEN**  
March 22 — The 7Rivers Men's Golf Association played a "Two Man Better Ball" tournament.  
**First Flight**  
First 55  
Clayton Jeck and Don Eddy  
Second 56  
Frank Wade and Gene Kelly  
**Second Flight**  
First 55 (MOC)  
Sam McMechan and Dave Stanley  
Second 55  
Barry Blood and Ted Grabowski  
**Third Flight**  
First 53  
Bob Burns and Joe Muscaro  
Second 57  
Dick Van Poucker and Kevin Travis  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 7 Gene Kelly  
No. 11 Barry Blood  
**WOMEN**  
March 21 — W.G.A. 7 Rivers Golf And Country Club played throw out the worst 3

holes.  
**First Flight**  
First Carol Biedscheid 55  
Second Phyllis Pike 59  
**Second Flight**  
First Shirley Krupp 54  
Second Dena Neal 55  
**Third Flight**  
First Sheila McLaughlin 50  
Second Mimma Allen 54  
**Fourth Flight**  
First Doris Kelly 51  
(Tie) Norma Tutty 51  
Chip-ins:  
No. 10 Sheila McLaughlin  
Nos. 1 and 2 Shirley Krupp  
No. 13 Marion Kinder  
No. 17 Barb Hart  
Niners  
**First Flight**  
First Cathy Difani 21  
Second Barb Thomas 22  
**Second Flight**  
First Gemma Hertzog 19  
Second Vera Eddy 22  
**SOUTHERN WOODS**  
March 21 — Southern Woods Men's Golf Association played individual medal play — 3 Week President's Cup, Round One Leaders, Gross and Net.  
**White Tee Flight**  
Gross Ray Schnell 75  
Net Phil Jasper 67  
**Orange Tee Flight**  
Gross Bob Boal 82  
Net Bill Bachman 72  
**Gold Tee Flight**  
Gross DanPera 88  
Net Gene Askins 68  
Closest to the Pin:  
No. 4 Bill Gilbert 7'-0"  
No. 8 Mike Medland 2'-9"  
No. 17 Dwayne Deuker 1'-3"  
For information, call Tony Schmid at 352-382-5579.  
**SUGARMILL WOODS**  
March 20 — Sandblasters Men's Group played a Scramble.  
First -3  
(Tie) Paul Angelo, Sam Hunt, Mike Schwabek and Ernie Pettine  
(Tie) Jeff Stier, Royce Decker, Jack Keene and Jim Turner  
(Tie) Garth McGrath, John Moore, Jack Koskela and Tom St.Clair  
Fourth -1  
(Tie) Alex Law, Frank Nolan, Tony Colucci and Gus Calleri  
(Tie) Jim Duller, Tom Jones, Roger Kessinger and Felix Tarorick  
**March 15 — Sugarmill Woods Country Club Men's Golf Association played Team Point Quota.**  
First +12  
Soc Hiotakis, Bill Engelbrecht and Dick Henry  
Second +10  
Bill Lawson, Paul VanTassell, Chuck Luchesi and Reese Kilgore  
Third +6  
(Tie) Erv Koch, Tom Venable, Tony Colucci and John Lawrey  
(Tie) Stuyvie Wainwright, Fred Dibattista,

Bob Chadderton and Tony Corso  
(Tie) Art Anderson, Gus Calleri, Bob Elgart and Bill Lent  
Golfers of the week:  
Low Gross Art Anderson 79  
Low Net Paul VanTassell 64  
Low Net Senior Ernie Pettine 64  
(Tie) Dick Henry 64  
Closest to the Pin:  
Cypress No. 3 Wally Wyatt 15'7"  
Cypress No. 6 Dick Johnson 13'3"  
Pine No. 4 Paul VanTassell 3"  
Pine No. 7 Art Anderson 15'6"  
**WOMEN**  
March 21 — Sugarmill Woods 18 hole L.G.A. golf scores for tee to green.  
**Flight 1**  
First Lorraine Dayton 56  
(Tie) Phyllis Pellegrum 56  
**Flight 2**  
First Gail Wilson 57  
Second Judy Mantle 59  
Third Twila Vaughn 62  
(Tie) Mary Ellen M' Coy  
(Tie) Linda Compton  
(Tie) Jo Ann Ray  
**Flight 3**  
First Fran Thornton 57  
Second Sandra Houghtam 59  
Third Margret Grimm 66  
(Tie) Dyane Koskela 66  
**Flight 4**  
First Donna Rayne 66  
Second Judy Kilgore 64  
Third Mary Tarorick 67  
Fourth Nancy Miller 68  
Fifth Ann Gunderman 69  
(Tie) Fran Alwigg 69  
(Tie) Mary Joy Spiecer 69  
**Flight 5**  
First Pat Lawrence 67  
Second Betty Cobb 70  
Third Peg Murphy 78  
**TWISTED OAKS**  
March 20 — Two best balls were played at Twisted Oaks.  
First 118  
Doris Luhnman, Val Van Meter, Leanne Feher and May Forsythe  
Second 121  
Jan Kominski, Fran Quillen, Shirley Young and Carol Lanzillo  
Third 123  
Betty Smith, Suzanne Mathews, Claire Moran and Marge Abernathy  
**March 27 — Twisted Oaks played low net.**  
**A Flight**  
First Mary McConnell 69  
Second Pat Doerr 72  
Third Mia Husler 74  
**B Flight**  
First LeAnn Feher 67  
Second Betty Smith 69  
Third Wink O'Brien 71  
**C Flight**  
First Chris McGraw 68  
Second Nancy Steward 73  
Third Fran Quillen 75  
**D Flight**  
First Diane Flagg 69  
Second Karen Pilon 71  
(Tie) Bonnie Kaiser 71

# Roddick loses to Monaco in Fla.

Associated Press

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. — The buzz Andy Roddick got from beating Roger Federer turned into a hangover Tuesday, when Juan Monaco became a real headache.

Less than 24 hours after his upset win over Federer, Roddick endured a drubbing against Monaco, 7-5, 6-0.

Monaco, a patient baseliner seeded 21st, was unfazed by Roddick's big serve, and the match became a succession of long rallies. Roddick began to look weary as the match progressed and stumbled after several shots as the match slipped away.

Roddick said he's not in peak condition after being sidelined by right hamstring and right ankle injuries earlier this year.

"I just didn't have it physically," he said. "I got to about 4-all, and I was — you know, I'm out of shape. That's it."

The loss was a big come-down after Roddick beat Federer for only the third time in 24 tries, temporarily silencing critics who say he should consider retirement.

Roddick's ranking has slipped to 34th, his lowest since 2001. He might return to the top 30 next week, and he said his game is headed in the right direction entering the clay-court season.

No. 2-seeded Maria Sharapova became the first



Associated Press

Juan Monaco, of Argentina, acknowledges fans after his 7-5, 6-0 win over Andy Roddick, of the United States, during the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament Tuesday in Key Biscayne, Fla.

semifinalist when she routed reigning French Open champion Li Na 6-3, 6-0. Sharapova had lost their previous four meetings.

In other men's fourth-round play, No. 2 Rafael

Nadal swept five consecutive games midway through his match and beat No. 16-seeded Kei Nishikori 6-4, 6-4.

The victory was by far Nadal's most taxing of the tournament.

# Local season nears end

Spring has arrived and that means we are nearing the end of our

Citrus County tennis season, which runs from September or October through April.

As in years past, we try to give each league champion, USTA as well as local, their own well-deserved space in the newspaper. In certain weeks, more than one league will end. So we'll spread those winners out over the next several weeks. If you do not see your name this week, do not worry; it will be there next time.

The first champion of the season is the 3.5 Senior Women's USTA team from Skyview. The women from Skyview were undefeated in the District 4 (south) division and qualified with this title for the next round of championship matches in Daytona. The team was led by captain Ann Sulinski and consisted of April Manley, Jacqueline Bennett, Nelva Polich, Maxine Pace, Anne Finnin, Carrie Ingersoll, Ruth Branson, Sam Stiteler, Marti Little and Ginger Privat.

## Monday Night Ladies Doubles League

### Results for March 19:

■ Bicentennial Babes def. Brooksville Aces, 4-2;  
■ Brooksville Kick Butt def. Pine Ridge, 3-2.

Standings: Brooksville Kick Butt, 55; Pine Ridge, 48; Brooksville Aces, 43; Bicentennial Babes, 29.

This league is geared toward the 3.5 and 4.0 female players, who cannot play during the day and don't mind traveling for tennis matches.

For more information, contact Vivien Amabile at tony.kbird@aol.com.

## Citrus County Tuesday Womens Team Tennis

### Results for March 6:

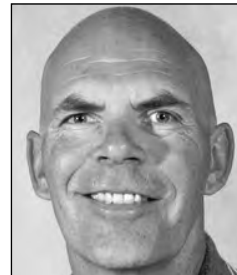
■ Riverhaven Reds vs Crystal River Chip and Charge, 2-2;  
■ Pine Ridge Palominos def. Bicentennial Breakers, 4-0.

### Results for March 13:

■ Riverhaven Reds def. Pine

Ridge Palominos, 4-1;

■ Crystal River Chip and Charge def. Bicentennial



Eric van den Hoogen ON COURT

## Citrus Area Senior Ladies 3.0/3.5 Tuesday League

### Results for March 20:

■ Citrus Hills vs Sugarmill Woods, 2-2;  
■ Riverhaven Ospreys def. Crystal River, 4-0;  
■ Meadowcrest Aces def. Pine Ridge Mustangs, 4-0.

For information, contact new chairperson Luanne Miller at lumiller62@yahoo.com or 352-794-7247.

## Thursday Morning Citrus Area Doubles League

### Results for March 22:

■ Skyview Advantage def. Sugarmill Woods, 6-3;  
■ Pine Ridge Fillies def. Pine Ridge Mavericks, 6-3;  
■ Bicentennial Babes def. Skyview, 5-4;  
■ Bicentennial Bratz def. Skyview Aces, 6-4.

For information, contact chairwoman Carol Keatts at 352-382-5280 or ckeatts@aol.com.

## Ladies on the Court

Winners for March 22: Mary and Phyllis, Shirley and Sandi. Ladies on the Court play at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays at Le Grone Park courts in Crystal River. Bring a new can of balls and 50 cents and sign up to play two out of three tie-break sets.

For information, contact Barbara Shook at dshook@tampabay.rr.com or 352-795-0872.

## The Friday Senior Ladies Doubles 3.0-3.5 League

Season has ended; final standings will be published next week.

For information, contact

chairwoman Joyce Shiver at 352-795-1086 or jshiver@tampabay.rr.com.

## USTA League:

■ 3.5 Senior Women: Skyview def. Fort King, 3-0. Record 8-0.

● Ruth Branson/Nelva Polich, 6-2, 6-2;

● Anne Finnin/Maxine Pace, 6-2, 6-4;

● Carrie Ingersoll/Sam Stiteler, 4-6, 6-1, 1-0.

Sugarmill Woods lost to Fort King, 2-1 record, 3-5.

■ 4.0 Senior Women: Skyview (Hoinski) def. Skyview (Barry), 3-0. Record 4-1.

● Nancy Fletzer/Laura Flanagan, 6-1, 6-3;

● Joyce Schaeffer/Nadia Maric, 6-3, 6-1;

● Irma Buttermore/Brenda Spafford, 6-3, 6-4.

Skyview (Hoinski) def. Fort King, 3-0. Record 5-1.

● Nancy Fletzer/Laura Flanagan, 6-4, 7-5;

● Irma Buttermore/Pam Payne, 6-2, 6-3;

● Carol Hoinski/Nadia Maric, 6-2, 3-6, 1-0;

Skyview (Barry) record 1-6.

■ 7.0 Mixed Adult: Skyview lost to Fort King, 2-1. Record 2-6.

■ 3.5 Super Senior Women: Bicentennial Park lost to Fort King, 2-1. Record 4-2.

Skyview def. The Villages, 3-0. Record 2-4.

● Ginger Privat/Nelva Polich, 6-2, 6-1;

● Karen Lehmann/Ann Koonz, 6-2, 7-5;

● Karen Hejl/Maxine Pace, 6-7, 6-4, 1-0.

For information in the District 4 (south), contact Leigh Chak at 352-572-7157 or vacocala@comcast.net.

For information about the Hernando leagues, contact Lou Giglio at 727-207-4760 or Lou@topseedtennispro.com.

## Tournaments

■ April 21 and 22: The Tournament of Champions Event at Sugarmill Woods/Oak Village Tennis Complex.

Players who would like to enter, email jjeanette3saj@aol.com.

■ May 5 and 6: Cinco De Mayo tennis Tournament (mixed doubles) at Deltona Woods Park in Spring Hill.

■ Oct. 27 and 28: eighth annual Fall Fest Compass Tournament at Crystal River High School.

## HORIZONS

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Travers agreed, saying, "The fact that a teammate was coming with me, it was pretty close to home and the offer they gave me was pretty good."

"It's a smaller campus. It looked like high school, just at a different level," Travers continued. "I could manage my grades and football at the same time."

Roberts was a multifaceted threat on the gridiron, playing fullback, linebacker and even blocking two punts on special teams. Roberts had 456 yards rushing and five touchdowns on offense, while registering two sacks, two forced fumbles and one recovered fumble on the other side of the ball.

At Webber, the Hurricane is slotted to play outside linebacker.

"Brandon was attractive to a lot of different schools because he's a versatile athlete," Citrus football coach Rayburn Greene said. "If I'm a college coach and I'm looking for someone, he fits a lot of different molds."

Travers was a stalwart on the offensive line for Citrus, holding down the right tackle position and leading the Hurricanes with 20 pancake blocks in 2011 for a unit that averaged 240 rushing yards a game.

Roberts and Travers were both 2011 selections

on the All-Chronicle football team.

Greene said Travers really came into his own during his senior campaign.

"He really had a great senior year," the coach said. "Those last five or six games, he really turned it on, especially in run blocking."

As far as the classroom goes, Roberts would like to major in education and become a math teacher while Travers said he'd focus on a business degree.

Greene described the pair as very coachable and hardworking players during his two seasons at Citrus.

Although Travers and Roberts arrived at the same

decision, the path along the way was decidedly different.

Travers, for his part, enjoyed football growing up and knew as a freshman he wanted to play in college. Roberts came to that conclusion in his first year of high school, but his initial experience with the sport wasn't glowing.

"My first year playing (in seventh grade), I didn't really like it that much," Roberts said. "But my stepdad brought me back on the field and I've liked it ever since."

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Philadelphia	11	13	.458
Milwaukee	10	13	.435
Arizona	10	14	.417
Atlanta	9	14	.391
Cincinnati	10	16	.385
Pittsburgh	8	15	.348
Washington	7	14	.333
New York	6	15	.286

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 3  
 Detroit 3, Miami 3, tie, 10 innings  
 Boston 6, Philadelphia 0  
 Tampa Bay 10, Minnesota 4  
 Washington 7, Houston 4  
 Colorado 6, L.A. Angels 2  
 L.A. Dodgers 4, Chicago White Sox 3  
 Chicago Cubs (ss) 2, San Diego 0  
 Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 5  
 San Francisco 4, Kansas City 2  
 Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs (ss) 2  
 Baltimore 4, Pittsburgh 1  
 Texas 12, Cincinnati 2

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota 5, Baltimore 0  
 Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4  
 Houston 14, Detroit 7  
 Miami 3, Washington 1  
 Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 5  
 Boston 8, Tampa Bay 0  
 Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 4  
 Texas 10, San Diego (ss) 9  
 L.A. Angels 5, San Francisco 3  
 San Diego (ss) 6, L.A. Dodgers 5  
 Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 1  
 Kansas City 9, Milwaukee 7  
 Arizona 7, Colorado 3  
 Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 3

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Miami vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Detroit vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.  
 Arizona vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 San Diego vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 7:05 p.m.  
 Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta vs. Washington (ss) at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:35 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Colorado vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.  
 Washington (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 6:05 p.m.  
 Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Philadelphia	28	22	.560	—
Boston	27	22	.551	½
New York	25	25	.500	3
Toronto	16	34	.320	12
New Jersey	16	35	.314	12½
Southeast Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Miami	35	13	.729	—
Orlando	32	18	.640	4
Atlanta	30	21	.588	6½
Washington	11	38	.224	24½
Charlotte	7	40	.149	27½
Central Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
x-Chicago	40	11	.784	—
Indiana	29	19	.604	9½
Milwaukee	23	27	.460	16½
Cleveland	17	30	.362	21
Detroit	17	32	.347	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				GB
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct		
San Antonio	33	14	.702	—
Dallas	29	22	.569	6
Memphis	27	21	.563	6½
Houston	27	24	.529	8
New Orleans	12	37	.245	22
Northwest Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Oklahoma City	37	12	.755	—
Utah	27	23	.540	10½
Denver	27	23	.540	10½
Minnesota	24	27	.471	14
Portland	23	26	.469	14
Pacific Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
L.A. Lakers	30	19	.612	—
L.A. Clippers	28	21	.571	2
Phoenix	25	24	.510	5
Golden State	20	27	.426	9
Sacramento	17	32	.347	13

Monday's Games

Boston 102, Charlotte 95  
 Indiana 105, Miami 90  
 Orlando 117, Toronto 101  
 Detroit 79, Washington 77  
 Utah 105, New Jersey 84  
 New York 89, Milwaukee 80

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

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



**CASH 3 (early)**  
**0 - 8 - 5**  
**CASH 3 (late)**  
**4 - 1 - 4**  
**PLAY 4 (early)**  
**5 - 9 - 2 - 2**  
**PLAY 4 (late)**  
**7 - 5 - 1 - 7**  
**FANTASY 5**  
**5 - 12 - 13 - 22 - 31**  
**MEGA MONEY**  
**12 - 29 - 30 - 40**  
**MEGA BALL**  
**5**

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MLB

1 p.m. (ESPN) Preseason New York Yankees at Atlanta Braves

NBA

7 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Orlando Magic at New York Knicks

NHL

7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Detroit Red Wings at Columbus Blue Jackets

10 p.m. (NBCSPT) San Jose Sharks at Anaheim Ducks

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. (FSNFL) UEFA Champions League Quarterfinal: Olympique de Marseille vs. Bayern Munich

8 p.m. (FSNFL) UEFA Champions League Quarterfinal: AC Milan vs. Barcelona (same-day tape)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

6 p.m. (FSNFL) South Florida at Florida

TENNIS

1 p.m. (ESPN2) Sony Ericsson Open, Men's and Women's Quarterfinals

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Sony Ericsson Open, Men's and Women's Quarterfinals

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

BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. Belleview at Lecanto

6:30 p.m. Springstead at Crystal River

SOFTBALL

6 p.m. Lecanto at Zephyrhills

BOYS TENNIS

4 p.m. Santa Fe at Crystal River

BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING

3:30 p.m. Lecanto at Dunnellon

Denver 108, Chicago 91  
 Houston 113, Sacramento 106, OT  
 L.A. Clippers 97, New Orleans 85

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 103, Cleveland 85  
 Memphis 93, Minnesota 86  
 Milwaukee 108, Atlanta 101  
 Dallas 90, Houston 81  
 Oklahoma City at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
 Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Orlando at New York, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Gf	Ga	
x-N.Y. Rangers	76	48	21	7	103	209	170
x-Pittsburgh	76	47	23	6	100	256	200
x-Philadelphia	76	44	24	8	96	241	213
New Jersey	77	43	28	6	92	208	201
N.Y. Islanders	76	32	33	11	75	185	227
Northeast Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Gf	Ga	
Boston	76	45	28	3	93	249	186
Ottawa	77	39	28	10	88	236	227
Buffalo	77	38	29	10	86	202	210
Toronto	77	33	35	9	75	217	242
Montreal	77	29	34	14	72	199	214
Southeast Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Gf	Ga	
Florida	76	37	24	15	89	189	208
Washington	77	38	31	8	84	206	219
Winnipeg	76	35	33	8	78	205	223
Tampa Bay	76	35	34	7	77	216	260
Carolina	77	31	31	15	77	205	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Gf	Ga	
x-St. Louis	77	48	20	9	105	199	147
x-Detroit	76	46	25	5	97	237	187
Nashville	77	44	25	8	96	219	202
Chicago	77	42	26	9	93	231	222
Columbus	76	24	45	7	55	177	250
Northwest Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Gf	Ga	
y-Vancouver	76	46	21	9	101	230	187
Colorado	78	40	32	6	86	201	207
Calgary	77	35	27	15	85	191	212
Minnesota	76	31	35	9	72	166	210
Edmonton	76	31	36	9	71	206	223
Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Gf	Ga	
San Jose	76	39	27	10	88	210	196
Dallas	76	41	30	5	87	202	203
Phoenix	77	37	27	13	87	200	202
Los Angeles	76	37	27	12	86	175	165
Anaheim	76	32	33	11	75	191	212

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.  
 x-clinched playoff spot  
 y-clinched division

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 3  
 Detroit 7, Columbus 2  
 Ottawa 6, Winnipeg 4  
 Calgary 5, Dallas 4  
 Vancouver 1, Los Angeles 0  
 San Jose 5, Colorado 1

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 2, Chicago 1, SO  
 Florida 3, Montreal 2, SO  
 Carolina 3, Toronto 0  
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 3  
 Buffalo 5, Washington 1  
 Boston 5, Tampa Bay 2  
 St. Louis 3, Nashville 0  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Minnesota 2

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
 Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
 San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
**Thursday's Games**  
 Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
 Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball  
 MLB—Suspended St. Louis minor league C Cody Stanley (Quad Cities-MWL) 50 games after testing positive for methylhexanamine and tamoxifen and Minnesota minor league LHP Aaron Thompson (Rochester-IL) 50 games after a second violation for a drug of abuse.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned 1B Lars Anderson and SS Jose Iglesias to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned RHP Justin Germano, RHP Doug Mathis and OF Josh Kroeger to minor league camp.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reassigned OF Jordan Danks, INF Jim Gallagher, INF Dan Johnson, INF Dallas McPherson, C Josh Phegley and INF Tyler Saladino to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned INF Lonnie Chisenhall and INF Matt Laporta to Columbus (IL). Reassigned OF Chad Huffman to their minor league camp.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Jeff Manship and OF Joe Benson to Rochester (IL). Reassigned C Rene Rivera and INF Pedro Fiorimonte to minor league camp.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Released 1B-OF Preston Mattingly.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Released 3B Casey Blake unconditionally.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Released 1B-OF Jack Cust unconditionally and LHP Zach Duke from his minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned INF-OF Jerry Sands to their minor league camp. Placed RHP Blake Hawksworth on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Jamey Wright.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with C Jonathan Lucroy on a five-year contract.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Signed OF Harrison Kain. GARYSOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Released LHP Shawn Schaefer.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed INF Brad Payne.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Signed LHP Gustavo Chacin.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed OF Luis Uribe. Released INF-OF Jared Jordan.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed LHP Logan Mahon.



# Beckett shoots down Rays

## Boston blanks Tampa Bay 8-0

Associated Press

FORT MYERS — Josh Beckett pitched one-hit ball for five innings and the Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-0 Tuesday.

Beckett struck out five and walked three. Relievers Scott Atchison, Franklin Morales and Mark Melancon combined to pitch the final four innings, allowing two hits and fanning four.

Cody Ross hit a three-run homer in the second.

With Tampa Bay's James Shields pitching in a minor league game, reliever Fernando Rodney started for the Rays and threw one hitless inning. Joel Peralta gave up Ross' home run in the next inning.

### Marlins 3, Nationals 1

JUPITER — Heath Bell pitched a hitless inning to earn his first save for the Miami Marlins, who beat the Washington Nationals in an exhibition game.

Bell struck out two and walked none.

Ricky Nolasco pitched 6 1/3 innings to become the first Miami starter to reach the seventh this spring. He allowed nine hits, but limited the Nationals to one run.

Left-hander Gio Gonzalez recovered from a rough first inning for the Nationals and struck out six batters in five innings. He was charged with three runs — all in the first — and seven hits.

### Braves 7, Mets 5

PORT ST. LUCIE — Freddie Freeman hit two home runs, Michael Bourn also connected and the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets.

Freeman homered in the seventh and ninth innings. Bourn hit a three-run homer off Mets starter Chris Schwinden.

Lucas Duda homered for the Mets and David Wright, in the lineup for a second straight day after making his spring debut Monday, had a sacrifice fly.

Braves starter Buddy Carlyle gave up two runs and three hits in four innings.

### Phillies 5, Pirates 4

CLEARWATER — Cliff Lee pitched six scoreless innings to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to an exhibition victory against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Lee allowed three hits, struck out three and walked one.

Philadelphia scored two runs in the first. Shane Victorino doubled and scored on Placido Polanco's base hit. Jim Thome doubled in Polanco.

### Twins 5, Orioles 0

SARASOTA — The Minnesota Twins scored four runs off Japanese left-hander Tsuyoshi Wada and held the Baltimore Orioles hitless until the eighth inning in a victory.

Wada was pulled after three innings



Associated Press

**Boston Red Sox starter Josh Beckett delivers during the first inning of Tuesday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Fort Myers. Beckett allowed one hit, no runs and struck out five in his five innings of work.**

because of a high pitch count. He threw 62 pitches, including 30 in a three-run second inning.

The Orioles were hitless until Robert Andino doubled off Glen Perkins with one out in the eighth. It was Baltimore's only hit of the game.

### Astros 14, Tigers 7

KISSIMMEE — Austin Jackson hit an inside-the-park home run and Brennan Boesch homered for the Detroit Tigers before the Houston Astros rallied for a win.

Both Detroit homers came off Houston starter Wandy Rodriguez, who gave up five runs in six innings.

Brian Bogusevic hit a two-run homer and a double for the Astros. Jose Altuve had three hits and scored three times and Brian Bixler added a two-run homer.

The Astros were down 5-0 before coming back in the second inning against Andy Oliver.

### White Sox 7, Indians 1

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Cleveland Indians starter Ubaldo Jimenez allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings of a loss to the Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox's Paul Konerko hit two doubles, including an RBI double in the fourth inning.

The White Sox scored three runs in the fourth inning against Jimenez.

White Sox pitcher Zach Stewart allowed a run and three hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out one and walked one.

The White Sox's Brent Morel and

Alejandro De Aza each homered.

### Diamondbacks 7, Rockies 3

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Arizona left-hander Patrick Corbin threw five no-hit innings and the Diamondbacks earned a win over the Colorado Rockies.

Corbin walked two and struck out three, lowering his ERA this spring to 0.57. He also went 2 for 2 with a triple and an RBI.

Geraldo Parra added two hits, including a triple for Arizona.

Rockies starter Jeremy Guthrie allowed 10 hits and six runs, four earned, in six innings.

### Angels 5, Giants 3

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Brad Mills pitched six strong innings and the Los Angeles Angels beat the San Francisco Giants.

Angels' Alexi Amarist hit a three-run double off Javier Lopez broke a 2-2 tie.

Giants ace Tim Lincecum was solid but admitted to some frustration about trying to lock in the control of his fastball. He gave up two runs and five hits in five innings.

Mills allowed two runs and four hits.

### Padres (ss) 6, Dodgers 5

PEORIA, Ariz. — Juan Rivera homered, doubled and singled for the Los Angeles Dodgers in a loss to a split squad of San Diego Padres.

Rivera hit a solo home run in the fourth inning and an RBI double during a

three-run seventh against Micah Owings. Matt Kemp doubled and drove in two runs for the Dodgers and Andre Ethier had two hits, including an RBI triple.

Yonder Alonso hit an RBI double, singled and walked for the Padres. Cameron Maybin singled home a run and stole a base.

### Cubs 7, Reds 4

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Cincinnati right-hander Mat Latos strained his left calf during a loss to the Chicago Cubs, providing another pitching concern for the Reds.

The Reds' No. 2 starter walked off the mound after throwing a pitch in the middle of the fifth inning. The Reds said he was day to day.

Matt Garza was scheduled to pitch six innings for the Cubs, but was taken out after the first two batters in the fifth reached. Garza gave up two runs and fanned six.

Former Red Dave Sappelt hit a three-run home run off Clayton Tanner in the ninth inning. Wellington Castillo also had a solo shot off Tanner in the ninth.

### Blue Jays 4, Yankees 3

TAMPA — Kyle Drabek threw five scoreless innings, outpitching CC Sabathia, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees.

Drabek allowed five hits, struck out five and walked two.

Sabathia gave up three runs and six hits in six innings.

# 76ers romp Cavs in 103-85 victory

## Philadelphia atop Atlantic Division

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jodie Meeks scored a career-high 31 points and Jrue Holiday had 19 to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 103-85 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

Evan Turner scored 12 points for the Sixers, who moved a half-game ahead of Boston and back into sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division. The Sixers have held the top spot in the Atlantic for all but a few days early in the season.

The Sixers romped without forward Andre Iguodala, who missed his second straight game because of left patella tendonitis. Meeks started in his place and made the most of his opportunity, making 7 of 10 3-pointers.

Anthony Parker scored 14 points and Kyrie Irving had 12 for the Cavaliers, who dropped their fourth straight.

### Bucks 108, Hawks 101

MILWAUKEE — Monta Ellis scored 33 points, including 17 in the fourth quarter, as the Milwaukee Bucks held off the Atlanta Hawks.

Brandon Jennings added 18 points for the Bucks.

Ellis made 15-of-24 shots, including 7-of-9 in the fourth quarter, sealing the victory with

a 15-foot jumper with 1:27 remaining. He added eight assists.

Josh Smith led the Hawks with 30 points and 18 rebounds. Joe Johnson finished with 11 points on 4-of-13 shooting.

### Grizzlies 93, Timberwolves 86

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rudy Gay scored 21 points, Dante Cunningham added season highs of 13 points and 14 rebounds, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Cunningham was 6 of 9 from the field as all five Memphis starters finished in double figures.

Marreese Speights had 18 points for Memphis, Tony Allen finished with 13, and Mike Conley had 12 points and eight assists as the Grizzlies won their second straight.

Kevin Love led Minnesota with 28 points and 11 rebounds, while Wayne Ellington scored 15 points, shooting 6 of 10. Derrick Williams added 14 points for the Timberwolves, who have lost six of eight.

### Mavs 90, Rockets 81

DALLAS — Jason Terry scored seven consecutive points in a minute to start a game-turning run for the Dallas Mavericks, who beat the Houston Rockets.

Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points despite a bad shooting night (5 of 17) for the Mavericks. Rodrigue Beaubois had 14 points and Brandon Wright 13.

Luis Scola had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets, while Goran Dragic scored 17 points.



# UConn women return to Final Four

Associated Press

KINGSTON, R.I. — Tiffany Hayes scored 22 points and top-seed Connecticut beat Kentucky 80-65 on Tuesday night to advance to the Final Four for the fifth straight season.

Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis added 18 for UConn (33-4), which will play Notre Dame on Sunday in Denver. The Huskies matched their own school mark of five straight trips to the national semifinals. LSU and Stanford have also accomplished the feat.

Unlike their previous four trips to the regional finals, which were quick blowouts, the Huskies had to work hard to pull away

from the Wildcats.

UConn led 48-47 early in the second half before turning up its defense. The Huskies used a 21-4 run to take command. Hayes, the lone senior on the team, was the catalyst, scoring seven points during the surge. She was selected most outstanding player of the regional.

Kentucky (28-7) could get no closer than 15 the rest of the way.

### Notre Dame 80, Maryland 49

RALEIGH, N.C. — Skylar Diggins had a triple-double and Notre Dame claimed its second straight berth in the national semifinals by beating Maryland in the

Raleigh Regional final.

Diggins did it all for the top-seeded Fighting Irish (34-3). The Big East player of the year and AP All-America selection finished with 22 points, 11 assists, 10 rebounds — and five steals.

Natalie Achonwa added 18 points while Kayla McBride had 16 and Natalie Novosel finished with 14. Next up for the Irish: Big East rival Connecticut on Sunday in Denver.

Alyssa Thomas scored 17 points and Tianna Hawkins and Alicia DeVaughn each had 10. Second-seeded Maryland (31-5) denied its first Final Four since the Terrapins won the 2006 national title.

# Bruins evade Lightning in 5-2 win

## Boston breaks tie in 3rd period

Associated Press

BOSTON — Benoit Pouliot scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period, Zdeno Chara had three assists and the surging Boston Bruins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-2 Tuesday night.

The Bruins won their third straight game despite two goals by Steven Stamkos, who leads the NHL with 55. Tampa Bay's three-game winning streak ended.

Chara set up three goals after being honored in a pregame ceremony for reaching the 1,000th game of his career. He did that Saturday night in a 4-2 road victory over the Los Angeles Kings and wrapped up the road trip on Sunday night with a goal in a 3-2 win at the Anaheim Ducks.

### Sabres 5, Capitals 1

WASHINGTON — Ryan Miller stopped 44 shots, Drew Stafford scored two goals and the red-hot Buffalo Sabres beat Washington to climb over the Capitals into the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Buffalo took a 3-0 lead early in the second period and coasted home behind Miller, who's 14-1-3 over his past 18 games, allowing only 32 goals in that span. He's also 8-0-2 in his last 10.

### Islanders 5, Penguins 3

PITTSBURGH — Frans Nielsen scored twice and the New York Islanders won in Pittsburgh for the first time in more than four years with a victory over the Penguins.

Michael Grabner, David Ullstrom and Kyle Okposo scored. Josh Bailey had three assists to help the Islanders.

James Neal scored twice for the Penguins and Tyler Kennedy added a goal, but Marc-Andre Fleury gave up five goals on 18 shots before being replaced in the third by Brad Thiessen.

Evgeni Nabokov stopped 30 of 32 shots before leaving after two periods with an injury.

### Devils 2, Blackhawks 1, SO

NEWARK, N.J. — Travis Zajac and Patrik Elias scored in a shootout and Martin Brodeur made 37 saves and stopped four of five shooters to give the New Jersey Devils victory over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Brodeur made a sprawling stop on Andrew Shaw to end the contest and snap a two-game winless slide for New Jersey, which now has a four-point lead on Ottawa in the race for sixth place in the Eastern Conference.

Zajac snapped a shot over Corey Crawford for the winner in the shootout.

### Panthers 3, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL — Wojtek Wolski scored in regulation and added the only goal of the shootout to help the Florida Panthers boost their playoff hopes with a victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Mikael Samuelsson scored in regulation for Florida, which outshot Montreal 36-29. The Panthers ended a three-game winless streak and completed a four-game sweep of the season series with Montreal.

Erik Cole and Louis Leblanc scored for the already-eliminated Canadiens.

### Rangers 3, Wild 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Ruslan Fedotenko's go-ahead goal in the third period gave the New York Rangers a victory over the Minnesota Wild.

Marian Gaborik scored and Brian Boyle had a goal for the Rangers.

Kyle Brodziak and Mikko Koivu scored power-play goals for the Wild.

With 6:23 left, Fedotenko found Wild defenseman Nate Prosser in an awkward position and scored on a pass from Ryan McDonagh that glanced off Wild defenseman Marco Scandella.

*Spotlight on*  
**PEOPLE**

**Judge praises Redmond O'Neal**

LOS ANGELES — The son of Ryan O'Neal and the late Farrah Fawcett earned high praise Tuesday for his progress in drug treatment from a judge who urged him to keep making healthy, smart decisions. **Redmond O'Neal** appeared in court in a dark suit and looked noticeably healthier than he did during previous court appearances.

Judge **Keith L. Schwartz** noticed and said it was a good sign of his recovery. During some previous court dates, O'Neal had appeared gaunt and been forced to wear a jail jumpsuit. "There is no reason you can't turn your life around," Schwartz said. "I'm very proud of you. You've done an outstanding job."

**Gov. wants Springsteen**

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie** is calling on native son **Bruce Springsteen** to step up and help Atlantic City by performing at the new Revel casino on Labor Day weekend.

The governor made the plea Tuesday during a tour of the new casino, which opens Monday. The facility wouldn't have been finished without state tax incentives.

The governor views Revel as the centerpiece of an effort to revive the fortunes of Atlantic City, where the casino business has been on a long downward spiral.

**Bassist helps buy ambulance**

GOSHEN, Mass. — An ambulance company that serves six rural western Massachusetts towns has purchased a new ambulance thanks to a \$150,000 gift from the bass player for the hard rock band Staind.

The gift from **Johnny April** enabled Highland Ambulance to buy a new vehicle to replace its aging 1998 model. Highland Ambulance director **Michael Rock** says the gift was a "god-send." Rock tells *The Recorder* of Greenfield the old ambulance was nearing the end its useful life and the company would have been hard pressed affording a new one.

— From wire reports

# Stylist talks shop

*Ambrose advises celebrities on image*

MESFIN FEKADU  
*Associated Press*

— NEW YORK  
**S**tylist June Ambrose helped remake the image of Luther Vandross and Mariah Carey as they were preparing major comebacks, but there's one icon she didn't get to remake — Whitney Houston.

Working with Houston wasn't a pipe dream for Ambrose. With the singer readying a return to the spotlight with the upcoming movie, "Sparkle," and new music, it was a real possibility. But she died Feb. 11 on the eve of the Grammys at 48 of an accidental drowning, with heart disease and cocaine use as contributing factors.

"There were talks about it," Ambrose said in an interview Monday. "I really wanted to do Whitney Houston's comeback. ... I just felt like Whitney and I ... would have been great together."

Ambrose has already proven she's great with other A-listers: Her client list includes Will Smith, Jamie Foxx, Jay-Z, Missy Elliott and Zoe Saldana, and she also was a stylist for "The X-Factor."

"Jay-Z's been a longtime client and a friend. What I love about Jay is that he has such a natural swagger and charisma, and he's just as passionate about his music as I am my art, and we have such a mutual respect for what one another does," Ambrose said. "Mary J. Blige, love working with her. ... Alicia Keys, too, especially when she was pregnant. It was such a pure, personal time."

On her new VH1 show, "Styled by June," the Antigua native helps struggling celebrities look their best, including actress and one-time fashionista Mischa Barton, female rappers Trina and Da Brat, and reality TV star and singer Aubrey O'Day. The show airs on Mondays at 9:30 p.m.

**The Associated Press:** Who else would you like to style?

**Ambrose:** I like broken starlets. I love to fix things. ... I would love to get like a Courtney Love. Lindsay Lohan I'd be brilliant with.

**AP:** What's it like getting celebrities to trust you when taking them out of their comfort zone?

**Ambrose:** Celebrities naturally are quite defensive by nature. They have to protect themselves, they're constantly being photographed and judged, and social media controls so much of how they feel about themselves. You know, they're reading the blogs, the tabloids, and it starts to kind of eat away at their spirit and their confidence. ... I have to strip them down and build them back up, and the reason why I have to strip them down is I need



Associated Press

Celebrity stylist June Ambrose poses for a portrait Monday in New York.

them to see themselves, not the person they want to be, but the person that they are. Face that person, accept that person and then we deal with the alter ego.

**AP:** When were you bitten by the fashion bug?

**Ambrose:** I was smitten and bitten by fashion from inception. When I came out of my mother's womb I was like, "Where are my designer diapers?" I used to cut up my grandmother's curtains and designer dresses for my Barbie dolls. In preschool, I was like, "I want to put on a fashion show," and I got all the parents together and I produced a fashion show. I was like 7 years old, like in kindergarten doing fashion shows.

**AP:** What is the most common mistake people make when putting together an outfit?

**Ambrose:** Fit is a factor. When you think about the '20s and the '40s (and) how structured fashion was: That's why I say it's the return of the lady and the dandy because people are starting to pay a lot more attention to fit. When a guy invests in a sports jacket, have it tailored if it's not something that was couture to your body. ... Women, wear your foundation undergarments, even if you're skinny. Having the right foundation pieces, it helps you with your core, it helps you with that juxtaposition. It's like wearing a petticoat. ... And people

also feel like they need to overaccessorize. You have to balance your bold. ... Head-to-toe leopard isn't necessary unless it's a Halloween soiree you're going to.

**AP:** What trends will we see this spring and fall?

**Ambrose:** Both seasons are filled with color, they're exciting, but what's wonderful about it is there's a lot of classic pieces. I think consumers are really looking for classic fashion that has punctuation, so there's a lot of play on texture, but the color is really what's exciting. It's very reminiscent of the '70s; you feel the Bianca Jagger, you feel the Diana Ross. For the fall, they're more rich jewel tones; for the spring, a lot of sorbets.

**AP:** You mentioned color, but the all-black ensemble will never fail, right?

**Ambrose:** An all-black ensemble will never steer you wrong, even though blue is the new black. I feel like the kimono is the new cardigan. ... A black number will never steer you wrong. That depth will always keep you svelte.

**AP:** I've noticed more men wearing brown shoes. Is brown the new black?

**Ambrose:** You're seeing a lot of the oxford, cognac brown shoes — it's the new neutral for men. And another thing they're doing is the sockless man; very retro. Ankle is the new sexy; ankle cleavage.

# Thieves steal Lorax statue

*Associated Press*

SAN DIEGO — They took the Lorax, made of bronze, the thieves they came, and now he's gone.

A 2-foot statue of Dr. Seuss' Lorax character was stolen from the San Diego backyard garden of the 90-year-old widow of the beloved author whose real name was Theodore Geisel.

Audrey Geisel noticed the statue and its tree-stump base were missing from the garden and were likely stolen over the weekend.

Property manager Carl Romero told U-T San Diego on Tuesday that he found footprints indicating the

thieves had dragged the 300-pound statue to an access road and lifted it over a fence.

He had seen the statue Saturday afternoon, and Geisel noticed it was missing Monday morning.

Audrey Geisel's daughter Lark Grey Dimond-Cate cast two of the sculptures. One was the lone Seuss character to reside on the family's property overlooking the Pacific Ocean in La Jolla. The other sits at the Dr. Seuss National Memorial in the author's hometown, Springfield, Mass. Theodore Geisel died in 1991 at age 87. "I want very badly to get

our little Lorax back home where he belongs," Dimond-Cate said. "Wherever he is, he's scared, lonely and hungry. He's not just a hunk of metal to us. He was a family pet."

The Lorax has enjoyed special notoriety because of the recently released film version of Dr. Seuss's 1971 environmental fable, in which the mustachioed main character speaks out for the Truffula trees against corporate greed, personified by the evil Once-ler.

Dimond-Cate said she actually hopes the Lorax was stolen because of his newfound fame. Otherwise it

could mean he was stolen for the bronze.

"I hope he hasn't been taken across the border into Tijuana for scrap," she said. "Worst-case scenario, I'll get the foundry to create another one, but he won't be the same."

Romero said the statue was stolen just before security cameras were installed, and few knew it was there.

The family has called San Diego police.

Romero said Audrey Geisel doesn't want to punish anyone and just wants the Lorax back.

"You can't sell it on eBay," he said.

*Florida*  
**LOTTERIES**

**SO YOU KNOW**

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

**Fantasy 5:** 5 – 12 – 19 – 28 – 29  
 5-of-5 2 winners \$107,250.54  
 4-of-5 249 \$99  
 3-of-5 10,422 \$9

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

**Fantasy 5:** 2 – 6 – 19 – 21 – 27  
 5-of-5 2 winners \$95,059.79  
 4-of-5 302 \$101.50  
 3-of-5 9,087 \$9

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

**Powerball:** 1 – 15 – 35 – 37 – 47  
**Powerball:** 8  
 5-of-5 PB No winner  
 No Florida winner

5-of-5 1 winner \$1 million  
 1 Florida winner  
**Lotto:** 1 – 12 – 25 – 33 – 35 – 42  
 6-of-6 No winner  
 5-of-6 45 \$4,008  
 4-of-6 2,232 \$66.50  
 3-of-6 42,626 \$5

**Fantasy 5:** 1 – 6 – 11 – 34 – 36  
 5-of-5 2 winners \$142,849.08  
 4-of-5 398 \$115.50  
 3-of-5 13,402 \$9.50

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

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*Today in*  
**HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, March 28, the 88th day of 2012. There are 278 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
 On March 28, 1942, during World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

**On this date:**  
 In 1898, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

**Ten years ago:** The Arab League, meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, agreed on a peace plan that offered Israel normal relations in exchange for a full withdrawal from war-torn lands and a Palestinian state.

**Five years ago:** Iran aired a video of 15 captured British sailors and marines; the lone female captive, shown in a white tunic and a black head scarf, said the British boats had "trespassed." (The crew members were released April 4, 2007.)

**One year ago:** Vigorously defending American attacks in Libya, President Barack Obama declared in a nationally broadcast address that the United States intervened to prevent a slaughter of civilians. Yet he ruled out targeting Moammar Gadhafi, warning that trying to oust him militarily would be a mistake as costly as the war in Iraq.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski is 84. Country singer Reba McEntire is 57. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 46. Movie director Brett Ratner is 43. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 43. Actor Vince Vaughn is 42. Actor Ken L. is 39. Rock musician Dave Keuning is 36. Actress Annie Wersching is 35. Actress Julia Stiles is 31. Singer Lady Gaga is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "You cannot find peace by avoiding life." — Virginia Woolf (1882-1941).

*Today's* **HOROSCOPE**

**Birthday** — Your leadership and executive abilities are likely to be far more pronounced in the year ahead than they ever were in the past. As a result, it is extremely possible that you will be appointed manager of something enormously significant.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — In order to appease your restlessness, you're going to require a variety of activities and the ability to keep your schedule open. Be as flexible as possible.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Although you may need a bevy of activities to satisfy your restless spirit, you should take some time to work on your budget. You'll feel good about yourself if you can trim some of the fat.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Your restless and dynamic sides will be very much in evidence, causing a stir wherever you go. Think of it as spreading a little excitement around.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Your natural sense of humor and quick tongue are likely to be two of your most effective tools. Used constructively, you can reverse any relationship that is heading for disaster.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Attend to your duties without making it a no-play kind of day. You're going to need some kind of lighthearted diversion to help refurbish your attitude and outlook on life.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — By being flexible and prepared to change tactics to meet the needs of the moment, you can turn what would have been an unpleasant episode into one filled with fun and laughter.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Listen up when wiser heads are speaking. Even if a conversation wasn't meant for your ears, something is likely to be said in your presence that will be well worth remembering.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Before getting yourself in-

involved in some kind of new endeavor, it would be best to go out of your way to examine all the available information.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Your spirit of cooperation will enhance all of the assets you possess as well as your appeal to others. A new partnership could result.

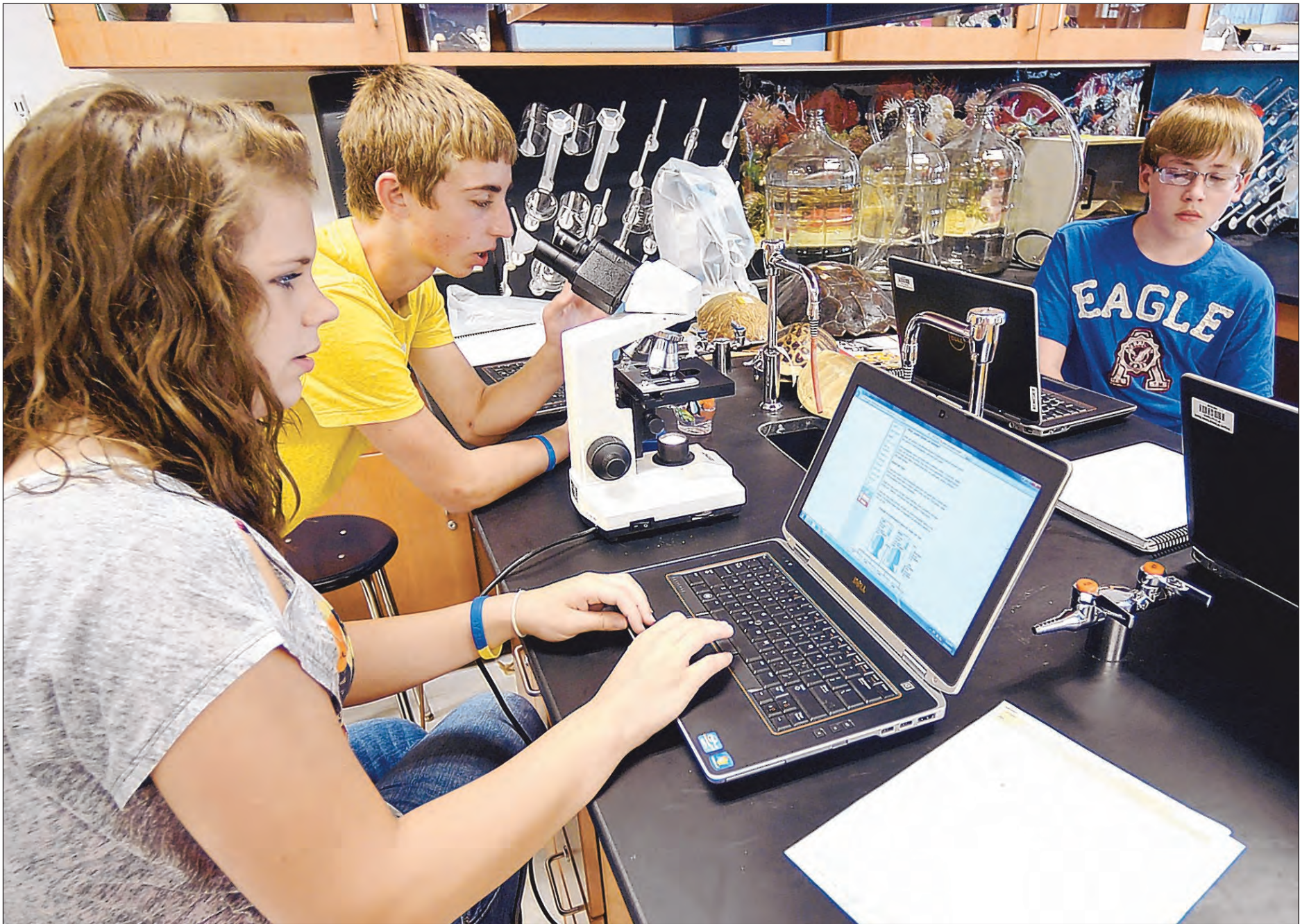
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — If you desire to be as productive with your time as you can, keep your head and hands as busy as possible. Projects that require both mental and physical dexterity are best.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Instead of participating in the same old things with your friends, experiment with something new. If your pals don't want to take a chance, go off by yourself and join those who do.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Your residence could be the magnet that attracts others for a group gathering, so be prepared. Don't be surprised if you have a lot of unexpected, uninvited drop-ins.



# High-tech health



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Rebecca Batson, left, Alan Ivory and Kyle Johnson work on a chapter studying sickle cell anemia. This is the first year for the Biomedical Science Class of the Crystal River High School's Health Academy.

## Crystal River High School health students get hands-on experience in biomedical course

**MATTHEW BECK**  
 Staff writer

Crystal River High School science teacher Greg Biance said he's teaching "pure science."

Biance heads a high-tech biomedical course through the school's Health Academy and said it's unlike any teaching he's done in his 28 years in the Citrus County School District.

"This is done through the

STEM initiative," he said of the program designed to improve science, technology, engineering and math skills in students.

"We're trying to get more hands-on, applied, relative science instead of just taking theory, instead of not understanding what it means, he said. "So this type of learning is the push, even at universities. This is the way teaching and learning should be."

The Principles of Biomedical Science course is funded through a Race to the Top grant written by Gayle Nobles, coordinator of special academic programs for Citrus County School District. The biomedical course received about \$200,000 for the class.

Lecanto High School offers a similar grant-funded STEM initiative through the Project Lead the Way program, focusing on engineering.

The programs are intended to lead students on a four-year study plan that will give them a leg up as freshmen in college.

Biance said last summer he attended two weeks of training at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, where the course was outlined. Each summer, before the next school year starts, he will attend another two-week training.

His 18 Health Academy students are freshmen who were

hand-picked by Biance through an application process that included a letter written by the teens as well as references from their middle school teachers.

Biance said his biomedical class looks 180-degrees different than his mainstream classes, because they are not held to the same constraints as his other classes.

"Here, I have no standards to

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## A night at the museum



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Drew Petrella gives his sister Olivia a ride in a rowboat Friday during a Night at the Museum in Mary Arnold's second-grade class at Pope John Paul II Catholic School.

# Reading, writing and rockin'

## Youngsters become real guitar heroes at music performance school

**DAN CRAFT**  
 The Pantagraph

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — 'S cool to be in school when the teacher rocks. Literally ... as he's doing now ... at your side ... thumping out the bass to Tom Petty's "Runnin' Down a Dream."

So what if you weren't even born when the song was a radio anthem in the summer of '89?

The rock of ages never grows old. "It was a beautiful day, the sun beat down ...

"I had the radio on, I was drivin' ..." Laying down "Dream's" backbeat is 9-year-old drummer Joseph Dubravec; letting fly with the Petty-worthy licks is 10-year-old guitarist Chris Merica.

Tom would be proud. Maybe even envious: Did he sound this good at 9? Or even 10?

The teacher at Joe and Chris' side, aka "Mr. Ed," grins big. Then bigger: Meanwhile, he fills in the blanks with some steady bass and seasoned vocal.

Less-polished results have been

heard at venues packing cover charges.

"Workin' on a mystery, goin' wherever it leads ...

"Runnin' down a dream ... "

As the man behind an array of rock-prone music projects over the past decade or more, "Mr. Ed" Anderson knows a thing or two about runnin' down dreams — from long-gone bands like Brother Jed, to the recent climax of Backyard Tire Fire, to the currently percolating Anders Edison

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# HEALTH

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meet," he said. "I just have pure science. And I just love it because I don't have those restrictions. It's what science is supposed to be."

He says for the most part the students do their own work at their own, advanced pace.

"Most all of them are driven and self motivated," Bianca said. "The stuff I see here in this course I saw in college."

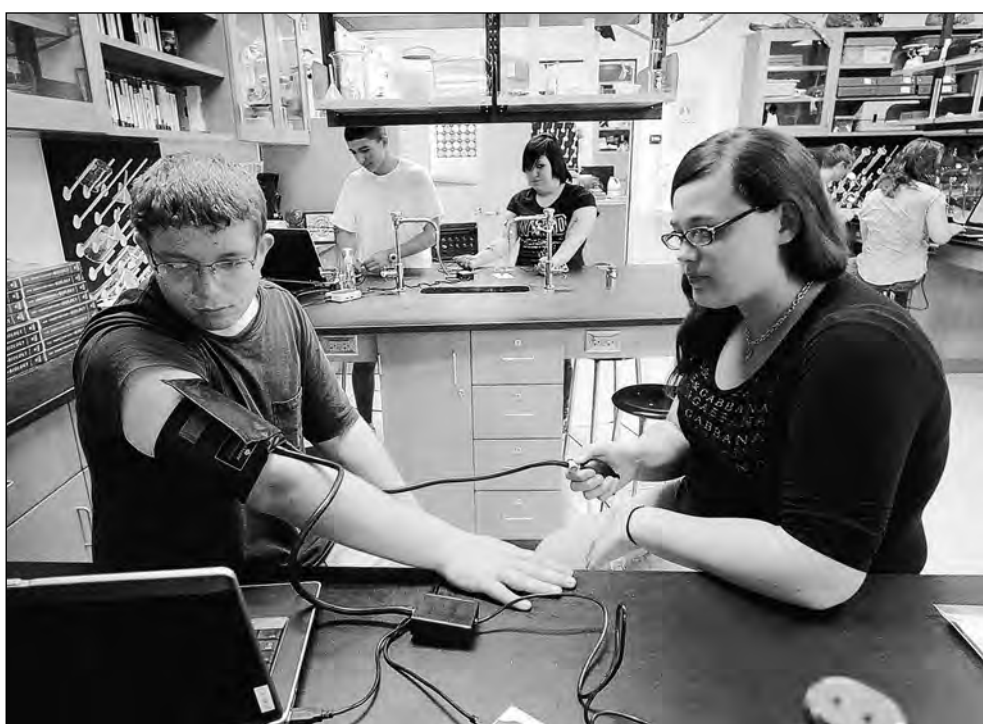
Alan Ivory, 14, is one of the freshman students selected for the advanced class.

"I'd rather go to this class because, one, I have the best teacher, and two, because you can really work at your own pace," he said. "If you're done 30 minutes into the class you can go and dig deeper, researching more about what we're learning about."

While the students work with advanced equipment supplied through grant money, much of their work is completed on laptop computers through Internet-based curriculum.

Ivory said that one major difference between the class and his other mainstream courses is the class structure.

"With this class you don't hear the teacher talk the entire class, like in math or



**Brandon Paul, left, gets his blood pressure checked by Kelly Harris, right, during the biomedical science class at the Health Academy at Crystal River High School.**

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

some other class. Nobody likes lectures. Really, with this class you teach and learn yourself."

During the year, Bianca will lead the students through an aggressive lesson plan covering different medical subjects. The subjects include the human heart, diabetes, human body systems, sickle-cell disease, hyper-cholesterolemia, infectious diseases and medications.

Ivory said the class is

helping him focus on a specific career field later in life.

"I came into this class with the idea of anything helping patients. But I've narrowed it down to physical therapy, pharmacy and endocrinology," the freshman said. "So it's getting a lot narrower. By next year it will be narrowed down to two of those and my junior year it will be narrowed down to one."

He said that by his senior year will have a much clearer picture of what his

focus will be in college.

Bianca says that he can see the students of today are different in some ways than students from years past.

"I've been teaching a long time — 30 years total. And the traditional way of teaching was stories and content and kids were interested years ago," he said. "Kids are different now. They have so much touch and are exposed to so much technology. It's their entertainment."

He says his way of teaching has also evolved with



**Greg Bianca is teaching the first biomedical science class at Crystal River High School.**

the times.

"So, what's happened is when I used to do embellishing stories, some classes it works for still in this modern day, in some classes it doesn't, he said. "You can see some kids zoning out. I've always believed in variety. As long as you keep a lot of variety in the classroom at least it will hit on a cylinder that somebody's going to get. So, that's why I've always been a hands-on kind of teacher because I know that works. But the curriculum is very driven with the theory. So, what happens is that we teach the structure, one, two, three and we want them to think at level four and five. But with this course they do the reverse. They throw them into stuff that is highly technical."

Bianca said the biomedical class follows Anna Garcia, a 30-something-year-old, fictional female character that has been found dead on the floor of her home. The students utilize information from the scene and begin researching a possible cause of death.

"Each small group is given a certain angle and then they give an analysis. They go in and research, what is this, what is that," he said. "Then they sit there in their group and discuss it and project their analysis to me," he said. "Each group took pieces and analyzed different things. When they finished and they put together the scenarios, I went 'that's awesome!'"

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# ROCK

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and Magic Box.

The latest dream finds Anderson now the headmaster of Bloomington Rock School, downstate Illinois' first full-time academy devoted to the art of amperage, and more.

Housed in a downtown storefront, the school fits like a guitar case: exposed brick walls to absorb the tidal waves of sound ("sometimes they're almost too loud for me," deadpans Ed), and high ceilings and polished wood floors to give it that rarefied air of academia.

"It's been a real fun process," says Anderson, who placed Backyard Tire Fire on what he calls "an indefinite hiatus" late last year — partly to focus on the school, partly because life was moving on for the maturing band, including brother Matt's impending nuptials.

"It's one of those things that's at a good place now," he adds. "I get to be at the school two to three days a week, and then I still get to play three to four nights a week."

Assisting Ed are his wife, Kim, who serves as the operations manager, and old crony Tony SanFilippo, owner-operator of Bloomington's Oxide Lounge Recording and Bloomington Rock School's percussion guru. The curriculum is comprised of two full courses designed for kids 10 to 17, "Introduction to Rock" and "Rock Performance."

The latter course culminates in a public performance at a major Twin Cities venue as The Rock School Band: like a recent Castle Theatre gig, in which the band opened for Farm A Geddon and Anders Edison.



Associated Press

**Will Bauer, left, Eric Burns, Ricky Williams, Nick Saathoff and Nick Gizzi, rehearse last week in Bloomington Rock School's "Rock Performance" course in Bloomington, Ill.**

Also offered at the school are private lessons on guitar, bass and drums, and songwriting seminars, all of which are open to budding musicians of any age.

Currently, the Rock School's demographics range from "7 to 50s," says Anderson, who confesses, "at first I didn't think I'd be

teaching as much — I hadn't before — but I discovered I could do it and I liked it."

On a recent Thursday night, school is in full session, with the smaller "Introduction to Rock" class kicking off the evening in laid-back but highly productive style.

In short order, a trio com-

prised of Ed, Chris and Joe plow through a classic rock regimen including the Stones' "Miss You," the aforementioned Petty anthem, Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride," Stevie Ray Vaughan's "Pride and Joy" and — of course — a little Backyard Tire Fire for good measure ("The Places We Lived").

There are occasional timeouts for Mr. Ed to offer suggestions ("Play it straight, the way you were doing it last week," "Make it a little dirtier") and fielding responses (Joe: "That's a lot harder than I thought.")

Chris and Joe — not acquainted before the class began — now work in tandem like a preteen Richards-Jagger.

"I've had to practice a lot — I'd never taken lessons before," says Joe. "I've improved more than 110 percent."

Joe's dad Paul had his reservations about the school in the early going. "I was apprehensive over the

stereotypical rock thing — that they'd be using heavy metal to corrupt my child."

Instead, the opposite has proved true: "The practical learning has really worked, and he really gets into that."

"If I had to put it into a single sentence," says Joe, "it would be that . Ed is a very LIVELY person to have as a teacher."

Chris: "And he's a really good guitar player, and pretty cool."

Later in the evening, it's time for the slightly older "Rock Performance" crew to move in — five young men ready, as the KISS anthem they'll soon perform goes, to Rock & Roll All Night.

They are Nick Gizzi, 14, Normal, guitar; Eric Burns, 18, Bloomington, guitar/vocals; Nick Saathoff, 12, Hud-

son, drums/vocals; Ricky Williams, 16, Bloomington, bass; and Will Bauer, 13, Bloomington, guitar/vocals.

The boys are down to the rehearsal wire for tonight's big Castle Theatre show.

Teacher: "We really need to work on the beginnings and the endings of our tunes." "Make good eye contact to help communicate the songs." "Let's keep rolling like we're doing it for real." "OK, give me a big 'Hey!'"

"HEY!!!"

The Bloomington Rock School is on a definite roll.

"You know," says Anderson between classes, "playing with these guys brings it back to where I was when I started playing — and why it was I started playing in the first place. I love it."

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■ Homosassa resident Justin Roberts, a Northeastern University student majoring in Chemistry, was recently named to the university's **dean's list** for the fall semester, which ended in December 2011. To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

In addition, Roberts is a member of the University Honors Program, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest on-campus housing, and participate in one or two honors courses each term. Invitation into the honors program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA and strong commitment to campus leadership to remain a part. Currently, Roberts is among some 1,400 students involved in Northeastern's honors program.

**FUNDRAISERS**

■ The Citrus County Future Builders of America Club will hold a **car wash** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, to raise funds for upcoming field trips and club activities. The car wash is at the Citrus County School District office in Inverness. Car washes are a \$5 donation, with proceeds benefiting the following four Citrus County chapters of Future Builders of America: Citrus High School, Crystal River High School, Lecanto High School and Withlacoochee Technical Institute.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS**

■ The Afro-American Club of Citrus County gives **\$1,000 scholarships** to graduating Citrus County high school seniors annually. Due date to submit applications this year is April 16.

During the last week of January, the club distributed applications to the three area high schools. This year, the chairman of the Education Commit-

tee also distributed the applications to some of the churches in the community. Students must complete the application and return it to either their school's guidance counselor or they can mail it directly to the club at P.O. Box 641103, Beverly Hills, FL 34464, Attn.: Education Committee.

A copy of the application is available on the club's website at afro-americanclub.org. In the past five or so years, the club has awarded about \$70,000 to students. The club also provides assistance to adults trying to get vocational training.

■ **BFF Society** will offer a minimum of two \$1,000 scholarships. Those eligible are U.S. citizens attending Citrus County schools or Citrus County residents seeking a professional career. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and applicants may be interviewed.

The scholarship must be used to attend an accredited college, junior college or professional school. Applicants may be graduating high school seniors or adult students seeking to further their education, regardless of gender.

Candidates will be judged on academic achievement and financial need. Scholarships are to be used for tuition and books only. The check will be made payable to the educational institution for the benefit of the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship winners will be notified by April. It will be necessary for the scholarship winner(s) to attend the BFF Society Awards Banquet on May 14 or forfeit the scholarship. If the money for the scholarships is not used as indicated, it will be rescinded to the Founding Chapter.

All applications must be submitted by March 31; no exceptions. The application must be in its entirety or it will not be considered for review. Applications can be obtained at school guidance offices.

Mail applications to: BFF Society, c/o Dianne Micklon, 2833 W. Lauren St., Lecanto, FL 34461-9529. For more information, call 352-527-7442 or email trechuck@tampabay.rr.com.

■ Each year, Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club searches for deserving students to receive a **scholarship**. The awards are

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open to students who attended Yankeetown School for at least two years and graduated, or will graduate, from Dunnellon High School or Crystal River High School.

Also eligible are home-schooled seniors, those who are attending college and maintain a 3.0 GPA, and those who have worked after graduation but now have concrete plans for resuming their education.

To be considered for a scholarship, students are asked to write a personal essay and complete a questionnaire, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and submit teacher and counselor recommendation letters. Those who wish to apply may obtain an application from guidance counselors at Dunnellon or Crystal River high schools, at A.F. Knotts Library on 56th Street in Yankeetown or download from the Woman's Club website, www.yiwomansclub.com. Selection will be made by members of the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club Education Committee.

Completed applications should be mailed to: Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club Education Committee, P.O. Box 298, Yankeetown, FL 34498, and must be postmarked no later than April 4 to be considered. For more information, call the club at 352-447-2057, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or email yiwomansclub@gmail.com.

■ **Scholarships** are provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution at three different levels — local, state and national. The local Fort Cooper Chapter offers a \$500 award for a graduating senior woman with a 3.0 average who has been accepted at an accredited college or university. Several categories of scholarship assistance are offered by the State DAR for high school graduates or older with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Guidelines and application forms for these awards are available at local high school guidance offices.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American

Revolution has more than 30 scholarships available for high school and college graduates; information and forms for these awards can be accessed from the website at www.dar.org (click on Scholarships and follow the prompts). For more information, call Fort Cooper Chapter DAR Scholarship Chairman Shirley Hartley at 352-637-1319.

■ The Homosassa Civic Club is offering the **Beri Hagerty-Phelps Scholarship(s)** to students to help further their educations at colleges or technical schools. Applicants must live within the Homosassa Elementary School District. Applications are available at local high schools' guidance offices, and at WTI and CCF. Applications must be received on or before March 31. For more information, call 352-628-9333.

■ **Citrus Garden Club** is accepting applications for its annual \$500 Environmental Scholarship to be awarded to a senior graduate from Citrus High School, Crystal River High School, Lecanto High School and the Academy of Environmental Science.

The scholarship will be awarded to a senior planning to continue his or her education in an environmental field. Applications can be obtained from school guidance counselors' departments. Deadline to apply is March 31.

For more information, call Lucy Murphy at 352-527-4239.

■ **The Business Women's Alliance** of Citrus County Chamber of Commerce announces the opening of its 2012 scholarship award program to offer financial assistance for students planning further education for health occupations, as well as for students planning a future in businesses other than health care. Proceeds from BWA's 2011 Women's Health & Fitness Expo and quarterly networking luncheons will fund the scholarships, being offered to students in Lecanto, Crystal River and Citrus high schools, plus Withlacoochee

Technical Institute.

Applicants must be Citrus County residents planning to attend a university, college or technical school in Florida, or attend WTI, and who demonstrate financial need. Completed application form and personal statement, financial resources affidavit, transcript and letters of reference are required. Applications are available at the school guidance offices. For the high schools, deadline date for return of completed applications to the guidance office is March 30. For WTI, consult the Student Services office. For more information, call the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's Crystal River office at 352-795-3149.

■ The Citrus County Shooting Club is offering **scholarship money** to students graduating from Citrus County High Schools who are planning on a career in law enforcement. Students interested can inquire at their school's guidance office. Applications are available at the club's website, www.ccsc.us, or by calling Greg Cwick at 352-382-2530 or Luis Michaels at 352-746-2414.

■ The Citrus Community Concert Choir Inc. is now accepting applications for its **2012 scholarship award** of \$1,500. Application is open to graduating high school seniors or enrolled college students and residents of Citrus County, or children of Citrus County residents. Past and present choir members and relatives of choir members are also eligible. Applicants may obtain scholarship qualifications and application forms from their school guidance counselors or online at citruschoir.com. Completed applications must be received no later than April 30.

■ Your child may be eligible for a wonderful opportunity — a **Take Stock in Children college scholarship**. Take Stock in Children is a program that helps economically disadvantaged students and their families realize their dream of sending their child to college. To be considered for a scholarship, your child must be in public school in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade, meet the financial eligibility requirements, agree to remain drug- and alcohol-free and get good grades.

Take Stock in Children scholarships are provided through the Florida Prepaid Foundation. Applications are available in the Guidance Offices of Citrus County School District's middle schools. Deadline for applications is April 12. For more information, call 352-344-0855.

Take Stock in Children is sponsored by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

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

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

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

**CLASSES AND COURSES**

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

■ **The Art of Calligraphy** art class is offered every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Garden Shed, 2423 S. Rock-crusher Road., Homosassa. Call Louise at 352-503-7063 for more information.

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# The Mini Page

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## Mini Spy ...



- Mini Spy and her friends are enjoying a video game concert. See if you can find:
- exclamation mark • tooth
  - number 2 • candy cane • funny face • fish • teacup
  - lemon • number 7 • word MINI • heart
  - number 8 • letter T • ice cream cone • turtle
  - carrot • cowboy hat • man in the moon • number 3

## Composing for New Worlds

# Video Game Music

Did you know that some of the world's best composers create music for video games? Thousands of people attend concerts of video game music. Even people who don't play video games are fans of the music.

The Mini Page talked with a video game composer to learn more. The Mini Page also talked with the curator, or expert in charge, of the Smithsonian American Art Museum exhibit, "The Art of Video Games."



This is a scene from "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess." In the Nintendo Entertainment System, for which the first Zelda game was designed, the early computer chip made a sound like a flute. The composer took advantage of this to create the Zelda theme, which appears in all the Zelda games.



In "Earthworm Jim," sound engineer and composer Tommy Tallarico and his team combined special effects, music and voices. This created a realistic environment of sounds. This was unusual in 1994.

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### Musical quest

Composing music for video games offers special challenges. For example, a movie needs about two hours of music. But composers might create 40 to 50 hours of music for one game.

In movies, the music is usually in the background and people are speaking over it. In video games, there is not usually much speech. The music drives the story.

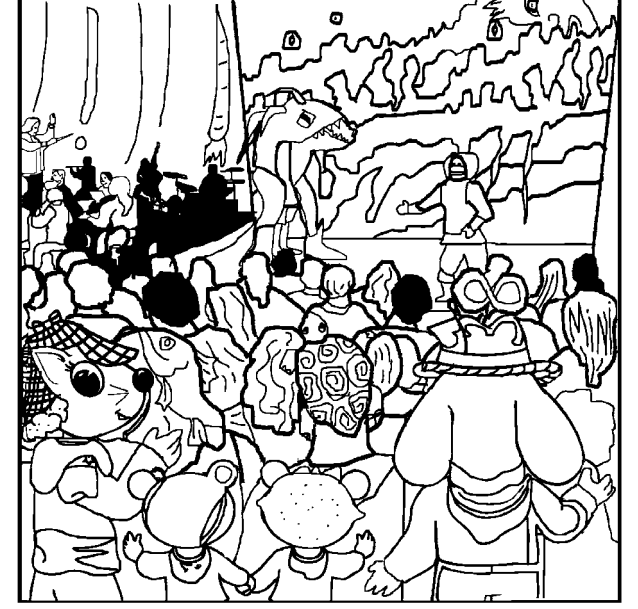
In movies, the story follows in a regular order. The composer knows what will happen from minute to minute. But in video games, the player changes things all the time. Many moods of music need to fit together.

### Changing with the action

The music has to work no matter how the player changes the action. For example, if the music is peaceful, happy music, it has to change when a dragon flies over. It has to sound good whether it turns into dragon-fighting music or to running-away music. The composer doesn't know ahead of time what the player will do.

Composer Tommy Tallarico asks, if you were a musician and you wanted to have your music heard, would you compose for video games or for movies?

"I've always said, if Beethoven were alive today, he'd be a video game composer," Tommy said.



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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Lemon Dill Cucumbers

- You'll need:**
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons white sugar
  - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon dill
  - dash of pepper
  - 2 medium to large cucumbers, peeled and sliced



- What to do:**
1. Combine vinegar, sugar, lemon juice and spices in a medium bowl.
  2. Add cucumbers and toss with liquid mixture.
  3. Chill for 2 hours and serve.

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

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## Meet Seth and Michelle Sternberger



Seth and Michelle Sternberger are the musicians and composers in "8 Bit Weapon." They use early video game consoles and computers as the instruments to play their "chip music." Seth and Michelle, who are married, also compose music for video games.

When he was in the third grade, Seth's teacher taught him about computers and brought games for kids to play. Seth started taking music classes in junior high. He said, "I was always interested in electronic music way more than conventional instruments. I just like how every sound could be uniquely created with synthesizers."

Michelle took guitar lessons in junior high and was in drum line in high school. She played drums in several garage bands. She said, "Nowadays I program drums on my Game Boy and also on my computer." She also composes electronic music for a solo project called ComputeHer.

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# Composing With Few Notes

### Bleeps

In the early games of the 1970s, game designers put in special computer chips to make sounds. But early sound chips were very limited, with only one to three sounds.

Designers had only a few notes to use for sound effects or music. The first games with any sound at all usually had only chirping, mechanical-sounding bleeps and short melodies.



In "Phantasy Star IV," the sound effects matched the environment in the game. The music changed when the player changed actions. For example, it sped up during battle scenes. The music was composed by Izuho Takeuchi. The music in this series is performed in many concerts.

### Electronic sound

In the late 1970s, chips could handle a few more sounds. But all the music sounded electronic. It didn't sound like a piano or a human voice. It did sound something like music.

Because the music had to be programmed, the composers were not usually musicians. They were computer programmers. The music was often simple and basic.

### Musicians take over

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, true musicians began working with programmers to compose for computers, game consoles and arcade machines. By this time, the technology was giving them many more notes to work with.

Music did not often play through the whole game as it does today. It was used mostly at the start of the game and between game levels.

*"Arcades are places people go to play video games."*

### Repeating notes

When music began to be played during the whole game, it was set on a loop. The same few notes of the melody played over and over again. For example, in "Space Invaders," the four-note music looped about every two seconds until you died in the game.

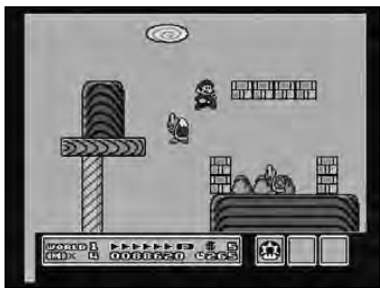
For the first time, the music did react to what was going on in the game. It sped up or got louder when there was more action.

# Games Burst Into Song

### Music choices grow

In the 1990s, CDs came along. Video game composers could use any instruments and compose music that did not sound electronic. They might use symphony orchestras, choirs, or combinations of instruments.

Composers no longer needed to work around the small amount of choices computer chips allowed.



This is a scene from "Super Mario Brothers 3," which is a reactive game. This game, which came out in 1990, broke ground with its music. The music changed to set the tone for different levels. It ranged from music with a full orchestra to 1700s-type dance music.



In "Rez," the player is inside a computer system fighting a virus. "Rez" was the first game that made it possible for the player to interact meaningfully with the music. It made the music part of the gaming experience. The player's actions built the soundtrack.

There were no sound effects, just the music that the player made by battling viruses.

### Playing to music

In today's video games, music acts in two ways.

The music might be **reactive** (ree-AK-tive). That means it reacts to the level you are playing in the game. The music is always the same at a certain level, no matter who is playing. The player does not affect the music.

For example, when you are at the dragon level, the dragon music plays. When you are at the dungeon level, the dungeon music plays. Most games have reactive music.

The other type of music is **interactive** (in-tur-AK-tiv). The players interact with, or change, the music. What the player does affects the music.

For example, in "Flower," when a player adds petals, more instruments join in. The music changes.

### Crossing boundaries

Many musicians compose music for different media, working on movies, TV shows and video games.

Composers are releasing CDs of their video game music. Fans are flocking to concerts of this music. Video game composers Tommy Tallarico and Jack Wall created a tour of concerts called Video Games Live, where video game scenes run on screens as a symphony plays. Other groups are putting on similar concerts.

Last year, a song from the game "Civilization IV" became the first video game music to win a Grammy Award. This year, for the first time, the Grammys officially added video game music to the awards for "visual media."

Next week, The Mini Page is about kites.

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## Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

- Billy:** What happens when you cross a boomerang with a gift you don't like?  
**Bob:** You get gifts that return themselves!

**Barry:** What should you call a boomerang that doesn't come back when you throw it?  
**Barra:** A stick!

- Bethany:** What piece of jewelry will always be returned to your finger?  
**Brianna:** A boomer-ring!

## Basset Brown The News Hound's Video Game Music TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of video game music are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BLEEPS, CHIP, CHOIRS, COMPOSER, COMPUTER, ELECTRONIC, GAME, HERO, INSTRUMENTS, INTERACTIVE, LEVELS, LOOP, MUSIC, MUSICIAN, NOTES, ORCHESTRA, PLAY, REACTIVE, STORY, VIDEO.

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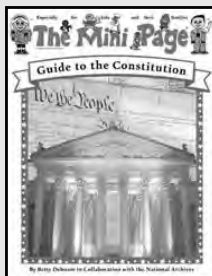
The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

- On the Web:**
- americanart.si.edu/taovg
  - youtube.com/watch?v=nJtuCA4vq2g
  - youtube.com/watch?v=4FWqG7AUntM&feature=related
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**News NOTES**

**Citrus Garden Club offers scholarship**

Citrus Garden Club is accepting applications for its annual \$500 Environmental Scholarship to be awarded to a senior graduate from Citrus High School, Crystal River High School, Lecanto High School and the Academy of Environmental Science.

The scholarship will be awarded to a senior planning to continue his or her education in an environmental field. Applications can be obtained from school guidance counselors' departments. Deadline to apply is March 31.

For more information, call Lucy Murphy at 352-527-4239.

**Sales benefit Special Olympics**

Plant and yard sales slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the parking lot at Pooch Parlor in Homosassa, will benefit Special Olympics.

The Pooch Parlor is on U.S. 19 near the Harley-Davidson dealership. For more information, call Irene LaBarbar at 352-795-5896. Safety Patrol needs help with T-shirts

Pope John Paul II school's Safety Patrol is seeking sponsors to advertise on the backs of T-shirts members plan to wear on a trip to Washington, D.C., soon.

Donation request is \$25 per line. Call Beverly Isabelle, Safety Patrol parent coordinator, at 352-613-0632.

**Vendors sought for Market Day**

Herry's Market Day is the last Saturday monthly from 8 a.m. to noon on the grounds of the Hospice Thrift Shoppe, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa (behind Wendy's, east of U.S. 19). March's Market Day is Saturday, March 31.

The outdoor flea market features a variety of merchandise, from old to ordinary to useful, sublime, cool and collectible. Herry's Market Day is offering an invitation for free vendor space. Space is limited. Call Caroline at 352-527-2020.

Visit Hospice of Citrus County on the Web at [www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org](http://www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org).

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**Jazz Appreciation Month**

*Citrus County Historical Society to host final concert of season*

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Historical Society celebrates Jazz Appreciation Month by hosting its final jazz concert of the season, Thursday, April 5. Starting at 6 p.m., appetizers from Deco Café and a cash bar will be available. Music starts at 7 p.m.

An all-star cast of musicians known as Southern Exposure will perform

with band leader Norman Bernard and vocalist Kim Evans. Guest performer is trombonist and vocalist Denis Cabana from Montreal, Canada.

The theme of the concert is "Made in America," since jazz music is a form of improvisation that is American as apple pie. Its earliest forms began in New Orleans in the late 1890s and from there has spread around the world. It's been said that American

civilization will primarily be known for three original things — the Constitution, baseball and jazz.

Tickets can be purchased at The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum for \$25 by calling 352-341-6427. Proceeds benefit the museum and its exhibitions and programs.

For information on sponsorships, or to purchase tickets, call the society of fice at 352-341-6427.

**St. Paw-dy's Day Yappy Hour**



Special to the Chronicle

**Pawfection Ranch Owner Melodyne Faucher, right, presents a check to Hospice of Citrus County Development Director Linda Baker for \$836 from proceeds raised from the third annual St. Paw-dy's Day Yappy Hour Sunday, March 18 at Pawfection Ranch in Homosassa. The donation will benefit patients and families served by Hospice of Citrus County. St. Paw-dy's Day Yappy Hour included refreshments, music, pet vendors, raffles, pet photos and activities.**



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**ABOVE: Gloris McNevin, left, holds onto her Chihuahua Chico and Diane Pellerin watches over her Boxer Emily at the third annual St. Paw-dy's Day Yappy Hour Sunday, March 18, at Pawfection Ranch in Homosassa (across U.S. 19 from Howard's Flea Market). St. Paw-dy's Day Yappy Hour, which raises funds for Hospice of Citrus County, included refreshments, music, pet vendors, raffles, pet photos and activities. Pawfection Ranch is a grooming facility that also offers a pet hotel and pet day care. AT LEFT: Betty Coe, right, won a Pawfection Ranch St. Paw-dy's Day Pet Prize Basket at the third annual St. Paw-dy's Day Yappy Hour. Pictured with Coe are Echo Rooney and their lovable pooches Tippy and Cracker. Pawfection Ranch sponsors the annual event to benefit patients and families served by Hospice of Citrus County. Visit Hospice of Citrus County on the web at [www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org](http://www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org).**

**Sweet talk for special month**

Special to the Chronicle

In conjunction with Florida Archaeology Month, "Sweet Cane: Florida Sugar Prior to the Civil War," a presentation by Dr. Lucy Wayne, archaeologist and architectural historian, will be offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, during Homosassa Heritage Days at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs State

Wildlife Park.

All are welcome at the free presentation on the early history of sugar production in Florida.

The presentation will include a brief history of sugar and an explanation of how it was raised and processed in Florida prior to the Civil War.

The presentation will include a discussion of the Yulee and Gamble sugar

works of the Gulf coast and how they fit into the broader history of sugar in Florida.

The presentations will be followed at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. by "Sweet and Sour," a guided tour and presentation of the ruins of David Levy Yulee's sugar mill at Yulee Sugar Mill State Park.

For more information, call 352-628-5343.

**Honoring patriotism**



CHARLES DAY/Special to the Chronicle

**Members of the public, SAR members and auxiliary members of the Withlacoochee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, gathered March 10 for the Patriotic Meeting to honor for their contributions, to not only the SAR, but their accomplishments toward their communities and country. Awards were presented to, from left: Distinguished Community Member, Judge "Ric" Howard; Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Good Citizenship Medal, Jack Townsend; Martha Washington Medal, Vickie Lewandowski; Daughters of Liberty Medal, Dorothy Day; Good Citizenship Medal, Charlie Day; Patriot Ancestors Recognition, Harley Nelson; and Good Citizenship Medal, Dan Pushee. For more information about the Withlacoochee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, call Charles Day at 352-678-2971.**

**News NOTES**

**Chorus to offer spring concert**

Citrus Community Concert Choir will present its eighth annual Spring Concert under the direction of Jacki Doxey-Scott with accompanist Sally Smith. The chorus will perform two works: "The Creation," an Oratorio by Joseph Haydn, and "Missa Americana," by Ed Lojeski. Remaining performances will be:

■ Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 206 Washington Ave., Inverness.

■ Sunday, April 1, 3 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 935 S. Crystal Glen, Lecanto.

Adult admission will be \$10; children 12 and younger are admitted for free.

For more information, call 352-382-7071 or visit [www.citruschoir.com](http://www.citruschoir.com).

**Jazzercise for Relay effort**

Citrus County Jazzercise will have a two-hour Relay For Life fundraising class for their Relay team — the Jazzercise Junkies — beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 31.

New students may join in on the special class for a donation to Relay For Life. Raffle tickets will be sold and tickets will be drawn for dozens of donated prizes, all to benefit Relay For Life.

The class will be taught in both low-impact and regular format so students can modify the moves to fit their individual body's needs. For more information, call 352-634-5661.

**Habitat orientation to be March 31**

Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County is looking for partner families to build their own Habitat homes.

People interested in becoming Habitat homeowners in 2012-13 should attend a mandatory orientation session from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31, at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church on Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Attendance is required to enter the Habitat program and apply for a Habitat home. Potential applicants will receive a full explanation of the program, timeline, income and service requirements, and other information.

Children cannot be accommodated at this meeting.

For more information, call 352-563-2744.

**Jam with Jazz Society April 1**

Citrus Jazz Society will host its monthly open jam session from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the Citrus Catholic Charity Community Center (formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall, Homosassa Springs).

The jam session features local and visiting musicians playing old favorites of jazz, swing and Dixieland for listening and dancing pleasure. The public is invited; admission at the door is \$7 for non-members. Bring refreshments.

Musicians interested in playing are invited to call Tony Caruso at 352-942-9399.

**Camera buffs will meet April 2**

The Camera Club, which is part of the Art Center of Citrus County, will gather at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Art Center on Annapolis Avenue, north of County Road 486. Following social time, the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Those with an interest in photography may want to join the group at this meeting. It will be a competition night, with two judges critiquing and awarding points in the categories of silhouettes, shadows and reflections.

Visit the website at <http://acc.digiact.org>.

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

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

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.  
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WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 2012

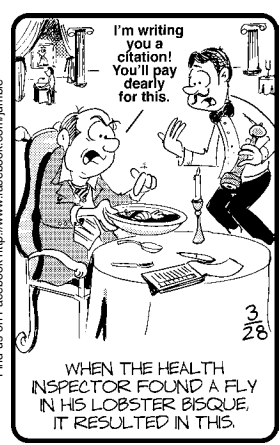
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble word game grid with words PIENT, TIUNY, FEFRID, ADENAG and an answer key.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Answer: YESTERDAY'S JUMBLES: WEAVE DRUNK NOTION ISLAND. Answer: When they were up above Sydney, they were - DOWN UNDER.

Bridge

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Confucius said, "There are three methods to gaining wisdom. The first is reflection, which is the highest. The second is limitation, which is the easiest. The third is experience, which is the bitterest."

Reflection - analysis - is the best way to find the answer to a deal. But we should not wish to limit our knowledge. And experience can make life easier, although, it is true, gaining it can be painful.

What in your wisdom - opinion - is the right play of the trump suit in this four-heart contract? West leads the club queen. South loses the first three tricks, then wins the fourth with his spade ace.

This was a good deal for Stayman, since three no-trump fails. (Declarer, unable to get to dummy to take the heart finesse, should end with only three spades, three hearts and two diamonds.) Use Stayman when you have minimum game points and a low doubleton (or singleton or void), as the North hand does here.

South must first get into the dummy by ruffing the third diamond. Then, since the trump finesse might need to be repeated, he must call specifically for the heart nine.

When that holds, he continues with the heart queen. Here, assuming East does not cover, Declarer then plays dummy's last heart to his jack, cashes the ace, and claims.

Note that if South starts (with dummy's heart queen, unblocking his 10 or jack, East should duck the first round and cover the nine-continuation to guarantee himself a trump trick.

When you need to repeat a finesse, first lead the lowest card that can hold the trick if the finesse is working.

Bridge hand layout showing North-South and East-West cards, dealer information (Dealer: South, Vulnerable: East-West), and opening lead (Opening lead: ♣ Q).

- CROSS 1 Knocks down... 6 Coddled... 12 Certainly... 14 Egyptian sun god... 15 Unimportant things... 16 Spurred on... 17 Mischievous child... 18 Canine warning... 19 Is able to... 21 Tissue layer... 23 Vet patient... 26 Garnet or ruby... 27 Retainer... 28 - - - the works... 30 Priest's vestment... 31 Magazine fillers... 32 Slacken off... 33 Fishtailed... 35 Lumberjack commodity... 37 Fruitcake go-with... 38 Multitudes... 39 Not his or hers... 40 Rx givers... 41 "Murder, - Wrote"... 42 Wager... 43 Airline to Stockholm... 44 Estuary... 46 Diligent insect... 48 City on the Danube... 51 Hot dog... 55 Time of the mammoths (2 wds.)... 56 Llama cousin... 57 Picked over... 58 Legally impede

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters for the previous puzzle.

- 4 Kline or Costner... 5 Willowy... 6 Loose-fitting... 7 Romance, to Pedro... 8 Woodland cutie (2 wds.)... 9 Wabash loc... 10 Before now... 11 Scout leader, often... 12 Barked... 13 Double bass kin... 14 Lie in wait for... 22 "Gigi" star... 24 Mr. Spock's mother... 25 private teachers... 26 Bad cut... 27 Novelties... 28 Chokes... 29 Classifies... 34 Never-ending... 36 Canada's capital... 42 Bleated... 43 Ladder rungs... 45 He wrote "Picnic"... 47 World's longest river... 48 Crooner - Damone... 49 RN posting... 50 Electric fish... 52 Cager - Holman... 53 Kind of system... 54 Hard knock

Dear Annie: I am a 54-year-old lesbian in a 23-year relationship. My partner and I have begun to hate traveling. Don't get me wrong. We love and enjoy exotic places, but dealing with stupid and rude people is getting old.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Our problem has to do with the ladies room. We are often mistaken for men and questioned. I don't get it. Some women seem shocked by us and occasionally make a scene as if we chose the wrong bathroom.

While we don't wear makeup or frilly clothes, we also don't wear suits, ties and wingtips. I wear earrings, female clothing and a wedding band set. Think Ellen DeGeneres.

These ignorant women need some education. Please tell them they are rude and hurtful. If our presence makes them uncomfortable, maybe they should leave the bathroom. Many of the encounters make me feel bad for days. I just want to be left alone. What can I say to nip this in the bud? - Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear California: Unless you want to act super-girly when you enter a foreign bathroom, there's not much you can do to head off such an encounter before it happens. Try working on your response instead. This has nothing to do with you personally. You are simply bumping into women who don't often have the opportunity to interact with those who appear to be different - whether in

dress or manner - and so they react with various degrees of surprise, some of which can be quite hurtful. Use these encounters to educate these women by ignoring their shock, holding your head up and being exceedingly polite and possibly charming.

Dear Annie: My wife, "Gert," and I are in our mid-80s, retired and in good health. Gert worked for the same company for nearly 40 years and was well-liked. She still goes back to visit

every Wednesday and sits in the coffee room and gabs all day with the workers when they take their staggered breaks. I can't help but think this has a tendency to lengthen break times and disrupt productive company time. If I were the manager, I would not allow this, but he doesn't interfere.

My main concern, though, is that this habit interferes with our being able to get away together for a few days during the week when hotel rates are lower and traffic is lighter than on weekends.

I have asked Gert to stop this practice, but she refuses. Am I selfish to think she should spend more time with me so we can plan and enjoy mutual activities during the time we have left in this life? - Husband

Dear Husband: Well, no, but this activity gives her a great deal of pleasure, and it would be considerate of you to work around it.

In fact, she might resent your forcing the issue, in which case, those little vacations won't be as much fun as you'd like. And perhaps if you stop pressuring her to spend more time traveling during the week, she'd be more willing to do so on occasion, especially if you give her plenty of notice to rearrange her office schedule. Be supportive of her emotional needs, and hopefully, she will be equally supportive of yours.

Dear Annie: So, "J" is afraid she might have to tip the clerk from the grocery store if she gets help while shopping with her two children. She states that she always returns her cart. While she is doing that, who is watching her kids?

This policy could very well be management's way of offering protection to parents who might otherwise leave their children unsupervised in the car while they return the cart. Would she rather have her children snatched by a pedophile just to save a tip?

I sure wish this service had been available when I used to shop with our children. She should quit looking a gift horse in the mouth. - M.

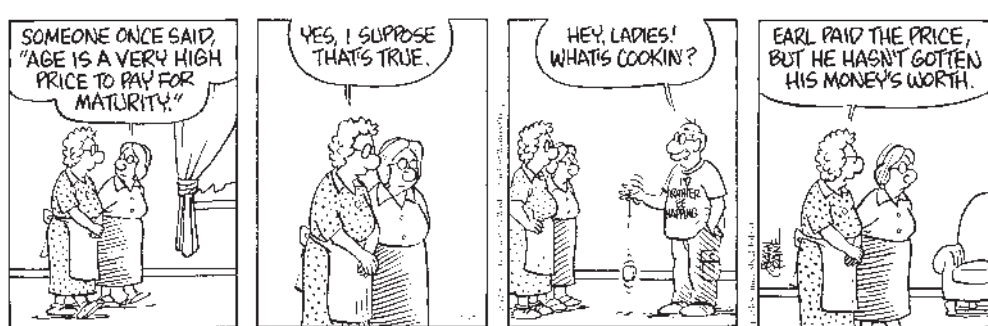
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Peanuts



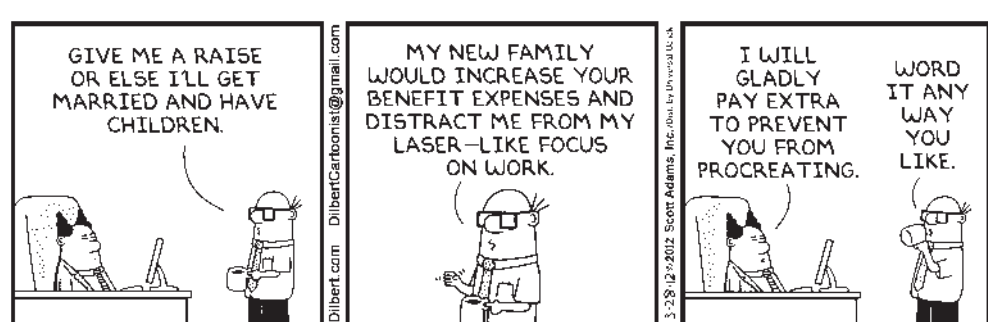
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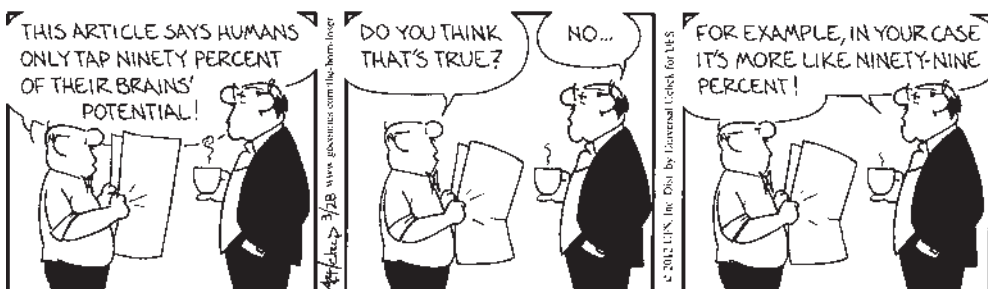
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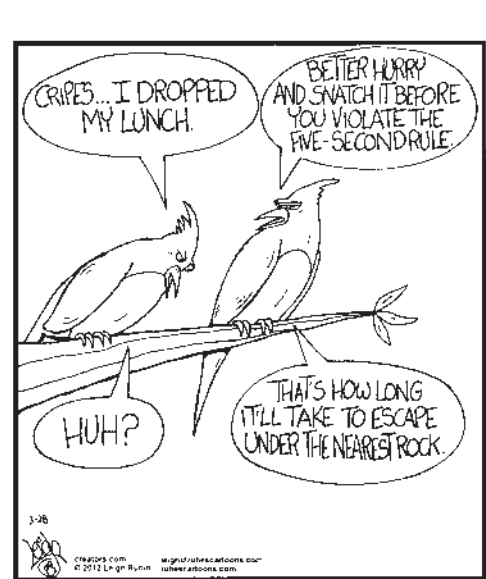
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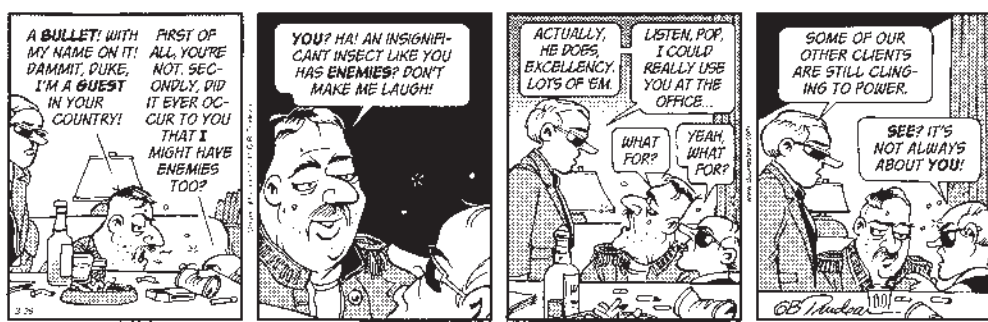
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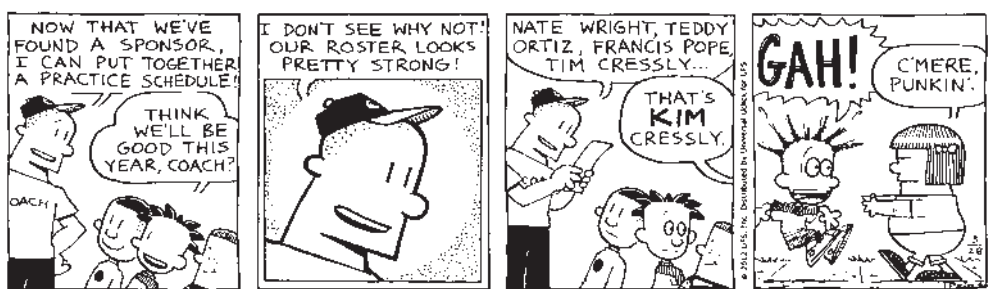
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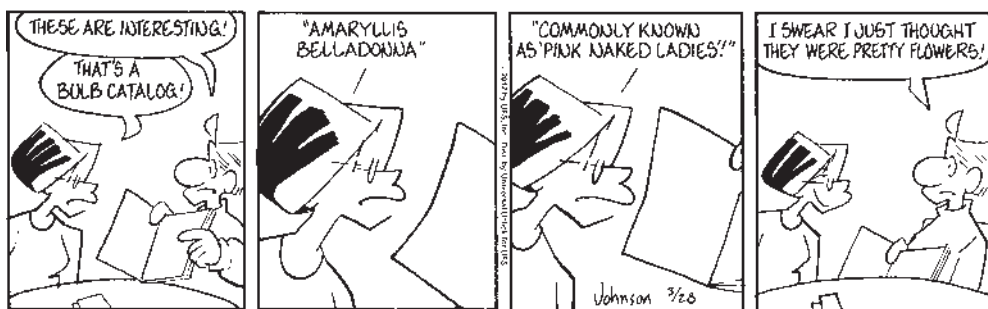
Doonesbury Flashback



Big Nate



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377
"The Hunger Games" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
"21 Jump Street" (R) ID required. 1:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"John Carter" (PG-13) In Real 3D. 1:05 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
"Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" (PG) In Real 3D. 1:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m. No passes.
"Act of Valor" (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
"The Hunger Games" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
"21 Jump Street" (R) ID required. 1:20 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
"A Thousand Words" (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"John Carter" (PG-13) In Real 3D. 12:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. No passes.
"Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" (PG) 12:35 p.m., 4:55 p.m.
"Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" (PG) In Real 3D. 2:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m. No passes.
"Gone" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
"Act of Valor" (R) ID required. 4:05 p.m.
"The Artist" (PG-13) 12:55 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
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Garfield



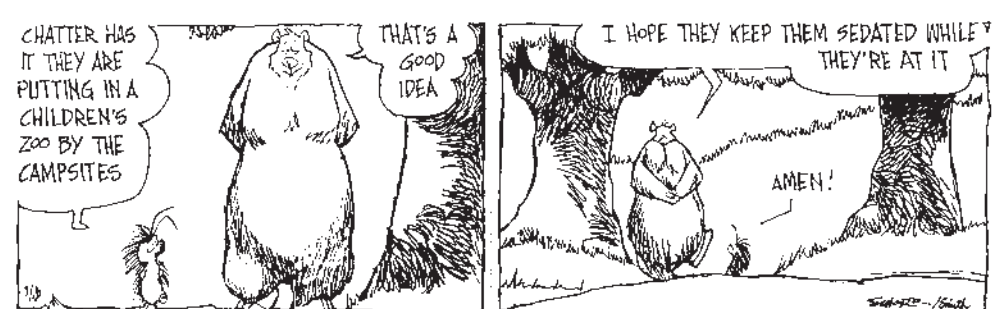
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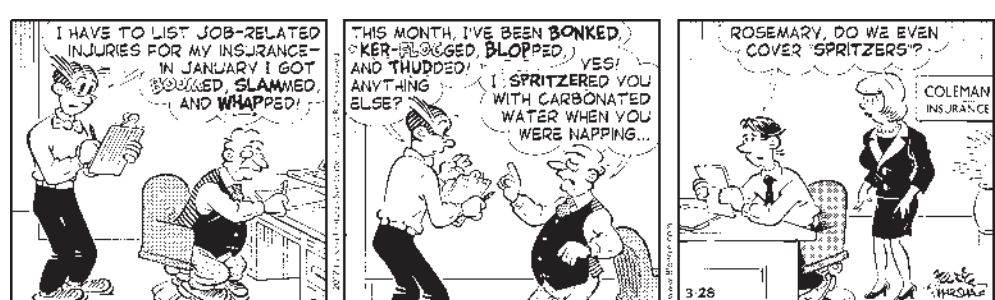
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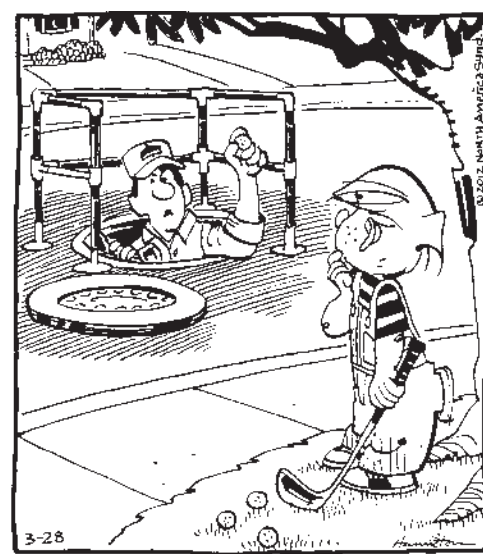
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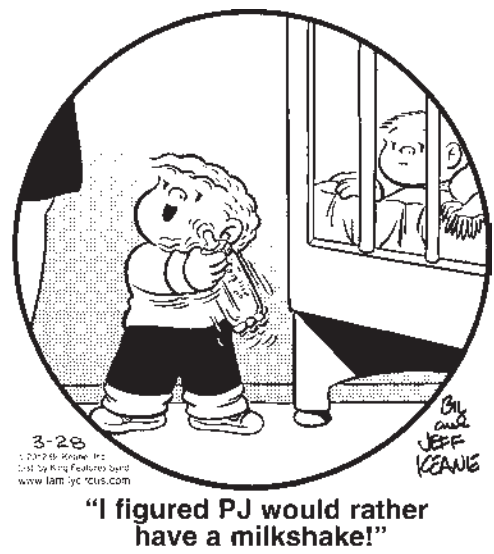
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Dennis the Menace



The Family Circus

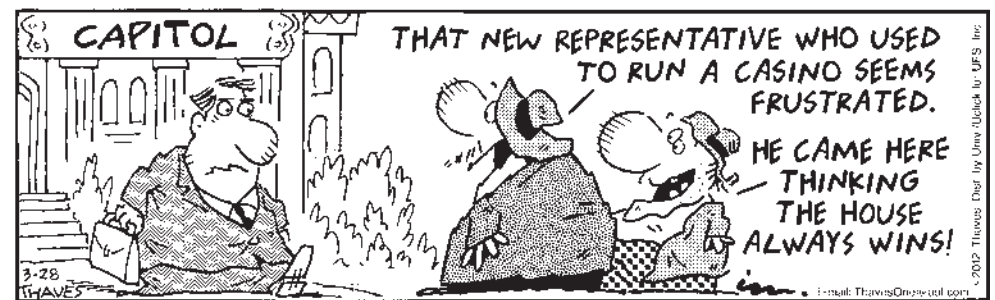


"FOR THE LAST TIME, KID... STOP HITTING GOLF BALLS INTO THIS MANHOLE!"

Betty



Frank & Ernest



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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
TODAY'S CLUE: E s n b n N
"C P ZCDX WZCTOBHD THUBD NBAR
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UPRAMKZHBH." — XHDP RWWABO
Previous Solution: "Heartbroken and in tears over the shocking death of my friend, the incomparable Ms. Whitney Houston." — Mariah Carey
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