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Sunny to partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of p.m. showers.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Child ID event today

Wal-Mart is offering a free Citrus County Sheriff's Office Child Identification program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at its new store on U.S. 19 in Homosassa. Patrol cars, fire trucks and an information booth on Shop With a Cop are among the fun activities planned. Debbie Cole's School of Dance will perform at noon and the Citrus County Fast Pitch Girls Softball will sell water and shaved ice.

Local hero remembered

The Fallen Heroes Remembrance for Pfc. Michael C. Mahr will start at 10 a.m. today at The Citrus County Fallen Heroes Monument at Bicentennial Park in Crystal River. For more information, visit www.citruscountymemorialheroes.org.

— From staff reports

Local woman meets Obama

Tina Heimann went where few people have a chance to go — an up-close visit with President Barack Obama.

Sen. Bill Nelson's office invited Heimann, who co-owns the B&W Rexall store in Inverness with her husband, Ken, to meet with Obama during his visit Friday to the Port of Tampa.

Heimann said Nelson's office called Thursday with the invitation. Heimann said she didn't know why she was chosen, though she and her husband have hosted Nelson at their store and they know each other.

She said about 500 people gathered at the port terminal, and then were bussed to a large vacant lot a few miles away.

"It was absolutely in the middle of nowhere," she said. "It was like an abandoned parking lot with containers of ships."

Obama arrived and spoke about 15 minutes about the need for the U.S. to

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COMING UP

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Former CMHS director drops whistleblower lawsuit./Sunday

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Fire erupts at nursing home

No injuries reported; residents immediately returned to facility

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — A fire alarm roused residents of an assisted living facility in the early morning hours of Friday.

When units from the Fire Rescue Division of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported fire alarm at 4:15 a.m., staff at the three-story, 32-person Highland Terrace Assisted Living Facility were evacu-

ating residents.

According to a report by Battalion Commander Ralph Franklin, a caller to 911 indicated there was smoke in the building at 700 Medical Court, but the response was soon upgraded to a commercial building fire.

Franklin said an engine from the Inverness station was the first unit to arrive on the scene. Fire crews found light smoke in the building.

The crew moved into the maintenance storage area with a hose and the fire was rapidly extinguished, according to the report.

No injuries were reported.

Sue Martin, a spokeswoman for the facility, said because of the small nature of the fire, all residents were immediately and safely returned to the facility, and "everything is fine."

Additional units from the Floral City, Kensington, Rock Crusher, Pine Ridge and Sugarhill stations also arrived and assisted with resident evacuations, connection to the fire sprinkler

system and smoke removal.

A patrol officer from the sheriff's office assisted with the evacuation of residents.

Nature Coast EMS units assisted facility staff with attending to the residents' needs and warmth.

Firefighters assisted residents returning to their rooms.

Damage and cleanup at the facility is estimated at \$6,000.

Highland Terrace provides assisted living, short-term care and Alzheimer's care.

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Pills key in battery, robbery case

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Two Hernando County men are facing charges in the ambush and beating of another man March 26. They also reportedly stole prescription pills from the alleged victim.

Roger Luis Sanchez, 22, of Spring Hill, was arrested Tuesday by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office on charges of aggravated battery — using a deadly weapon and robbery with a firearm. His bond is \$25,000.

Francis Patrick Walsh, 47, also of Spring Hill, is facing similar charges, but is currently in custody in Hernando County. He is facing additional charges in that county.

On Tuesday, March 26, deputies reportedly responded to the intersection of South Green-gate Point and West Rachael Lane in Homosassa regarding a man lying in the woods with a wound to his forehead.

He told police he had been struck with a firearm and beaten. He was transported to Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The alleged victim, however, told investigators a story about a woman, an argument, prescription pills, a walk to the store, a savage beating in the back seat of a vehicle and the theft of all his pills.

The man began by saying he originally called a woman in Spring Hill to come give him a ride to refill his prescription pills. Then, his mother ended up giving him a ride. The woman in Spring Hill later called the man and said she was in the area and wondered if he still needed a ride. He reportedly said no and an argument ensued because the man failed to call the woman to tell her to disregard the original request because his mother ended up taking him in for the refill.

The alleged victim reportedly told the woman he was getting ready to walk to the store to buy cigarettes. It was during that walk to the store when he reportedly encountered a car sitting in the woods and his female friend was a passenger. She reportedly called him over to the car when out jumped Walsh with a gun and ordered him into the back seat, where Sanchez was sitting.

Walsh reportedly handed the gun to Sanchez, who proceeded to whip the victim with it. He said they were demanding the pills. He alleged Walsh and Sanchez continued to beat and choke him until he was able to get out of the vehicle.

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Cycling safely



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Dr. Bob Brockett rides his bicycle along congested County Road 486 Tuesday afternoon on his way home. Due to automobile traffic along the highway, riding on the road can be a dangerous proposition.

Biking the roads of Citrus County a way of life for local doctor

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

Dr. Robert Brockett's lifelong love affair with cycling began when he was 11 years old working a newspaper route.

Even through college and during his residency, Brockett said a bicycle has always been his primary means of transportation.

When Brockett, an oral surgeon, purchased a home inside Meadowcrest close to his practice, he began walking a little more and playing golf. However, in 1994, the fear of turning 40 jerked him out of his placid lifestyle, and he started entering triathlons.

To get in shape, the 57-year-old began cycling even more and running. Then Brockett moved to Lecanto. Now he rides his bicycle to

work every day, rain or shine.

The 10-mile roundtrip ride is typically peaceful along the residential roads of Pine Ridge. Yet when Brockett pedals onto active thoroughfares like County Road 486 and North Meadowcrest Boulevard, survival mode kicks in as he shares precious pavement with large, fast-moving pieces of machinery.

In the years Brockett has braved the ride from his home to his office, he has injured his shoulder after being hit by a truck that failed to yield to the right of way, he's broken his collarbone after being clipped by a mirror on a passing truck and he's had a number of near-hits.

Still, he said he would not trade cycling for anything. With the high gas prices and health benefits, cycling is a great, alternative way to travel.

However, with Florida having the highest number of fatal bicycle accidents of any state, Brockett said he believes the key to lowering the number of cyclist fatalities on the road is increased education and awareness for both cyclists and motorists.

Sometimes motorists don't notice a cyclist on the road because of their size in comparison to a car or truck, Brockett stated. That is why it's important for cyclists to take every precaution to make themselves highly visible.

Brockett has blinkers and wears clothes that are bright and easy to see.

"Some of us look like peacocks out there with our bright clothes and lights," he said.

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Deputy arrested on domestic battery charge

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Staff Writer

INVERNESS — A Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy was fired Friday and immediately arrested on a charge of felony domestic battery.

Travis Haynes, 30, of Citrus Springs was arrested Friday afternoon on a warrant filed by the State Attorney's Office charging him with one count of domestic battery by strangulation, a third-degree felony.

"It is a sad thing for the sheriff's office to have to do, but this goes to the fact that shows none of us is above the law," Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said Friday.

"It also means the integrity of the sheriff's office

is paramount to the organization. We will continue to practice our core value of self-policing," Dawsey added.

He said Haynes was placed on administrative leave with pay as soon his agency got wind of the alleged domestic battery.



Travis Haynes

is fired, arrested.

According to a news release from the sheriff's office, the agency received third-party information that an alleged domestic battery occurred on March 25 involving Haynes and his 37-year-old girlfriend, but had not been reported to authorities.

According to the report, the couple, who had been residing together, was having relationship difficulties.

The alleged victim had recently informed Haynes that she intended to move out, resulting in a series of verbal disputes, according to the release.

On the Sunday of the incident, Haynes and the woman were reportedly arguing over items she was removing from the home they shared.

The woman alleged Haynes grabbed her around the neck, constricting her airway and leaving her neck sore and red. She told family and friends about the battery, but did not report it to the sheriff's office.

Detectives reportedly initiated a criminal investigation and sought out the victim for the purpose of de-

termining exactly what happened, according to the release.

Witnesses and others related to the case also were interviewed.

The agency completed a domestic battery intake with the State Attorney's Office on March 30 and made arrangements for the alleged victim and witnesses to complete their intakes on April 2, the sheriff's office said.

Haynes was subsequently arrested and transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility on no bond per the domestic battery statute. According to the sheriff's office, Haynes was a five-and-a-half-year veteran of the agency and has no prior disciplinary action.

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

A sidewalk is being constructed between Crystal River and Inverness along State Road 44.

CYCLING

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And he always wears a helmet.

"We're not as tough as a bumper," he added.

In addition, Brockett said cyclists, especially those who ride on busy roadways, have to practice patience and follow the rules of the road.

The good news for Citrus County is bicycle crash fatalities are not high. According to data from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, between 2005 and 2009, Citrus County only had two bicycle fatalities.

But as the county grows and cycling becomes a budding favorite activity of res-

idents, Brockett worries about the numbers increasing.

"I don't want to see us become like St. Petersburg and Tampa," Brockett said.

In recent years, both cities have made strides in creating a system of sidewalks so cyclists and pedestrians have a safe and easy way to travel. In addition, the county has worked on extending a spacious sidewalk alongside County Road 486 during ongoing road construction.

"It will be nice when all that is done," Brockett said.

The state is also building new sidewalks along State Road 44 between North Lopp Point, the project's western boundary, and Tighe Drive near the Lowe's store in Inverness. Existing damaged sidewalks will be

repaired where necessary.

"We always try to put in pedestrian facilities on both sides of the road where possible," Kris Carson, Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) District 7 spokeswoman, said. "As you know in District 7, unfortunately we have a very high pedestrian fatality rate. The district's goal is to reduce pedestrian fatalities by 20 percent by 2015, saving approximately 15 lives per year. For all of our projects, we try to repair and add sidewalk where we can."

For more information about Florida's Bicycle Laws, visit <http://www.floridabicycle.org/rules/bikelaw.html#wcl>.

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Fire destroys farm building



RIC BUSH/ Special to the Chronicle

An early evening fire destroyed a landmark that provided hydroponically grown, insecticide-free vegetables and fruits to people from across Citrus County.

Flames spare main house on property

SANDRA FREDERICK
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — An early evening fire destroyed a landmark that provided hydroponically grown, insecticide-free vegetables and fruits to people from across Citrus County.

The Register Cracker Farm on N. Rainelle Avenue in Crystal River burned to the ground as firefighters with Citrus County Fire Rescue fought the intense blaze that could be felt across the road where neighbors gathered in disbelief.

The main house was spared; however, the barn-like structure that housed the plants and equipment was not as lucky.

"What a shame," Betty Mounts, a neighbor, said as she shook her head. "My son works for them. They are super people."

Dominick Matarazzo, who also lives across the street, captured the fire on

With tinderbox conditions and the heavily-forested nature of the location, lack of water could have been a serious threat.

camera.

"My dogs were freaking out so I came outside to see what was wrong and I saw flames," he said. "This is really a shame."

Deputies on scene asked Matarazzo about a pond in his backyard in case the fire spread to nearby structures. Because of the rural nature of the neighborhood, there are no fire hydrants, so tankers provided firefighters with water to fight the fire.

With the tinderbox conditions and heavily-forested

nature of the location, lack of water could have been a serious threat.

The home and business belong to John and Burma Register and their daughter Brandy. John Register is a fifth-generation Floridian and spent most of his life as a citrus grower in Polk County before relocating to Citrus County in 2009 with his family.

The Cracker Farm grows strawberries on tall poles. Nearby two huge greenhouses are filled with tomatoes, spinach, leaf lettuce, cabbage, cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, collard greens, kohlrabi, various types of peppers and herbs, to name a few products. Fig trees are also on site.

The cause of the fire, which started around 7 p.m., was undetermined at press time.

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When investigators spoke to the woman, she said the

alleged victim told her he wanted to get rid of some pills. She added, when she and Walsh and Sanchez caught up with him walking to the store, Walsh and Sanchez unexpectedly at-

tacked him and robbed him.

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"He's not what I would have ever expected. He's human!"

—Staff Writer Mike Wright

OBAMA

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export more goods via shipping. Heimann said she stood near the front, along a makeshift fence that surrounded a wooden platform, snapping photos of the president.

"He was very casual, very nice, (a) very eloquent man," Heimann said. "He talked amongst the people, not to the people."

When Obama concluded his remarks, he went to greet the audience.

"He grabbed my hand and held onto it while he hugged about 10 other people," she said.

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Around
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Citrus County

Free Doo Wop concert scheduled for CR

A free concert is planned Saturday, April 21, at the park next to the Crystal River City Hall on U.S. 19. Doug Nicholson will perform Doo Wop and Oldie favorites from the '50s and '60s. The event will be filmed by Courter Films of Crystal River, so all are invited to come and be part of history. The concert is from 4 to 6 p.m. and attendees are urged to bring folding chairs.

Occupy Citrus meets today in Inverness

The Occupy Citrus percent will have a General Assembly meeting at noon Saturday on the front steps of the Old Courthouse in Inverness, followed by a sidewalk rally. All citizens of are invited to attend. For information, email occupy.citrus@gmail.com.

Planning meeting set for April 18

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its monthly coordination meeting for Citrus County's 20th annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, in the conference room of the *Citrus County Chronicle* Building, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

All veterans' service organizations are encouraged to send representatives. Individual veterans are also welcome. For more information, call Curt Ebitz at 352-382-3847.

Ocala

Man guilty of killing estranged wife

A north Florida man has been convicted of killing his estranged wife.

A Marion County jury found 30-year-old Joshua Fulgham guilty Thursday of first-degree murder and kidnapping. He faces a possible death sentence.

Authorities said Fulgham and his girlfriend, 27-year-old Emilia Carr, kidnapped Fulgham's wife, Heather Strong, in February 2009, bound her to a chair and suffocated her with a plastic bag inside a storage trailer.

Fulgham and his wife had two children and were in a custody battle.

—From staff and wire reports

Correction

Due to reporter error and incorrect information provided to the *Chronicle*, a story on Page A1 of Thursday's edition, "Homeless shelter to expand into Citrus," contained incorrect information. The Path of Citrus County homeless shelter has 24 beds; the Mission in Citrus shelter reported it has 60 beds.

The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

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CSX: Expect growth in rail transportation

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

CITRUS HILLS — The future of rail-based transportation services is bright and growth is inevitable, Aubrey Brown, manager of regional development for CSX Transportation, said Friday during the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club.

As CSX works to enhance the S-Line, which runs down the center of the state, to accommodate increased traffic, Brown said he sees major opportunities for economic

development that could benefit Citrus County.

Brown spoke in general terms Friday as he gave a sweeping presentation to a filled room of local dignitaries, county leaders and business professionals about CSX and its operations.

CSX, which is based in Jacksonville, provides and maintains approximately 21,000 miles of rail that serves 23 states, the District of Columbia and two Canadian provinces. More than 2,000 miles of track run through the state of Florida, handling nearly 1,100,000 carloads of freight in Florida

during 2010.

In addition, CSX employs approximately 6,000 people in Florida with an annual payroll of nearly \$400 million.

Brown talked about the benefits of rail-based transportation for freight. For example, he said, a single train can carry the load of more than 280 trucks, and trains can move a ton of freight roughly 500 miles on one single gallon of fuel.

He also spoke about the creation of SunRail in the Orlando area. CSX sold a portion of its A-Line track to the state of Florida, which lead to plans to enhance the S-Line

that runs down the middle of the state. Brown believes the short rail line that runs between Crystal River and Newberry could profit from this because the S-Line is expected to stimulate business growth in central Florida.

And with the work being done to build Port Citrus, Brown said Citrus County is in a good position to take advantage of the enhanced S-Line and possibly experience expansion of the short line in the future.

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First county Relay For Life kicks off in Crystal River



CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON/Crystal River Current

Michele Snellings carries the torch Friday night during the cancer survivor's kick-off lap during the Crystal River Relay For Life at Earl Bramlett Stadium in Crystal River.

Play recreates Elvis' stay in Inverness

NECIA RATLIFF
Special to the Chronicle

INVERNESS — The Inverness Historical Society plans to bring a little rock, a little roll and a lot of Elvis back to town.

The play "When Elvis Came to Town" will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, noon and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22.

In August of 1961, the small town of Inverness was transformed into a hotbed of action when Elvis came to film the 9-minute court-house scene in the movie "Follow that Dream."

Although Elvis was still a shy, soft spoken 26-year-old and fairly new to Hollywood, he caused quite a stir.

Many teenagers stood in the August heat to catch a glimpse of the film star. One girl, however, seemed to catch his eye. Katie Williams, the 16-year-old daughter of "Cowboy" Williams, the Clerk of the Citrus Court at the time, was



NECIA RATLIFF/Special to the Chronicle

Delaney Mitchell as Katie Williams, left, and Ted Torres as Elvis, rehearse a scene from the play "When Elvis Came to Town."

rumored to have dated Elvis for the short time he was here.

The play, the brainchild of Wendy Stillwell and Margie Sigman, recreates the time when the movie was filmed and is based on many hours of taped and personal interviews with people who were extras, cast members and onlookers.

Elvis touched the lives of many when he came to town and created many lifelong memories that are portrayed in the play. This is the second year the play is being performed, with some new tweaks.

"There are a few changes, so we are hoping people who both did and did not come last year will come this

year," said John Granman, president of the Inverness Historical Society.

All proceeds will go to the Historical Society and the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum.

"When the courthouse was restored to its original state, we did not have any pictures to go on, so we used the only resource we had, which was the movie," Granman said.

Stillwell and Sigman hope to renew the wonderful memories of when Elvis Presley was in town.

"I wasn't there when he came, but I felt like it was a story that needed to be told," Stillwell said.

Award-winning Elvis tribute artist Ted Torres will portray The King.

"People get to know Elvis more than others have done before. It's a great story based on true facts," says Torres.

Torres won 2011 Best Vocals in Las Vegas on the "Elvis Stage" and was named in the 2011 World's

Ultimate Elvis Contest Top 5.

Torres is not the only celebrity in the play, however. Crystal River Mayor Jim Farley will be playing the part of "Cowboy" Williams.

All of the actors in the play are volunteers and have put many hours and hard work into recreating this exciting time.

Rehearsal on Monday was full of laughter and excitement as the actors prepared for the cast's big night.

Stories of Elvis were passed through the room but Torres in particular seemed to be the center of the attention. He has been all over the world and has associated with many of Elvis' personal friends.

"We are very lucky to have him again," Stillwell said of Torres.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by calling 352-341-6427. All proceeds will go to the Historic Society and Museum.

Unsolved **MYSTERIES**

Detectives search for two suspects in stolen motorcycle case

On March 11, 2012, two suspects stole a 2002 blue and white Yamaha Motorcycle from the Walgreens at the intersection of South Suncoast Boulevard and West Grover Cleveland Boulevard in Homosassa.



Craig Fass
UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

The victim parked his motorcycle in front of the store and went inside to do some shopping. A suspect apparently noticed the motorcycle unattended and entered the store to monitor the victim's

current location. The suspect then exited the store and had a conversation with a second suspect, who was driving a navy blue late-model Ford Mustang with white racing stripes. After a couple of minutes, the first suspect re-entered the store to again check on the location of the victim. He then quickly exited the store and pushed the victim's motorcycle through the parking lot. The second suspect followed in the Ford

Mustang to an unknown location. Several minutes later, the victim realized his motorcycle had been stolen and contacted the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

We need your help in solving this crime. Please view the picture of the first suspect. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Det. Craig Fass at 352-634-4569, or contact Crime Stoppers of Citrus County by calling 888-ANYTIPS, texting the word CITRUS plus your tip to 274637 or visiting crimestopperscitrus.com. You may be eligible to receive a cash reward and you can

remain anonymous.

Detective Craig Fass is a Community Crimes detective assigned to the Westside Patrol Division. He is responsible for property crime investigations in the Homosassa area, and is in his tenth year serving with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

The Unsolved Mysteries column will appear weekly on Saturdays highlighting a cold case, unsolved burglary or crime.

The column is submitted by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.



One of the suspects in the motorcycle theft is seen March 11 in a surveillance photo at the Homosassa Walgreens.

Special to the Chronicle

Obituaries

James Evans, 79

WHITE OAK, GA.

James Robert Evans, 79, a resident of White Oak, Georgia, died Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in the Southeast Georgia System in Brunswick.

Mr. Evans was a native of Alcoa, Tennessee and had been a resident of White Oak for the past 10 years. He was a graduate of Tennessee Military Academy. He was a member of United Church of God in Jacksonville, Fla.

Survivors are his wife, Hazel Marie Evans of White Oak, Ga.; children, Ruth Ann Frost of Everglades City, FL., Ede Vanderberg of Crystal River, FL., Earl Evans of Okeechobee, FL., Lovrette McPherson of Dawsonville, GA., Lionel Veal of Valdez, Alaska, Tonia Hamilton of White Oak, Ga. and James Veal of White Oak, Ga.; fourteen (14) grandchildren, seven (7) great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Chapel of the Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home with Mr. Drexal Shiver officiating.

The family request in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Salvation Army. Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

John Hancharyk, 57

SPRING HILL

John Walter Hancharyk, 57, of Spring Hill died Monday, April 9, 2012, at his residence under the care of his family and Hospice. Born Oct. 22, 1954, in Meriden, CT, he was a heavy equipment operator for the town of Windsor, CT. In 2000, he moved to Florida where he owned his own computer web design and server company and a lawn care service. He enjoyed computers, website design, scuba diving, music and his beloved black Labrador, Jack. He was a member of St. Andrews Ukrainian Catholic Church of Brooksville, FL.

He was predeceased by his father, Peter. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda Sue; stepdaughter, Victoria Suzanne Wilson Connors; stepson, Nicholas Elias Wilson; mother, Irene (Paul) Harrington of Inverness, FL; sisters, Sandra Hancharyk and husband Stanley Kazimierczak of Canton, CT, and Christine (Robert) Corriveau of Waterford, CT; granddaughter, Kai Suzanne Connors; nephews, Andrew Robert Corriveau and Dominik Adamski and nieces, Ashley Beaudry and Roberta Dziadul, all of Connecticut; and many other family members in Connecticut, Australia, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

Visitation was Friday, April 13, 2012, at St. Andrews Ukrainian Catholic Church, 8064 Weeping Willow St., Brooksville, FL 34613. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Burial followed at Brooksville Cemetery. Donations may be made to the church at the above address or charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Merritt Funeral Home, Spring Hill Chapel. 352-686-6649 www.merrittfuneral.com.

SO YOU KNOW

- Deadline is 3 p.m. for obituaries to appear in the next day's edition.

Beverly Murphy, 85

INVERNESS

Beverly Ann Murphy, 85, of Inverness, FL, died Thursday, April 12, 2012, at the Hospice of Citrus County Care Unit in Inverness. She was born in Detroit, MI and moved to Florida in 1950. While she enjoyed the beaches for a long time, her heart was always in Citrus County and she became a resident of Inverness in 1986. She was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Beverly was a wonderful sister to the late Dorothy Plevell and the late James Hengstbeck, as well as a loving wife for 50 years to the late Bob Murphy. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Murphy; son, Michael Murphy; sister, Lois Doran; two grandchildren, Sean Gard and Todd Gard; 10 great-grandchildren; and countless friends and other family. She will be loved and missed forever.

Funeral services for Mrs. Murphy will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the Heinz Funeral Home. Father Charles Leke will preside. The family will receive friends from 12:30 a.m. until the hour of service. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

John Nickels, 82

INGLIS

John H. Nickels, of Inglis, Florida, passed away March 27, 2012, at the age of 82. (Hometown, Rochester NY)

He was a sailor, pilot and nature lover.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Howden) Nickels; three children, Gary, Kevin, and Diane (Brian) Speer; and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Cathy Taylor

A Memorial service will be held for Cathy L. Taylor, daughter of Lillian and the late John Taylor, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486) at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Officiating are Pastor Lynn Fonfara and Pastor Kenneth Blythe. A light lunch will follow after the service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Melvin Rosen, 87

INVERNESS

Melvin E. Rosen, 87, of Inverness, Florida, died Thursday, April 12, 2012. Arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, Florida.

OBITUARIES

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726-8323

Elaine Stillson, 81

HOMOSASSA

Elaine Louise Stillson, 81, of Homosassa, died Thursday, April 12, 2012, at HPH Hospice Care Center in Inverness, FL. She was born in Mishawaka, IN, and moved to Homosassa 24 years ago from Clearwater. She retired as a



Elaine Stillson

Unit Supervisor for the A. C. Nielsen Co. of Clearwater. She was a Charter Member of the North Citrus Christian Church of Citrus Springs and enjoyed traveling, boating and fishing.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 62 years, Wade L. Stillson of Homosassa; sons Craig Stillson and wife Kathy of Summerfield, FL, Jeffrey Stillson and wife Diane of Gainesville, and Ross Stillson of Clearwater; and granddaughters Jenny and Lexis Stillson. A celebration of Elaine's life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 14, at Wilder Funeral Home with Pastor Gordon Nelson officiating. Condolences may be given at www.wilderfuneral.com.

Death ELSEWHERE**Ernie Edwards, 94**

RESTAURATEUR

LINCOLN, Ill. — Ernie Edwards, a beloved fixture of Route 66 history and founder of the highway's iconic Pig Hip restaurant in central Illinois, has died at the age of 94.

Edwards died Wednesday, said neighbor and close friend Geoff Ladd, who is also director of the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway.

In his tall white chef's hat, Edwards regaled Route 66 tourists from as far away as Europe and Africa with tall tales and entertained them with jokes at his restaurant in the village of Broadwell, along the eastern gateway to the legendary road across the U.S.

He was best known for the pork sandwich that gave the eatery its peculiar name. The ham was said to come from the tender left hip of the pig. It had a secret sauce — some described it as "peppery" — and came on a toasted, buttered bun with lettuce and tomato.

The Pig Hip restaurant served hungry travelers from 1937 to 1991. After that, Edwards kept it open as a museum until the building was consumed by a fire in 2007.

—From wire reports

Vetoos sought for \$149.6M in state budget 'turkeys'

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A research and advocacy group with close business ties urged Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Friday to veto \$149.6 million in spending "turkeys," including hometown water projects, college buildings and senior centers that lawmakers added outside the normal budget process or that serve strictly local or private purposes.

Florida TaxWatch also questioned the validity of \$21.3 million earmarked for 16 economic development projects, including a rowing center and soccer training, but did not ask for vetoes because they went through some review process and each was approved on one chamber's budget bill.

Instead, TaxWatch is asking that Scott and state economic development officials assess each project to determine what return the state can expect for its investment in terms of jobs and other economic activity.

TaxWatch turkeys often, but not always, are the equivalent of pork barrel projects or earmarks in Congress.

"This is not about waste in government or efficiency per se," said TaxWatch president Calabro as he stood next to a stuffed wild turkey at a news conference.

As a result, the list of 143 projects recommended for line-item vetoes does not

include \$33.5 million to launch a new state university although TaxWatch opposes the project as financially wasteful.

Besides the budget, the Legislature passed a substantive bill that would immediately turn the University of South Florida's polytechnic branch at Lakeland into the state's 12th public university. That would sidestep accreditation and other requirements the Board of Governors had set for the campus before it could gain independence.

Scott last year vetoed \$180.9 million of \$203 million of TaxWatch's turkeys, or 89 percent. That's the highest percentage in the last decade.

This year's list, totaling \$171 million if the economic development projects are included, is still the third-lowest in the past 10 years.

"This Legislature did better than many others across the land," Calabro said. Still, lawmakers could have done better, he added.

Calabro also said the list is surprisingly large for another austere budget year. Lawmakers cut \$1.4 billion in spending to balance the \$70 billion budget.

The biggest turkey on the list is \$14 million to build a Public Safety Institute at Brevard Community College, which was not included in either chamber's original budget but added by a joint conference com-

mittee. It is a low priority for the state college system and Scott vetoed the project last year as well.

The college once employed Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, and it's in his home county.

Some projects were listed because lawmakers bypassed the competitive contracting process. They include \$2 million for ARC of Florida, and \$1 million each for the Loveland Center in Sarasota and Brevard Achievement Center, which all provide services for disabled people.

Appropriations of \$1 million and \$500,000 for the Mildred Pepper and Hialeah senior centers were listed because they are private facilities. Also, the Legislature has no process for determining capital needs for senior centers.

Twenty-three local water projects valued at \$19 million scattered across the state also made the list because the Department of Environmental Protection never reviewed them to determine their validity.

The economic development projects listed as questionable include \$5 million each for a Sarasota rowing center and the Central Florida Life Science Incubator Consortium, \$1 million for major league soccer training in central Florida and \$150,000 for the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg.

Florida senate says challenges to revised redistricting map meritless

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Republican-led Florida Senate says objections to its revised redistricting map from Democrats and other critics are meritless in a written argument filed Friday with the state Supreme Court.

The chamber's new lawyer, former Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero, submitted the brief Friday, a week before the high court will hear oral arguments.

Cantero reminded his former colleagues that their job "is not to select the best plan, but to decide whether the Legislature's plan is valid."

The redrawn map is being challenged by the Florida Democratic Party

and four groups that backed new Fair Districts' anti-gerrymandering standards voters adopted in 2010. The Democrats have submitted one alternative map and another has been filed by three of the Fair Districts groups, but Cantero wrote that the Legislature's plan is entitled to

deference as long as it complies with the constitution.

The Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the 120-seat House map, but voted 5-2 to reject the 40-district Senate plan. The majority said it violated several Fair Districts' standards including a ban on intentionally favoring incumbents.

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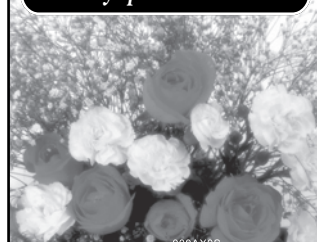
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MUTUAL FUNDS

HOW TO READ THE MUTUAL FUND TABLES

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

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Stocks fall on higher European borrowing costs

Associated Press

It was another losing week on Wall Street after worries about Europe returned. Stocks closed lower on Friday and closed out their worst week of the year so far.

The Dow is still ahead 5 percent for the year after a gangbusters first quarter. After the kind of returns investors have enjoyed so far this year, "it's not surprising that we sort of slosh around here for a bit," said Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investments for PNC Wealth Management.

On Friday the Dow was down all day, but the losses got worse in the last half-hour. The decline wiped out much of the Dow's 181-point gain the day before.

Investors had several reasons to wonder about the prospects for global economic growth. Higher borrowing costs in Europe reminded investors that the continent's debt problems aren't over. Growth slowed in China. And a closely watched gauge of consumer confidence came in weaker than analysts were expecting.

European markets fell broadly. Indexes in France and Germany fell more than 2.4 percent. The FTSE 100 index in Britain fell 1 percent. The worries are concentrated in Spain and Italy, and it showed up in their financial markets Friday.

Spain's main stock index fell 3.6 percent and is now down 15 percent for the year. The yield on its 10-year government bond rose to 5.93 percent, and Italy's rose to 5.52 percent.

That's a sign that investors' confidence in those countries' finances slipped. It also means those countries will have to pay more to borrow money.

New data showed the Chinese economy grew at an 8.1 percent pace in the January-March period, the slowest in almost three years. In the U.S., a closely-watched gauge of consumer confidence came in weaker than analysts had been expecting.

The stock declines were broad. All 10 market sectors tracked by the S&P 500 index fell, led by a 2.3 percent drop in financial stocks.

Bank of America Corp. fell 5.3 percent. Wells Fargo & Co. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. both reported better-than-expected profits, but each fell more than 3.5 percent as investors focused on comments that said the overhang from bad loans would continue.

Among stocks making big moves: Apple Inc. fell 2.8 percent after reports that a German court ruled against it in a patent fight with Motorola over mobile e-mail technology.

Google fell 4 percent after the company said it would issue new non-voting stock to shareholders.

Coinstar, which runs the Redbox DVD rental kiosks, rose 7.3 percent after it raised its revenue forecast.

Dow Chemical rose 1.6 percent after it raised its quarterly dividend 28 percent. The company said last week it would eliminate 900 jobs and close several plants.

The dollar and Treasury prices rose. Oil dropped 81 cents to \$102.83 per barrel.

Market watch

April 13, 2012

Table showing market indices: Dow Jones (-136.99), Nasdaq composite (-44.22), Standard & Poor's 500 (-17.31), Russell 2000 (-12.30).

NYSE diary

Table showing NYSE activity: Advanced (712), Declined (2,318), Unchanged (110), Volume (3.4 b).

Nasdaq diary

Table showing Nasdaq activity: Advanced (546), Declined (1,927), Unchanged (117), Volume (1.4 b).

Business HIGHLIGHTS

Hybrid and electric cars see record sales in March

DETROIT — Americans are buying record numbers of hybrid and electric cars as gas prices climb and new models arrive in showrooms, giving the vehicles their greatest share yet of the U.S. auto market.

Consumers bought a record 52,000 gas-electric hybrids and all-electric cars in March, up from 34,000 during the same month last year.

The two categories combined made up 3.64 percent of total U.S. sales, their highest monthly market share ever. The previous high was 3.56 percent in July 2009.

US inflation mild as gas prices rise more slowly

WASHINGTON — Rising gas prices slowed in March, keeping overall U.S. inflation mild.

The consumer price index rose 0.3 percent in March, the Labor Department said Friday.

Excluding food and gas, so-called "core" prices increased 0.2 percent in March. Inflation has eased since last fall and is expected to stay tame. In the 12 months that ended in March, prices rose 2.7 percent. That's below last year's peak year-over-year rate of 3.9 percent.

Core prices have risen 2.3 percent in the past 12 months.

Bank reports point to a healing housing market

NEW YORK — Earnings reports from two major banks Friday painted a picture of a healing housing market, with more Americans taking out mortgages, paying them on time and taking advantage of low interest rates to refinance.

At JPMorgan Chase, income from new home loans set a record from January through March. The bank issued 6 percent more mortgages than a year ago and got 33 percent more applications.

Wells Fargo, which issues the most home loans, booked the most mortgage fees since 2009. It issued 54 percent more mortgages than a year ago and took 84 percent more applications.

Goldman Sachs CEO Blankfein paid \$16.1 million

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein received total compensation of \$16.1 million in 2011, a 14 percent increase from the year before.

In a regulatory filing posted Friday morning, the investment bank detailed Blankfein's compensation for last year. Goldman paid its chairman and CEO a salary of \$2 million, a bonus of \$3 million and stock awards worth \$10.7 million.

Blankfein's total pay included \$9,800 in matching payments to his retirement plan, \$51,467 for a car and driver and \$258,701 for security services.

Advertisement for Taverna Manos Mediterranean Grille. Includes a map showing the location at the intersection of Hwy 44 and W. Norvell Bryant Hwy. Text: "Our food is awesome cuz it's made fresh - Never frozen or microwaved. Breakfast from \$2.50. Lunches from \$5.95 and Dinner Specials from \$8.95. COFFEE 25c EVERY DAY!"

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George Burns, 1896-1996

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WORK TOGETHER

Hospital boards need to cooperate

Getting Israelis and Palestinians to sit down and discuss what the future of the Mideast should look like is a difficult challenge.

It should not be as difficult to get the two boards that have a level of governance responsibility for Citrus Memorial hospital in Inverness to do that, though.

But sometimes it seems that it is.

The Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees and the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation have been feuding over the right to manage the county's public hospital, and the details of the argument have been well publicized. What is very troubling is that the volunteer members of both of these boards have discussed neither strategic nor operational measures since they dissolved their joint foundation membership in 2009.

Taxpayers and consumers should be concerned about this lack of communication because the two boards are developing independent and

opposing strategies.

While lawsuits are active in Tallahassee that might end this long dispute, the lack of a unified vision about the future of Citrus Memorial could spell doom for its operation as a public hospital. There has been some movement in recent weeks for the members of both boards to sit down and discuss the hospital's strategic plan.

Currently, the foundation board is in charge of the strategic plan and the governing board is in charge of the tax dollars. The lack of consensus has already resulted in the hospital's bond rating being lowered more than once, which means it costs more to borrow money and operate. That foolishness costs everyone involved.

We urge the boards to move together and sit as a single foundation board so that at least strategic communication and planning can happen. Maybe some common ground can be found before the courts make a final decision.

THE ISSUE:

Hospital boards working together.

OUR OPINION:

Makes sense to create a joint plan.

Hot Corner: **PARKING FEES**

Be happy it's open

So some people are whining about the parking fees at the Chazz boat ramp. I have no problem paying the fee, practically or philosophically, but here are some things to consider: You can access the same fishing areas in the Gulf, generally, by using the Mason Creek boat ramp. While you're there using this totally free boat ramp parking area, compare and contrast it in your head to Chazz and realize you get what you pay for. The Chazz boat ramp is actually free to use. It's just parking that costs. So make an arrangement to park outside the Chazz campground entrance and get your butt on a bike or walk a few blocks. Finally, go use the boat ramp at Jake's Bar in Chazz. They would love to have you. At great expense, the Chazz boat ramp was recently improved. Be glad it's still available at all. The county was losing money on the whole operation.



SOUND OFF
 CALL 563-0579

It's absurd

I think it's absurd that you charge the people from Citrus County a fee to park in their own lot which their taxes are paying for. And what's with this company you got there? ... And who are these other people down there running the kayak service? ... I don't understand what's going on. The county should be giving permits out for the people in Citrus County.

Slow going

Were you around when they widened (State Road) 200 from I-75? We thought it would never get finished. It took five years. That's the way they work in Florida.

No new fees

Fishermen and boaters, get ready. The parking fees at Chazz are only the beginning. Expect to start having to pay at all Citrus boat ramps in the near future. Inform your commissioners; no new fees, no new taxes.

Give up the beer

I'm calling in Friday morning (April 6) about the article about parking fees for the boat ramp. The gentleman wrote in that he's been paying everything for his boat and his fishing pole and his beer and his ice and everything else, and he's complaining about the \$7 parking fee. Well, if he didn't buy the beer and ice ... maybe he could pay the \$7 fee. Maybe if he just gave up a little of that beer, he could pay for the boat ramp. Good idea, huh?

Cut other costs

I'm calling in regards to the Sound Off in Friday, April 6's paper, "Parking fee too much," from the fisherman from Citrus County, regarding the \$7 parking fee. Why don't you cut back the beer and the ice? All the other people fishing don't need somebody out there getting their load on, driving their boat.

You shouldn't be drinking while you're fishing, putting everyone at risk.

Thanks, Hospice

Thank you to the Hospice House in Lecanto. My sister was a patient there recently. We appreciate all the comfort, compassion and love they gave to us.

Women have civilizing influence

“Is it possible that Congress would get more done if there were more women in Congress?” President Obama asked recently. Then he answered: “I think it's fair to say. That is almost guaranteed.”

There's no “almost” about it. Without a doubt, Congress would be a better place with more female members. Of course, women can be fierce partisan warriors (see Bachmann, Michele, and Pelosi, Nancy), but they often bring to the political process a sense of decency and a respect for others that is grievously lacking in their male colleagues.

One striking example: The female members of the Senate (now 12 Democrats and five Republicans) meet privately for dinner once a month. These days they can seem like renegade soldiers, meeting secretly in no-man's-land under a truce flag while rival armies dig deeper trenches and hurl more incendiary invectives at each other.

“We are all a team as women,” Sen. Olympia Snowe, a Maine Republican, told CNN's Dana Bash. “We may not agree on every issue, but that's not the point. We know how to work together in the give-and-take of it and achieve results.”

The percentage of women in Congress has risen steadily but very slowly, and now stands at about 17 percent. On the state level, the numbers have dropped a bit. Today, women account for 23 percent of statewide officeholders, down from 28 percent in 2001, and 24 percent of state legislators, off one point from two years ago. One reason for this

dispiriting trend is that women are increasingly frustrated with the hyperpartisanship that infects Washington and many state capitals. Snowe recently announced her retirement by denouncing the “political paralysis” gripping Capitol Hill and the “all or nothing” philosophy of congressional leaders in both parties.



Cokie and Steven Roberts

OTHER VOICES

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, and former Sen. Blanche Lincoln, an Arkansas Democrat, were both attacked as heretics by primary opponents two years ago for daring to work with members of the opposite party. Lincoln barely survived the primary but then was clobbered in the general election; Murkowski lost the primary but retained her seat by running as a write-in candidate.

It's more important than ever for women lawmakers to keep lines of communication open between the trenches. In this Congress, for example, Snowe and Sen. Barbara Boxer, a liberal Democrat from California, have cooperated on two useful transportation bills: a traveler's bill of rights, and a law mandating tougher sleep rules for pilots of small planes.

Over the years, however, women have been most effective in highlighting measures that relate to their gender: Cokie's mother, Lindy Boggs, spent 18 years in Congress, and she was serving on the House Banking Committee in 1974 when male members brought up a bill banning loan discrimination based on race, age or military service. Without telling anyone, she inserted the words “or sex or marital status” into the draft. She recounted what happened next in her memoir, “Washington Through a Purple Veil.”

“Knowing the members composing this committee as well as I do,” she recalls saying, “I'm sure it was just an oversight that we didn't have ‘sex’ or ‘marital status’ included. I've taken care of that.” Her amendment passed unanimously — but it never would have been offered if Lindy had not been at that table.

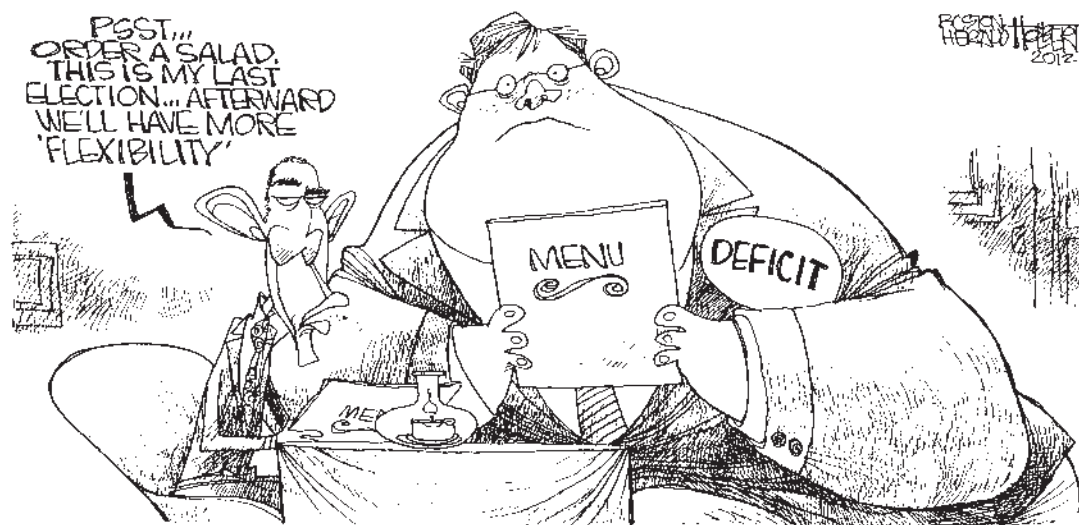
The civilizing effect of women goes far beyond their specific legislative priorities. Murkowski told CNN that women listen better than men, and “the listening part of it is an important part of how we get results.” They are better at sharing, too: “I don't think we have as much ego attached with who's getting the credit.”

The monthly dinners are a critical part of the listening and sharing process. They were started by Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat who just became the longest-serving woman in the history of Congress. Capitol Hill can be a “lonely place” for females, she says — when Mikulski was elected to the Senate in 1986 there was only one other woman, Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas — and the dinners have always served both social and professional goals.

They allow the lawmakers, notes Mikulski, to find “common ground” outside the spotlight of rancorous floor debates or TV shout-fests. As a result, says Texas Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, the women are able to “resolve conflicts the way friends do.”

Now there's a concept. Treat rivals as friends, and actually listen to what they have to say. Washington needs a whole lot more of that, and the women's team can lead the way.

Steve and Cokie Roberts can be contacted by email at stevecokie@gmail.com.



LETTERS to the Editor

Too many signs

Signs, signs, everywhere are signs! Beautiful Citrus County is beginning to look like a beach town. Everywhere one looks is a sign. Billboards, yellow mobile road signs, stick-in-the ground signs, signs posted on utility poles, trees, fences, wind signs, large for-rent signs by strip mall owners, etc. Signage in Citrus County has been an issue for years, only seemingly worse as time moves on. In these economic hard years, I can understand businesses wanting to attract customers with extra signs. However, this attempt is ruining our county roadsides. We tax-paying residents would prefer to keep Citrus County as pristine as is possible. The sign ordinance is “not” being adhered to, nor monitored by the county.

Signs in violation are numerous up and down roadways — County Road 491, C.R. 486, U.S. 19, State Road 44, etc., you name the road, you will find signs everywhere. Needed is a vigilant watch, warnings, then hefty fines to help clean up this sign problem.

Along with signs everywhere in the county, there is roadside trash. The beauty of Citrus County that we residents love is being lost to signs and trash.

Susan Black
 Beverly Hills

Home values

Why are decreasing used home prices any different than anything else we buy?

OPINIONS INVITED

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The minute we walk away from any purchase site, with any purchased product, it is worth less than we paid for it.

It is now “used,” or in a new — and idiotic — use of the English language, “preowned.”

With the exception of heirlooms, or collector's items, most of what we acquire loses value over time.

We buy a car to drive, we buy clothes to wear, food to eat, appliances to use, and do not expect them to increase in value.

Why should our expectation for housing differ?

It seems to me that we should buy a house to live in only if that is the most efficient way to provide shelter for us and those in our care.

Expecting a product to increase in value without any additional input of capital or work, as many have, makes little sense if you think about it.

With the advent of property taxes, we no longer “own” our property anyway. We are leasing it from the taxing authority at rates they set. If you don't believe that, don't pay your property taxes.

The process of purchasing a residence should involve the same economic process as that of buying any major nonconsumable item.

Before the government with our full endorsement, in the form of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, stepped in to distort the marketplace, the rule of thumb was that at most, 20 percent of gross income should be devoted to housing.

By distorting the free marketplace, the government, with our full cooperation, caused the very predictable and moronic “housing” crisis, which should be named “the economic intelligence” crisis.

Until the inventory of houses is reduced to reflect true demand, house prices will continue to decline.

Count on it.

Robin Humphrey
 Crystal River

Scott allows heated energy bill to become law

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — In a political squeeze because of a bill that includes tax breaks for renewable-energy production, Gov. Rick Scott late Friday allowed the controversial measure to become law without his signature.

Scott's decision could anger tea party members and some conservative groups that placed heavy pressure on him to veto the bill (HB 7117). But it effectively gives a victory to Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and lawmakers who say the state needs to take steps toward developing renewable fuels.

In a letter explaining his move, Scott said he would allow the bill to become law in "deference" to Putnam's support for proposed tax credits. But Scott said he will analyze the results of the tax incentives and warned that he could push for a future repeal.

"In considering this analysis, it is my goal to ensure that any investment on behalf of Florida taxpayers in renewable energy would afford them the kind of return they would expect of

their tax dollars," Scott wrote. "Absent clear documentation that the proposed tax credits have produced a sufficient return or provided significant cost savings for the state's taxpayers, I will request their repeal."

Putnam issued a statement thanking Scott for his consideration of the bill, which the commissioner described as a step toward a "smart, long-term energy policy."

"Rooted in common sense, this bill was developed to expand energy production in Florida and create much-needed jobs for Floridians," Putnam said.

But tea party members and conservative groups such as The Heartland Institute and Americans for Prosperity inundated Scott with calls to veto the bill, describing it as the "crony energy bill" that will raise costs for consumers.

"This energy bill is bad business, bad politics and bad for Florida's consumers," Slade O'Brien, state director of Americans for Prosperity, said earlier this week. "HB 7117 is the legislature's way of boosting up less competitive energy

sources, at the increased cost to consumers and businesses."

The bill passed overwhelmingly in the closing days of the legislative session, with only two senators and two House members opposing the final version. Putnam and House sponsor Scott Plakon, R-Longwood, described it as a modest proposal, with Plakon publicly calling it a "baby step."

The 50-page bill deals with a number of energy-related issues, including the repeal of a 2008 law that could have led to what is known as a "renewable portfolio standard." Such a standard, which was never put in place, could have forced electric utilities to increase reliance on renewable energy sources.

But the series of tax incentives in the bill drew most of the attention. As an example, the state would provide up to \$10 million a year in tax credits for costs associated with the production, distribution and storage of renewable fuels.

The measure could help industries such as agriculture, with homegrown products potentially used in producing fuels.

Indies lead new voter registration

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Of the more than 57,000 people who registered to vote last month in Florida, the largest percentage by far signed up as independent voters, new state figures collected and released by Democrats show.

Democrats still could claim a good month, with 34 percent of new voters signing up with their party, outpacing Republicans.

But perhaps the most interesting numbers in the new data were the figures on registration of new Hispanic voters, a key demographic both parties are trying hard to woo ahead of the 2012 election.

Of the self-identified Hispanics who registered in March, 37 percent registered as Democrats and 46 percent registered as independents or without a party, while only 17 percent registered as Republicans.

In a state where a large number of Hispanics are Cuban who have typically voted Republican, the shift to more Hispanics registering as independents and Democrats could have major implications in future elections.

Political observers have watched for several years now as the number of non-Cuban Hispanic voters in the state has increased, including a large Puerto Rican population in cen-

tral Florida. Many of those voters, like Hispanics in other parts of the nation, have traditionally been more likely to register as Democrats.

The statistics, kept by the state, were sent out by Democrats on Friday, because they out-registered Republicans in the month after seeing the reverse at the end of last year.

The state Division of Elections puts some registration statistics on its Web site, but it isn't current, and doesn't include the March figures.

The other big story in the March figures, though, is that neither party could outdraw the "neither" party choice.

One injured in accident



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

A motorist was injured in a vehicle accident that happened at 2 p.m. Friday in Crystal River. According to Bill Lader, he was driving a company truck on County Road 486 when a late model Scion driven by Gavin Ramaswami attempted to pass a line of cars and crashed into his truck as the Scion merged back in the westbound lane. The accident happened in a construction area. Both vehicles were heading west on C.R. 486 in front of the newly constructed LKQ complex. After hitting Lader's truck, Ramaswami crashed his car into the new landscaping trees planted for LKQ. Ramaswami was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

African Queen sails again



Associated Press

The African Queen, the original vessel from director John Huston's classic 1951 film by the same name, sails Thursday on a Key Largo canal. The vessel is steered by Steve Bogart, third from left, son of actor Humphrey Bogart who starred in the film with Katherine Hepburn. He attended a re-launch event Thursday for the vessel, registered as a national historic site.

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Restoration



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The back of a violin featuring a Star of David is on display Monday at the *Viols of Hope* exhibit at UNC Charlotte in Charlotte, N.C. Eighteen violins recovered from the Holocaust and restored by Israeli violin maker Amnon Weinsten make their U.S. debut on Sunday. Some were played by Jewish prisoners in Nazi concentration camps, while others belonged to the Jewish Klezmer musical culture.

Obamas' effective tax rate: 20.5 percent

WASHINGTON — Pressuring Mitt Romney on taxes, President Barack Obama's campaign re-released more than a decade of tax records Friday, a political maneuver designed to pressure the Republican presidential candidate to divulge tax records beyond two years and to stop "hiding" details of his personal wealth. Obama's own tax return for last year showed he and his wife paid \$162,074 in federal taxes on \$789,674 in adjusted gross income, an effective tax rate of 20.5 percent. Their income plunged from \$1.7 million in 2010, with declining sales of the president's books. In 2009, the Obamas reported income of \$5.5 million, fueled by the best-selling books. Romney's campaign has projected he will pay more than \$6.2 million in taxes on \$45 million in income in 2010 and 2011 but has not released tax information prior to the past two years.

World BRIEFS

A pig's morning



Associated Press

A piglet looks out of its hog house Friday on a farm in Leck, northern Germany.

N. Korea admits launch was a failure

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea's much-touted satellite launch ended in a nearly \$1 billion failure, bringing humiliation to the country's new young leader and condemnation from a host of nations. The United Nations Security Council deplored the launch but stopped short of imposing new penalties. The satellite's disintegration Friday over the Yellow Sea brought a rare public acknowledgment of failure from Pyongyang, which hailed the launch as a show of strength amid North Korea's persistent economic hardship. President Barack Obama said the failed rocket launch shows the country is wasting money on rockets that "don't work" while its people starve. Obama told a television interviewer that the North Koreans have "been trying to launch missiles like this for over a decade now, and they don't seem to be real good at it." He said in an interview with the Spanish-language network Telemundo that the U.S. will work with other nations to "further isolate" North Korea. —From wire reports

Obama stops in Tampa before heading south

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — President Barack Obama, determined to connect his upcoming Latin American travels to voters back home, told port workers in Florida that he was headed to Colombia to find more customers for U.S. companies to help fuel the broader economic recovery at home.

Obama toured the Tampa Bay port Friday on the first leg of a weekend trip to Cartagena, Colombia, for the Summit of the Americas, a gathering that the president said would allow him to connect the needs of U.S. workers with trade opportunities in a growing region. "While I'm in Colombia talking with other leaders, I'm going to be thinking about you," Obama told workers after touring a

sprawling concrete port ringed by containers and three large cranes. "I want us selling stuff, and I want us putting more Americans back to work."

The president's stop in Tampa on Friday was driven not just by Florida's trade connections to the region south of its borders. Obama, in an election year, also wanted to stop in a politically important state to drive home the point that his work at the Summit of the Americas in Colombia would have ramifications in the U.S.

The short visit also provided an image the White House desires: Obama with his shirt sleeves rolled up, surrounded by cranes and shipping containers, before he ventured out of the country. "A lot of the countries in this region are on the rise. In Latin America alone,



Associated Press

President Barack Obama speaks Friday at the Port of Tampa about trade with Latin America before heading to Colombia for the Summit of the Americas.

over the past decade, tens of millions of people have stepped out of poverty and into the middle class. So they're now in a position to start buying American products," Obama said. "That means they've got

more money to spend, and we want them spending money on American-made goods, so that American businesses can put more Americans back to work." Outside Central and South America, Obama's

three-day visit was expected to be closely watched by Latinos, a key voting group in the U.S. With more than 50 million U.S. Hispanics — 21 million of them eligible voters, Obama has an important audience that is especially vital in an election year.

During the brief detour, Obama outlined an initiative that helps small businesses, including those owned by Latinos, get financing and connect with foreign buyers interested in their products. The president has set a goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2014.

The White House pointed to the area's history of trade with Latin America, saying more than 40 percent of total exports from the Port of Tampa are destined for countries in Latin America.



Associated Press

In this still taken from a video recorded Monday, Vietnamese traffic police 2nd Lt. Nguyen Manh Phan clings to the windshield wipers of a moving bus as he goes on a wild ride for approximately a half a mile after the rogue driver tried to avoid a ticket in Ba Vi District outside Hanoi, Vietnam.

A wild ride

Vietnamese policeman hangs onto bus while driver flees

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A Vietnamese traffic cop went on a wild ride in Hanoi, clinging to the windshield wipers of a moving bus for approximately a half a mile after the rogue driver tried to avoid a ticket, police said Friday.

Traffic police 2nd Lt. Nguyen Manh Phan ordered the bus driver to pull over the 39-seat passenger coach Monday, said a police officer in Ba Vi District outside

Hanoi. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity, citing policy.

The driver allegedly refused to show his paperwork and drove off — but not before Phan leaped onto the front, he added. The officer said the bus reached a top speed of about 30 mph.

A video shot by one of Phan's fellow officers shows him trying to get his footing and dangling from the moving bus as oncoming traffic whizzes past. Phan can be heard yelling, "Call the police!"

The driver, Phung Hong Phuong, eventually pulled over after being chased by police and residents.

Even with the bus stopped, Phan stood calmly in front of it, still hanging on to the wipers.

Phuong was arrested for allegedly acting against public officials, an offense that carries a maximum three-year prison sentence, the officer said. He previously served nearly four years in prison for a fatal traffic accident.

Syrian truce largely holds, but six killed

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian forces used live fire, tear gas and clubs to beat back tens of thousands of protesters who took to the streets across the country Friday in powerful and often jubilant displays of defiance. But a U.N.-brokered truce largely held up without the widespread, bloody offensives that have pushed the nation toward civil war.

Activists said security forces killed at least six people, a lower-than-usual toll. The rallies, described as some of the largest in months, stretched from the suburbs of Damascus to the central province of Hama, Idlib in the north and the southern province of Daraa, where the uprising began in March 2011. "Come on, Bashar, leave!" the crowd shouted in Daraa, linking arms and stomping their feet to the beat of a drum in a traditional Arab folk dance, according to a video posted online by activists.



Associated Press

This image made from amateur video and released Friday by Douma Revolution in Syria purports to show a large anti-government demonstration in Douma, Syria. The Associated Press cannot independently verify the content, date, location or authenticity of this material.

The protests might have been far larger had President Bashar Assad's regime not violated a key aspect of the truce by keeping troops, tanks and snipers in population centers instead of pulling them back to barracks. The presence of

plainclothes agents of the feared Mukhabarat security service also had a chilling effect on some of the gatherings in Damascus, the capital, and elsewhere. The demonstrations were a critical test of the ceasefire, which went into effect

at dawn Thursday, because they challenged the government's commitment to avoid the kind of attacks that have made Syria one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Arab Spring revolts.

Regime forces tried to block protesters from occupying main squares out of fear they will form a sit-in akin to Cairo's Tahrir Square, where hundreds of thousands of people camped out for days in an extraordinary scene that drove long-time Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak from power.

A team of U.N. observers was on standby to fly into Syria and monitor the truce, but the mission still needed approval from the Security Council. Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told reporters the text was more complicated than he expected and that more negotiations would be needed, but he said his government also wanted to act quickly to get observers on the ground.

Nation/World BRIEFS

Vt. governor chased by bears in backyard

MONTPELIER, Vt. — A late-night encounter with four bears trying to snack from backyard birdfeeders gave Vermont's governor a lesson in what not to do in bear country.

One of the bears chased Peter Shumlin and nearly caught the governor while he was trying to shoo the animals away, he said Friday.

"I had a close encounter with a bear — four bears, to be exact," Shumlin said.

Shumlin said he had just gone to bed inside his rented home on the edge of Montpelier late Wednesday when the bears woke him up. He looked out the window and saw the bears in a tree about five feet from the house trying to get food from his four birdfeeders.

"I open up the window and yell at them to get away from the birdfeeders. They kind of trot off," Shumlin said Friday. "I go around to the kitchen to turn the lights on and look from the other side and they're back in the birdfeeders. So I figure I've got to get the birdfeeders out of there or they're going to make this a habit."

He said he then ran out and first grabbed two of the feeders. As he grabbed the other two and made his escape, "one of the bigger bears was interested in me."

"It was probably six feet from me before I slammed the door and it ran the other way," he said.

Forecasters issue high-risk warning

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — In an unusually early and strong warning, national weather forecasters cautioned Friday that conditions are ripe for violent tornadoes to rip through the nation's midsection from Texas to Minnesota this weekend.

As states across the middle of the country prepared for the worst, storms were already kicking off in Norman, Okla., where a twister whizzed by the nation's tornado forecasting headquarters but caused little damage.

It was only the second time in U.S. history that the Storm Prediction Center issued a high-risk warning more than 24 hours in advance. The first such warning was issued in April 2006 before nearly 100 tornadoes tore across a large swath of the southeastern U.S.

Pakistan to send bin Laden to Saudi Arabia

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan will deport Osama bin Laden's three widows and their children to Saudi Arabia next week after they finish a 45-day prison sentence for illegally entering and living in the country, their defense lawyer said Friday.

The family has been in detention since American commandos killed bin Laden in a large house in the Pakistani town of Abbottabad last May, but they were only convicted on April 2. The women and children will be deported on April 18, a day after they finish their sentence, said their lawyer Mohammed Amir Khalil.

—From wire reports

■ Florida freshman phenom Bradley Beal declared for the NBA draft Friday. For more, please see the sports briefs section on Page B5.



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'Canes baseball fends off Pirates

Suicide squeeze the difference in 4-3 victory

SEAN ARNOLD
 Correspondent

INVERNESS — Citrus junior Trevor Cypret laid down a squeeze bunt in the bottom of the sixth inning to score senior center fielder Zach Gufford and help lift his baseball club to a 4-3 victory over county rival Crystal River on Friday.



With one out and Gufford standing on third after lining a single to center and advancing on a grounder and passed ball, Cypret entered as a pinch hitter to face Pirates senior Weston Pope, who just entered in relief of senior Tyler Humphreys. Cypret reached up high out of the zone for the bunt and dribbled it on the ground to the right side, allowing Gufford to race home to break a 3-3 tie.

"Trevor has been working hard in practice and deserved to pinch hit in that situation," Citrus coach Brady Bogart said. "We told him that the first

time we've got a runner on third with less than two outs and less than two strikes, we're going to squeeze, and he was paying attention."

Humphreys reached second base in the ensuing inning, but was thrown out while trying to steal third and extend his team's chances to tie it back up.

Citrus senior pitcher Mark Pullen settled in after throwing 47 pitches in the first two innings. He struck out five and allowed six hits and three walks in a complete-game effort.

"Coach was preaching to keep the ball down and try to hit my spots," Pullen said. "So that's all I

was really trying to do. I didn't really have my off-speed in the first couple of innings, so I had to rely on my fastball. But it got better from there."

Crystal River (15-7) senior center fielder Donnie De-wees walked, stole second, and scored on a single by junior second baseman Michael Kidd to put the Pirates ahead in the top of the first.

Citrus (13-9) immediately answered with three runs in its opening at-bat. Junior shortstop Kyle Tobin and senior catcher Cameron Copas each had a hit



Walk-off HR boosts Panthers

Atkinson's blast pushes Lecanto past Hernando

C.J. RISAK
 Correspondent

LECANTO — Amber Atkinson finally got what she wanted. And she nailed it.

With the potential winning run at first base and one out in the seventh, Atkinson launched a rocket, a walk-off two-run home run that gave Lecanto a 5-3 victory over Hernando.

"I was looking for something inside," the junior catcher said. "She hadn't pitched me inside all game. I saw it and zoned in and nailed it."

The homer, a line drive over the right field fence, was Atkinson's third of the season and the fifth of her career, both Lecanto records. It was also the first time she could remember delivering a shot like that in such a clutch situation.

"Not at a time like that," she said. "It was a good time for it."

Indeed it was. Neither team had led by more than a run until her dramatic game-winner.

The Panthers had taken a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth, taking advantage of three Hernando errors and a passed ball to score two runs. But the Wildcats struck back with a run on two hits and two Lecanto errors to knot the



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Boston bashes TB

Beckett rebounds, Price rocked in 12-2 outcome

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox dominated their historic homecoming.

Josh Beckett pitched eight strong innings in Boston's 12-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The lineup finished with 16 hits, and outfielders made several diving grabs on Friday. Everything seemed to go right for the Red Sox in the home opener of their 101st season at Fenway Park.

Almost everything. Jacoby Ellsbury, runner-up in last year's AL MVP voting, hurt his right shoulder on a slide into second base in the fourth inning and is expected to miss some time. He went to Massachusetts General Hospital, but there was no update on his condition.

"Hopefully, the MRI doesn't show anything structurally damaged or anything like that (and) the soreness can go away in a few days and he'll be back in a few days," Adrian Gonzalez said.

Ellsbury hit .321 with 39 stolen bases last season, but the Red Sox didn't miss their center fielder's hitting or running on Friday. Gonzalez and Kelly Shoppach had three hits apiece, and Shoppach was successful on the first stolen base attempt of his career when he made an awkward, bouncing slide.

Beckett's performance was the most impressive for the Red Sox, who came home after a 1-5 road trip that included a 10-0 loss to the Detroit Tigers in which he allowed five homers.

But Beckett (1-1), troubled by a thumb injury in spring training, limited the Rays to one run and five hits. He struck out just one, getting Carlos Pena in the eighth and extending his streak to 281 games with at least one strikeout since the start of his career. Only Dwight Gooden has a longer streak to begin his career, 349 games



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher David Price pitches to Boston Red Sox center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury during the first inning Friday at Fenway Park in Boston.

from 1984 to 1997. "It's just what the doctor ordered," Bobby Valentine said after his first home game as Boston's manager. "We were wondering and hoping and he relieved all doubt. He threw great curveballs, had terrific control, threw all his fastballs over 90 mph."

Beckett improved to 4-0 with a 2.41 ERA in five home openers for the Red Sox.

"The guys played really good defense," he said. "They gave me the confidence to go out there and really pound the strike zone."

David Price (1-1) lasted just

three innings for Tampa Bay, departing after he allowed three runs in the third.

"I'm going to have 33, 34 starts this year," he said. "There's going to be one or two starts (when) you don't have it. My body felt good, my arm felt good."

The Red Sox put the game away with eight runs in the eighth when the first 10 batters reached.

"I wasn't displeased," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "It was a 4-1 game in the eighth, then, all of a sudden, it turns into a bad baseball game."

The Rays went ahead 1-0 in

the second on a single by Ben Zobrist and a double by Jeff Keppinger. That was Tampa Bay's last hit until Matt Joyce singled with two outs in the sixth. Jose Molina added a two-out single in the seventh before Beckett retired his last four batters.

"Obviously he wasn't throwing 96, 97 (mph) like he has in the past," Joyce said. "He's using that changeup and throwing that curveball."

Zobrist also hit his first homer of the year, a solo shot in the ninth.

The Red Sox took the lead for good in the third.

'Canes slug way by Rams

JOE KORNECKI III
 Correspondent

INVERNESS — The Citrus softball team defeated the Ridgewood Rams of New Port Richey 8-2 in the regular-season finale Friday night at Vicki Overman Field.

The Hurricanes continued their hot play going into the District 6A-6 tournament.

"The girls are playing really well," said Citrus head coach Larry Bishop. "I'm pleased the way we finished, and pleased with coming in tied for second in the district, and I look forward to the district tournament."

The 'Canes (11-11) started off hot with the bats as Melissa Michaud hit a sharp two-run single into left field for a 2-0 Citrus lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Ridgewood (4-18) cut the lead in half in the top of the second when Ashley Squillante scored off a wild pitch. The 'Canes would get the two run lead back at 3-1 in the

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DiLascio heads to West Virginia for college

Lecanto senior to play D-II volleyball at Concord

J.M. SORACCHI
 Staff Writer

After looking at no fewer than 20 different colleges across the nation, Lecanto senior Annamaria DiLascio had a difficult decision to make.

But after careful consideration, one institution of higher learning became the clear-cut choice.

DiLascio will play volleyball for Concord University, a public liberal-arts school in Athens, W. Va., that competes athletically in the NCAA's Division II.

A leader on the Panthers' volleyball team, DiLascio will join the Mountain Lions as a left-handed hitter playing the right side. That's a position the athlete is familiar with from her club vol-

leyball experience on the Citrus Heat, although DiLascio was a middle blocker for Lecanto.

Concord appealed to DiLascio for several reasons; chief among them were the picturesque campus and pre-med program the university offers.

"They have a very good

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Lecanto senior Annamaria DiLascio, front center, recently signed a national letter of intent to attend Concord University, a Division II school in Athens, W. Va. DiLascio is flanked by father Vincent and mother Lisa. In the back row, from left, is Lecanto activities director Ron Allan, Lecanto volleyball coach Emily Whitmarsh, Citrus Heat club volleyball coach Deana Newman and Lecanto principal Kelly Tyler.

J.M. SORACCHI/Chronicle



Hawks silence Howard-less Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Jannero Pargo hit five 3-pointers and scored 17 points, and Joe Johnson, Josh Smith and Marvin Williams each had 16 as the Atlanta Hawks beat the Orlando Magic 109-81 on Friday night.

Glen Davis and Von Wafer each scored 16 points to lead the Magic. Orlando lost its second straight and fell to 1-4 without center Dwight Howard, who sat for the fifth time in seven games with back spasms.

Nets 95, 76ers 89

PHILADELPHIA — Gerald Green scored 23 points, and Kris Humphries had 18 points and 13 rebounds to lead the New Jersey Nets to a 95-89 win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Deron Williams had 11 points and 10 assists, MarShon Brooks scored 22 points and Jordan Williams had 13. New Jersey's 13 road wins are four more than they have at home.

Jrue Holiday led the Sixers with 19 points, Evan Turner had 18 and Thaddeus Young 13.

Pacers 102, Cavaliers 83

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny Granger scored 18 points to help the Indiana Pacers defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 102-83 and clinch a playoff berth.

Tyler Hansbrough scored 16 points, George Hill had 15 and seven assists, Leandro Barbosa scored 13 points and Roy Hibbert added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers, who have won seven of eight. The Pacers have won all three games Hill has started at point guard while Darren Collison has recovered from a sore groin.

Heat 105, Bobcats 82

MIAMI — LeBron James had 19 points and nine rebounds to lead the Miami Heat to a 105-82 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats.

Chris Bosh had 18 points and seven rebounds as the Heat completed a three-game season-series sweep of Charlotte. Miami led by 22 after three quarters and rested James, who also had five assists, the entire final period.

Raptors 84, Celtics 79

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan



Associated Press

Atlanta Hawks forward Marvin Williams makes a shot between the Orlando Magic's J.J. Redick (7) and Glen Davis (11) and Ryan Anderson, right, during the second half Friday in Orlando. Atlanta won 109-81.

scored 13 of his 22 points in the third quarter and made four pivotal free throws down the stretch as the short-handed Toronto Raptors held off the Boston Celtics 84-79.

DeRozan was a perfect 13 for 13 from the line as the Raptors ended a four-game losing skid despite being without two of their top players.

Knicks 103, Wizards 65

NEW YORK — Baron Davis scored a season-high 18 points on his 33rd birthday, JR Smith had 23, and the New York Knicks surged into a tie for seventh place in the Eastern Conference by routing the Washington Wizards 103-65 on Friday night.

Carmelo Anthony and Steve Novak also had 18 for the Knicks, who could now be looking at a playoff preview when they host second-place Miami on Sunday. The Knicks tied Philadelphia after the 76ers lost earlier Friday to New Jersey, and New York holds the tiebreaker for the No. 7 seed.

Thunder 115, Kings 89

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant had 29 points and nine rebounds, Russell Westbrook scored 22 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Sacramento Kings 115-89.

Kendrick Perkins added 11 points and 11 rebounds for his second double-double of the season as the Thunder (43-16) didn't even need their starters in the fourth quarter to hang onto the best record in the Western Conference.

Rookie Isaiah Thomas scored 21 points, and DeMarcus Cousins had nine points and 12 rebounds for the Kings.

Bucks 113, Pistons 97

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Drew Gooden scored 26 points, and the Milwaukee Bucks pulled away from the Detroit Pistons in the third quarter for a much-needed 113-97 win.

Brandon Jennings had 20 points and 10 assists for Milwaukee, which had all five starters score in double figures.

Brandon Knight scored 25 points for the Pistons, and Ben Gordon added 24.

Hornets 96, Jazz 85

NEW ORLEANS — Eric Gordon scored 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, and the New Orleans Hornets won their first game under prospective new owner Tom Benson, 96-85 over the Utah Jazz.

Chris Kaman added 19 points for the Hornets, who won for the third time in four games.

Hours earlier, Benson, the longtime owner of the NFL's Saints, agreed to buy the Hornets from the NBA, virtually assuring the club's long-term presence in New Orleans.

Suns 112, Rockets 105

HOUSTON — Marcin Gortat had 20 points and 15 rebounds, Steve Nash had 18 points and 10 assists and the Phoenix Suns boosted their playoff hopes with a 112-105 win over the Houston Rockets.

Devils top Panthers 3-2

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Martin Brodeur stopped 24 shots for his 100th postseason win, and a three-goal first period was enough to help the New Jersey Devils spoil the Florida Panthers' long-awaited return to the Stanley Cup playoffs in a 3-2 victory Friday night.

Patrik Elias, Dainius Zubrus and Ryan Carter scored in a span of just over 8 minutes in the opening period for the Devils.

Brodeur also picked up an assist for his 10th postseason point, and became the second goalie in NHL history to reach triple-figures in playoff wins. Only Patrick Roy has more, with 151.

Sean Bergenheim and Kris Versteeg scored for Florida, which was in its first postseason game since losing to Brodeur and the Devils on April 20, 2000. Jose Theodore made 35 saves for the Panthers.

Flyers 8, Penguins 5

PITTSBURGH — Sean Couturier and Claude Giroux each scored three goals and the Philadelphia Flyers rallied for a wild 8-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

Giroux added three assists



Associated Press

The Florida Panthers' Jason Garrison and the New Jersey Devils' David Clarkson watch the puck during the first period of Game 1 of a Stanley Cup Eastern Conference first-round playoff series Friday in Sunrise, Fla.

for Philadelphia, and former Penguins Max Talbot and Jaromir Jagr also scored to help the Flyers take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Ilya Bryzgalov overcame another shaky start to stop 23 shots for the Flyers, who rallied from a pair of early two-goal deficits.

Chris Kunitz had two goals for Pittsburgh, and Sidney Crosby and Tyler Kennedy scored for the second straight game.

Red Wings 3, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ian White and Cory Emmerton scored in the first period, and the Detroit Red Wings got the best

revenge against the Nashville Predators with a 3-2 victory that evened the opening series 1-1.

Johan Franzen also scored, and Jimmy Howard made 24 saves as the Red Wings answered following a Game 1 loss by the same score.

Sports BRIEFS

Florida freshman Beal declares for NBA draft

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida guard Bradley Beal is turning pro, leaving the Gators after one season.

Beal announced his intentions Friday, declaring for the NBA draft after telling coach Billy Donovan.

The 6-foot-4 Beal is expected to be a lottery pick in the June 28 draft, predicted to go in the top five. Donovan calls the 18-year-old Beal "as mature a kid at this age as I've ever been around."

Beal says his dream is "sitting right here in front of me" and that he's "ready to realize this dream."

Beal averaged 14.8 points, 6.7 rebounds and 2.2 assists as a freshman and made the first-team All-Southeastern Conference team.

He is the second player to leave Florida for the NBA after one season during Donovan's

16 years, joining Donnell Harvey (2000).

UConn's Drummond heading to NBA

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut center Andre Drummond has declared for the NBA draft after a single season of college basketball.

The 18-year-old freshman averaged 10 points for the Huskies this season while leading the team in rebounding at 7.6 per game.

Drummond said in a statement released Friday by UConn that he feels it is the right time to take the next step in his career.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun said Drummond has unlimited potential and has to take advantage of his opportunity.

The announcement comes days after UConn's leading scorer, Jeremy Lamb, announced that he too will be leaving for the NBA.

— From wire reports



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Lt. J.G. Ryan Sullivan, center, receives communion from the Rev. Thomas Hoar, left, Catholic priest for the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn., in the wardroom of the submarine USS Missouri at sea in the Atlantic Ocean. Waiting his turn is Lt. Anthony Roa, right. It was the first time the Navy had Mass performed on a Virginia-class attack submarine at sea.

Sailors get rare opportunity to celebrate Mass aboard Virginia-class sub

MICHAEL MELIA
Associated Press

— HARTFORD, Conn. As venues for religious services go, the Rev. Thomas Hoar says you could do worse than a submarine.

Hoar, who presided over a Mass aboard the USS Missouri last Sunday, said there was a quiet calm to the sub as it surged through the Atlantic Ocean, and he was touched by the thanks from sailors who crowded into the officers' ward room to pray.

"When I started I said, 'Let us remember we're in the presence of God, even though we're 650 feet beneath the surface of the ocean,'" Hoar said.

It was a first for Hoar and the

Navy, which had never before had a Mass performed on a Virginia-class attack submarine. Unlike sailors on the Navy's surface ships, which are large enough to accommodate chaplains during deployments, submariners almost always rely on specially trained members of the crew to provide services as lay leaders.

Hoar, the 60-year-old chaplain to the Roman Catholic community at Naval Submarine Base Groton, was looking for an opportunity to learn more about the work of submariners. He was invited to join the crew of the Groton-based Missouri, one of the Navy's newest and most advanced submarines, as they took it on a four-day sea transit.

Since American war ships are dry, he was apprehensive about bringing aboard wine for the service. But his small bottle did not set off any alarms.

The service itself was no different from Mass at Hoar's chapel in Groton, with two exceptions: He kept the homily shorter than usual, in a nod to the many duties awaiting the sailors, and there was no collection. He also heard confession, but with space at a premium, he had to do it sitting on the floor of a passageway behind computer equipment.

The Catholic lay leader for the Missouri, Lt. Anthony Roa, did readings for the Mass as roughly 18 people crowded around a table in the ward room.

"It meant a lot to me to have a

Catholic priest on board," Roa said.

U.S. submarines, which have crews of about 130 people, each have at least two lay leaders — one Protestant, one Catholic — and some have lay leaders who are Jewish or represent The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, according to Navy Cmdr. Steven Moses, the Hawaii-based chaplain for the Navy's Pacific submarine fleet.

When chaplains are made available, Moses said submariners are particularly grateful, perhaps because of their isolation at sea.

The Missouri, which was commissioned in 2010, is the Navy's seventh submarine in the Virginia class.



Nancy Kennedy
GRACE NOTES

Back to the garden

When we first moved to Florida, our oldest daughter was 14 and not happy about the move.

Being 14, she cried. A lot.

One of her many places of tears was Sunken Gardens, the old Florida attraction in St. Petersburg. It's supposedly the oldest commercial tourist attraction on Florida's west coast and one of the first botanical gardens in the U.S.

In 1903, George Turner Sr., a plumber and avid gardener, bought the site, which included a shallow lake, 10 feet below sea level. He drained it and planted a "sunken" garden.

In the 1920s he opened a nursery and sold produce and flowers, and people paid him a nickel to let them take a stroll in his garden.

That sparked an idea, and in 1935 he put a fence around the place and charged 25 cents admission.

In the 1950s through

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Terry Mattingly
ON RELIGION

How to run a megachurch? With lots of help

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — On just about any Sunday, as many as 10,000 people may fill the pews of The Potter's House, Bishop T.D. Jakes' Dallas-area megachurch. Believers say he has an uncanny way of connecting with his audience anyway.

"It doesn't matter about the size," says Faith Johnson, a 13-year member. "It's almost like nobody else is in that church, but me."

It takes some help for leaders of the largest megachurches and national ministries to make believers reject the idea that a smaller church is more intimate and personable. A big staff of associate pastors and elders is indispensable.

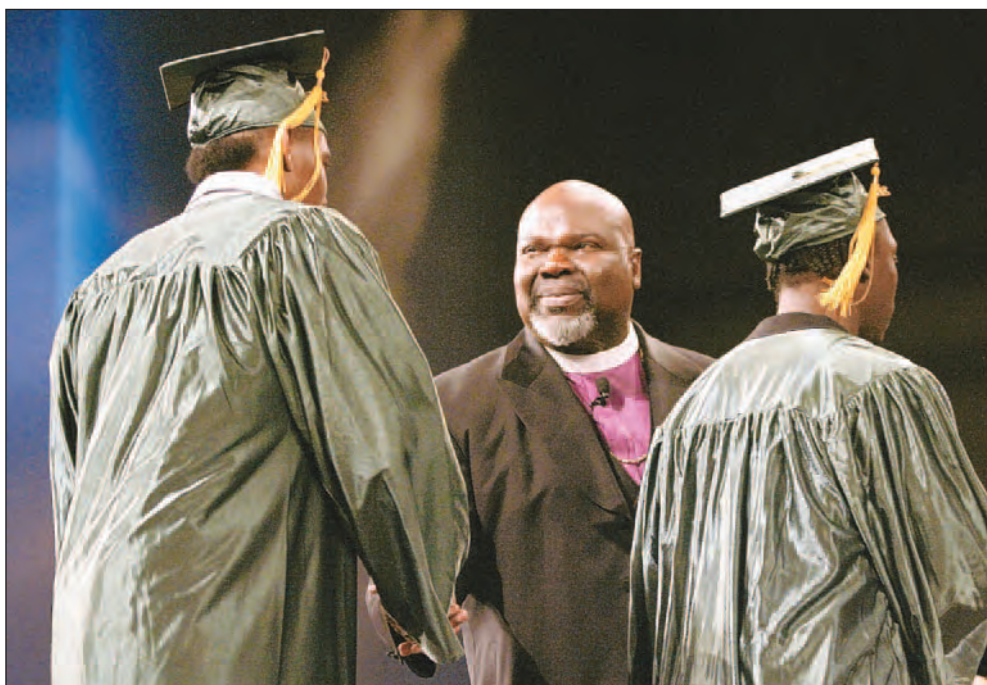
Steve Doubet is an elder at Jakes' church. He says Jakes and his wife, Serita, are down-to-earth people who create a friendly, intimate atmosphere that "rolls down through their associate pastors and right on into the pews."

"I love this place because it feels intimate and it feels like it's yours," he says.

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In this Feb. 28, 2010, file photo, Bishop T.D. Jakes shakes the hand of Texas Offenders Reentry Initiative graduates during service at The Potter's House in Dallas. On just about any Sunday, as many as 10,000 people may fill the pews of Bishop T.D. Jakes' Dallas-area megachurch.

Associated Press



Religion NOTES

Sale away

■ The ladies of Peace Lutheran Church **annual rummage sale** is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. To donate to the sale, call Thelma Grams at 352-465-3877 or 352-362-3963. The church is at 7201 S. U.S. 41, five miles north of downtown Dunnellon. Call the church, 352-489-5881 or visit www.PeaceLutheranOnline.org.

■ First Assembly of God Women's Ministry will have a **yard sale** from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the church, 5735 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway (State Road 44), Crystal River. The

sale is open to the public. Rent a table for a donation of \$10 and bring your items to sell. Table donations will go to the church's overseas missionaries. Call 352-795-2594.

■ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council of Catholic Women will host its annual **"White Elephant Rummage Sale"** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Household items, furniture, small appliances, pots and pans, dishes, glasses, books, videos, CDs and more.

■ The Ladies Guild of the Beverly Hills Community Church will host a combined **plant and bake sale** Friday,

and Saturday, April 21, in the Jack Steele Fellowship Hall, 82 Civic Circle. Plants and assorted baked goods will be for sale from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday during the church's monthly spaghetti supper and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 21, on the lawn of the fellowship hall. Proceeds will go toward air-conditioning and electrical repairs and on safety needs in the church sanctuary and the fellowship hall. Call the church office at 352-746-3620.

■ **Yard sale and bake sale** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Parsons Memorial Presbyterian Church, 5850 Riverside Drive, Yankeetown.

Hot dogs available for lunch. Lots of great deals featuring clean items and low prices. To contribute items to the sale, call 352-447-6004 for pick-up or drop them off at the church from Monday through Thursday.

■ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills will host its monthly **outdoor flea market** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, on the church property at 6 Roosevelt Boulevard in Beverly Hills off North Lecanto Highway (County Road 491). Shoppers are welcome. Up to 50 commercial and private vendors are expected to display their wares.

Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10. A mobile kitchen will serve a variety of breakfast and lunch items. Flea markets take place the fourth Saturday monthly except in June, July and August. The next flea market after April 28 is May 26. For more information or to reserve a space, call Ben at 352-527-2729 or email goofygator@gmail.com.

■ **Helping Hands Thrift Store**, a ministry of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Catholic churches, barren pews

Early in Father William Byron's research into why millions of Americans are leaving Catholic pews, he heard about one woman's tense encounter with a parish receptionist and he's been sharing the horror story ever since.

The woman wanted to tell a priest about her feelings that she had lost "the Catholic church I grew up with." However, she wasn't sure she wanted to share the details with the woman who answered the parish telephone — who kept pushing for specifics.

The petitioner finally said, "I'd rather not discuss that."

The receptionist responded: "Well look, when you figure out what your problem is, call us back and we'll give you an appointment."

The audience groaned during a recent Catholic University of America forum to discuss findings from the "Empty Pews" study conducted in the Diocese of Trenton, N.J.

"I'm not making this stuff up," stressed Byron, a Jesuit who teaches

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Monday through Saturday at 604 U.S. 41 South. Proceeds fund the food pantry. The store is accepting donations of household items, clothing and small appliances. Estate donations are also accepted. Pick-up is available for larger donations. Items donated are tax deductible and a form is provided from Helping Hands. Call 352-726-1707.

Food & fellowship

■ **"Third Saturday Supper"** is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Dewain Faris Fellowship Hall at Community Congregational Christian Church, 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. Menu includes chicken and rice casserole, vegetable, coleslaw, cake, coffee and tea for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Takeouts available. Call the church at 352-489-1260.

■ Genesis Community Church will host a **potluck family picnic** at noon Saturday, April 28, in the pavilion at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness (hotdogs and hamburgers furnished). This nondenominational church has services at the Knights of Columbus building on County Road 486 in Lecanto. Bible studies are at 8:30 a.m. Sunday prior to the 10 a.m. service. Children's ministries meet Sunday mornings in the annex building.

■ To honor the mothers and fathers of Beverly Hills Community Church, an **Adam and Eve luncheon** will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in Jack Steele Fellowship Hall, 82 Civic Circle. Reservations are required and may be made by

signing up in the narthex of the church. The men will provide and cook ham while the Ladies Guild members provide scalloped potatoes and salads. Then the men will offer desserts. Call the church office at 352-746-3620.

■ Beverly Hills Community Church **spaghetti suppers** are from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Friday monthly in the Jack Steele Hall, 82 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Donation of \$7 per person includes salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian bread, coffee or tea, and dessert. Come and enjoy a delicious meal. Tickets are available at the door.

■ **All-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts**, with sausage, coffee and orange juice, are served from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday monthly at First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa.

Music & more

■ University of South Florida music professor John Robison will present a **program of solo music** for the Renaissance lute and the Baroque archlute at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Lutheran Church, 1900 W. State Road 44, Inverness. Robison will be joined by soprano Maggie Coleman for several sets of English and Italian lute songs.

■ Floral City United Methodist Church will have a **hymn sing** in its 1884 church at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22. **Guest singer is Erin Murphy**, a second-grader from Pleasant Grove Elementary School. Although quite young, Erin sings with great confidence and is a joy to hear. Hymns sung by the congregation will be by request. The church is at 8478 E. Marvin St. (across from the elementary school) in Floral City. There is a handicap entrance at the back of the church. Call 352-344-1771.

Hymn Sing



Special to the Chronicle

The guest singer for Floral City United Methodist Church's upcoming "Hymn Sing and More" is Erin Murphy, a talented second-grader at Pleasant Grove Elementary who sings with great confidence and is a joy to hear. The rest of the program consists of hymns requested from congregation. An offering will be taken. The church invites everyone to this celebration of song. The sing will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the 1884 church. The church is at 8478 Marvin Street (across from the elementary school) in Floral City. A handicapped entrance is at the back of the church. Call 352-344-1771 for more information.

■ The public is invited to the **Sugarmill Chorale Spring Concert** at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at First United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa. Doors open for ticket holders at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, 28 N.W. U.S. 19, Crystal River, or call Betty at 352-513-4338. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.

■ **Covenant Love Ministries**, 3843 N. Citrus Ave., Building 11 in the Shamrock Acres Industrial Park, Crystal River, invites everyone to worship and praise at 7 p.m. Fridays featuring youth-oriented teams. The whole family is invited. To sing or play an instrument, call us 352-601-4868.

Special events

■ Hernando United Methodist Church's **6th annual car, truck and tractor show** is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Registration of vehicles to be judged is at 8 a.m. at a cost of \$10 per vehicle. For all others, there is no admission charge. Children are welcome to come and vote for their favorite. Awards will be given out at 1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch available, including pulled-pork sandwiches. The church is at 2125 E. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Hernando. Call 352-726-7245 or 352-726-0398 in the evening.

■ Potter's House Church will continue its three-day **"Revival Explosion"** today and Sunday,

featuring special worship from Touched Ministry with Kevin and Cherie Daniels, Hans Gondosch, and Crystal "Allura" Wilson. Call 352-249-8980 for more information. The church is at 2549 Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Hernando.

■ **Discover Gravity Church** of Crystal River (www.gravity-church.org). Sunday at 11 a.m. everyone gets to be a kid. Everyone will worship together as the body of Christ, young and old alike, with the amazing children's church curriculum. Come see why children can't wait to get to Gravity Church at the Crystal Square Shopping Plaza behind the American Pro Dive Center on S.E. U.S. 19.

■ The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 6168 will host its **"Spring Fling"** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The event includes tricky tray baskets, money trees, raffles and door prizes. Char Fontaine displays her handmade queensize quilt to be raffled at the luncheon. Tickets for the quilt are \$2 or three for \$5 and can be purchased from Char at 352-746-9490. The winner need not be present to win. Buffet luncheon by Elegant Catering. Tickets are limited. Proceeds are donated to local nonprofit organizations and a \$1,000 scholarship for a Citrus County High School graduate.

■ The public is invited to an **Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Event** at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Church on the Square, The Villages — Spanish Springs. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Special guest speaker Dr. Raanan Gissin, Ph.D., Syracuse University, N.Y., and former Senior Adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, will speak on "Genocidal Anti-Semi-

tism: New Threats in Western Democracies."

■ First Baptist Church of Rutland will host its third Saturday of the month **free food and clothing giveaway** from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 21, at the church on State Road 44 east of the Withlacoochee River bridge and west of I-75. This is an outreach of help from the church family to those having a hard time providing for their families in these difficult times. No vendors may participate. Call 352-793-3340.

■ Nationally known Gospel-singing ventriloquist team David & Rusty will conduct a **family revival** at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 23-25, at House of Power Church on the corner of Dawson Drive and County Road 491, Hernando. Pastor George Dehn welcomes everyone to enjoy the comedy of David & Rusty, along with David and Jill's Southern Gospel-style singing, Gospel illustrations, Bible messages, family fun and more. Call 352-344-9454.

■ Alan Shawn Feinstein will add money to donations given to the **Beverly Hills Community Church's Food Pantry**. Donations must be received through April 30, and can include cash, checks, and/or food items. The more donations made to the food pantry, the more Feinstein money will be added to the donation. The next food distribution is from 11 a.m. to noon and 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. To qualify for assistance, you must be a Beverly Hills resident with identification. The church office needs to be notified at least a week ahead of time, if requiring food, to insure its availability. Call the church office at 352-746-3620, or stop by to make a reservation before Thursday. There is

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an initial registration for each recipient.

■ The Christian worship team "Already Taken," from Gainesville, will be at Covenant Love Ministries at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Admission is \$1 at the door. "Already Taken" has played at the 2012 Praise Fest. Covenant Love Ministries is at 3843 N. Citrus Ave., Building 11 in the Shamrock Acres Industrial Park. All are invited. Call 352-601-4868 for more information.

■ Join with women of Citrus County who share in the desire to serve their community. **Women in Christ (WIC)** meet at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly at First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade, Inverness. Call Bonnie at 352-726-2854 for more information. Planning in progress for local mission projects. All women are welcome.

Worship

■ **First Presbyterian Church of Crystal River** meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays for worship. The handbell choir will play special music this Sunday and the sermon by the Rev.

Jack Alwood is "Easter Continues." Presbyterian Men's monthly breakfast is at 9 a.m. today in Webster Hall. The church is at 1501 S.E. U.S. 19, north of the Fort Island intersection. Call 352-795-2259 or visit fpcofcrystalriver.com.

■ **St. Raphael Church** will have Vespers Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. today with Nocturne and Matins of Pascha at 7 p.m. and procession to depict the journey of the three women to the tomb to find that Christ has risen. Pascha-Divine Liturgy is at 10 a.m. Sunday, with Agape meal of blessed foods to follow Liturgy. Call 352-726-4777 or visit www.straphaelchurch.org.

■ The public is invited to good old-fashioned church services with friendly people and good old-fashioned worship at **Trinity Independent Baptist Church**, 2840 E. Hayes St. (on the corner of Croft and Hayes), Hernando. For service times, call 352-726-0100.

■ **Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church** in Lecanto will celebrate the second Sunday of Easter with Holy Eucharist services at 5 p.m. today and 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Adult Christian Formation is at 9:15 a.m. Sunday with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and nursery at 10:30 a.m. Healing service and Eucharist at 10 a.m. Wednes-

day is followed by Bible study and sack lunch. SOS is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday. Evening Bible study is at 7 Thursday in the parish hall.

■ A come-as-you-are service with communion will take place at 5 p.m. today at **St. Timothy Lutheran Church**, 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19), Crystal River. Sunday worship services include the early service with communion at 8 a.m., Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. with coffee fellowship hour at 9 a.m., and traditional service with communion at 10:30 a.m. Special services are announced. Nursery pro-

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■ **Faith Lutheran Church** invites the public to services at 6 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. Sundays. The church is in Crystal Glen Subdivision, off State Road 44 and County Road 490 in Lecanto. This week's service theme by Pastor Stephen Lane is "Thomas and Our Lord's Call to Faith," from John 20:19-31. The church is wheelchair accessible, offers hearing assistance, large-print bulletins, and a cry room for small children. Following the

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small," Doubet said. "Week ... to week, whoever you're sitting next to, they're open. You can attend churches that are tiny, and are so up-tight, you don't want to go back."

Jakes is undoubtedly busy. Besides ministering at Potter's House and satellites nationwide, he speaks abroad, is a bestselling author, and also produces movies. His film "Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day" debuts this month, and "Sparkle," the last movie featuring the late Whitney Houston, is scheduled for release in August.

Jakes and other mega-pastors credit their ability to stay in touch with their members to strong church leadership. For instance, Jakes has 12 associate pastors and numerous elders. Doubet said the congregation still receives a strong message on the rare occasion that Jakes can't preach.

"It's important for him to have heavy hitters to be able to come in after him," Doubet said. "Because after you've attended the church there for a while, you have an expectation that you're going to get really well fed. His associate pastors all can hit it over the fence."

Despite his hectic schedule, Jakes says he takes time to personally oversee funerals — and even makes hospital visits.

"I enjoy being there for the family in times of crisis to try to stir them and encourage them in a personal one-on-one way," he said. "I take very seriously my responsibility to feed the flock. We ... provide every service that we did when we were still small churches."

Pastor and gospel singer Marvin Winans has a congregation of about 4,500 at Perfecting Church in Detroit. Winans, who gave Whitney Houston's eulogy in February and preached at a megachurch in Nashville last month, said part of having an effective ministry is having dependable disciples.

"It cannot be a one-man show in order for it to properly work," he said. "The first thing Jesus did was get some disciples ... for the work of the ministry to carry on."

Pastor Matthew Cork knew he'd have to rely more on his leadership when his nearly 6,000-member Friends Church in Yorba Linda, Calif., committed to building 200 schools in India over the next 10 years for dalit children, who are part of the country's lowest caste. He's also promoting a book and movie about the number of dalits who end up being trafficked as sex slaves.

"We have a teaching team, so I'm not teaching every week, which gives me freedom to do some of the other things that I do," said Cork, who speaks about twice a month at his church. "It's worked great for me and my schedule."

James Hudnut-Beumler, dean of Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, said a church's

pastoral staff is one factor considered by people deciding whether to attend a megachurch or a much smaller congregation.

"Do they want a great spiritual leader who is a charismatic preacher who can move lots of people, or do they want someone they can talk to about the fact they've lost a job, or a relative?" he said.

Another issue, he said, is the amount of involvement. A person who wants to just observe the service may not be able to blend in unnoticed at a small church like they would at one with hundreds of people.

"They're going to notice you and ask you to lead Sunday school, or usher," Hudnut-Beumler said. "There is virtually no dropping in and just sort of observing church. With a megachurch, you can stand on the periphery and have great service."

Nevertheless, Angela Bingham says she enjoys the intimate atmosphere at Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn., which has a membership of about 230.

"You're not just a number," said the 49-year-old school teacher, who has attended the church most of her life. "They know you by name, by face."

In Chesapeake, Va., Martez Layton acknowledges it's possible to "feel like a number" at the 7,500-member Mount Lebanon Baptist Church that he and his wife, Woodrina, attend. But he said they don't because they're both active. The couple, who have been married for over 20 years, heads a marriage counseling ministry.

"It's being involved in the activities in the church is where you begin to build your relationship," he said. "It's not like ... we can have a dinner after church and everybody get to know each other."

Like many megachurches, Layton said he enjoys having abundant resources. For instance, he said the church fed 400 families for Thanksgiving.

"I know at a small church there's no way you can feed 400 families," he said.

But others say just because a church doesn't have "mega" in front of it, doesn't mean it's ineffective.

Richard W. Sibert is pastor of Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Despite the size of the church, he said it's about the business of caring for its members, and the community.

"Smaller churches are utilizing their talents and abilities on a smaller scale," he said. "Some of them are actually more together than the megachurches."

At St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Laurel, Md., where Robbie Morganfield is pastor, only about 150 people regularly attend the service. But Morganfield still has a vision to build a community center adjacent to the church and believes it can be done if his members commit themselves.

"I think you can be a small church and have a mega-ministry," he said. "It's about vision. A hundred people ... can do a lot of stuff if they're really committed."

CROP Walk



Special to the Chronicle

Sixteen members of the St. Timothy Lutheran Church of Crystal River braved the rainy weather to join four other Crystal River-area churches on Sunday, Feb. 26, in the annual "CROP Walk For Hunger." Pastor David Bradford led the enthusiastic group.

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business at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

The Trenton study, he explained, grew out of his contacts with a corporate leader who, as a Catholic layman, thought it would be constructive for priests and bishops to start doing "exit interviews" with former Catholics. Someone, Byron said, needed to ask why Catholics drop out or take their spiritual business elsewhere.

The numbers are hard to avoid. A 2009 survey by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found that one in 10 American adults are former Catholics, with four exiting for every one that converts into the church. Meanwhile, weekly Mass attendance has fallen from 75 percent or higher in the 1950s to about 25 percent today.

Researchers know that roughly 70 percent of Catholics who leave simply drift away, while others follow their convictions into liberal mainline Protestantism or into various evangelical flocks. The goal in the Trenton study was to find — through advertisements in secular and church media — former Catholics who would volunteer to answer a detailed "exit interview" survey.

"These folks didn't drift away. They gave us reasons why they left," said researcher Charles Zech of Villanova University's

Center for the Study of Church Management, which conducted the study.

The result was what Zech and Byron called a non-random "convenience survey" built on 298 usable surveys collected from Catholics who said they had left their local parishes, the Catholic faith or both. The typical respondent was a 53-year-old woman.

"This is a very critical demographic for the church," said Zech. "If we are losing 53-year-old women, we are at risk of losing their children and their grandchildren. I think that it makes a lot of sense to listen to what they have to say."

No one was surprised, said Byron, that many of the ex-Catholics — when asked to cite church doctrines that troubled them — complained about issues such as birth control, celibacy for priests, "conservative haranguing" about homosexuality and the ban on female priests. Several respondents said they had separated themselves from "the hierarchy," but not the church.

Some complaints were harder to label, said Byron. Many complained that the church had hidden clergy who were guilty of sexually abusing young children and teenagers. Some wanted to see local bishops make public apologies. Others said they wished they had a chance to personally tell their bishop to "go to hell."

Others simply complained about lousy music, inadequate youth programs, shallow Christian education classes, rude re-

ceptionists and frequent pulpit appeals for money. Some respondents said they wanted to find churches with better preaching and more enthusiastic worship services.

The researchers were surprised that just as many participants praised their priests as complained about them. Nevertheless, any bishop would flinch when reading the words of an ex-Catholic who was convinced that the local priest had "crowned himself king and looks down on all."

Another simply requested that the diocese "give us an outwardly loving, kind, Christian Catholic pastor."

The research team hopes, in the near future, to be invited to do similar "exit interview" work in other dioceses. Two bishops have already submitted requests.

It will be tempting for priests and bishops to glance at these results and simply say, "There's nothing new here," said Byron.

"There is a lot that's new here and there's a lot that should be paid attention to. You can't let what is an internal denial crop up and say, 'We've already heard it.' You've got to listen. You've got to respect it."

Terry Mattingly is the director of the Washington Journalism Center at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities and leads the GetReligion.org project to study religion and the news.

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2♥ Pass 4♥
4♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: ♥K

PHILLIP ALDER
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

We have been studying tempo on defense. Usually the defenders should fandango, dancing quickly to gain the tricks needed to defeat the contract. But if the opponents have stretched to their contract or the dummy is relatively balanced, then the defenders should fox-trot, moving slowly and awaiting their winners.

Which applies in this deal? How should the defense proceed against four spades after West leads the heart king?

It has been said that a four-heart pre-empt is a transfer to four spades for the other side. Here, South does not know who can make what, so he bids four spades as a three-way shot. Maybe he will make his contract; perhaps West would have brought home four hearts; possibly the opponents will misjudge, going to five hearts and failing when four spades is also going down.

Seeing two losing hearts in the dummy, East should not thoughtlessly encourage with his heart seven. South will happily ruff West's heart continuation, draw trumps, and run the diamond nine. Yes, the finesse loses, but declarer wins 11 tricks: six spades, four diamonds and one club.

Knowing West has six hearts for his opening bid, East should realize that there is only one heart trick for the defense. And that diamond suit in the dummy is threatening. Rather than signaling with his heart two and hoping partner will shift to a club at trick two, East should overtake with the heart ace and lead the club queen himself. That results in one down instead of one over.

When you can see the best defense, try to take charge.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
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Answer: " (Answers Monday)
Yesterday's Jumbles: DROOP KNOWN CLOUDY JUNKET
Answer: When he talked about his new furniture business, he did this — KNOCKED ON WOOD

ACROSS
1 Navigator's need
4 Dolly
8 Wind-driven spray
12 Wan Kenobi
13 Martha of dental ads
14 Distant past
15 Octopus feeler
17 Pisces or Libra
18 Lily maid of Astolat
19 Deed
21 Curtain hangers
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24 Mantequin
27 Mr. Sulu's place
29 Belly dance instrument
30 Electron's home
32 Bird feeder treat
36 Kett or James
38 Jot down
40 Membership due
41 Destiny
43 Tempest
45 NBA's
47 Mr. Arnaz
49 Shallow dish
51 Rest
55 Garden soil
56 Rotisserie part
58 High point
59 Gator kin
60 Prince Val's son
61 Electrical units
62 This place
63 Grassy field
DOWN
1 Dust speck
2 Labor leader
3 colada
4 Backpacker's snack
5 Fastened a shoe
6 Popeye's Olive
7 Borscht veggie
8 Computer networks
9 Mattress parts
10 Coaxes
11 Lion's lair
16 Makeshift swing
20 Running a fever
22 Frightened a fly
24 Curly's friend
25 Big League event
26 Banned bug spray
28 Paramedic
31 Demo. need
33 Mysterious sighting
34 At all times, to Poe
35 Speaker pro
37 Chalets, often (hyph.)
39 Gist
42 PC key
44 Gratuities
45 Time period
46 Texas tourist site
48 Faux pas
50 Engrave
52 Fiery gem
53 Racehorse parent
54 active volcano
55 Go on the (flee)
57 Suffix for forfeit

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Upstate New York Where It's 20 Degrees Outside." He said his wife has hot flashes and wants to set the thermostat down, but he likes it at 74 so he can run around in his underwear. She's ready to move out. He thinks she's being selfish.
We also are from upstate New York, and I think he is the selfish one. He can dress in layers, put on a sweater or buy himself a parka. On the other hand, there is just so much that she can take off. Yes, he may pay the bills, but I wonder who cooks, cleans, does the laundry, shops and cares for the children. — Long-Time Reader, First-Time Responder
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Boston: I have never in my long life said this to anyone, but what a jerk! My husband and I have had this same problem. Our thermostat is set at 69. He wears sweats and warm slippers, and I wear T-shirts. This is not about who pays the mortgage, but about your attitude toward your partner.

partner.
Indiana: No one needs to suffer from hot flashes. As soon as my doctor prescribed an antidepressant, it was like someone flipped a switch.
Chicago: As a woman in her eighth year of hot flashes and night sweats, I have learned some coping skills. Many women cannot take hormone replacement. I have found some relief in yoga, breathing techniques and mindful meditation. I suggest the wife find a room at a temperature that is comfortable for her. This time is a natural progression in women's lives and should be embraced. I hope her journey is a short one.
California: Thirty years ago, due to surgery, I had hot flashes. An acquaintance told me her ob-gyn recommended vitamin E. It worked! It took six weeks to kick in, but, oh, the relief!
Georgia: I urge you to exercise extreme caution in recommending natural remedies for hot flashes. These treatments are unregulated and can contain a variety of harmful substances, and they don't have to have any of these on their labels. People should be very careful. For further information, contact the Centers for Disease Control toxicology division in Atlanta.
Upstate New York: What an inconsiderate husband. It's his choice to wear nothing around the house, so he should be willing to suffer the consequences. We keep our house at 65 degrees. Sweaters and slippers are comfortable and healthier than 74 degrees. We sleep well and even better when I get the gas bill. Last time I checked, it was "our" house, not "my" house.
California: I have had brief hot flashes since 2008. They only seem to last forever. I have a hand fan by my bed and recliner, and I carry a folding one in my purse. In the winter, I step outside for a few minutes. I take care of myself without inconveniencing anyone else, but I will be glad when they are over.
Florida: I've been in that gentleman's shoes for a number of years and had the same complaint. Six months ago, however, I suffered male hot flashes as a result of a hormone imbalance. Having been on the other side, I can tell him that it is a very unpleasant experience and one over which you have no control.
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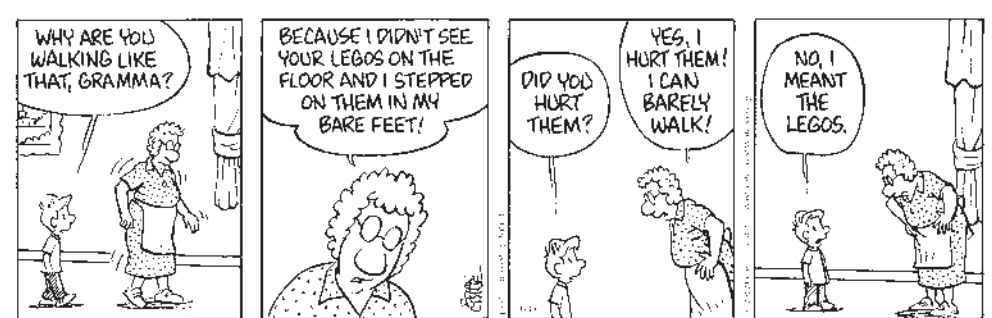
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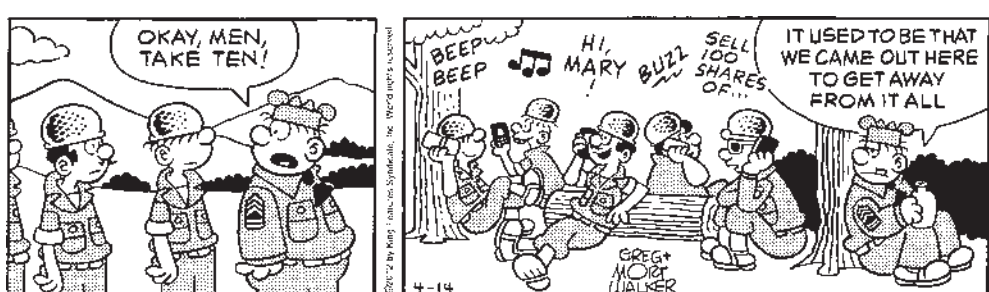
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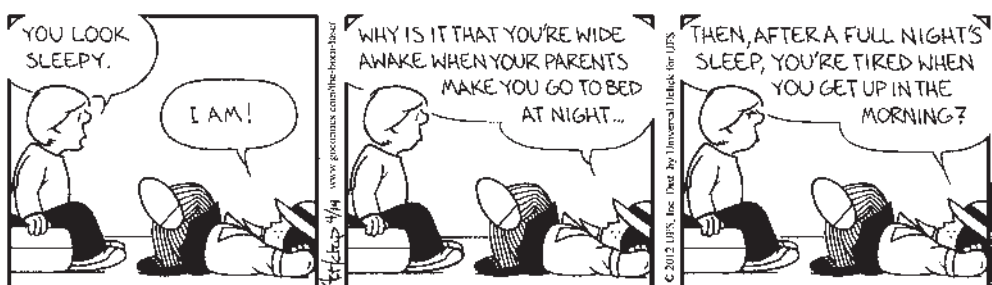
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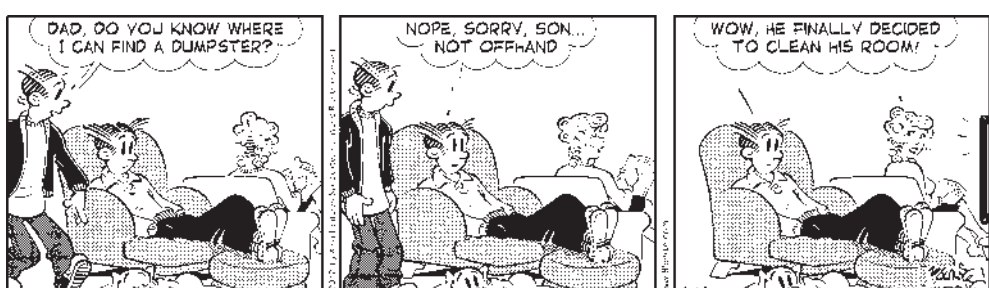
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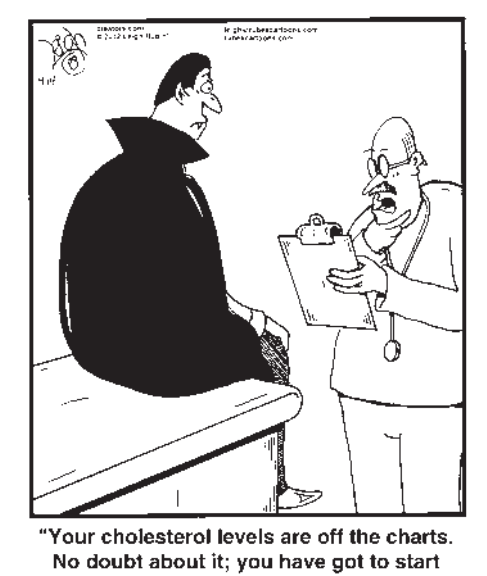
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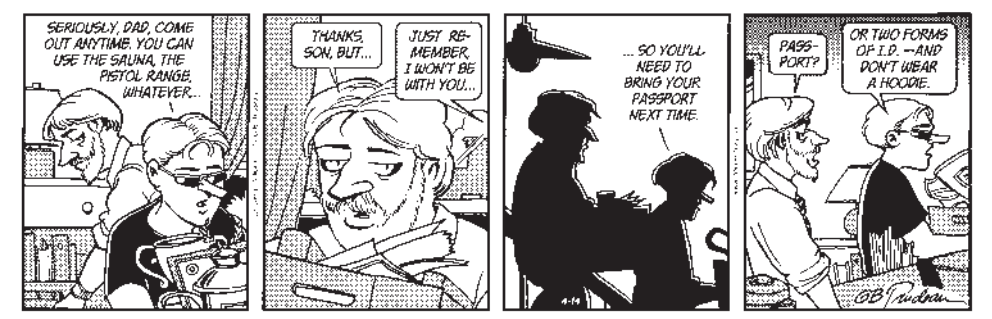
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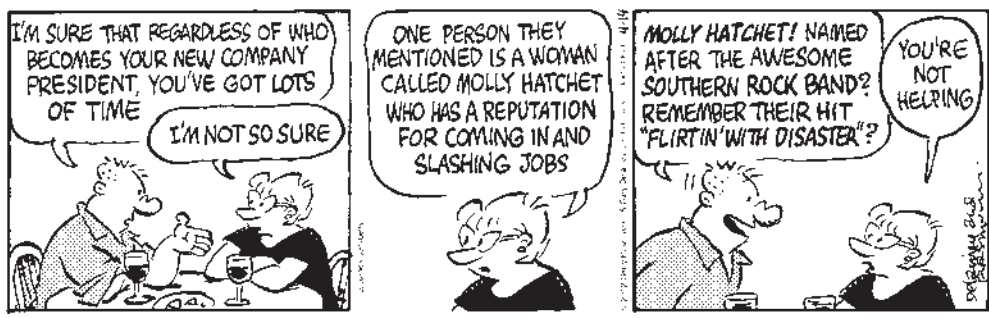
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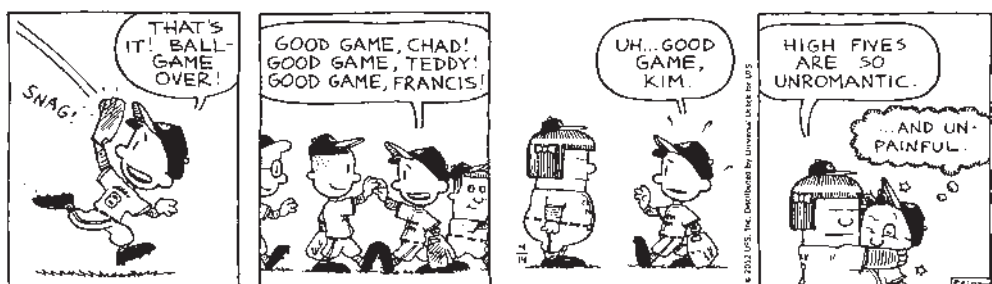
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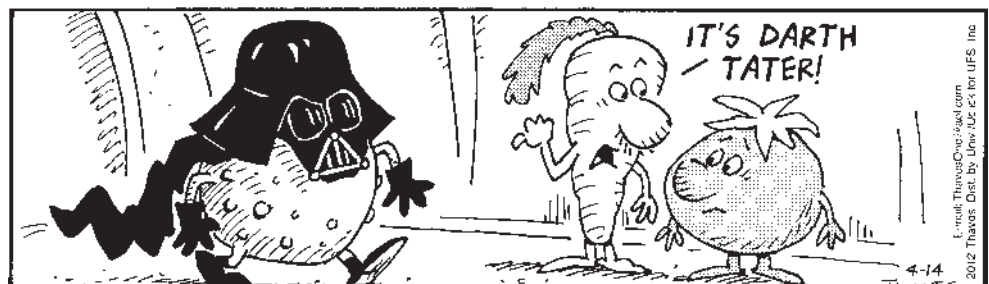
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The Three Stooges (PG) 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
Titanic (PG-13) In real 3D. 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m. No passes.
American Reunion (R) ID required. 1:20 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10:05 p.m.
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) In real 3D. 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:10 p.m. No passes.
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:20 p.m.
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
Lockout (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
The Three Stooges (PG) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
Cabin in the Woods (R) ID required. 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:05 p.m.
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Titanic (PG-13) In real 3D. 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m. No passes.
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:05 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) In real 3D. 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:50 p.m. No passes.
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
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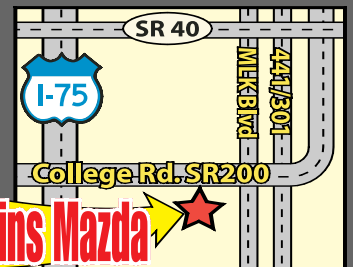
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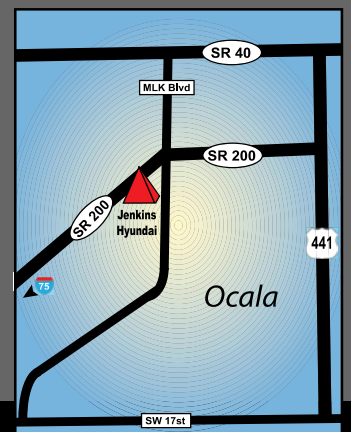
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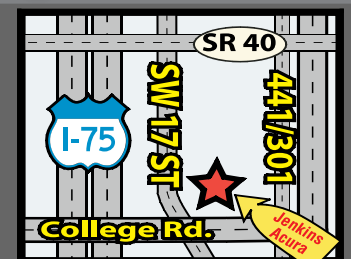
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