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NEWS BRIEFS

Over 85 group growing fastest

SARASOTA — New Census data shows that Sarasota and Charlotte counties have the most percentage of residents 85 or older in Florida.

The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported that age group is also the fastest-growing in Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties. The population group now makes up more than 5 percent of Sarasota County's population for the first time. It outnumbers children under five by nearly 5,000 — the biggest gap in the state.

In all but five Florida counties, the under-five age group outnumbers the older group. But statewide, the 85-and-older group was the fastest-growing from 2010 to 2011.

Experts say that while those in that older age group bring great wealth to Florida as they migrate from other states, they also are straining the state's long-term care system, funded largely by Medicaid

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County pulls plug on federal agency

CHRIS VAN ORMER
 Staff Writer

In a surprise upset, three county commissioners voted Tuesday against funding an established partnership that has been part of job-building efforts for the past two years. "I believe your focus should have been on local business retention, not startups," Commissioner Dennis Damato told representatives of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) when they went before the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to request \$32,500 from the business license fund as the county's share in a memorandum-

of-understanding agreement. "Anybody should not go into business right now unless they have three to five years' worth of capital and are willing to go ahead and do that," Damato said. "What you are saying I don't see and don't hear in reality out there in real time in Citrus County."

Voicing frustration with the economy, Damato continued: "We've had three businesses closing in the past two weeks, including Serenity Day Spa and Tugs Restaurant and Grill. I went to the mall and bought this jacket. Sears is closed. Seventeen stores are closed in the mall, and the food court is three-quarters vacant." Damato was responding to a

presentation by Dr. Philip Geist of the SBDC, one of the business-developing partners with the Citrus County Economic Development Council (EDC).

According to Geist, in the past year, the SBDC's representative in Citrus County, Mike Orlito, provided 175 individual counseling sessions for business people, representing an increased demand for services of 18 percent over the previous year. Orlito also led seven workshops covering business training for 146 attendees, an increase of 25 percent.



Dennis Damato voted against funding SBDC.

In addition, Orlito takes an active role in county business organizations, including the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County and merchant associations in Crystal River, Homosassa, Inverness and Floral City. Orlito also is involved in many other partnerships and programs within the EDC.

The \$32,500 investment represents one-third of the cost of the SBDC program in Citrus County, the remainder being met by funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Not funding the \$32,500 essentially loses the

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Pomp, Panthers, pride



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

ABOVE: Clad in green caps and gowns, Lecanto High School seniors transformed from students to graduates Tuesday with the turn of their gold tassels as family and friends cheered. LHS Principal Kelly Tyler, who is retiring, also said a final farewell to the Class of 2012. For more photos, click on this story at www.chronicleonline.com.

As members of the 2012 Lecanto High School graduating class celebrate reaching this pivotal moment and say goodbye as they embark on the newest chapter in their lives, longtime educator and LHS Principal Kelly Tyler also bid adieu during his final commencement ceremony as principal on Tuesday. The education veteran of 38 years, including 29 in Citrus County, is retiring.

Finding the words to say what Tyler has means to the school and his colleagues is difficult, assistant principal Shawyn Newman said.

"Mr. Tyler is a special person who leads by example in such a quiet and dignified way," she said.

As a result, people can't help but try to do the best they can in his presence, Newman added.

And a proud representation of those people was showcased Tuesday night — in the form of the graduating class of 2012.

— compiled by Shemir Wiles

IN QUOTES

"If we can start small trends such as Temple Run, the Cinnamon Challenge, Kony 2012, and YOLO, imagine what major trends we can start to make a difference in this world."

— Alexis Strickland, Lecanto High reflection speaker

"So I leave you with this: 'Be brave, make a foray (and) cast off your shackles' ... abide by my urgings and give yourself permis-

sion to envision a you that you choose to be or quite simply live, love, and dream."

— Francis Torralba, Lecanto High vision speaker

"Tonight is Mr. Tyler's last graduation ceremony as principal of Lecanto High School and the class of 2012 would like to give him a special thanks for his years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication to making this school a special place."

— Andrew Choung, Lecanto High senior class president



CLASS FACTS

- NUMBER OF GRADUATES: 405.
- SCHOOL COLORS: Green and gold.
- CLASS MOTTO: "Just do it," which is Nike's famous trademark phrase.
- CLASS COLOR: Teal.
- MASCOT: Panthers.
- CLASS SONG: "We Are Young" by Fun.
- CLASS FLOWER: Calla lily.

Former CF provost retiring

MIKE WRIGHT
 Staff Writer

LECANTO — James Harvey had his pick of college jobs in 1998.

Colleges in Louisiana, West Virginia, Arizona and Tampa made their offers and, financially, they were all pretty good.

But there was something about that community college campus in the middle of nowhere, miles from even a convenience store.

"Jan and I had the same feeling," Harvey said, referring to his wife. "You've got to go where you have a good fit."

So Harvey, who is retiring June 30 as a vice president at the College of Central Florida, recalled interviewing for the provost post in Lecanto.

While he was being interviewed, Jan went for a drive. She got lost and stopped at a real estate office on County Road 486 for a map. The saleswoman closed the office and drove Jan throughout the county, buying her lunch and showing her the Citrus County sights.

"This was no sales pitch," Harvey said. "This was the kindness of a person."

So when the offer came from what was then Central Florida

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Home sales steady, price up, backlog down

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida home sales fell slightly in April, but state Realtors were quick to say Tuesday that median price and pending sales rose dramatically during the month.

Figures compiled by the Florida Realtors also showed the inventory of homes available for sale shrunk further as buyers continued to whittle away at the state's post-crash backlog of existing homes.

"Here in Florida, we're seeing some strong numbers that show positive momentum for the state's housing recovery and our economy," said 2012 Florida Realtors President Summer Greene, in a statement. Sale closings of existing homes fell 0.7 percentage points from April 2011, while condominium sales were off about 4.9 percent. Nationally, sales of single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops increased 10 percent in April from a year ago.

"A return of normal home buying for occupancy is helping home sales across all price points, and now the recovery appears to be extending to home prices," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, in a statement.

The general downtrend in both listed and shadow inventory

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Associated Press

The SpaceX launch of its Falcon 9 rocket and an unmanned Dragon capsule lights up the sky during liftoff from a Cape Canaveral launch pad early Tuesday as it streaks over a model of NASA's space shuttle at the Kennedy Space Center.

Private rocket blasts off

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — Opening a new, entrepreneurial era in spaceflight, a ship built by a billionaire businessman sped toward the International Space Station with a load of groceries and other supplies Tuesday after a spectacular, middle-of-the-night blastoff.

The launch of the Falcon 9 rocket and its unmanned Dragon capsule marked the first time a commercial spacecraft has been sent to the orbiting outpost.

Cutting a brilliant, fiery arc through the darkness, the rocket lifted off just before 4 a.m. and smoothly boosted the capsule into orbit. The capsule is expected to rendezvous with the space station within days, delivering a half-ton of provisions for its six crew members.

"Falcon flew perfectly!!"

billionaire entrepreneur Twitter. "Feels like a giant Elon Musk, founder of the weight just came off my SpaceX company, said via back."

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SBDC

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whole program and Orlito his job.

Damato argued against funding the SBDC, saying the board needed "fair and balanced economic data to aid in our decision-making," and that the board needed "to inform retirees of this county that things are really as bad as they are and that ties in with budget problems that we have."

Damato also said he does not believe published unemployment figures, currently less than 10 percent.

"Sixty percent of people in this county work in the construction industry. And guess what: Most of them are still not working," Damato said.

Damato said he knows the published unemployment figures are a "spin on numbers" because, he said, they don't reflect the numbers of people who are no longer counted as unemployed, or are underem-

ployed, or have left the county for lack of work.

"We need fact-based evidence and actual case studies, not some kind of spin on numbers that we saved 29 jobs here and 97 jobs here," Damato said. "All I see every day are people struggling and businesses closing."

Damato offered another use for the sum of \$32,500.

"I'm going to suggest to the board a good use for that \$32,500 and that is right now we should be looking at having a full-time lobbyist in Tallahassee instead of part-time and I would like to see that \$32,500 in business tax licensing funds under the direction of this board and the port authority for additional seed money in funding for infrastructure improvements in north-west Citrus County that are surely needed for existing businesses that are also struggling,"



Joe Meek voted to fund SBDC.

Damato said.

However, funds from business licenses are to be spent on business growth projects. A lobbyist and infrastructure are supported by property taxes and other funds, such as state and government grants.

Damato was supported in his vote against funding the SBDC by Commissioner Rebecca Bays, who said Geist and Orlito had not shown her how the program was working, and Commissioner Winn Webb, who said he did not see results that matched \$32,500.

Commissioners John "JJ" Kenney and Joe Meek voted in favor of funding the SBDC.

On another EDC funding request, commissioners were unanimous in their support of giving \$25,000 toward the \$50,000 fee for the county to continue its membership in the Tampa Bay Partnership. The remaining \$25,000 will come from EDC funds.

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Around the COUNTY

Woman injured by airboat critical

A Homosassa woman who suffered severe injuries when she got caught in an airboat propeller is still in the hospital, according to Karen Parker of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "She is still in critical condition," Parker said Tuesday. Parker said the FWC investigation into the accident is ongoing and a final report "could be ready in another two weeks."

Nicole Lee Aspinwall, 30, her boyfriend Robert Joseph Miller, 36, and her two children were parked on the dry riverbed May 13 at the Rutland flats off the Withlacoochee River at about 1:30 p.m. with the airboat engine turned off.

Miller reportedly cranked the motor of the 14-foot 2000-model boat, thinking Aspinwall was getting into the vessel.

However, Aspinwall was at the left rear corner of the boat, believed to be reaching into the transom area of the boat to retrieve something she saw in there, according to investigators.

Nature Coast EMS and eventually the Citrus County Sheriff's Office worked on Aspinwall at the scene before she was airlifted to Tampa General where she remains.

Eckstein on WYKE show today

Capt. Joe Eckstein, Citrus County Sheriff's Office emergency management director, will appear on the "Sheriff's 10-43 Show" from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, on WYKE, Bright House Channel 16 for cable customers.

He will review what experts have predicted in terms of tropical storms and hurricanes for the next several months. He'll also review how to be prepared before, during and after a storm.

The show can also be viewed at 11 a.m. Friday on WYKE.

For satellite customers, prior "Sheriff's 10-43" shows can be seen via the sheriff's office website at www.sheriffcitrus.org.

Road work will delay traffic May 29

The county is advising motorists who drive through the intersection of county roads 486 and 491 that there will be a major traffic shift starting Tuesday, May 29.

The contractor working on the road-widening project will be shifting traffic to a divided highway alignment.

Traffic on both C.R. 486 (Norvell Bryant Highway) and C.R. 491 (Lecanto Highway) will be shifted to the outside lanes of the divided highway. This will allow for work in the median areas and the final layer of asphalt and striping to be completed.

During the traffic shift, an off-duty sheriff's deputy will be present to assist with traffic control at the intersection.

Motorists should expect delays for most of the that day.

For more information, contact the Citrus County Engineering Department at 352-527-5446.

Children invited to county camp

Citrus County Parks and Recreation will again host its summer youth camp program, Camp Fusion, starting May 29. Activities include everything from arts and crafts to weekly field trips and athletic programs.

Camp Fusion is for children ages 6 to 10 years.

It runs for a total of 10 weeks but accepts weekly and daily registrations.

All staff members are trained in CPR and first aid, as well as undergo an extensive background check.

The weekly fees are \$60 per child for regular care and \$75 per child per week for extended care. Daily drop-off is also available for \$20.

For more information call Citrus County Parks and Recreation at 352-527-7540.

—From staff reports

Romney, Scott see economy differently

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Republican Gov. Rick Scott's sunny view of Florida's economy stands in stark contrast to a darker message his party's presumptive presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, has been sending.

Scott last week hailed another decline in the state's unemployment rate as a sign that Florida, the largest of the presidential swing states, is well on the road to recovery. Romney, meanwhile, continued to portray a much more pessimistic picture of the nation's economy, Florida included.

Scott is one of several Republican governors elected two years ago in key presidential states who have been upbeat about their states' economies, and that's making it harder for Romney to make his case.

"Florida's jobless rate moved to its lowest point in more than three years and is a clear sign we are moving Florida in a direction that gives businesses and job creators the confidence they need to grow and expand," Scott said in a statement Friday, when Florida's April unemployment rate was announced. It dropped 0.3 percentage

points to 8.7 percent. A few days earlier, Romney said in Iowa that the nation was "enduring the most tepid recovery in modern history" for which he blamed Democratic President Barack Obama.

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states' economies, and that's making it harder for Romney to make his case.

Florida Republican Party spokeswoman Kristen McDonald, though, said the dichotomy between Scott's and Romney's economic messages is not a problem. "We don't see it as two opposing ideas," McDonald said Monday. "Florida's doing well under Gov. Scott

but not as well as it could be if we had a national partner that would help put policies in place like Gov. Scott has done here in our state."

Her counterpart with the Florida Democratic Party doesn't see it as a problem, either.

"Gov. Rick Scott has been Florida's top cheerleader for President Obama's economic accomplishments," party spokeswoman Brannon Jordan wrote in an email. "Not only is the GOP sending mixed messages to voters, but Scott's argument undercuts the central premise of Romney's campaign."

Moving on up

Kindergarten students reflect on past lessons, ready for first grade

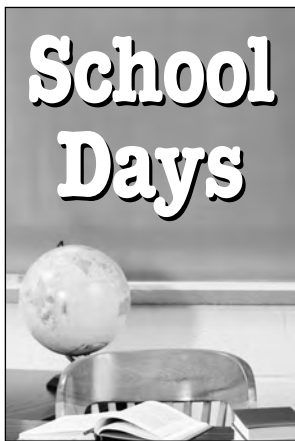
Editor's note: Throughout the 2011-12 school year, the Chronicle staff has followed the progress of several classrooms across the county during its series School Days.

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Turns out there is a kindergarten way to sit and a first-grade way to sit. Happily, Nereyda Reyes' students have learned the difference.

They've learned other things too: some spelling, verbs, counting, setting goals, patience.

Walking in a line — very important.



They learned to have fun in an organized, respectful way. They've made friends. The children are becoming independent thinkers.

And they learned the proper way to sit on the floor, giving full attention to their teacher.

Wiggling is the kindergarten way. Sitting still with folded hands in their lap is the first-grade way.

Mrs. Reyes is wrapping up her seventh year teaching kindergarten at Forest Ridge Elementary School. She told a visitor back in August the goal at year's end for her students is independence — the ability to think for themselves and use words or numbers attached to the classroom walls to answer questions.

At the start of the year, she must attend to every need. At the end, most children tend to their own needs or help the others.

"They know who struggles and who doesn't," Mrs. Reyes said.

And they have learned. Mrs. Reyes said most of her students far exceeded reading levels, for example.

"I set really high expectations for them," she said. "I didn't just get them to the level they need to be — they went far and beyond."



Anthony Mainella, left, and Julian Amancio write their thoughts about kindergarten in shaving cream during Nereyda Reyes' class at Forest Ridge Elementary School.

Mrs. Reyes asked the children to put together booklets explaining what they learned in kindergarten.

Here's a sample:

■ Emma Stanridge: "I did not know anything when I got started in school. But now I know everything."

■ Jeremy Martin: "I learned how to read."

■ Brandon Rizo: "I learned so much in kindergarten. I learned this: I learned how to count by 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, 25s."

■ Julian Amancio: "I learned a lot in school.

I was safe. I learned about metamorphosis."

■ Jaela Richardson: "I like to go to school. I have a lot to learn."

They also are fond of their teacher. When Mrs. Reyes surprised the children with an extra recess, one boy said she was nice.

"Am I always nice?" she asked with a smile.

They responded in unison: "Yes!"

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Miami teachers union calls for tax amnesty

Pilot program would encourage residents to come clean about illegally claiming homestead exemption

Associated Press

MIAMI — The teachers union in Miami-Dade County has proposed what could be an innovative way to raise extra money for education: A tax amnesty program that would go after homestead exemption cheaters.

At a news conference Tuesday, the United Teachers of Dade announced plans to push for a pilot program that would encourage residents to come clean that they are illegally claiming homestead exemption — a tax break of up to \$50,000 for those whose Florida property is their full-time residence.

UTD President Karen Aronowitz said the amnesty would be accompanied by an advertising campaign linking tax evasion with the negative effect on school funding, and would be followed up with higher penalties.

"Teachers hate cheaters," Aronowitz said. "If people pay their taxes, we can pay our teachers."

Exactly how much a tax amnesty could raise is debatable. Miami-Dade Property Appraiser Pedro Garcia said homestead exemption fraud liens have grown from about \$2.7 million in 2007 to \$14.5 million so far this year. That is driven by two factors: A poor economy lead-

ing more people to cheat and increasing the number of detectives investigating fraud cases.

But James DiBernardo, a retired major with the Miami-Dade County Police who investigated economic crime, believes those numbers are much higher.

Whereas Garcia estimates there are upward of 400 deceased people claiming homestead exemption on the tax rolls, DiBernardo said that number is actually about 12,000. Most of those cases involve relatives of the deceased who now live in the home but have not changed the ownership.

DiBernardo consulted

with three private companies and said each provided similar figures.

In all, DiBernardo estimates \$280 million is owed in back taxes, 40 percent of which would go toward education. In addition to the 12,000 deceased residents, he believes there are about 20,000 residents who are renting properties but still claiming them as their full-time residence.

"I'm uncovering a lot more than I ever expected," DiBernardo said of the fraud cases.

While Garcia disputes the \$280 million figure, he said he would be in favor of an amnesty program. He noted such a proposal was sent to the Legislature this year but did not pass.

"I'm sorry they didn't pass it," Garcia said. "To me it was stupid because we'd

have the opportunity to have money coming in to the county that we needed, and the school board needed it more than anyone else."

Washington state did a similar amnesty aimed at business scofflaws last year and received \$320.7 million. About 8,900 businesses paid back taxes during a three-month period in which penalties and interest were waived.

Aronowitz said the extra revenue is needed in order to provide teachers with competitive salaries. The union of the nation's fourth largest school district will be presenting a proposal to Miami-Dade Public Schools next week to boost the salaries of new teachers, make up for income lost during the recession and increase pay through a salary schedule.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Burglaries

■ A vehicle burglary occurred at about 3:09 a.m. May 21 in the 6000 block of W. Pine Circle, Crystal River.

■ A residential burglary occurred at about 8:54 a.m. May 21 at N. Monroe Street, Beverly Hills.

■ A commercial burglary occurred at about 9:12 a.m. May 21 in the 700 block of N.E. 5th Street, Crystal River.

■ A residential burglary occurred at about 11:41 a.m. May 21 in the 7200 block of S. Straight Avenue, Homosassa.

■ A residential burglary occurred at about 2:49 p.m. May 21 in the 5700 block of N. Highland Park Drive, Hernando.

■ A residential burglary occurred at about 3:08 p.m. May 21 in the 10 block of Witch Hazel Court, Homosassa.

■ A vehicle burglary occurred at about 5:55 p.m. May 21 in the 7100 block of W. Avocado Street, Crystal River.

■ A residential burglary occurred at about 6:35 p.m. May 21 in the 6000 block of S. Lima Avenue, Homosassa.

Thefts

■ A petit theft occurred at about 7:57 a.m. May 21 in the 800 block of S.E. 8th Avenue, Crystal River.

■ A petit theft occurred at about 8:42 a.m. May 21 in the 900 block of N. Conant Avenue, Crystal River.

■ A petit theft occurred at about 11:41 a.m. May 21 in the 200 block of S.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft occurred at about 12:15 p.m. May 21 in the 1300 block of S.E. 5th Avenue, Crystal River.

■ A petit theft occurred at about 1:37 p.m. May 21 in the 12800 block of N. River Garden Drive, Dunnellon.

■ A grand theft occurred at about 1:40 p.m. May 21 in the 1800 block of W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto.

■ An auto theft occurred at about 4:39 p.m. May 21 in the 20 block of S. Melbourne Street, Beverly Hills.

Vandalisms

■ A vandalism occurred at about 11:38 a.m. May 21 in the 30 block of S. Jeffery Street, Beverly Hills.

■ A vandalism occurred at about 4:48 p.m. May 21 in the area of N. Citrus Avenue and W. Dunnellon Road, Crystal River.

■ A vandalism occurred at about 9:06 p.m. May 21 in the 8400 block of E. Daniels Road, Floral City.

ON THE NET

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.

■ Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

■ Citrus County Sheriff's Office/Fire Rescue Chief Larry Morabito said the fire service is seeking volunteers to serve alongside paid staff at all stations. For information, call John Beebe, volunteer coordinator, at 352-527-5406.

Brawl leads to man's arrest

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

INGLIS — A bloody brawl between brothers led to the arrest of one on May 17, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office report.

Perry Horace Robinson, 54, is charged with one count of battery on his 67-year-old brother. No bond was initially allowed.

According to the report, when investigators arrived at the scene they found two men sitting across from each other in a room awash in blood.

The alleged victim reportedly told investigators

he approached Robinson, who had reportedly been drinking, and reminded him how much he had changed recently.

He alleged Robinson got angry and attacked him, raining blows on his face, ear and head — eventually knocking him to the ground.

The brother told investigators Robinson would not stop his assault despite pleas. So in a bid to defend himself, the brother allegedly picked up a steak knife and started swinging — cutting Robinson on the hands and under the nose.

The brother said the fighting soon stopped as

they awaited sheriff's deputies.

When Robinson was asked by investigators about the fight, he reportedly said his brother repeatedly asked him why he was different lately, but he had responded that he was fine. However, this time, according to Robinson, it was the brother who got angry with him and began swinging the knife and injured him. In response, Robinson alleges he fought back with punches until he dropped the knife.

Investigators noticed the alleged victim had a swollen, almost-closed left

eye and his swollen left ear was black and blue. He reportedly had several cuts to his neck and arms and a bump on the left side of his head.

Investigators also noticed Robinson was bloody and had cuts on his hands.

Deputies determined after collecting the evidence and conducting interviews it was Robinson who was the primary aggressor, according to the arrest report.

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HOMES

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has shifted from a buyers' market to one that is much more balanced, but in some areas it has become a sellers' market.

Median prices for homes rose significantly in Florida.

The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes in April was \$144,350, up 10.2 percent from the year-ago figure. The statewide median for townhome-condo proper-

ties was \$108,000, up 16.1 percent over April 2011. Nationally, median prices increased by 1.9 percent.

Part of the increase in home prices is due to a shrinking inventory of homes and condos on the market, said Florida Realtor chief economist

John Tuccillo.

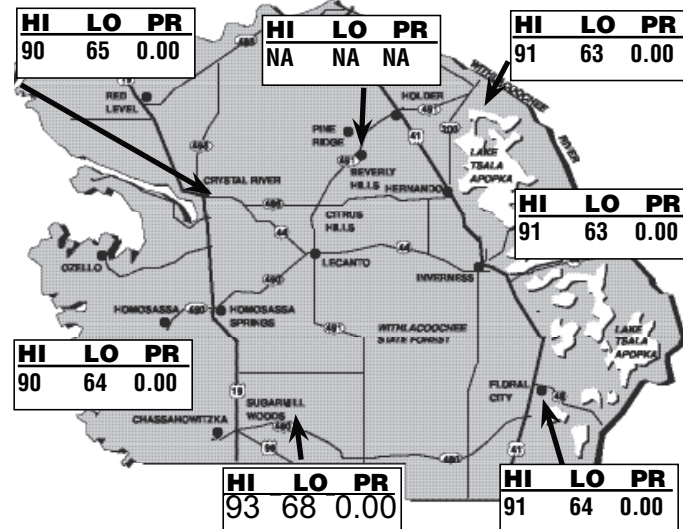
The backlog of available single family homes fell to a supply of just under six months in most cases, less than half what it was in late 2007. Inventories in the Tampa area fell more than 30 percent between April 2011 and last month.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by:



TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 91 Low: 67
Partly cloudy and warm, small chance for a late day shower

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 91 Low: 68
Partly cloudy, warm and humid with a few late day showers

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 91 Low: 68
Sun and clouds with scattered PM showers, thunderstorms

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TEMPERATURE*	
Tuesday	93/58
Record	100/53
Normal	90/64
Mean temp.	76
Departure from mean	-1
PRECIPITATION*	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	1.65 in.
Total for the year	8.12 in.
Normal for the year	14.08 in.
*As of 6 p.m. at Inverness	
UV INDEX: 11	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high	
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
Tuesday at 3 p.m.	29.93 in.

DEW POINT	
Tuesday at 3 p.m.	61
HUMIDITY	
Tuesday at 3 p.m.	39%
POLLEN COUNT**	
Grasses and weeds were absent and	
Today's active pollen:	
Ragweed, Grasses, Oak	
Today's count: 4.2/12	
Thursday's count: 5.4	
Friday's count: 5.5	

Tuesday was good with pollutants mainly particulates.

SOLAR TABLES				
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR	MINOR MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
5/23	WEDNESDAY	8:01	1:49	8:26 2:13
5/24	THURSDAY	8:55	2:43	9:19 3:07

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT	8:20 P.M.
SUNRISE TOMORROW	6:34 A.M.
MOONRISE TODAY	8:38 A.M.
MOONSET TODAY	10:41 P.M.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: **HIGH. There is no burn ban.**

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl.dof.com/fl_fire_weather/kbdi

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TIDES

City	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Chassahowitzka*	8:28 a/3:47 a	7:22 p/3:31 p	9:05 a/4:21 a	7:58 p/4:09 p
Crystal River**	6:49 a/1:09 a	5:43 p/12:53 p	7:26 a/1:43 a	6:19 p/1:31 p
Withlacoochee*	4:36 a/10:41 a	3:30 p/11:31 p	5:13 a/11:19 a	4:06 p/—
Homosassa***	7:38 a/2:46 a	6:32 p/2:30 p	8:15 a/3:20 a	7:08 p/3:08 p

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	87	71	pc	Miami	85	76	ts
Ft. Lauderdale	85	77	ts	Ocala	91	67	pc
Fort Myers	89	72	ts	Orlando	92	72	pc
Gainesville	90	66	pc	Pensacola	88	71	s
Homestead	86	73	ts	Sarasota	88	73	pc
Jacksonville	89	70	pc	Tallahassee	91	65	s
Key West	87	79	sh	Tampa	88	72	pc
Lakeland	91	70	pc	Vero Beach	86	75	ts
Melbourne	85	75	pc	W. Palm Bch.	85	75	ts

MARINE OUTLOOK

Northwest winds around 5 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters will be smooth. Partly cloudy today.

Gulf water temperature

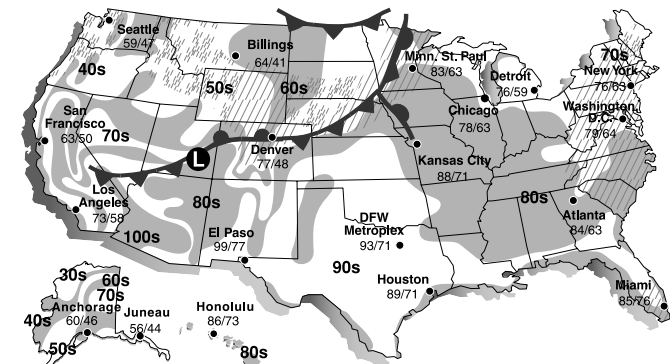
84°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	Mon.	Tues.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	26.70	26.69	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	32.24	32.21	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	34.37	34.60	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	36.16	36.16	42.40

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

City	Tuesday	Wednesday	City	Tuesday	Wednesday		
Albany	72	63	New Orleans	90	71		
Albuquerque	92	65	New York City	70	60		
Asheville	76	57	Norfolk	75	61		
Atlanta	85	62	Oklahoma City	83	55		
Atlantic City	74	62	Omaha	86	59		
Austin	91	65	Palm Springs	107	73		
Baltimore	77	64	Philadelphia	75	62		
Billings	72	56	Phoenix	108	76		
Boise	72	55	Pittsburgh	76	59		
Boston	63	56	Portland, ME	68	55		
Buffalo	75	62	Portland, Ore.	59	51		
Burlington, VT	75	64	Providence, R.I.	65	60		
Charleston, SC	88	64	Raleigh	86	62		
Charlotte	83	60	Rapid City	91	51		
Chicago	71	50	Reno	78	54		
Cincinnati	74	61	Rochester, NY	75	62		
Cleveland	63	57	Sacramento	84	54		
Columbia, SC	87	63	St. Louis	78	54		
Columbus, OH	72	61	St. Ste. Marie	70	40		
Concord, N.H.	67	57	Salt Lake City	85	65		
Dallas	92	68	San Antonio	89	67		
Denver	93	55	San Diego	68	60		
Des Moines	82	55	San Francisco	64	52		
Detroit	72	54	Savannah	85	65		
El Paso	100	67	Seattle	55	48		
Evansville, IN	79	52	Spokane	61	46		
Harrisburg	77	64	Syracuse	79	63		
Hartford	68	63	Topeka	85	48		
Houston	93	72	Washington	81	66		
Indianapolis	74	51	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW				
Jackson	85	59	HIGH 109 Blythe, Calif.				
Las Vegas	102	79	LOW 30 Leadville, Colo.				
Little Rock	81	57	WORLD CITIES				
Los Angeles	70	61	WEDNESDAY	Lisbon	78/57/s		
Louisville	79	58	CITY	H/L/SKY	London	76/54/pc	
Mankato	80	60	Amsterdam	85/78/ts	Madrid	84/51/s	
Minneapolis	64	47	Barcelona	81/61/pc	Mexico City	77/53/pc	
Mobile	89	63	Athens	77/61/pc	Montreal	76/57/s	
Montgomery	83	62	Beijing	82/62/pc	Moscow	71/44/sh	
Nashville	82	63	Berlin	82/61/ts	Paris	81/57/pc	
Ontario	78	63	Bermuda	74/70/sh	Rio	76/62/pc	
Portland	89	63	Cairo	93/66/s	Rome	69/54/sh	
San Antonio	89	67	Calgary	55/38/sh	Sydney	71/52/s	
San Diego	68	60	Havana	84/72/ts	Tokyo	76/59/s	
San Francisco	64	52	Hong Kong	85/77/sh	Toronto	79/57/pc	
Savannah	85	65	Jerusalem	78/58/s	Warsaw	84/56/pc	

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; dr=driest; f=fair; h=hazy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy.

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Dr. Jim Harvey is presented a framed article about his tenure at Central Florida College by CF President Dr. Jim Henningsen during a reception Tuesday at the Central Florida Citrus Campus to allow the community to say goodbye to the educator, who has been a member of Citrus County higher education for more than a decade.

PROVOST

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Community College, Harvey took it.

About 70 friends and colleagues bid farewell to Harvey on Thursday during a festive retirement party at CF's Conference Center, a building that, coincidentally, Harvey began to plan just one year after taking the provost's job in 1998.

"This community has been very good to us," he said. "It's been very supportive of me."

Harvey served as provost until 2003, when he was promoted to vice president of administration and finance at the college's main cam-

pus in Ocala. He served as interim president for six months in 2011 prior to the hiring of James Henningsen.

Harvey also is locked into the community. He is a member of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce executive board and has served with the Economic Development Council.

"He's been an inspiration to us all," Josh Wooten, chamber president and chief executive officer, said.

CF trustee Don Taylor said Harvey volunteers at the manatee and strawberry festivals. Taylor joked to Harvey he expects more from him in retirement.

"We know he's going to have a lot of extra spare

time," Taylor said. "We know where you live."

Trustee Sandy Balfour praised Harvey's vision and quiet demeanor.

"His crystal ball is a credible tool," she said. "It's going to be hard to fill his shoes."

Harvey said he wanted to make a difference for students and the community.

"We did a lot of things that made a huge difference in people's lives," he said.

Harvey said his commitment to the community won't change.

"I came to CF to work," he said. "I came to Citrus County to live."

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Obituaries

Bertha Clark, 100
HERNANDO

Bertha G. Clark, 100, of Hernando, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2012, at her home. A native of Owensboro, Ky., she was born April 3, 1912, to Elmer and Maud (Cameran) Graham, one of eight children.



Bertha Clark

Bertha was a member of House of Power Church in Hernando and was devoted to reading her Bible and praying The Lord's Prayer each day.

Mrs. Clark is survived by a son, Hugh G. Clark Jr., of Owensboro, Ky.; daughter, Dottie Dehn and her husband George, of Hernando; sister, Letha, of Indiana; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, the late Hugh G. Clark Sr., in July 1997.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at House of Power Church, Hernando, with Pastor George Dehn officiating. Interment will follow at Fero Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills. Friends will be received from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church. www.ferofuneralhome.com.



Frank Snyder Jr., 70
CRYSTAL RIVER

Frank B. Snyder Jr., age 70, of Crystal River, died Friday, May 18, 2012, at his residence. He was born December 16, 1941, in Baltimore, Md., and came here 35 years ago from there. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

He is survived by his son, Frank B. Snyder III (Amy), of Fort Worth, Texas; brother, Frederick Armin Snyder (Dorothy), of Baltimore, Md.; and several nieces and nephews. Strickland Funeral Home of Crystal River is assisting the family with private arrangements.
Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Norbert 'Bert' Zick, 94
FLORAL CITY

The Rev. Norbert O. "Bert" Zick, 94, Floral City, died May 21, 2012, at Arbor Trail Health & Rehabilitation Center of Inverness. Pastor Zick was born in Wild Rose, Wis., on July 10, 1917, to the late Oscar and Hanna (Simon) Zick. He moved to Florida in 1974 from Wisconsin. He was a master barber as well as an ordained minister, and member of the New Testament Baptist Church of Floral City. He was a veteran.

He is survived by his sons, Ted L. Zick and Norbert "Skip" Zick Jr.; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethelda Zick, on Sept. 2, 1981; and a son, Terry Zick.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday, May 25, from New Testament Baptist Church with Rev Clarence Helms officiating. Burial is in Hills of Rest Cemetery. Friends may view Pastor Zick from 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Kendra King, 51
HOMOSSASSA

Kendra J. King, age 51, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away Monday May 21, 2012, at her home in Homosassa.

She was born May 24, 1960, in Gloucester, Mass., to Kenneth and Gerry (Bapteast) Souza. She came here five years ago from Gloucester. She was a homemaker and an artist. She was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are her husband, James F. King of Homosassa, Fla.; two sons, Nicholas Avilis and Ishi King, both of Gloucester; a daughter, Shi-Anne King of Homosassa, Fla.; one brother; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

Private cremation arrangements are under the care of Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory Crystal River, Fla.

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Hubert Covert, 92
INVERNESS

Hubert Moss Covert, 92, of Inverness, Fla., died May 21, 2012, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County in Inverness, Fla. McGan Cremation Service LLC, Hernando, Fla.

OBITUARIES

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- The national database Legacy.com maintains the Chronicle's obituaries and guest books.

Scott started push to remove voters from rolls

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's quest to identify and remove non-U.S. citizens from the voter rolls was started at the direct urging of Gov. Rick Scott, the state's former top elections official said.

Ex-Secretary of State Kurt Browning, who resigned this year, told The Associated Press that Scott asked him whether or not



Rick Scott

non-U.S. citizens were registered and if those people were voting. Browning explained to the governor during a face-to-face meeting last year that people who register and falsely claim they are citizens can be charged with a crime.

"He says to me — well, people lie," Browning recalled this week. "Yes, people do. But we have always had to err on the side of the voter."

Browning said the conversation prompted state election officials to begin working to identify non-U.S. citizens. The state's initial list — compiled by comparing driver's licenses with voter registration data — showed that as many as 182,000 registered voters were eligible to be in the country but ineligible to vote.

But Browning said he decided against telling local election supervisors right away because he wanted to make sure the information was accurate in order to avoid a "firestorm of press" and criticism. Florida then spent months trying to get access to a federal database that tracks non-U.S. citizens in the country, but the U.S. Department of Homeland Security would not allow it.

"We were not confident enough about the information for this secretary to

"If there are non-U.S. citizens on their rolls, then why aren't they doing something about getting the non-U.S. citizens off?"

Kurt Browning
former secretary of state and former elections supervisor of Pasco County.

hang his hat on it," said Browning, who resigned after the Jan. 31 presidential preference primary.

Browning said media reports earlier this year that raised questions whether non-U.S. citizens were on the rolls required the state to keep pushing ahead with the effort.

In the last few weeks, the state sent a list to county election supervisors of more than 2,600 people who have been identified as non-U.S. citizens. Supervisors have responded warily to the list and have pointed out that it has inaccuracies.

Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Mike Ertel went so far on Monday to put out on Twitter a picture of him holding a U.S. passport that belonged to one of the voters identified on the list.

Last week state officials announced that the Florida agency that handles driver's licenses and does have access to the federal database would double-check the names on the state list.

Brian Burgess, a spokesman for Scott, did not have direct knowledge of the conversation between Browning and Scott. But he said the governor wants to make sure only eligible voters cast ballots.

"It's the governor's job to make sure the voter rolls are accurate, and I don't know anyone who believes non-U.S. citizens should be allowed to vote," Burgess said.

There are currently more than 11 million active registered voters in the

state, but a few thousand votes could make the difference in what is expected to be a tight race between President Barack Obama and GOP presumptive nominee Mitt Romney. The 2000 election between George W. Bush and Al Gore was decided by just 537 votes in the Sunshine State.

Florida law requires voters to be U.S. citizens and live in the state. Florida also does not allow people to vote if they are convicted felons and have not had their civil rights restored.

While Browning said he wanted to double-check the information, he also said that local supervisors should be working with the state to make sure there aren't ineligible voters on the rolls.

"The supervisors — all 67 of them — get ultimate control of who comes on and who comes off," said Browning, the former elections supervisor for Pasco County.

"If there are non-U.S. citizens on their rolls, then why aren't they doing something about getting the non-U.S. citizens off?"

Ertel, a Republican, said he agrees ineligible voters should be removed but questioned the accuracy of the list. He also said it was given to supervisors already in a serious time crunch because redistricting was forcing them to change precincts and district lines.

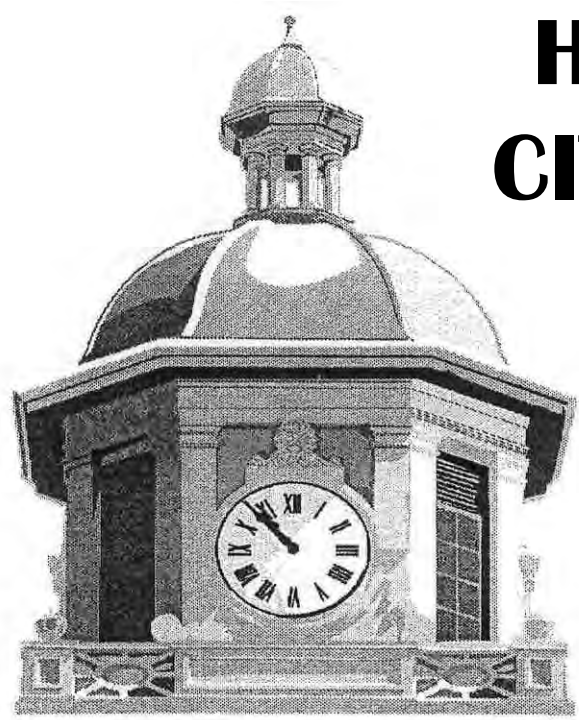
"If the list is so easily debunked, it should have been better vetted," Ertel said.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Journals," 1839.

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ANNIVERSARIES

The year 2012 a big one for county history

Was your first thought about Elvis Presley? After all, it's the 50th anniversary of the premiere of "Follow That Dream," the Elvis movie that featured the now-"Old Courthouse" in Inverness and townspeople as extras. No disrespect, Elvis, but Citrus County history is about more than just when you came to town.

The Historic Old Courthouse reaches 100 years of age in 2012, while the county itself celebrates its 125th year. Our community will focus on these notable milestones on Saturday, June 2, with a daylong celebration on the Old Courthouse grounds. There will be local dignitaries, speeches, museum tours, a time-capsule opening, refreshments and general good will.

The Old Courthouse represents more than just a celebration, though. It's a prominent landmark when you're entering town. It's the focal point of a community that nearly lost its identity when the multi-lane state road cut through the middle of the county seat. The building's successful restoration is a testament to cooperation among local, county and state governments, and to the dedication of Citrus County Historical Society members, volunteers, county staff and a supportive community. Now listed on the National

Register of Historic Places, the 1912 building served as the Citrus County Courthouse until a new building was erected in 1978.

Over its 100 years, the Old Courthouse has hosted a range of human drama. Walk the terrazzo-floored halls or soak up the historic courtroom's atmosphere; imagine the voices of so

many whose lives were changed through actions that took place in this old building.

Today's visitor can see even further back in time, with displays in the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum on the area's pre-history and the county's pioneer days. School field trips feature programs and activities to help students make the connections between what was, what is and what will be.

The Old Courthouse houses the Citrus County Historical Society's office and the county's historical resource officer, county archives and special collections. It's integral to such special downtown events as the annual Inverness Art Festival and Music on the Square.

Especially for a county whose population is mostly from somewhere else, the Historic Old Courthouse and its stories represent an anchor for the community and provide a sense of continuity. Here's to the next 100 years!

THE ISSUE:

Old Courthouse turns 100; county turns 125.

OUR OPINION:

Value our history and embrace it.

We need sidewalks

I've been reading the paper regarding the sidewalks being put in the county. I am for the sidewalks. I think the county's thinking ahead and I congratulate those people who have made it possible. We are just not up with the current trend. With the gasoline the way it's going, I think the sidewalks will be beneficial.

Water patrol

I'm calling in reference to this water patrol that we've got patrolling 24 hours a day here in Sugarmill Woods. I've been awakened from sleep at 1 and 1:30 in the morning on three different occasions with a spotlight going all around my house and waking me up with the lights shining in my windows, and I'd like to know what on Earth they're looking for. I have just about had it with this water patrol. The last three years, I've had to redo my yard. I had a sign in my yard. I do not water on days that I'm not supposed to water. I only water on my day that I'm assigned, which would be one day a week.

Unrestrained dog

My husband and I were going down (U.S.) 19 in Crystal River today near the hospital and a truck passed us and in the back of that truck was a pit bull — a

very nice white and brown dog — who was pacing back and forth on a diamond-plated toolbox that was up against the cab, completely unrestrained. He went from the left to the right to the left to the right and we were petrified that the driver would swerve or have to jam his brakes on and that dog would have been a goner. We fell farther back behind him, but he went speeding off and there were plenty of other cars going by. And I can't get over the irresponsibility of that dog owner. Is there no law in Florida that the dog has to be restrained somewhere?

Crime rising

Open your eyes, Citrus County. Citrus County, wake up. Just got the paper, the article in there about the Beverly Hills home invasion. I've been here a little over 30 years now, born and raised in Florida. I'm from Tampa. When I moved up here from Tampa, that's part of the reason I loved it up here. Especially 30 years ago, it was beautiful. People are moving in. They've been moving in for a long time. It's been 30 years now. This is just a perfect example. You know, this is already here in Citrus County. The sheriffs are aware of this. But, Citrus County people, don't let this crime overtake us. Don't let the crime overtake us. Prepare yourself.

Make candidates own ugly ads

Former Gov. Jeb Bush recently predicted the 2012 presidential campaign will be the nastiest ever.

Bush's campaigns for governor were not horribly negative, but he knows nasty. He's the son of the president whose supporters made us familiar with Willie Horton, the brother of the president whose allies added the word "swiftboat" to America's political lexicon.

The aggressive tactics in both Bush presidential campaigns emanated not from the candidates or the Republican Party, but from the kind of independent campaign committees we saw smearing GOP candidates in the primary this year.

Freed by two Supreme Court rulings — an old one that said money is a form of speech and a comparatively new one that said corporate interests can spend as much as they please to praise or attack candidates — these autonomous advocacy organizations are likely to finance unprecedented sludge-fests for both sides.

Of course, it's possible they could take the high road with positive ads about issues such as health care, Social Security, job-creation, taxes and war. Yeah, right.



Bill Cotterell
FLORIDA VOICES

Forget truth. You can't legally stop them from lying in political advertisements. Libel and slander laws don't apply to political speech and, alas, former Georgia Sen. Zell Miller's 2004 suggestion that we bring back dueling never quite caught on.

Fortunately, there are three things voters can do to inoculate themselves against the hype about to come.

First, don't believe any of it. Whether the message is nice or nasty, remember that either the candidates or some wealthy interests supporting them are spending a lot of money to bring that information to you. Somebody really wants you to think of the candidate, or an issue, in a certain way. You know what they say about something that sounds too good to be true? Well, the same goes for anything that sounds too bad.

Second, do a little research of your own. Don't get your information from TV ads, Tweets or Facebook postings put out by either side. There are independent, non-partisan, reliable fact-checking Internet sites. There's also a lot of garbage. Check things out as you would before buying a car or changing jobs.

Third, hold the candidates personally responsible for what is

said on their behalf. It's too easy for candidates to keep clean hands and let the "527s" or "Super PACs" sling the mud. We shouldn't let them get away with it.

If Obama or Romney benefits from some wild, outrageous smear done by an independent organization, he owns it. Unless he calls a news conference to disassociate himself, the attack belongs to whichever campaign wants you to believe it.

We recently saw an encouraging pre-emptive strike in this direction. An outside organization planned to attack Obama with advertisements dredging up the 2008 furor over the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, the president's former pastor in Chicago. Although his campaign was not technically involved in the plan, Romney publicly disassociated himself from it.

Maybe the Romney forces engineered the whole thing, to remind everybody of Wright's past statements while making the Republican nominee-to-be look virtuous for repudiating it. But it sets a good precedent for what portends to be an ugly presidential campaign.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Relay a success

The grand total that Inverness Relay for Life brought in this year was \$124,763.14, and to do that is only possible because we live in a wonderful community with wonderful neighbors. Cancer is the face you see daily, either looking back from the mirror or in the grocery store, in the pew next to you at church or sitting across from you at the dinner table.

The Inverness Relay for Life would like to graciously thank the Citrus County Chronicle for all its efforts in getting our very important and timely announcements of fundraising events in the Pioneer and Community sections of our hometown newspaper, the Citrus County Chronicle. Thank you for your dedication to cancer awareness through our 16 years of Inverness Relay for Life.

We would also like to thank Rick Como of Como RV Truck Sales Service and RV Body Shop for coming to our rescue and providing us with a great RV for our use as the "bank" at Inverness Relay and for his pledge to provide us with an RV for 2013's Relay for Life.

We are looking forward to a great 2013, as we already have 26 teams signed up.

Thank you to everyone who participated, American Cancer Society representative, event chair, committee chairs, team captains, survivors and caregivers. Thanks especially to all the members of teams who work so very hard year after year to help find a cure, fund our efforts to help our neighbors right here in Citrus County.

Relay works year-round, not just at the Relay, to make sure this event is a huge success and to provide services for anyone who needs help.

If anyone has a personal story

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Patty Stevenson
Inverness Relay for Life

Hospice a blessing

In my book, you are truly angels of mercy.

After being diagnosed with lung cancer in December 2011, my doctor told me I had weeks to four months to live. My heart doctor recommended to my primary doctor to have Hospice care for my needs.

There could be no kinder, gentler and compassionate people who've entered my life. Words cannot express my appreciation for the help they are giving me. I've come to love them all, and I know they love me. What more could we ask on earth at a time like this in our life?

I pray daily for God to richly bless them, the Holy Spirit to guide them and to keep them in His loving care.

God bless each and every Hospice worker and thank you for caring for my needs and blessing my husband.

When they come in my home, they bring life and that's what this is all about.

Rainie Miller
Homosassa

Panelists persevere

The Riverhaven Garden Club and its conservation committee wish to extend a super thank you to the dedicated panelists who gave up four hours of their busy schedules Wednesday, April 25, to serve as panelists to toss over the pros and cons of the state Minimum Flow and Levels legislation for 128 interested residents of Homosassa.

This '80s law will determine how much fresh water can be taken from our Florida rivers, so they cannot be drained dry and before too much harm occurs to their wildlife resources, including fish, sea grasses, crabs, manatees, otters, birds, etc.

After each panelist had a chance to express (his or her) views, there was a show of hands and the panel was split 50-50 as to whether the law will be beneficial or harmful to our coastal rivers over time.

The knowledgeable panelists were: Becky Ayeche, Jim Bitter, Bob Knight, Gary Kuhl, Ron Miller, Brad Rimbey, Sonny Vergara and Priscilla Watkins. Homosassa residents Beverly Overa and Betsy Frank served as co-moderators. Many thanks to all of these panelists and to the Riverhaven Garden Club for making this informative event possible.

Betsy Frank
Homosassa

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Letters to THE EDITOR

The GOP and taxes

Seventeen months ago I moved to Benson, Ariz., to be near family and my twin brother since my wife passed away in April 2010. In April this year I moved back to Citrus County since I found Arizona is not "the land of milk and honey."

In the winter you do everything after 10 a.m. because it is too cold, and in the summer all chores are done before 10 a.m. due to the heat. The wind blows all the time and the landscape is always brown.

Also, the taxes are ridiculous. State sales tax is 7 percent and all municipalities can add 2.5 percent, which they do. So the sales tax is typically 9.5 percent on all goods, including perishable foods and all medicines. They also have a state income tax. The bottom line is that Arizona is a Republican-dominated state that knows how to tax and spend.

Then the Republicans have the gall to accuse Democrats of being "taxaholics." I can only warn you that if Florida remains under the control of the Republicans, you can expect higher taxes. The Republican-controlled Citrus County Commission is a good example. It increased the tax by 6 cents per gallon on gasoline to the maximum allowed about five years ago.

President Ronald Reagan, in eight years, increased the national debt from \$900 billion to \$3.7 trillion, and President George H.W. Bush doubled it again in four years. Those were 1980s dollars, which would translate to about \$14 trillion in 2012 dollars. Of course, Reagan gave us an income tax reduction in 1981, but then increased federal hidden taxes eight times during the remainder of his eight-year term. Taxes have never gone down. They are just hidden and called things like "fees." Any "fee" collected by any government entity is a tax. Reagan is the Republican tax idol.

The unfunded oil war in Iraq by President George W. Bush is an example of Republican methods of blowing the budget. We will not own any Iraqi oil as Vice President Dick Cheney and Bush planned, but we will have to pay for it.

Dan Groner
Lecanto

Change needed

My wife and I have dropped by a few tea parties, but never stayed that long — we're not too much for speeches! We were tired of increased spending without payment that

began with President George W. Bush's Part D plan and seemed to spin out of control from there. Every time I hear about the racism and craziness of tea parties, I cringe. But the media loves the Occupiers in spite of their very liberal and communistic ties. It sickens me to think that do-nothings demand so much from our government and expect things be given to them.

You whine about Richard Lugar? How many years has he served and in whose interest? Just like Jeff Dawsy, who now thinks he is indispensable in spite of promises to the contrary.

It's time to throw most of the old-timers out and try some people who will work together.

One more question for you: What happened during President Obama's two-year majority? All his promises of transparency and openness and non-insiders went out the window, and truth be told, he may talk a good game, but watching what he does shows he thinks government is the cure for everything! Millions of laws, rules and money, yet we never achieve more.

Maybe you'll change your tune if there is a landslide in the Congress and presidency, and I pray it be so and we show more grace than the Democrats did during their two years. Please try to be more even-handed.

Gene Musselman
Hernando

Spending priorities

Our schools are in deep trouble. Again. So programs for the kids will be cut. That leaves enough money to repave State Road 44 between Inverness and Crystal River. Is that really necessary in these tough times? A sidewalk is being constructed between Inverness and Lecanto on the same road. A sidewalk? Really? Couldn't that money have been slated for education?

County programs are being eliminated, causing the elderly, veterans and kids to lose out. Community centers and 4-H will suffer. Wouldn't the funds that went for the studies for Port Citrus have been better spent on the people? The port will be shoved down our throats anyway. Ottawa Avenue? Couldn't that money have gone to the libraries?

And now Ms. Woods in Homosassa is being forced to move her trailer, as she will not be granted a variance. Perhaps if the Christmas lights in Inverness were turned off during the day there would be enough

money for the county to help her out so she doesn't become homeless.

Are you happy with how your money is being spent? The only way I see to stop the madness is to vote out incumbents and keep doing so until they get the message. The jobs being created by these projects are temporary at best. How much more are you prepared to take?

Fred Schirmer
Inverness

Hot Corner: DRUG BUSTS

Just grandstanding

Well, it's really obvious that this is an election year for the sheriff. With the full support of his buddies at the *Chronicle*, he's on the front page talking to these three hardened criminals. How much money did that silly raid cost the taxpayers? SWAT team? Hand grenades? Come on. This is pure grandstanding. All they had to do was go in with a search warrant and arrest these people, not put on a public show. I certainly hope the public doesn't fall for this.

Timing telling

Boy, isn't it kind of ironic that six months before election time, Dawsy's finally made

some major drug busts? Isn't it hilarious that I live on a road that hasn't been touched in 10 years and they've had major problems out here, but Inverness just does not get busted for drugs?

Too much tech

After viewing Sheriff Dawsy and the SWAT team, I became very angry at all the expense and equipment being utilized. I felt as if I was living in a war zone. What a waste of money for Citrus County. Money should be utilized in a more humanitarian way, such as collecting food at mailboxes, etc. Now my taxes will be paying for the health, dentist, food, shelter for these so-called criminals.



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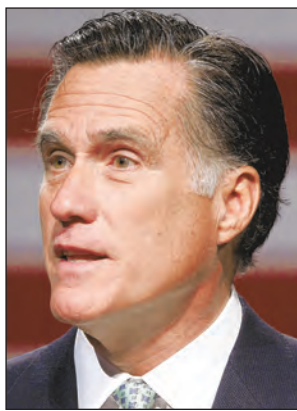
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Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks May 8 in Lansing, Mich.

Romney adds wins in Ky., Ark.

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney swept the Kentucky and Arkansas Republican presidential primaries Tuesday, inching closer to the GOP nomination he is certain to win.

With no serious opposition left, the former Massachusetts governor easily won both contests. He won all 42 delegates at stake in Kentucky and at least 21 of the 33 delegates at stake in Arkansas.

Twelve delegates were still undecided in Arkansas.

Romney has 1,055 delegates, leaving him just 89 shy of the 1,144 delegates needed to win the GOP nomination for president. He should reach the threshold next week, when voters go to the polls in Texas.

Texas, which offers 152 delegates, votes May 29.

Exec accused of Lego thefts

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A Silicon Valley tech executive faces charges after authorities say he put fake bar codes on hundreds of Lego sets at various Target stores so he could buy the toys at steeply discounted prices, then sell them online for thousands of dollars in profits.



Thomas Langenbach charged with burglary.

Thomas Langenbach, 47, was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday on four counts of burglary.

Authorities said Langenbach covered over the original bar codes with his own bar-code stickers to get a cheaper price.

They said investigators found hundreds of Lego sets at his posh San Carlos home and learned he made thousands of dollars selling the pilfered sets of colorful toy bricks on eBay under the name "tomsbrickyard."

Eight baggies of bar-code stickers were found in his car, police said.

Mountain lion killed in city

LOS ANGELES — Police shot and killed a mountain lion that somehow made its way through an urban landscape before it was found early Tuesday in a downtown Santa Monica office building courtyard near an outdoor mall and a bluff-top park that offers tourists views of the ocean and the city's famed pier.

Authorities made multiple attempts to try and subdue the young male cat, including use of a tranquilizer and a pepper ball, before killing it, said Capt. Daniel Sforza of the state Fish and Game Department.

The mountain lion was found about 6 a.m. by a janitor in the courtyard near a popular open-air mall, the Third Street Promenade, and a couple of blocks from the beach.

The street that has a preschool, a church and other businesses was cordoned off as a precaution.

—From wire reports

Iran OKs wider UN access

Nuclear talks loom

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iran made the first move Tuesday in attempts to gain an edge in nuclear talks with the U.S. and other world powers: It agreed in principle to allow U.N. inspectors to restart probes into a military site suspected of harboring tests related to atomic weapons.

The tentative accord — announced as envoys headed to the Iraqi capital for negotiations — is likely to be used by Iran as added leverage to seek concessions from the West on sanctions. But U.S. officials have shown no willingness to shift into bargaining mode so quickly, setting the stage for possible tense moments after talks set for Wednesday resume in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone.

Still, Iran's move raises the pressure on the West for some reciprocal gestures to keep dialogue on track and further highlights Tehran's apparent aims of opening a long give-and-take process over its nuclear ambitions.

A major breakthrough in the impasse was not expected in Baghdad, with officials and experts saying both sides will seek to demonstrate enough progress to keep the process moving forward.

That could cool down worries in international markets over possible military action, but reinforce the suspicions of Israeli leaders who

claim Iran seeks only to buy time to keep up its production of nuclear fuel.

Iran's envoys, meanwhile, promoted the Baghdad round as an opportunity to set aside past obstacles. "That is the basis for the beginning of a new cooperation," said Saeed Jalili, the top Iranian nuclear negotiator, who arrived in Baghdad late Monday. "We hope that the talks in Baghdad will be a kind of dialogue that will give shape to such cooperation."

Joplin remembers



Associated Press

Shovels and hard hats stand prepared Tuesday for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Irving Elementary School to be built near the former St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Mo. The old school, nine blocks east of the new site, was completely destroyed by the May 22, 2011, tornado. The groundbreaking was one of a number of events taking place on the anniversary of the Joplin tornado.

Deadly tornado struck Missouri town one year ago

Associated Press

JOPLIN, Mo. — A year after a massive tornado tore through Joplin, thousands of survivors and others touched by the storm's fury made a somber march through some of the hardest-hit neighborhoods in a town dedicated to remembering its losses but also committed to what is certain to be a long, slow recovery.

Carrying small American flags and wearing T-shirts bearing the names of friends and loved ones among the 161 tornado victims, they walked through the town where a tornado packing 200 mph winds killed 161 people. The tornado wiped away entire neighborhoods in the city of 50,000, destroyed Joplin's only public high school and left behind a ghastly moonscape of block after city block of foundations wiped clean of their structures.

"There is not a handbook out there that says, 'Here's how you develop a community that has an 8-mile-long, 25 to 30 city-block wide swath of area that has basically lost everything,'" said David Wallace, a Texas developer whose firm was hired by the city to oversee Joplin's rebuilding plan. He estimated the recovery will cost nearly \$2 billion, about half of which has already been pledged by private sources.

Signs of the challenges ahead were plentiful on the four-mile "Walk of Unity," from the glaring



Thousands of people walk the path of destruction Tuesday in Joplin, Mo.

absence of century-old trees in the city's central neighborhoods to the ghostly shell of St. John's Regional Medical Center.

Throughout the day, residents, hospital workers, volunteers and politicians gathered across the disaster zone to mark the May 22, 2011, tornado, mixing somber remembrances with steely resolutions to rebuild.

The afternoon procession started in neighboring Duquesne, where more than one-fourth of the community's 750 homes were destroyed and nine people died. The Joplin portion of the walk began past a Wal-Mart where three peo-

ple were killed and 200 survived by huddling together in employee break rooms, bathrooms and other designated safe zones.

Among the planned stops was a groundbreaking ceremony for the rebuilding of Joplin High. Juniors and seniors will spend the next two years attending school in a converted department store in the city's sole shopping mall.

The walk will conclude with a moment of silence at Cunningham Park at 5:41 p.m., the minute the tornado struck. The city park, which is across the street from what is left of the St. John's hospital, has been rebuilt.

Russian lawmakers slap sanctions on protesters

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin targeted those who dare oppose him Tuesday, introducing draconian new fines for protesters and handing out Kremlin jobs to widely detested lieutenants despite the public anger they have generated.

A new law introducing a 200-fold increase in fines for taking part in unsanctioned protests was given preliminary approval by the Kremlin-controlled lower house, setting the stage for toughening Putin's crackdown on dissent.

Opposition lawmakers denounced the new fines as an attempt to stifle criticism, warning that it would

fuel broad outrage and destabilize Russia by depriving the public of a way to express discontent. Some warned that it may stop the middle class from protesting in Moscow but would fail to stem likely outbursts of anger against a series of planned reforms that would hike energy prices and cut social benefits.

Sergei Mironov, the leader of the opposition Just Russia party, said his faction was boycotting the hearings of the "odious" bill intended to "shut the people's mouth."

Police on Tuesday quickly rounded up several members of the liberal Yabloko party who attempted to protest the new bill outside parliament.

Yabloko leader Sergei Mitrokhin told reporters before being detained by police that the law was intended to intimidate the opposition.

"A direct signal is being made by those in power: Sit down and keep quiet!" Mitrokhin said.

The lower house, dominated by Putin's United Russia party, voted 236-207 with one abstention to approve the bill in the first of three required readings.

Putin has toughened his stance against the opposition since winning a third term in March's election, rejecting a dialogue with its leaders and stonewalling their demands. Last week, he gave a senior government job to a tank factory

worker who had offered to come to Moscow with colleagues to help police break up anti-government protests.

Putin named his new Cabinet on Monday, retaining some key figures but dropping some of the most widely detested ministers, including Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev, Health Minister Tatyana Golikova and Education Minister Andrei Fursenko.

But that didn't mean Nurgaliyev was out of work. Showing his contempt for opposition criticism, Putin appointed Nurgaliyev as an undersecretary to the Presidential Security Council and named several other former ministers as presidential advisers.

US Army more choosy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Uncle Sam may not want you after all.

In sharp contrast to the peak years of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the Army last year took in no recruits with misconduct convictions or drug or alcohol issues, according to internal documents

obtained by The Associated Press. And soldiers already serving on active duty now must meet tougher standards to stay on for further tours in uniform.



Gen. Ray Odierno said up to 35 percent will get cut.

The Army is also spending hundreds of thousands of dollars less in bonuses to attract recruits or entice soldiers to remain.

It's all part of an effort to slash the size of the active duty Army from about 570,000 at the height of the Iraq war to 490,000 by 2017. The cutbacks began last year, and as of the end of March the Army was down to less than 558,000 troops.

For a time during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army lowered its recruiting standards, raising the number of recruits who entered the Army with moral, medical and criminal — including felony — waivers.

Recruits with misdemeanors, which could range from petty theft and writing bad checks to assault, were allowed into the Army, as well as those with some medical problems or low aptitude scores that might otherwise have disqualified them.

A very small fraction of recruits had waivers for felonies, which included convictions for manslaughter, vehicular homicide, robbery and a handful of sex crimes. The sex crimes often involved consensual sex when one of the individuals was younger than 18.

In 2006, about 20 percent of new Army recruits came in under some type of waiver, and by the next year it had grown to nearly three in 10.

Now, as the Army moves to reduce its force, some soldiers will have to leave.

Officials say they hope to make cuts largely through voluntary attrition. But Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, has warned as much as 35 percent of the cuts will be "involuntary" ones that force soldiers to abandon what they had hoped would be long military careers.

The Army, in an internal slide presentation, is blunt: "Re-enlistment is a privilege, not a right; some 'fully qualified' soldiers will be denied re-enlistment due to force realignment requirements and reductions in end strength."



3-run homer helps Rays sting Jays, 8-5

Scott, Upton also slug solo blasts

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Slumping Carlos Pena hit a three-run homer during a five-run fourth and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-5 on Tuesday night. Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon moved Pena up from the middle of the lineup to the leadoff spot in an attempt to help him break out of an offensive funk.

Pena, who snapped an 0 for 18 slide on his sixth homer of the season, entered Tuesday hitting .116 in May. Pena's homer to center off Drew Hutchison (3-2) was estimated at 452 feet. He finished with two hits in five at-bats. Drew Sutton had RBI double and Chris Gimenez hit a run-scoring grounder as the Rays took a 6-0 lead in the fourth. Gimenez also

had a fifth-inning RBI single. Rays starter Matt Moore walked three in the fifth and couldn't get through the inning as the Blue Jays scored four times to get within 6-4. Jose Bautista drove in two with a bases-loaded single and two more runs scored when third baseman Sean Rodriguez was charged with an error for an errant throw to first on Edwin Encarnacion's grounder. Moore allowed four runs, three hits and four walks in 4 2/3

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Tampa Bay Rays' Elliot Johnson, right, steals second base ahead of the Toronto Blue Jays' Kelly Johnson during the third inning of Tuesday's game in St. Petersburg. The Rays won 8-5. Associated Press

Heat sizzles, Pacers fall

Miami offense delivers 115-83 scorcher

Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami took a big step forward. Indiana lost two forwards.

Suddenly, the road back to the Eastern Conference finals no longer looks daunting for the Heat.

LeBron James scored 30 points, Dwyane Wade added 28, and the Heat moved a win away from the NBA's final four with a 115-83 victory over the hurting Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Heat lead the best-of-seven East semifinals 3-2, with Game 6 in Indiana on Thursday night.

James added 10 rebounds and eight assists. Shane Battier scored 13 points, Mario Chalmers had eight points and 11 rebounds, and Udonis Haslem finished with 10 points for Miami, which never trailed.

Paul George scored 11 points for Indiana, with starting forwards Danny Granger and David West adding 10 points apiece. Granger left with a sprained left ankle in the third quarter, and West left with what the Pacers called a left knee sprain at the end of that period.

Miami shot a franchise playoff-record 61 percent, best of any team in the playoffs this season. It was an 11-point game when Granger departed early in the third quarter, and the Heat outscored the Pacers by 21 the rest of the way.

After losing two of the first three games of the series, the Heat are in control once again — getting there after a wire-to-wire win Tuesday, with just one time where things seemed in some doubt.

The margin was as big as 37 points in the final moments.

Miami, which had gotten into quick deficits in each of the first four games, was the team that started hot in Game 5, running out to a 19-8 lead on the strength of



Miami Heat's forward LeBron James shoots as the Indiana Pacers' Roy Hibbert defends Tuesday during the first half of Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series in Miami. The Heat won 115-83 to take the lead in the best-of-seven series. Associated Press

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Bucs send Winslow to Seattle

Dallas Clark to take his place

Associated Press

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers traded tight end Kellen Winslow to the Seattle Seahawks for a draft pick on Monday night and signed former Colts star Dallas Clark to replace him.

Earlier in the day, Winslow told SiriusXM radio first-year coach Greg Schiano was "kind of upset" Winslow has not been working out with the team during the offseason.

"That's kind of shocking, but that's what it is," Winslow said, adding Schiano told him the coach "would help me out with a trade."

Winslow has been one of Tampa Bay's best offensive players since being acquired from Cleveland in a trade three years ago. He had 77 receptions for 884 yards and five touchdowns in 2009, 66 catches for 730 yards and five TDs in 2010 and 75 receptions for 763 yards and two TDs in 2011.

Tampa Bay received a conditional 2013 draft pick in the deal.

Winslow will join a tight end unit that already includes Zach Miller, who Seattle gave a big contract last offseason, and promising young prospect Cameron Morrah, who has struggled with injuries early in his career. The Seahawks lost tight end John Carlson in the offseason after he signed with Minnesota.

Tampa Bay gets a player who was one of Peyton Manning's favorite targets.

Clark, who turns 33 next month, spent nine seasons with Indianapolis and had 427 career receptions for 4,887 yards and 46 touchdowns. Last season, without Manning and limited by injuries to 11 games, Clark had 34 catches for 352 yards and two touchdowns.

Winslow, despite a history of injuries and undergoing several knee surgeries during his career, appeared in every game over the past three seasons for Tampa Bay.

The 28-year-old was the sixth overall pick in the 2004 draft by the Browns, who sent him to Tampa Bay in exchange for second- and fifth-round draft choices. Winslow has 437 career receptions for 4,836 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Winslow said he has been working out near his home in San Diego and missed last week's initial set of organized team activities in Tampa. He said he was planning to join the team on Monday, but that he got a call from Schiano on Saturday.

"He was kind of upset that I wasn't there working out with the team in the offseason and for the first week of OTAs," Winslow said during the interview with SiriusXM.

Seven Rivers QB signs with Illinois school



Seven Rivers Christian School senior Josh Downey, right, will attend Benedictine College, a Division III school in Lisle, Ill. Seated next to Downey is Seven Rivers outgoing head football coach Paul Roher.

Helped lead Warriors to 8-3 season last year

C.J. RISAK
 Correspondent

LECANTO — Josh Downey has some big things he'd still like to accomplish in football, and he'll use a smaller collegiate stage to do it.

The quarterback from Seven Rivers Christian School signed Monday to attend Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill.

"I wanted to keep playing through college," Downey said. "I just did not want it to end now."

Downey, whose grade-point average is better than 3.6, transferred from Lecanto High School to Seven Rivers 2 1/2 years ago, when the school was starting its football program. Last fall, the Warriors went 8-3 and came within a game of reaching the Sunshine State

Athletic Conference championship game.

Downey was a major part of that run. He was 38-of-89 passing for a total of 805 yards, with 15 touchdowns and eight interceptions. He also rushed 36 times on 132 yards.

At Benedictine, he'd like to be a major part of another title run, although such an achievement would not be anything new for the Eagles. After a 1-2 start last year, they won six straight games and qualified for the NCAA III playoffs, losing to Mount Union (OH) in the opening round.

Benedictine tied with Concordia University Chicago for the Northern Athletics Conference title at 6-1. The Eagles' 23-21 loss to Wisconsin

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GET IN THE GAME

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No. 17 at Skyview rewards precision



Special to the Chronicle

The No. 17 hole at Skyview is a tough par-4 dogleg requiring great precision to play correctly.

Tight placement of obstacles, tricky terrain leave little room for error on this par-4 dogleg

My recent articles have focused on the tough stretch of finishing holes at Skyview. Last month's focus was on the tough par-4 15th. This month I will jump to the demanding par-4 17th.

Even if you have managed to play Nos. 14 through 16 relatively well, your round can still fall apart quickly if you do not focus on the tough task at hand at No. 17. Measuring from 344 to 433 yards, the slight dogleg left will challenge you on every



Wayne Larsen
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shot from tee to green.

Tee shot

The tee shot is simply difficult for players of all abilities and shot shapes.

Higher handicappers will have to keep their ball from fading too far to the right to avoid a large oak tree and an even larger waste bunker that guards the right side of the fair-

way. A better player will be punished if he or she tries to challenge too much of the dogleg as a fairway bunker sits on the left

side and almost always seems to catch tee shots players think might be perfect.

The best tee shots are either a slight fade that starts at the bunker on the left, or a draw aimed inside the oak tree on the right.

If these shots are not executed correctly, a golfer most likely will find himself or herself playing his or her second shot out of the sand or from under a tree.

Approach shot

If a player hits a good tee shot, he or she must not lose focus because the approach to the 17th is truly demanding.

For anyone who fights a slice, this approach shot can be a nightmare, as water sits just short and right of the green. The shot is even more difficult because some of the hazard on the right cannot be seen from the fairway.

Many players have hit shots short of the green that looked to be OK, only to watch them roll to the right and drop in the water. A better player should hope for a front left pin, because it is the easiest shot.

Any pin on the right side of the green, particularly toward the back, will force a better play to carry a bunker on the right side of the green. Any shot pushed too far

to the right most likely will find the water.

On the green

Once on the green, a player must pay attention to a very subtle ridge that runs diagonally from the middle right of the green to the back left. Most putts that do not have to cross over this ridge will break deceptively toward the water.

Any score of par on the hole is well-earned, as birdies are few and far between on the demanding and fun par-4.

Wayne Larsen is a golf professional at Skyview at Terra Vista.

Local LEADERS

HOLE-IN-ONE

Doug Martin hit a hole-in-one on the 154-yard No. 4 hole at Southern Woods using a 5 iron Wednesday, May 16. Witnesses were Frank Nolan, Rod Fortune and Dennis Weeks.

BRENTWOOD

May 16 — Wednesday Point Quota Group results.

First +9
Bruce Liston and Morris Frank
Second +6
Herman Gardner and John Pruet
Most over quota Pete Bauerle
Closest to the Pin:

No. 2 Bob O' Brien
No. 4 Robert Haden
50/50 winner Jerry Walker

May 17 — Thursday Evening Scramble results.

First 5 under
Dave Gollobin, Jim Metz,
Betty Handy and Dan Morrow
Second 4 under (MOC)
Paul Roy, Will Curry,
Maggie Cart and Jack Hoy

Third 4 under
Ron Cart, Cecil Rothledge,
Frank Hyer and Gloria St. Pierre
Closest to the Pin:

No. 2 Maggie Cart
No. 4 Ron Cart

May 19 — Saturday Morning (HDCP) Scramble results.

First
Jenny Diaz, Charles W. Goschen III
and Bob Wilmouth
Second
Robert Haden, Morris Frank,
Marie St. Pierre and Noel St. Pierre

Third
L. T. Schull, Irv Rayburn,
Ron Worrell and Joe Fulco

Closest to the Pin:

No. 2 Jenny Diaz
No. 4 Marie St. Pierre

May 20 — Sunday Morning Scramble (Early) results.

First 7 under
Anita McCabe, Wayne Brooks,
Herman Gardner and Malcolm Hollop
Second 3 under
John Ash, Don Gittings
and Jan Varga

Third 1 under
Lou DeGennaro, Pete Bauerle
and Sue Bauerle
Closest to the Pin:

No. 2 Frank Buonomo
No. 4 Malcolm Hollop
50/50 winner Lou DeGennaro

May 20 — Sunday Scramble (Late) results.

All holes were a Par 3.

First 4 under
Ron Cart, Linda Kettenacker,
Carl Kettenacker and Maggie Cart
Second 2 under
Kenny McCabe, Malcolm Hollop,
Brian Ingraham and Chuck Curtis

Third 1 under
Lou DeGennaro, Jan Varga,
Dennis Sugioka and Micah Sugioka

Closest to the Pin:

No. 7 (men) Micah Sugioka
No. 8 (men) Dexter Elsmore
No. 2 (ladies) Nancy Harney
No. 4 (ladies) Nancy Harney

May 21 — Monday Morning Mens Group results.

First Tony Longo +5
Second Pat Foss +3
Most over quota Bob Goyette

CITRUS HILLS

May 16 — The Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association (CHMGA) tournament was canceled because of rain.

CITRUS SPRINGS

May 22 — The Citrus Springs Men's Association played 2 best balls.

First 115
Rick Hancock, Woody Miner,

Joe Ruby and Walt Norton
Second 119
Mike Feltner, Doug Simons,
Glen Robertson and Steve Mannik (guest)

Closest to the Pin:
No. 8 Dave Balas
No. 11 Pete Clutter
No. 16 Dave Balas

May 17 — The Citrus Springs Men's Association played 2 bb on par 4's and 5's and 3 bb on par 3's.

First 127
Clutter, Jenkins,
Marston and Mannix (blind)
Second 130
Simons, Williamson,
Miner and Mannix

Closest to the Pin:

No. 4 Feltner
No. 8 Curry
No. 11 Feltner
No. 14 Clutter
No. 16 Gonczy

WOMEN

May 18 — Points Quota "Chicks with Sticks" results.

Marj Sibley +7
Joy Cocuzzi +4
Jan Kominski +4

Closest to the Pin:

No. 4 Joy Cocuzzi
No. 11 Essie McLane
No. 16 Jan Kominski

"Chicks with Sticks," a ladies points quota league, meets every Friday morning at Citrus Springs. Interested players with GHIN handicaps should call Jan at 352-344-9550 or Carole at 352-746-2082.

MIXED

May 15 — Citrus Springs Golf & Country Club played 9 hole par 3 mixed scramble.

First 26
Maud Gloddy, Chris Tallard
Janet Lillivik and Walt Norton

Second 27
Jane Woodard, Paulette Stewart
and Don Voss

Third 28*

Nancy Haydon, Dick Haydon
and Hazel Voss
Fourth 28*

Linda Turschmann, Rick Drohan
and Ed Turschmann
* Match of Cards to determine place

Closest to the Pin:

No. 10 women only Hazel Voss
No. 13 men only Rick Drohan
No. 14 all players Don Voss

INVERNESS

WOMEN

May 22 — The Inverness Golf & Country Club Women's Golf Association played

X-cept 18.

First 106
Nancy Bennett, Tere Wood,
Lavera Sasser and Nancy Purcell

Chip-ins:

No. 4 Bev Black
No. 17 Bonnie Williams
No. 17 Lavera Sasser

LAKESIDE

May 12 — The second quarterly Reunion Golf Tournament at Lakeside Golf Club was played with a team net total of 2 best balls on par 5's, 3 best balls on par 4's and 4 best balls on par 3's.

First 183
Henry McAloon, Ireen Fisher
Walt Rogers and Bob Rupp

Second 193
Gary DeVries, Jim Mirecki
Patrick Fisher and Gaby Thompson

Third 195
Rich Schortemeyer, John Hrobuchak
Ralph Radant and Jane Woodard

Fourth 198
Scott Schortemeyer, Al Beaudet
Pete Rocca and Pat Lampasona

Closest to the Pin:

No. 2 (women) Phyliss Crowe
No. 8 (men-white tees) Rich Schortemeyer
No. 13 (men-gold tees) Larry Woodard
No. 15 (all) Henry McAloon

PINE RIDGE

May 22 — Beverly Hills Men's Nine Hole Golf League results.

Winning scorers:

Frank Hughes 33
Chuck Welch 33
Dick Emberley 34
Ed Bushey 34

Omitted from the winners list on May 15:

Chuck Welch 32 net

Golfers of any age or ability are welcome to join in for a friendly round of nine holes of competitive golf every Tuesday morning at Pine Ridge. The group alternates weekly front nine and back nine with tee time at 7:40 a.m.

For information, call Frank Hughes at 352-746-4800 or email new216@tampabay.rr.com.

SEVEN RIVERS

May 17 — The 7Rivers Men's Golf Association played a "Points" tournament.

First 231
Bob Cox, T Grabowski,
Dick Van Poucker and Alex Stevens

Second 214
Frank Wade, Charles Slaughter,
Joe Muscaro and Bob Burns

Closest to the Pin:

No. 7 Dave Stanley
No. 11 Frank Wade

SOUTHERN WOODS

May 16 — Southern Woods Men's Golf Association played Individual Points Quota.

First Dale Vaughn +8
Second Dick Tuxbury +3
(Tie) Jack Sandlas +3
(Tie) Frank Nolan +3
(Tie) Doug Martin +3

SUGARMILL WOODS

May 17 — Sugarmill Woods Country Club Men's Golf Association played Best 2 of 4.

First -24
Rick Wehrheim, John Holden,

Sam Hunt and Ed Skinner
(Tie) Dennis Borrass, Al Turska,
John Lawrey and Paul Domino

(Tie) Dick Tuxbury, Bob Strausser,
Bob Maeder and Chuck Luchesi

Golfers of the week:

Low Gross Dick Tuxbury 79
(Tie) Mike Howard 79
Low Net Paul Domino 67
Low Net Senior Bill Lent 64
(Tie) Chuck Luchesi 64
(Tie) Bob Mason 64

Closest to the Pin:

Pine No. 4 Bob Strausser 9'10"
Pine No. 7 Dennis Borrass 30'10"
Oak No. 3 Gus Calleri 2'0"
Oak No. 6 John Lawrey 6'3"

May 15 — Sand Blasters Men's Group played Team Point Quota.

First +14
Sam Hunt, Frank Nolan,
Jack Sandlas and Jim Turner

Second +9
Paul Angelo, Tom Jones,
Ernie Pettine and Gary Osborne

Third +5
Barry Turska, Tony Colucci,
John Moore and Jeff Stier

TWISTED OAKS

May 15 — Twisted Oaks Ladies Association played low net.

First Flight
Pat Doerr 62
Second Barb Mosio 64
Third Mary McConnell 66

Second Flight
Carole Siefert 66
Second Leanne Feher 69
Third Helen Kennerly 73

Third Flight
May Forsythe 60
Second Bev McGonnigal 64
Third Fran Quillen 73

Fourth Flight
Clair Moran 65
Second Dora Acuna 71
Third Merry Borromeo 74

Racing friendship crosses series

Franchitti, Johnson closely follow each other's careers

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — They've got nine championships between them and a combined five victories on the single most prolific day of racing of the year.

Dario Franchitti and Jimmie Johnson also share a friendship, even if it's from afar. They follow each other's races, text back and forth during the season and give the public a glimpse of their mutual admiration via Twitter.

"Well done #JimmieJohnson on the race last night, massively impressive," Franchitti tweeted following Johnson's victory in NASCAR's All-Star race on Saturday night.

They are, for the most part, the most decorated drivers over the last six years from their respective series.

Johnson's record run of five consecutive Sprint Cup titles was snapped last season, but Franchitti won his third-straight title to make it four championships in the last five IndyCar seasons.

"We keep threatening to drink some beers together to celebrate all these championships," Johnson said.

Both will be on the center stage Sunday for the biggest day of motorsports.

It begins early for Franchitti, who will watch on television as cousin Paul di Resta races in Formula One's Monaco Grand Prix. Franchitti's turn comes before lunch, when he will attempt to win his third Indianapolis 500.

Johnson will be watching from his motorhome at Charlotte Motor Speedway, where he will try for his fourth Coca-Cola 600 victory Sunday night.

Franchitti knows no matter how his day goes in Indy, he'll be in front of the television before the night is over. "Of course you go see what Jimmie and the boys are up to," he said.

The racing community can be small sometimes, even though it spans the globe. Drivers cross paths coming up through the ranks — Danica Patrick and Sam Hornish Jr. raced go-karts against each other as kids, both made it to IndyCar and both now race against each other full-time in NASCAR's Nationwide Series — and make friendships that carry far beyond the track.

Franchitti and Johnson, in

a conference call with The Associated Press, recalled how their friendship began.

They met in 2005, when Johnson was teammates with Franchitti's little brother, Marino, in the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona sports car race. Marino introduced Johnson to his brother, and before the event was over, a group of six or so drivers had spent an evening together at the local dog track.

"I got to know Marino first, and I felt like getting to know Marino, they can't be too different," Johnson said. "If I can connect with Marino, then I can connect with Dario. And I wanted to, I rooted for Dario before I knew him. I'd watched him for a lot of years, and I always appreciated his passion and the way he carried himself."

"Dario's always been that guy for me in open-wheel."

Despite different backgrounds — Johnson grew up in Southern California, Franchitti in Scotland — the two both ooze cool, and they have an appreciation for the finer things in life. Johnson married former model Chandra Janway, Franchitti is married to actress Ashley Judd. Both are lauded for their on-track accomplishments and off-track professionalism.

"I like the way Jimmie goes racing. I like the way he controls the car, and the ways he just has two sides," Franchitti said. "What he does on track is just phenomenal, but I also like the way he conducts himself off the track. We have similar attitude in that regard."

"And the fact that he won five championships in a row, I think it says a lot about him. To find the motivation to win two or three, but then to go and do five and still be hungry for more, it's unbelievable. He one of racing's good guys. One of the best on and off the track."

Johnson encourages his NASCAR fans to check out Franchitti and the Indy 500.

"For the longest time, as NASCAR was trying to outgrow IndyCar, or be bigger than them, there were some hardcore fans who took the stance, 'I'm just NASCAR, or I'm just IndyCar,'" Johnson said. "I don't subscribe to that, and I think that is fading. If motorsports is strong, it's because all of the series are strong. We're all race fans, and the reason I watch is because I like it."



Jimmie Johnson



Dario Franchitti

Tiger's quest far from over

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

JACKSONVILLE — The trouble with trying to measure the progress of Tiger Woods is that by his own definition, he never really gets there. Even when he was at his best, Woods always thought he could get better.

So while winning tournaments is the goal, that's not always the best gauge.

Woods preached patience two weeks ago at The Players Championship when he said, "Guys, I've done this before. I've been through this. ... I had some pretty good runs after that, and this is no different." He then tied for 40th at Sawgrass for the worst three-tournament stretch of his PGA Tour career, which followed what some thought was a breakthrough victory at Bay Hill.

Puzzling? Yes.

Alarming? Not necessarily.

Go back to early 1999, when it looked as though Woods had finally figured out the swing overhaul under Butch Harmon with a 62-65 weekend at Torrey Pines for a two-shot victory. At his next tournament, Woods began a streak of 15 consecutive rounds without breaking 70. It wasn't until that epiphany on the range some three months later — "Butchy, I've got it," he famously told his coach — that Woods was able to play by feel and went on a run for the ages.

The revamped swing under Hank Haney appeared to finally come together in 2005 when Woods outlasted Phil Mickelson in that dramatic duel at Doral, and then a month later he won the Masters with a birdie on the first extra hole. Mission accomplished? Not quite. Two tournaments later, Woods missed the cut for the first time in more than seven years.

Woods is finishing up what could be his last two-week break until October. Starting next week with the Memorial, he is scheduled to play seven tournaments in the next 11 weeks through the PGA Championship, which precedes the FedEx Cup playoffs.

To figure out his progress going into this pivotal stretch is more difficult than ever.

Consider his last six tournaments. Woods closed with a 62 and made Rory McIlroy sweat to win the Honda Classic. He withdrew midway through the final round of Doral with tightness in his left Achilles tendon. He won Bay Hill. He had his worst showing ever at the Masters as a pro. He missed the cut at Quail Hollow. He was never a factor at The Players Championship.

Woods was at Congressional on Monday to promote the AT&T Na-



Associated Press

Tiger Woods waits to putt on the 18th green Sunday, March 25 during the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill in Orlando.

tional, which benefits his foundation, when the question came up again.

How will you know you're back? "Well, I won a tournament already," Woods said with a laugh.

When he won the Chevron World Challenge in December for his first win since November 2009, he told of getting a text from a friend reminding him of the lyrics from an LL Cool J song: "Don't call it a comeback, I've been here for years."

But it is a comeback. The old Tiger Woods, who averaged more than six wins a year for an entire decade, had gone MIA. And by now, Woods knows he will always be measured against his past.

"I remember I had a pretty good year in 2000," Woods said. "And I didn't win for a couple months. And the word 'slump' came about. And that's basically the same thing that just happened here. I just played three events and, 'When are you back?' Well, I just won a tournament three tournaments ago."

Looking back on his performance during the other two swing changes, there's room for skepticism.

Harmon said he and Woods began revamping his swing after the 1997 season. Based only on results, Woods' big run began with back-to-back wins in Germany and the Memorial at the end of May 1999. In the 35 tournaments he played while rebuilding his game, he still managed to finish in the top five in nearly half of his tournaments, and he was in the top 10 just over 65 percent of the time. He never missed a cut. Only five times did he finish out of the top 25. He won three times.

Haney said he formally began working with Woods before Bay Hill in 2004. In the 24 tournaments until

he won the 2005 Masters, Woods finished in the top five 50 percent of the time, 63 percent of the time he was in the top 10, and he finished out of the top 25 just twice. He never missed a cut (he wound up missing two cuts later that year). He won three times.

The results are far different during his latest swing change.

In the 28 tournaments since Sean Foley first worked with him at the 2010 PGA Championship, Woods has finished in the top 10 only 36 percent of the time (10 tournaments), and he has finished out of the top 25 the same number of times. He has missed three cuts. He won twice.

Then again, Woods went nearly four months without completing a tournament because of leg injuries in 2011. It wasn't until last fall when he could work out and practice without restrictions. Even if the starting point more realistically is the Frys.com Open last October, Woods has five finishes in the top five (and top 10) compared with four finishes out of the top 25.

It's the number of tournaments where he was an also-ran that raises questions.

But so much is different under Foley, unrelated to what he is teaching. Unlike the previous two changes, Woods did not have to cope with physical scars (four surgeries on his left knee) and emotional scars (public ridicule from serial adultery that led to divorce).

He began changing his swing with Harmon when he was 22. He was 28 when he revamped his swing under Haney. Woods is now 36.

It's not as easy, and it shows. But if or when he goes on another big run, he shouldn't argue if someone calls it a comeback.

NFL BRIEFS

NFL has new pad rules for players

ATLANTA — The NFL made thigh and knee pads mandatory equipment for the 2013 season, something the players' union was not pleased with.

"Any change in working conditions is a collectively bargained issue," the union said in a statement.

The pads rule would not go into effect on the field until next year so equipment manufacturers can work on safety and comfort.

Fujita: Bounty charges 'not true'

BEREA, Ohio — Forced to fight for his name in a "public trial" against the NFL, Browns linebacker Scott Fujita vowed he did not participate in the New Orleans Saints' bounty program.

"That is not true," he said. The 10-year veteran has appealed the penalty handed down by commissioner Roger Goodell. Fujita, however, said he's more determined to clear his name.

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Bowling SCORES

Parkview Lanes league and tournament scores for May 18:

■ SUNCOAST SENIORS 9-PIN NOTAP: Handicap: Bob Desmeules 342,923; Ernie Wiemann 333,838; June Williams 321,881; Wanda Kilk 300; Reda Portnoy 854. Scratch: Richard Fendenheim 300,753; Nick Di-costanzo 278,771; Reda Portnoy 233,662; June Williams 229,605.

■ HOLDER HOTSHOTS: Handicap: Bill Sullivan 278; Bob Chester 275,748; Shorty

Williams 735; Kathy Calcagni 265; Andrea Kish 254,719; Diane Mauck 691. Scratch: Bill Sullivan 212; Bob Chester 192; Norm Patch 522; Leon Wierzbinski 505; Kathy Calcagni 204,489; Andrea Kish 166,455.

■ BOWLERS OF THE WEEK: June Williams, 131 pins over her average, and Bob Desmeules, 173 pins over his average.

■ HOLIDAY CLOSING: Parkview Lanes will be closed Monday, May 28, in recognition of Memorial Day.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

League standings for the American League, showing East, Central, and West divisions.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

League standings for the National League, showing East, Central, and West divisions.

Three in a row for Nationals



Associated Press

The Washington Nationals' Danny Espinosa steals second base as Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Mike Fontenot handles the throw in the seventh inning of Tuesday's game in Philadelphia. Washington won 5-2.

Zimmerman pitches 6 innings as Washington beats Philly 5-2

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jordan Zimmermann pitched six solid innings, and Ian Desmond and Rick Ankiel homered to lead the Washington Nationals to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Bryce Harper tripled, singled and drove in two runs for the Nationals, who won their third straight game and beat the Phillies for the sixth straight time in Philadelphia — something that never had been done in the franchise's 43-year history.

Erik Kratz homered for Philadelphia, which lost its season-worst fourth straight. Zimmermann (3-4) earned his first win in five career starts against Philadelphia, surrendering one run and seven hits in six innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Reds 4, Braves 3

CINCINNATI — Brandon Phillips drove in three runs with a pair of homers off Brandon Beachy on Tuesday night, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves in another game of all-or-nothing.

Rookie shortstop Zack Cozart also homered off Beachy (5-2) as the Reds got the best of another high-powered game. The teams have combined for 10 homers in the two games, seven of them by Cincinnati.

The Reds moved a season-high four games over .500 at 23-19 with their fourth straight win.

Mat Latos (3-2) gave up five hits, including the first of Michael Bourn's two solo homers, in seven innings to win his third straight decision. Left-hander Aroldis Chapman fanned two in the ninth for his second save, pitching a day after his arrest for speeding.

Mets 3, Pirates 1

PITTSBURGH — Lucas Duda smacked a go-ahead RBI-single in the top of the eighth in support of starter R.A. Dickey and the New York Mets edged the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-1.

Dickey (6-1) struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings, giving up one run on four hits to move into a tie with a host of others for the most wins in the majors. Frank Francisco pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

Josh Harrison had two hits for the Pirates, who couldn't take advantage of another strong start by James McDonald.

Mike Baxter, batting leadoff for the first time in his career, doubled off Juan Cruz (1-1) with one out in the eighth then came home two batters later when Duda's liner glanced off the glove of first baseman Garrett Jones and rolled into right field.

Cardinals 4, Padres 0

ST. LOUIS — Adam Wainwright threw a four-hitter and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres 4-0.

It was his first shutout victory since Aug. 6, 2010, and third in his career. Wainwright (3-5), who missed the 2011 season with elbow ligament replacement surgery, struck out nine and walked one while throwing 111 pitches. He retired the

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Boston 8, Baltimore 6; Kansas City 6, N.Y. Yankees 0; Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 2; Oakland 2, L.A. Angels 1; Seattle 6, Texas 1.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 4, Boston 1; Cleveland 5, Detroit 3; N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 2; Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 5; Minnesota 9, Chicago White Sox 2; L.A. Angels at Oakland, late; Texas at Seattle, late.

Wednesday's Games

Boston (Bard 3-5) at Baltimore (Arrieta 2-4), 12:35 p.m.; Toronto (R.Romero 5-1) at Tampa Bay (Shields 6-2), 1:10 p.m.; L.A. Angels (Weaver 6-1) at Oakland (J.Parker 1-2), 3:35 p.m.; Texas (Feldman 0-1) at Seattle (Millwood 2-4), 3:40 p.m.; Detroit (Fister 0-2) at Cleveland (McAllister 1-1), 7:05 p.m.; Kansas City (W.Smith 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-1), 7:05 p.m.; Minnesota (Diamond 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 4-2), 8:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.; Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.; L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 4; Washington 2, Philadelphia 1; Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 1; Miami 7, Colorado 4; Houston 8, Chicago Cubs 4; San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 3, 14 innings; St. Louis 4, San Diego 3; L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 1.

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N.Y. Mets (Niese 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 2-4), 12:35 p.m.; San Francisco (Zito 3-1) at Milwaukee (Estrada 0-3), 1:10 p.m.; Washington (E.Jackson 1-1) at Philadelphia (Hamels 6-1), 7:05 p.m.; Atlanta (Hanson 5-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-2), 7:10 p.m.; Colorado (White 0-3) at Miami (Zambrano 2-2), 7:10 p.m.; Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 4-2) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 3-4), 8:05 p.m.; San Diego (Suppan 2-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 6-1), 8:15 p.m.; L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 5-0) at Arizona (J.Saunders 2-3), 9:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.; San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.; San Francisco at Miami, 7:10 p.m.; Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

first eight batters and allowed just one runner to reach third base.

Carlos Beltran had two hits and two RBIs and Matt Holliday added two hits and an RBI for the Cardinals.

Marlins 7, Rockies 6

MIAMI — Ricky Nolasco gave up three runs in the first inning, then settled down to set a franchise record for career victories when the Miami Marlins rallied past the Colorado Rockies for the second night in a row, 7-6.

Nolasco (5-2) broke a tie in the third with a two-run double off Juan Nicasio (2-2) that put the Marlins ahead to stay. On his third try, the right-hander became the Marlins' sole leader in career wins with a record of 69-53.

He had been tied with Dontrelle Willis for the most victories.

Astros 2, Cubs 1

HOUSTON — J.D. Martinez hit the go-ahead RBI single in the sixth inning and Jose Altuve had a solo homer to give the

Houston Astros a 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs.

The loss extends Chicago's losing skid to a season-long eight games.

The hit by Martinez was the first for Houston since the first inning, but Justin Maxwell and Carlos Lee both drew two-out walks before it to set up the score.

Houston starter J.A. Happ (4-3) allowed five hits and a run in six innings for the win. Closer Brett Myers pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees 3, Royals 2

NEW YORK — Robinson Cano homered, Phil Hughes beat Kansas City for the second time this month and the New York Yankees — still looking to bust out with the bats — eked out a 3-2 victory over the Royals.

Derek Jeter delivered a bases-loaded single to tie the score in the fifth inning and New York rallied from an early two-run deficit to snap a three-game skid. The Yankees (22-21) went 2 for 7 with runners in scoring position, one night after they finished 0 for 13 in those situations for their worst performance with RISP since 1990.

Hughes (4-5) gave up five hits in six innings while striking out seven, beating Royals right-hander Luke Hochevar (3-5) for the second time in 17 days.

Orioles 4, Red Sox 1

BALTIMORE — Brian Matusz allowed two hits and struck out nine in 6 1-3 innings, Steve Tolleson and Wilson Betemit both hit two-run homers, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

It was the sixth win in eight games for the AL East-leading Orioles, who improved to 4-1 against Boston this season. Tolleson homered off Felix Doubront in the second inning and Betemit connected against Matt Albers in the eighth.

Kevin Youkilis homered for the Red Sox, who were seeking to climb over .500 for the first time this season. Instead, Boston reclaimed sole possession of last place.

Indians 5, Tigers 3

CLEVELAND — Chris Perez, greeted by a standing ovation from the time he left the bullpen, worked another scary ninth inning for his 14th save as the Cleveland Indians ended a 10-game losing streak to Detroit with a 5-3 win over the Tigers.

Perez had been critical of recent booing during an appearance and called the Indians' major league-worst attendance "an embarrassment" for a first-place club. He put two runners on in the ninth before striking out Miguel Cabrera and then getting Prince Fielder on a grounder to short. Perez hasn't blown a save since opening day.

Twins 9, White Sox 2

CHICAGO — P.J. Walters tossed his first career complete game and Justin Morneau hit a three-run homer as the Minnesota Twins routed the Chicago White Sox 9-2.

Walters, who gave up a solo homer to Gordon Beckham with one out in the first inning, threw a five-hitter.

In his third start of the season, Walters (2-1) struck out eight and walked two.

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LaDonna Harris, left, president of Americans for Indian Opportunity, poses May 16 with actor Johnny Depp at her Albuquerque, N.M., home.

NM tribe initiates Depp

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — **Johnny Depp** has been made an honorary member of a tribe in New Mexico, where he is playing a Native American in the film adaptation of "The Lone Ranger."

Comanche Nation tribal member **LaDonna Harris** said Tuesday the tribal chairman presented Depp with a proclamation at her Albuquerque home on May 16. She said the Comanche adoption tradition means she now considers Depp her son.

Harris said Depp seemed humbled. His spokeswoman, **Jayne Ngo**, confirmed the actor participated in a ceremony, but declined to give details.

UK hacker hits celeb's account

LONDON — Britain's judiciary said a 21-year-old sentenced last week for hacking into a U.S.-based Facebook account accessed the page belonging to teen actress

Selena Gomez, who is the girlfriend of pop idol **Justin Bieber**. **Gareth Crosskey** was jailed for 12

months Wednesday after pleading guilty to crimes under Britain's Computer Misuse Act. His victim wasn't identified at the time, but *The Sun* newspaper named her as Gomez.

The tabloid said Crosskey posted the words "Justin Bieber sucks" to her Facebook page, prompting a torrent of abuse from the singer's fans. It also said Crosskey claimed to have intercepted messages between the pair.

Usher claims domestic abuse

ATLANTA — R&B singer **Usher Raymond** is locked in a legal battle with his ex-wife arising from a custody fight over their two sons.

The 33-year-old testified in court on Tuesday that **Tameka Foster Raymond** spit at and tried to fight his girlfriend during one visit. He alleged that his ex-wife hit him during the dispute, but that he didn't press charges because "I didn't want the boys to know that their father put their mother in jail."

Tameka Raymond's attorney claims Usher provoked her client.

—From wire reports

'Along the Way'

Sheen and Estevez memoir explores father-son bond

DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press

“Along the Way: The Journey of a Father and Son” (Free Press), by Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez with Hope Edelman: First see their movie, then read their book.

Their movie is “The Way,” a crowd-pleasing indie production starring actor Martin Sheen and written and directed by his son, Emilio Estevez. In the film, a father tries to connect with a deceased son by taking up his spiritual pilgrimage to northern Spain.

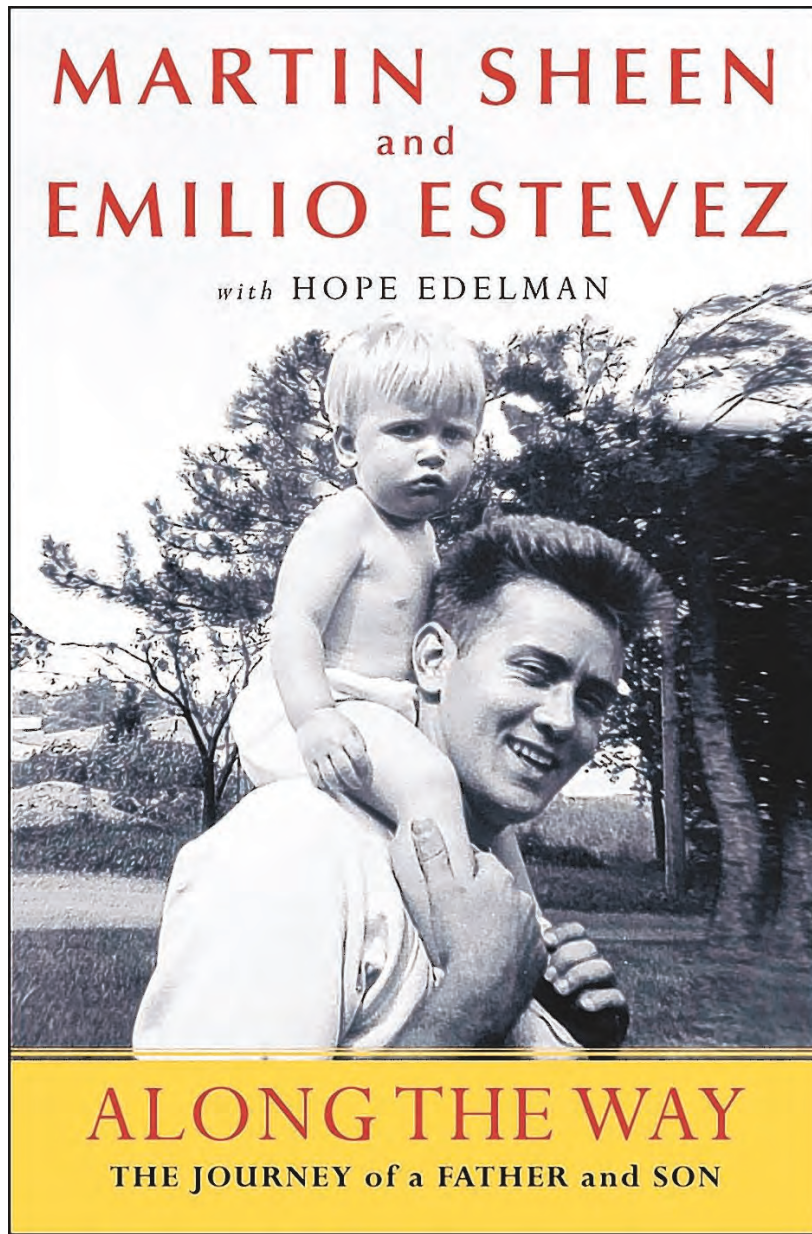
Their book is “Along the Way: The Journey of a Father and Son,” an equally engaging dual memoir by Sheen and Estevez that explores their lives and their intense relationship. Punctuated with humor and unusual frankness, the emotional highs and lows they share will resonate with fathers and sons.

One of 10 children raised in a blue-collar neighborhood in Dayton, Ohio, young Ramon Estevez found lots of love at home but little support for his ambition to perform for a living. With a loan from a priest, he moved to New York City and took the stage name Martin Sheen. He was just 21 when Emilio, the first of his four children, was born in 1962. Immature as a father and as an actor, Sheen would struggle in both roles.

A starring part in the Pulitzer Prize-winning play “The Subject Was Roses” in 1964 was Sheen's big break.

More film and television roles came over time — “Badlands” (1973) and “The Execution of Private Slovik” (1974) were particular standouts. Selfishly, he brought his family to film locations, whether in Colorado or Italy or Mexico. He admits he needed them as he coped with the frustrations and insecurities that fueled a drinking problem. For years they coped with his drunken rages until he embraced sobriety.

For a teenage Emilio Estevez, being separated from school and friends was no longer a welcome adventure. After months and months in the Philippines while his father worked on “Apocalypse



This book cover image released by Free Press shows “Along the Way: The Journey of a Father and Son,” by Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez with Hope Edelman.

Now” (1979), he'd had enough and wanted to go home. One night they came to blows, the fracas loud enough to draw Marlon Brando to their door. Building on that low moment, they would come to a new understanding — not for the first time and not for the last.

Estevez found himself taking on the role of father as unexpectedly as Sheen had — and at 21, just like his dad. His acting career was taking off with the filming of “The Breakfast Club” (1985) when his girlfriend had their baby. Now he, too, would face the conflicts of being an actor and being a parent.

Sheen and Estevez write as much about family and spiritual matters — the recent antics of son and brother Charlie Sheen are not included — as they do about their work. “Along the Way” offers the promise that our differences don't have to divide us if we keep love, respect and forgiveness in our hearts. That would be a comfort on any journey.

Douglass K. Daniel is the author of “Tough as Nails: The Life and Films of Richard Brooks” (University of Wisconsin Press).

Marvel Comics plans wedding for gay hero Northstar

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Wedding bells will ring this summer for Marvel Comics' first openly gay hero, super speedster Northstar, and his longtime boyfriend.

The New York-based publisher said Tuesday that Canadian character Jean-Paul Beaubier will marry his beau, Kyle Jinadu, in the pages of “Astonishing X-Men” No. 51. That's due out June 20.

Northstar revealed he was gay in the pages of “Alpha Flight” No. 106 in 1992, one of Marvel Entertainment's first characters to do so.

Ten years later, in 2002, gay characters Apollo and the Midnighter were married in the pages of “The Authority” published by DC's Wildstorm imprint.

Since then, numerous comic book heroes and villains have been written as gay, lesbian or transgender — from DC Comics' Kate Kane, aka Batwoman, to Hulkling and Wiccan in the pages of “Young Avengers.”



Associated Press

This comic book cover image released by Marvel shows “Astonishing X-Men,” No 51. Marvel Comics said Tuesday the Canadian character named Jean-Paul Beaubier, right, will marry his beau, Kyle Jinadu, in this edition due out June 20.

Comics, as a medium, have embraced gay, lesbian and transgender characters, including the introduction of Kevin Keller by Archie Comics. Comic strips have done likewise.

This month, cartoonist Tom Batiuk is writing about a gay couple trying to attend

their high school prom in “Funky Winkerbean,” a move that has divided the fictional community.

“As I sit in on the classes at my old high school, I see how the younger generation's attitude toward gays is more open and accepting than that of their predecessors,”

up. It could be smarter to keep mum for the nonce.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Being in the company of those who can afford to spend lavishly might leave you at odds with your wallet. Don't make the mistake of trying to operate on a high-society budget.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unless you are of singular purpose, certain objectives that you hoped to get done won't be accomplished. Attempting several jobs simultaneously could cause you to cross your wires.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — You'll know what is expected of you, yet you simply might not want to comply. However, guard against any inclination to pass the buck, because it will come back to haunt you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — This isn't going to be one of your better days for handling your personal resources or, as a matter of fact, the resources of others. Be especially careful in all financial situations.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

MONDAY, MAY 21

Fantasy 5: 4 – 6 – 102 – 13 – 24
5-of-5 2 winners \$106,051.46
4-of-5 420 \$81
3-of-5 11,787 \$8

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Fantasy 5: 4 – 6 – 7 – 11 – 13
5-of-5 6 winners \$31,156.24
4-of-5 528 \$57
3-of-5 12,143 \$6.50

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Powerball: 8 – 13 – 35 – 46 – 51
Powerball: 30
5-of-5 PB No winner

No Florida winner
5-of-5 No winner
No Florida winner

Lotto: 5 – 10 – 14 – 17 – 28 – 33
6-of-6 No winner

5-of-6 58 \$3,007.50
4-of-6 2,854 \$49.50
3-of-6 51,431 \$5

Fantasy 5: 6 – 13 – 27 – 29 – 31
5-of-5 3 winners \$95,728.20
4-of-5 414 \$111.50
3-of-5 11,779 \$11

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Mega Money: 2 – 16 – 23 – 33

Mega Ball: 15
4-of-4 MB No winner
4-of-4 12 \$573
3-of-4 MB 37 \$407

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

■ To verify the accuracy of winning lottery numbers, players should double-check the numbers printed above with numbers officially posted by the Florida Lottery. Go to www.flalottery.com, or call 850-487-7777.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 23, the 144th day of 2012. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On May 23, 1937, industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Co. and the Rockefeller Foundation, died in Ormond Beach, Fla., at age 97.

On this date:

In 1873, Canada's Parliament voted to establish the North West Mounted Police force.

In 1911, the newly completed New York Public Library was dedicated by President William Howard Taft, Gov. John Alden Dix and Mayor William Jay Gaynor.

In 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

In 1962, the movie version of “The Miracle Worker,” with Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft reprising their Broadway roles as Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan, opened in New York.

Ten years ago: Golfing legend Sam Snead died in Hot Springs, Va., four days short of his 90th birthday.

Five years ago: Jordin Sparks was crowned the new “American Idol” on the Fox reality show.

One year ago: The European Union imposed sanctions on Syrian President Bashar Assad over the continuing crackdown on anti-government protesters.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 87. Actor Nigel Davenport is 84. Actress Barbara Barrie is 81. Actress Joan Collins is 79. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 76. Actress Lauren Chapin is 67. Country singer Misty Morgan is 67. Country singer Judy Rodman is 61. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 54. Actor Linden Ashby is 52. Actress-model Karen Duffy is 51. Actress Melissa McBride is 47. Actress Laurel Holloman is 44. Rock musician Matt Flynn (Maroon 5) is 42. Singer Lorenzo is 40. Country singer Brian McComas is 40. Singer Maxwell is 39. Singer Jewel is 38. Actor Adam Wylie is 28.

Thought for Today: “Sometimes you have to be silent in order to be heard.” — Swiss proverb.

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday — Your chart indicates the possibility of a busier social life in the year ahead, which is well and good. However, it might be smart not to involve business contacts in your playtime.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Co-workers who usually back your intentions when it comes to career matters may be nowhere to be found when you need their allegiance most. Be prepared to fend for yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — You should give your utmost attention to your duties and responsibilities. If you try to sweep things under the rug, all that'll result will be large lumps that will surely trip you up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be smart and avoid all forms of speculative involvements. Be especially careful not to gamble on the abilities or talents of another. It's tough enough taking a chance on your own situation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's important to weigh all

sides of an important issue. Yet if you're unduly analytical, you might be crippled or defeated by your own indecisiveness.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even though you're a creative person, it's still important to follow productive methods. Be careful not to go to such extremes that you stray from a solid path.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Sometimes the best foods aren't necessarily found in establishments that have the most expensive menus. If you are out dining and dining, keep this in mind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Try not to turn your home into a military camp. If you make the rules too tough or rigid, the troops will eventually rebel.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If some of your co-workers have been doing things that bug you or make you feel uncomfortable lately, this might not be the best day to bring it

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Dad helps paralyzed son earn college degree

RICK STEIGMEYER
The Wenatchee World

SPOKANE, Wash. — When Ryan Sutherland wanted to go to college three years ago, his father, Steve, went with him. Not just for a visit, but to stay. The father and son, from Cashmere, have been dorm roommates at Whitworth University in Spokane since Ryan started there in 2009. Ryan graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology May 13. That's no minor accomplishment for the young man with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a disease that normally cuts down its victims by the

age of 22. Ryan is a quadriplegic, with very limited use of only his right hand.

He'll continue at the school another semester to finish his theology minor and earn a certificate of ministry. He'd like to earn a master's degree in theology.

"That's a ways down the road. We'll see how that works out," he said with a wry smile that made it clear the timeline for his future is out of his hands. As he made his way between classes in a motorized wheelchair one day last month, dozens of Whitworth students — nearly everyone who passed — greeted him and his father with a "Hi Ryan. Hi

Steve." Some students stopped to give Ryan a hug or walk with them for awhile across the pine tree forested campus.

His time may be short, but Ryan said he still has much to do. Propelled by his battery-powered wheelchair and an inner drive to help, he makes use of his handicap and faceoff with death to inspire and counsel.

It's a mission he's taken to heart and has already taken on as his life's work. He counsels residents at an assisted living home in Spokane as part of his theology classes. He counsels acute care patients at Cascade Medical Center in

Leavenworth, where his father works and the homeless poor at the Lighthouse Mission in Wenatchee.

Earlier this year, he interned as a guidance counselor at Cashmere High School, where he graduated in 2007. His parents live on Pioneer Avenue in Cashmere. He's a confidant to many of his fellow students at Whitworth. Those students and teachers say his gentle, caring spirit is an inspiration.

"Ryan is a very good listener," said Brad Buff, his teacher in a certification of ministry class and the

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Associated Press
Steve Sutherland uses a lift to move his son, Ryan, from his wheelchair to bed in their dorm room at Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash.

From Ivy League to fatigues

Crystal River High School student turns down Harvard scholarship, heads to West Point

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

— CRYSTAL RIVER

Angie Ketcham is looking forward to attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this fall.

But if that didn't work out, the Crystal River High School student, who graduates tonight, had a fallback plan: Harvard.

Ketcham is known in academic circles as the girl who turned down a four-year scholarship at Harvard for West Point. While technically that is true, there is more to the story.

"I knew I wanted to go to West Point," she said. "As a backup, I also applied to Harvard."

The Navy ROTC offered the Harvard scholarship on the condition that Ketcham enter the military upon graduation from college. Ketcham said that would have been fine with her, but she still wanted West Point first.

Ketcham attended school in Crystal River since her parents moved to Citrus County when she was in the third grade. School came natural to her.

"I've always been ahead of my classmates," she said. "School was always the highlight of my day."

She joined the Navy Junior ROTC as a sophomore.

"It was the uniforms," Ketcham said. "They looked so sharp all the time. I wanted the respect that came with it. I loved the competitive aspect. I loved the opportunity to excel at a variety of ways."

And excel she did. Ketcham was the NJROTC cadet of the year, along with other academic achievements, such as being an Advanced Placement (AP) scholar with honors and captain of the academic team.

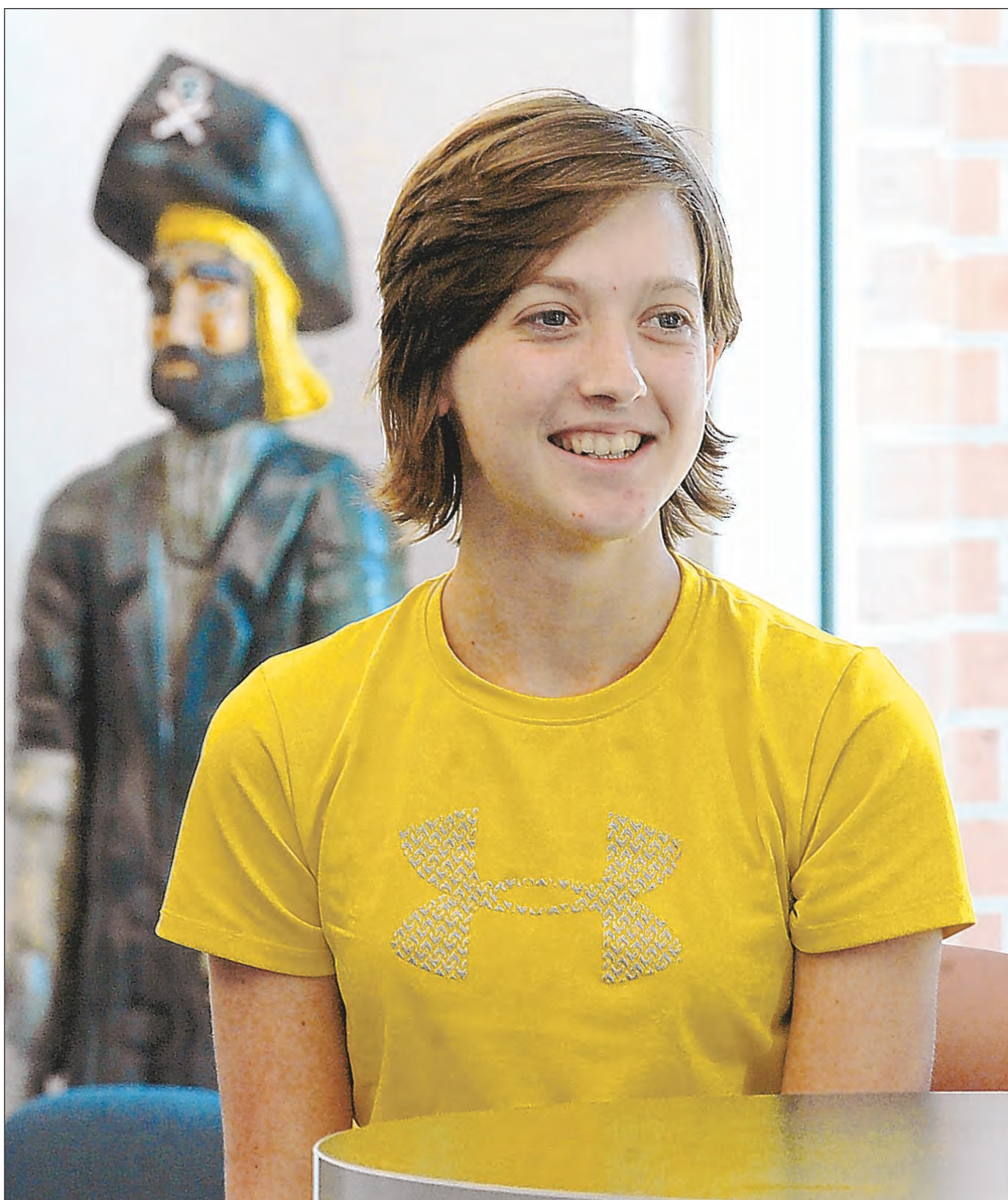
Getting accepted at West Point, she said, was a "long and involved process."

As a junior she attended a summer seminar where she tested for academics, physical fitness and whether she had

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Crystal River High School's Angela Ketcham will soon be attending United States Military Academy West Point. The NJROTC cadet is a standout student and chose to attend West Point over Harvard University.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle



Fifth-grader has the write stuff

10-year-old student wins national handwriting championship

MATT MURPHY
Charleston Daily Mail

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. — Fifth-grader Alyssa Peyton soars at the slashes and swirls of classic handwriting.

Alyssa, a 10-year-old at Ashton Elementary School in Mason County, is the Grand National Champion for her grade level in the Zaner-Bloser 21st annual National Handwriting Contest.

She was declared the state champion weeks ago, and was to find out her status as Grand National Champion Friday afternoon during a school assembly. She beat out thousands of public and private school students across the country. Alyssa was shocked that



Associated Press

Alyssa Peyton is the Grand National Champion for her grade level in the Zaner-Bloser 21st annual National Handwriting Contest.

she was even the state champion.

"I'm really happy," she said Wednesday. "I'm really

surprised. I didn't know I was that good."

She is defying not only the odds but also modern

convention.

In some states across the country, teaching handwriting — a standard grade school subject — is no longer a requirement.

It's a hot-button issue: Opponents argue that advances in technology make typing a more pertinent skill, while proponents counter that use of cursive is still important to produce literate students and keep strong interpersonal relationships.

The national handwriting contest is sponsored by Zaner-Bloser, a national publisher of writing and reading materials for elementary and middle school levels.

Entries were judged based on the "Zaner-Bloser

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Poem prompts healing for bully victim after 25 years

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A woman's poem about being bullied in a California school 25 years ago has brought her former classmates to tears. Now, they're creating a scholarship fund in her name and have raised \$800 to fly her back to California for a class reunion.

"I got an outpouring of calls and messages, people stepping forward that I don't even remember that said 'I know I was one of those that picked on you and I'm so sorry,'" Lynda Frederick said Friday. "It was overwhelming."

Frederick, 42, attended Orange Glen High School in Escondido, a town near San Diego. Her poem, posted several weeks ago on a class Facebook page, talked about a girl who "had love in

her heart to share with all but no one wanted it."

She and two brothers grew up in a religious home that barred her from celebrating holidays and school functions, she said. She won't provide many details, but said it was a rough childhood that sent her to school hungry enough to beg for food. She sometimes wore the same clothes two or three days in a row.

At school, "they would throw rocks and things at me, they would spit at me," she said.

From her poem: "The little girl who had to walk to school while others rode the bus/ Instead of asking why ... you picked on her/ The little girl who had bruises and was dirty/ Instead of asking why ... you picked on her ..."

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chaplain at the Rockwood at Hawthorne Retirement Community, an assisted living facility close to the campus. His obvious handicaps seem to make it easier for him to create trusting relationship with elderly residents dealing with their own losses, Buff said.

Another teacher, Kathy Storm, added that Ryan and Steve have a quiet, gentle and wise presence that is an important addition to the campus.

"Ryan has a way of bringing people out. He speaks about his own dark passages with honesty and vulnerability in a way that is inspiring. He invites people into a deeper sense of being human," said Storm, who had Ryan as a student in her philosophy class and is also the school's vice president of student life, pretty much everything that happens on campus outside of the classroom.

"Their presence is a remarkable commitment to learning and to our community. Ryan is much loved and respected here, but so is Steve," she added about the father and son team.

The two have shared a simple 10-by-20-foot dorm room with two bunks, a closet, desks and bookshelves the past three years. Steve helps Ryan get to class each morning and get to bed each night. That's no small chore. Ryan is a fully grown 140-pound man with no ability to move himself. Steve uses an electric crane to lift his son in

and out of bed and scoot him down the hall to the shower each morning. He brushes Ryan's teeth, assists him in going to the bathroom and feeds him meals, bite by bite, usually in the student cafeteria.

Steve often attends classes with Ryan to take notes, sometimes forgetting he's not a student and raising his hand to participate. Later he helps Ryan get his homework onto his computer. Class outlines are taped up on the walls of their dorm to remind them both when assignments are due.

"I had to learn to be a more organized person. He had so much to do," he said.

The pair are like riders on a tandem bike, Ryan steering and Steve providing the power, pedaling their way through challenges.

"No," Ryan corrected, "he's the sun for our electric car."

Things have become much easier the past two years, Steve said. Ryan has many friends eager to help him with school work, to cut up and feed him his dinners and assist him with his personal hygiene.

Advancing technology in the form of E-books, voice-activated computer programs and a smartphone have made it easier for Ryan to do his class work with little assistance. Muscle deterioration recently robbed him of his ability to use his left hand to text, essential to any student. But his new iPhone will do it for him at his voice command. Ryan has full control of his voice and his mind. His muscles can't move his body, but he is still sensitive to touch.

Going to school with his son may seem an unusual and grand gesture, but Steve said it was an easy decision to make. It's turned out to be tremendously rewarding and even fun. Steve goes for a run each day and often has free time to sit in on classes and lectures of his own choosing. Most of all, he relishes time with his son. Many days, Steve whisks Ryan away in the family van for a picnic lunch between classes at some new unexplored spot on campus.

"We value and guard our time together. We don't know how much time we'll have. We made the decision early on that we wanted to spend it together. It's been a gift," Steve said about his time with his son.

Ryan was 4 years old when his parents noticed that his physical development was behind that of other boys his age. They were puzzled by his worsening condition until a specialist they went to diagnosed Duchennes muscular dystrophy, a debilitating disease with no known cure. The disease causes the body's muscles to degenerate over time, affecting shoulders and thighs first and finally the heart and respiratory system. It's caused by a flawed gene's inability to make a protein responsible for muscle strength.

"It's like missing the studs in a house," said Steve. People with the disease usually die in their 20s of pneumonia as they lose their ability to breathe. Ryan has had operations to fuse his spine so he can sit upright and slow deterioration of his respiratory and digestive systems. That could help him extend his life a few more years.

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Kristi Malone remembered Frederick.

"Looking at her being bullied horribly and thinking... I feel so bad for her," Malone told San Diego TV station KNSD. "But never thinking in my head that I could stand up for her, and not once did anyone back her up."

In 1987, Frederick graduated from school early, moved to Rochester, N.Y. and had three children. She wrote the poem to let old classmates know what had been going on.

Shawn Gordon, 43, of Escondido, said he got tears in his eyes when he thanked her for the anti-bullying message and showed it to his teenage daughters.

He remembered standing by as Frederick was taunted.

"One bully tried to keep tripping her," he said. "I could have said something; never did."

Thanks to the poem, Frederick said she has reconnected with people she now considers friends. Classmates are trying to put together an annual school



Associated Press

Lynda Frederick poses outside her high school in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in a photo from her 1987 senior yearbook.

scholarship in her name and have raised \$800 to fly her out to California for the class reunion in July.

That will give her a chance to visit her father's grave, which she has never seen.

Meanwhile, Frederick has been giving advice to her own 14-year-old daughter, who's been bullied.

Her advice: "Tell them: 'Listen, if you don't like what I'm wearing or the way I look... don't look!'"

"We can't fix yesterday but we can try to fix today," Frederick said. "That's my new motto."

WRITING

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Keys to Legibility: Size, Shape, Spacing and Slant." Teachers were invited to submit individual entries to Zaner-Bloser, which then determined one private and one public school winner in each state for each grade from first to eighth.

From the state winners, one national private school winner and one national public school winner were chosen for each grade, and then the better of the two national winners was declared Grand National Champion. This year, Zaner-Bloser reported more than 325,000 entries across the country.

To enter, each student had to write his or her name in cursive and then copy the sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," which is a common English education sentence because it uses every letter of the English alphabet.

Alyssa said handwriting is something she naturally en-

joys, and wants to write adventure stories when she gets older.

"In third grade we started learning handwriting," Alyssa said. "I started doing that all the time. All the loops are kind of pretty. It makes me think of art."

Alyssa's teacher, Jessica Porter, said that this was the first time she had ever submitted entries to the contest. In fact, this was the first year she had ever heard about the contest.

"We practiced twice a week for several weeks," Porter said. "I picked the best one and sent it in."

Porter said that it was no surprise that Alyssa's entry stood out among her classmates.

"You go over her writing book and you don't know if it's the example or hers," Porter said. "(Alyssa's entry) was a good thing because Alyssa was definitely the one to try."

In addition to the award itself, Alyssa will receive a \$200 check from Zaner-Bloser for being a national champion, and a \$1,000 check for being the Grand

National Champion. Her school will also receive \$1,500 to use for educational materials from the company.

Alyssa's mother, Christina Peyton, said that the family is planning to save some of the money for Alyssa's college education, and will let her spend the rest. She said that Alyssa is a more artistically inclined person, and that her teachers were essential in her handwriting achievement.

"We were shocked," Christina said of the award. "I'm very proud of her. . . I think Mrs. Porter has been her favorite teacher so far I think that really inspired her."

Ashton Elementary Principal Alesia Green said that her contact with Zaner-Bloser indicates that Alyssa is the first national winner from West Virginia, and Green said she thinks that Alyssa's accomplishment doesn't just reflect positively on the school, but on the entire state.

"Handwriting falls by the wayside in technology," Green said. "It's important to keep up with technology,

but there's also that personal aspect of handwriting... that no computer is going to replace."

Yet, new guidelines in states across the country are reducing the amount of time teachers must spend on handwriting or eliminating the subject altogether. For example, last year, Indiana made national news when it eliminated mandatory cursive writing education, replacing that subject with keyboarding. Currently, 45 states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories use the Common Core Standards, a set of education curriculum guidelines that don't require cursive instruction, though states may still opt to teach cursive. West Virginia is a Common Core Standards state.

"In past years, so much time had to be spent on handwriting," Green said. "Now, you pretty much fit it in where you can."

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character qualities to qualify for the military academy.

Cadets must be nominated by members of Congress. Ketcham said both U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent and Sen. Bill Nelson nominated her and she was interviewed by a committee before receiving final approval for admittance.

West Point accepts 1,100 new cadets each year. About 15 percent are female, Ketcham said.

Ketcham already is preparing for the academy. Unlike college, which begins in the fall, the military academy begins new cadets on July 2 to help them "get into the military mindset," she said.

Ketcham said she is both eager and anxious to begin her West Point experience.

"I know it's going to be painful. It's going to be hard," she said, then added: "It's going to be everything I want it to be."

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PLANTATION
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Honors

■ Rachel Nicole Barlow was awarded a **Juris Doctor degree** May 12, from Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport. She graduated cum laude. She was also recognized for serving as editor on the Stetson Law Review and for performing more than 100 hours of pro bono service. She is a 2004 graduate of Seven Rivers Christian School.

■ Megan S. Hess, of Inverness, graduated May 12 with a **Bachelor of Science** degree in business administration and psychology from the University of Mary Washington, in Fredericksburg, Va.

■ Joseph Stephen Liptrap of Inverness was recently awarded a **masters degree** from Troy University.

■ Workforce Connection awarded **\$25,000 in scholarships** to five Citrus County high school graduates who plan to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or an occupation in demand from among one of the region's targeted industry sectors.

The scholarship program provides up to \$5,000 for graduating high school seniors in each of the Workforce Connection region's three public school districts for two-year community college or technical school programs. Eligible seniors had to

meet academic and financial-need criteria.

Citrus County scholarship winners are Tiffany Charles (Allied Health) and Haley Jones (Registered Nurse), both from Citrus High School, and Crystal River High School graduates William Cleveland (Physical Therapy), Ayla Decaire (Physical Therapy Assisting), and Joseph Roper (Welding Technology).

■ Samantha McGowan, of Citrus Springs, was recently awarded a **Bachelor of Science** degree in physical education during Spring 2012 commencement exercises at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

■ Crystal River Woman's Club Education Department awards two **\$1,000 scholarships** to women who wish to change their lives by increasing their education.

Applicants must reside in Citrus County. The scholarships are not for students presently enrolled in high school.

Applications may be requested by calling Jo Ann Ryan, CRWC Education Department chairman, at 352-382-1138. Applications must be completed before July 18.

Classes and courses

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

Chalk Talk

■ The College of Central Florida will hold **information sessions** on Monday, June 4, for four-year degree programs in Early Childhood Education and Business and Organizational Management. Sessions will be at noon and 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the University Center at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

For more information about the sessions, contact Kelly Besser at 352-854-2322, ext. 1621, Kelly.Besser@cf.edu or Debbie Bowe at 352-854-2322, ext. 1575, bowed@cf.edu. To learn more about CF, visit www.CF.edu.

■ The College of Central Florida will offer a **Computer Repair and Troubleshooting** course at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

Classes will meet Wednesdays, May 23 and 30, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Dorothea G. Jerome Building, Room 201B. The fee is \$69.

Students will learn to diagnose and troubleshoot computer problems as well as maintain, upgrade and repair personal computers through hands-on experience using the Microsoft Operating Systems interface.

To register or for information about additional noncredit courses, call 352-249-1210 or

visit CFtraining.cf.edu.

■ A new addition is coming for the **Adult Literacy Program** offered at Coastal Regional Library in Crystal River. During June, July and August, Pre-GED Math and Pre-GED Language Arts — Part I will be offered.

The library's Adult Literacy Education Program assists learners studying for and working toward their GEDs on a one-on-one tutoring basis. The library's Adult Literacy Education Program provides them with direct instruction, new skills and the self-confidence to eventually take the GED exam. In order to meet the learning demands of the community, the library system will soon be offering the group Pre-GED classes at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

All class times will be from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Charlyn at 352-795-3716.

■ The **Art of Calligraphy** art class is offered every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Garden Shed, 2423 S. Rock-crusher Road., Homosassa. Call Louise at 352-503-7063 for more information.

■ **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** would like input from community members regarding what classes they would like to see offered at the school. To offer suggestions, log on to



Special to the Chronicle

The graduating seniors were honored at the banquet.

Seven Rivers school hosts celebration

SHAWN HASSEN
Special to the Chronicle

Seven Rivers Christian School hosted the inaugural Community Celebration Banquet on May 7. Organized by the school's Parent Association Council and sponsored by members of the community, the catered event packed the school's decorated gym with 450 parents, students and members of the school community who gathered to celebrate the 2011-12 school year.

Students in grades three to 12 were honored for their

achievements in reading, honor rolls, sports and Christian character. The night was particularly special for graduating seniors who received five scholarships from SRCS donors, and who were recognized for their outstanding contributions to athletics and academics.

Two faculty members received the first Veritas Award for excellence in teaching professionalism. The evening ended with an emotional standing ovation for retiring pre-school Director Jann Boll, who devoted years to the school's pre-school.

wionline.cc, then click on "Community Education" and fill out a suggestion form.

■ The College of Central Florida has announced that its **January to June 2012 CF**

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Memorial Day

Honoring Our Fallen

On Memorial Day 2009, President Obama places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The tomb is a memorial to Americans who lost their lives fighting for our country. Three unidentified servicemen, one each from World War I, World War II and Korea, are buried there.



photo courtesy Arlington National Cemetery

Americans have a special holiday coming up next week, Memorial Day. Many people think of it as a time to get together with friends and kick off the summer season. But this holiday has a more serious meaning, too.

A **memorial** helps keep memories alive. It reminds us of people and events. Have you visited memorials in your city or on your travels?

For people in the United States, Memorial Day honors the memory of the men and women who have lost their lives while serving our country.

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May. This year it falls on May 28. The holiday started after the Civil War. It was called Decoration Day because families went to graveyards and placed flags, flowers and wreaths on the graves of soldiers who had lost their lives.

Veterans' groups, often with the help of children, still decorate gravesites in cemeteries around the world. There are also parades, speeches and church services on Memorial Day. Buglers play "Taps," a special bugle call played at burials and memorial services.

Moment of Remembrance

Since 2000, the country has observed a national moment of silence at 3 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day. At that time, people are asked to stop what they are doing and think about those who have died in service to the United States.



As a sign of mourning and respect, the American flag is flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.

A famous poem

In 1915, a Canadian doctor, Lt. Col. John McCrae, was serving in France during World War I. He composed one of the most famous war poems ever written. Here is the first verse:

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.*

Mini Spy . . .



Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day. See if you can find:

- elephant head
- two hearts
- dog
- doughnut
- owl
- sailboat
- sheep
- frog
- umbrella
- number 2
- strawberry
- bell
- two birds
- teapot
- tooth
- letter L
- word MINI
- man in the moon
- olive



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Surprise Rice Casserole

- You'll need:**
- 1 cup uncooked brown rice (regular or instant)
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1/4 cup sliced almonds



- What to do:**
1. Cook rice according to directions.
 2. Stir in butter until melted. Add pineapple, brown sugar and salt.
 3. Spray a shallow, medium baking pan with cooking spray. Spoon rice mixture into pan.
 4. Sprinkle with cheese; top with sliced almonds.
 5. Bake for 15 minutes until cheese is melted. Serves 6.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Orange Sherbet

Orange Sherbet sings the praises of eating seasonal, locally grown foods. Their newest CD is "Delicious."

The band is made up of musicians Jill Pierce, Tamsen Fynn and Steve Pierce. Since they were kids, Jill and Tamsen both studied musical theater, singing and education. Steve began playing guitar in rock bands when he was 12.

Jill and Steve have taught music to kids in the San Francisco Bay area for years. They often write songs for kids on the spot. Jill grew up in Norwalk, Conn. Steve went to junior high and high school in New Canaan, Conn.

Tamsen was born in England and grew up in Nicaragua and America. She got involved with the Eat Local Challenge in the San Francisco area with her husband, a professional baker. This inspired her to write music for "Delicious."

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Bryan Clay

Height: 5-11 **Birthdate:** 1-3-80
Weight: 185 **Hometown:** Austin, Texas

The Olympic torch won't be lighted until late July, but Bryan Clay's competitive fire is already aflame. Having won a silver medal (2004) and a gold (2008), the versatile Clay can become the first three-time medal winner in the Olympic decathlon. He'll be going for gold again in track and field's most demanding challenge, a grueling 10-event test of endurance and skill. The decathlon champion is traditionally called "the world's greatest athlete."

But Clay is more than a renowned athlete. He's known for using his fame as a platform to "build champions and change lives" through his foundation. Tune in this summer. Clay could be on the Olympic platform again, with another gold medal around his neck.

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Symbols of Remembrance

We use many different symbols to show our **patriotism*** and to honor those who have served our country.

The Mini Page shares some facts and traditions surrounding our country's symbols.

***Patriotism is the support of our country. A patriot is someone who is willing to defend his or her country.**



At Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., soldiers place a small flag on each grave before Memorial Day. This ceremony is known as "flags in."

To honor the men and women who have served our country, there are special cemeteries in the U.S. and around the world where veterans may be buried.



After a military funeral, the flag used to drape the casket is folded in a special way and presented to the family of the fallen service member. The family gets to keep the flag.

The burial flag

When a veteran of the U.S. armed forces dies, his or her family is entitled to a special flag that can be used to drape the casket. It is furnished to honor the memory of the veteran's military service to our country.

You may see special markers on gravesites in your town's cemetery that show a person served in our armed forces. This is another way we honor veterans.

Poppies

In 1915, a professor in Georgia was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields." Moina Michael decided to wear red poppies on each Memorial Day. She sold the flowers to friends to raise money for servicemen.

The red poppy became a symbol of Memorial Day.



photo by Vera Kratochvil

America's Wars

The U.S. has been involved in many wars over our history. The Mini Page reviews the number of service members and the battle deaths for each war, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

In each war, there were also many others who were wounded and others who lost their lives, but not on the battlefield.



American Revolution
(1775-1783)
Service members: 184,000 to 250,000
Battle deaths: 4,435



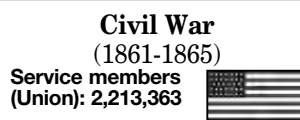
War of 1812
(1812-1815)
Service members: 286,730
Battle deaths: 2,260



Indian Wars
(about 1817-1898)
Service members: 106,000
Battle deaths: 1,000



Mexican-American War
(1846-1848)
Service members: 78,718
Battle deaths: 1,733



Civil War
(1861-1865)
Service members (Union): 2,213,363
Battle deaths: 140,414



Spanish-American War
(1898-1902)
Service members: 306,760
Battle deaths: 385



World War I
(1917-1918)
Service members: 4,734,991
Battle deaths: 53,402



World War II
(1941-1945)
Service members: 16,112,566
Battle deaths: 291,557



Korean War
(1950-1953)
Service members: 1,789,000
Battle deaths: 33,739



Vietnam War
(1964-1975)
Service members: 3,403,000
Battle deaths: 47,434



Persian Gulf War
(1990-1991)
Service members: 694,550
Battle deaths: 148

Afghanistan and Iraq Wars

In 2001, after the attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City, the United States and other countries began a war against terrorist groups in Afghanistan. That war continues today, with 800,000 having served and more than 1,900 Americans having lost their lives.

The Iraq War began in March 2003 and ended in December 2011. Out of more than 1 million service members who served there, 4,487 lost their lives.



USMC Lance Cpl. Leobardo Nunez provides security in an Afghan village in March.

Look through your newspaper for Memorial Day events.

The Mini Page thanks Niner Lynch with Arlington National Cemetery for help with this issue.

Next week, The Mini Page explores the transit of Venus, when the planet passes between the sun and Earth.

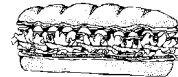
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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Hannah: What was the heroic daisy awarded?
Harry: A petal of honor!



Henry: Why did the meatball get a medal?
Herbert: Because it was part of a hero sandwich!

Harriet: What did the caveman say when he saw a man row a boat for the first time?
Hillary: "He-row"!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Memorial Day TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Memorial Day are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CEMETERY, DAY, DECORATION, FLAG, HALF-STAFF, HONOR, MEMORIAL, MILITARY, PARADE, PATRIOTISM, POEM, POPPY, REMEMBRANCE, SALUTE, SERVICE, TAPS, TOMB, TRADITION, VETERAN, WARS.

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- va.gov/kids/k-5/index.asp?intSiteID=2
- arlingtoncemetery.mil
- bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/symbols/index.html

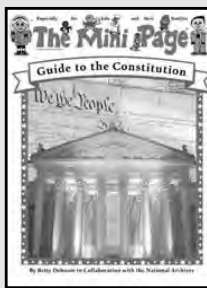
At the library:

- "Memorial Day" by Jacqueline S. Cotton
- "H Is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet" by Devin Scillian

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News NOTES

Get free space at Market Day

Herry's Market Day takes place from 8 a.m. to noon the last Saturday of each month at the Hospice of Citrus County Homosassa Too Thrift & Gift Shoppe, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa (behind Wendy's, east of U.S. 19). May's Market Day is Saturday, May 26.

This outdoor flea market features a variety of merchandise from old to ordinary to useful, sublime, cool and collectible.

Vendor space is available and is being offered free for a limited time. Call Caroline at 352-527-2020 for more information or visit www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org.

Lions to serve breakfast Sunday

Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle Drive, will have its pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 27.

Cost for adults is \$4; children younger than 12 eat for \$2. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of bacon or sausage or combo, orange juice and coffee or tea.

For more information, call Lion Karen at 352-746-2986.

Yard sale to help homeless pets

If spring cleaning has uncovered any gently used, unneeded household items, consider donating them to the Humane Society of Citrus County for its upcoming yard sale.

The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26. The funds will benefit the pet shelter and rescue at 751 S. Smith Ave., Inverness. If you have wanted to help homeless pets but just didn't have the cash, here is a chance to help in another way.

Items can be dropped off Tuesday through Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items need to be clean and in good repair (no clothing, please).

For more information, call Karron at 352-560-0051.

Eagles welcome all to jam sessions

The Citrus Eagles 3992 welcomes the public to come to jam sessions from 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays with B.J. Bear and Co.

The Eagles lodge is at 8733 Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness (State Road 44 east).

Animal Shelter ADOPTABLES

Miss Prissy



Special to the Chronicle

Beautiful Miss Prissy, a terrier mix, never thought she would be looking for a new home at 16 years old. She has lived with the same family her whole life. They're moving and couldn't take her. She is housebroken, sweet, appears healthy and weighs 38 pounds. She's a bit shy. She needs a kind soul to step forward to let her live out her time with love and comfort. Meet Miss Prissy at Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. Call 352-746-8400.

Dedication to education

Motto is 'members helping members'

Special to the Chronicle

Crystal River Users Group (CRUG) is a Florida nonprofit organization of computer users designed to assist residents of the Citrus County area in becoming better acquainted with their personal computers.

CRUG is dedicated to educating and assisting members and non-members in the use of computers by providing education and support on a variety of computer-related topics. CRUG was formed in 1986 and currently has 94 family memberships. CRUG's activities include monthly general meetings and structured classes on a wide range of subjects. CRUG's website, www.crug.com, provides information about the club's activities and classes.

Q. What is the purpose of the organization?

CRUG's primary purpose is to educate members on the use of personal computers. CRUG's members' computer skills range from novice to very experienced. The computer club's motto is "members helping members." CRUG offers classes on various subjects including computer software, hardware, computer security, digital camera basics, Windows 7, Microsoft Office programs, photo editing, and digital scrapbooking. A variety of computer-related topics are presented in the monthly general meetings. CRUG provides opportunities for members to ask questions about their computers and address problems they may have encountered.

Q. When and where are monthly general meetings?

CRUG hosts monthly general meetings which are free and open to the public on the second Wednesday of the month, September through June, at the Crystal Oaks Club House, 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Drive, Lecanto. General meetings begin with a 6 p.m. social time, followed by a 6:30 business



Special to the Chronicle

Newly elected officers of CRUG at their first meeting are: Secretary Karin Rogla, Treasurer Anne McDonnell, President Robert Shevlin, Vice President Anita Wolski and Membership Chairman Carolyn Ohlmeyer.

meeting and presentation. Each month's topic is featured on CRUG's website, www.crug.com.

Q. How can I become a member?

A family membership is \$24 a year. Applicants may start their membership at any point during the calendar year either by completing a membership application at a general meeting, at a class, or by downloading the application from www.crug.com and sending it in the mail. Members receive a discount on classes.

Q. What about classes?

CRUG offers a wide range of classes taught by volunteer instructors. Classes are offered in late autumn and early spring sessions. Classes are at the Crystal Oaks Club House. Students are encouraged to bring their laptops. The clubhouse is equipped with wireless Internet connection.

Cost varies depending on the class and can be seen on CRUG's website. To enroll in a class on the website, select the "class registrations" tab and register. It is recommended to sign up early, as enrollment is limited. You will receive a confirmation via email and can send payment by check to: CRUG, PO Box 2608, Crystal River, FL 34423.

A monthly newsletter is available on the CRUG website as a PDF. The

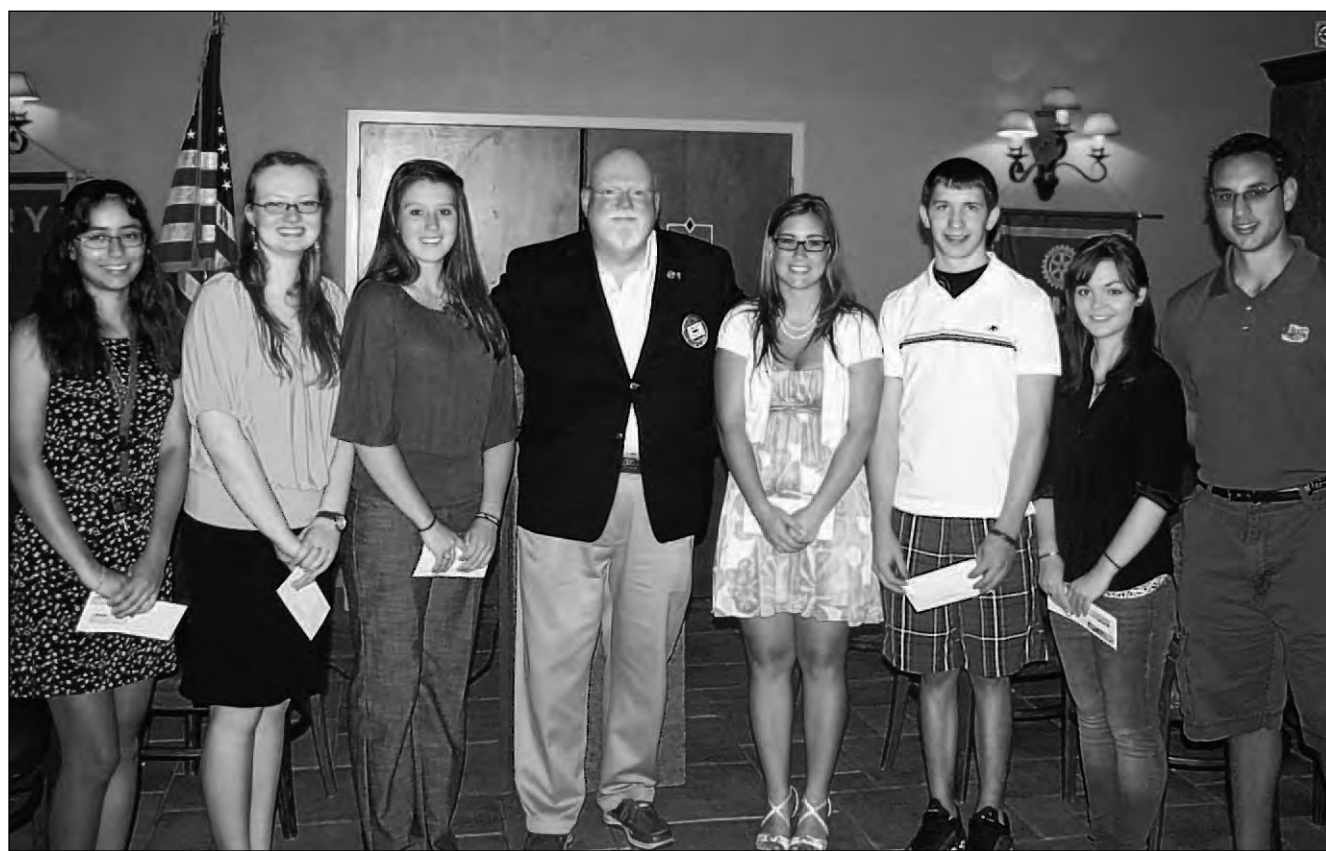
newsletter page contains a list of the newsletter topics and the link to the PDF file. You can view the PDF file or download it and read at your convenience. Members are encouraged to contribute articles related to computers and technology to the newsletter editor.

Q. How can I get involved with CRUG?

Besides attending the monthly general meetings and classes, there are many volunteer opportunities. CRUG is always in search of guest speakers for the monthly meetings and welcomes instructors. If you have an area of interest and would be willing to share your time and talents with others, contact one of CRUG's officers listed on CRUG Staff tab on www.crug.com. CRUG's Board of Directors meets monthly and members are welcome. If members are interested in serving, they are encouraged to drop in and learn what's involved.

CRUG is a member of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) on a national level and the Florida Association of Computer User Groups (FACUG), which is the leading regional association of its kind in the country. A number of CRUG members have attended FACUG's regional annual conferences.

Rotary Club scholarships



Special to the Chronicle

The 2012 Central Citrus Rotary Club scholarship recipients are: Kimberly D. Hafner, Bud Weiss Scholarship of \$1,000 in memory of Bud Weiss, a past president of the club, given to a student entering the sciences; Taylor L. Keeran, Al Cox Scholarship of \$1,500 in memory of Al Cox, a CPA and member of the club, given to a student whose area of study is business; Alexis R. Strickland, Jessica Lunsford Scholarship of \$1,000 in memory of Jessica Lunsford; Rachel E. Neale, general scholarship of \$1,000; Brandon A. McKinney, general scholarship of \$1,000; Arianna R. Lybaek, Calendar Art Work Scholarship of \$500; and Andrew J. Dupler, College of Central Florida Endowment Scholarship of \$400. The awards were made at the Rotary Club's Scholarship Presentation on May 15. The Rotary Club of Central Citrus meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Black Diamond Ranch. Call 352-795-2946. From left are: Hafner, Keeran, Strickland, Rotarian Michael Busler, Neale, McKinney, Lybaek and Dupler.

Senior Friends for Life plan several events

Come cruise river, have lunch

Special to the Chronicle

Senior Friends for Life will travel to Homosassa on Tuesday, May 29, for a River Safaris' cruise on a pontoon boat. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the dock; tour will begin at 11 a.m.

The narrated ride on the Homosassa River to the Salt River will be about 1 1/2 hours. Cost is \$19.50, not in-

cluding the gratuity.

Lunch will follow at the Riverside Crab House at 12:30 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$14.95, including tax and gratuity.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 8, the Friends will tour the F.D.S. Disposal Recycling Education Center.

The tour is free. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Lunch (ordering from the menu) will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Olive Garden Restaurant, 2151 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway.

The monthly meeting will be Monday, June 11, at the Inverness Golf & Country Club, 1530 Country Club Drive. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow.

The choice for the main course is baked tilapia, or liver and onions. A program will follow.

At 11 a.m. Tuesday, June

19, the Friends will have a potluck luncheon at 6435 W. Pine Ridge Blvd., Beverly Hills.

It will be in honor of Ella Jones, celebrating her 102nd birthday. She requests no gifts; there will be a card there for everyone to sign. Bring a dish of your choice for the potluck.

Reservations for each event must be made by calling Myrna Hocking at 352-860-0819 or Teddie Holler at 352-746-6518.

News NOTES

Brits, Americans meet May 28

The British American Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 28, at the Holiday Inn Express, 903 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Jan Hitchcock will make a presentation about her British experience.

Hitchcock received a Fulbright Teacher Exchange and taught for more than 20 years in London, Oxford and Italy. She is also the author of children's books and will illustrate her presentation with slides.

The British American Club meets the fourth Monday monthly and helps promote interest in and discussion of things British, as well as providing a social venue for expats and others with like interests.

All visitors are welcome.

For more information, visit www.britamclub.com, or call Judi Matthes at 352-527-2561.

Memorial Day events at VFW

Memorial Day Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Edward W. Penno Post 4864, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs.

A picnic will follow at 11:30 a.m. Canteen opens at 10 a.m.

Elks plan pig roast fundraiser

Inverness Elks Lodge No. 2522 invites the public to join them on Memorial Day, May 28, for a pig roast fundraiser to support local veterans in nursing homes in the community, many of whom have only Elks members to count on to visit them and take them needed items.

The fundraiser will include games and fun on the lake, as well as food.

Donations and in-kind supplies of food or beverages would be appreciated.

Call Jack Rife, chairman of the event, at 352-302-4793.

Spanish-Americans slate dinner-dance

Spanish-American Club of Citrus County will have its anniversary and installation dinner-dance celebration from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

Special guest deejay will be House of Sound's Armando Zeron.

Dinner catering will be by Cody's Original Roadhouse of Crystal River. Menu will be a choice of 10-ounce top sirloin or lemon pepper chicken, green beans, baked potato and salad; BYOB.

Reservations must be made by May 25. Dress code is formal; jackets are required.

Cost is \$30 for members and sponsors; \$35 for non-members. Minimum age is 18 years.

For ticket information, call Ben Cruz at 352-746-3599 or Olga Heineman at 352-249-7235.

Movie at the pool in Inverness

Youths ages 12 through 17 are invited to the Tobacco-Free Florida Summer Kick-Off Movie at the Pool from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 25, at the Whispering Pines Park Pool.

The featured movie is "The Three Musketeers." Enjoy the movie, activities and food.

Come join the fun at this free event and kick off summer right.

Preregistration is required. To register, call city of Inverness Parks & Recreation at 352-726-3913.

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

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

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

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Wednesday Evening May 23, 2012. Includes sub-headers for C, B, D/I, F, H, and program titles like 'Storage Wars', 'The Family Man', etc.

Bridge game section including North, South, West, East hands, dealer information, and opening lead.

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Leonardo da Vinci said, "A well-spent day brings happy sleep."

A well-played bridge deal brings happiness to declarer and his partner.

How should South make his side happy in this deal? He is in three no-trump and West leads his fourth-highest heart.

It was reasonable for North to use Stayman to try to find a 4-4 spade fit; although, with the singleton heart king, there was also a case for raising to three no-trump.

South starts with only four top tricks: one spade, two hearts and one club. Four tricks are available from diamonds, but another winner must come from somewhere, presumably spades.

It looks obvious to play on diamonds first, but it is fatal with this layout. East wins with his ace and returns a heart.

Declarer must realize that he is happy to have West on lead, because he cannot play another heart without conceding a third trick in the suit.

If the finesse wins, South can drive out the diamond ace and have nine tricks: two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and one club.

Here, though, the finesse loses. West cannot do better than to shift to clubs, but declarer takes the trick, cashes the spade ace, and plays on diamonds.

JUMBLE word game section with a grid of letters and instructions to unscramble words.

Crossword puzzle section with 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' clues and a grid for the puzzle.

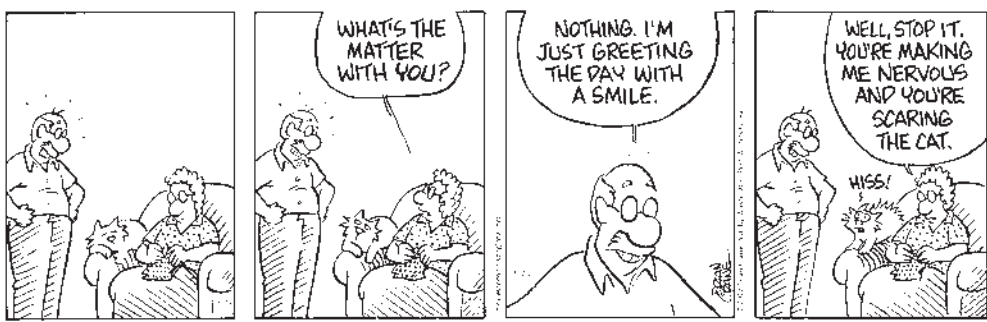
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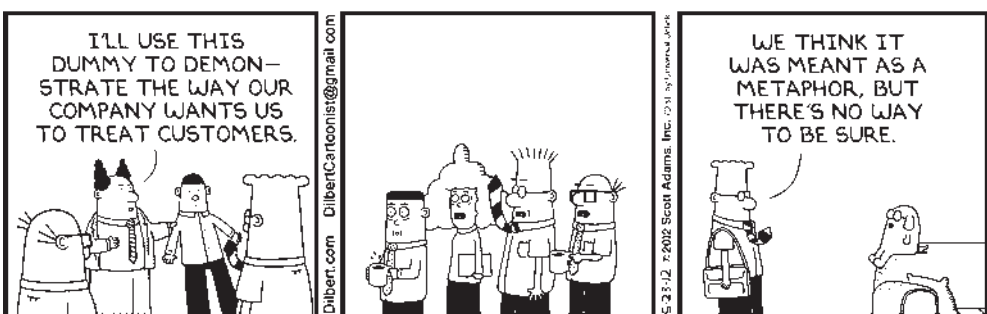


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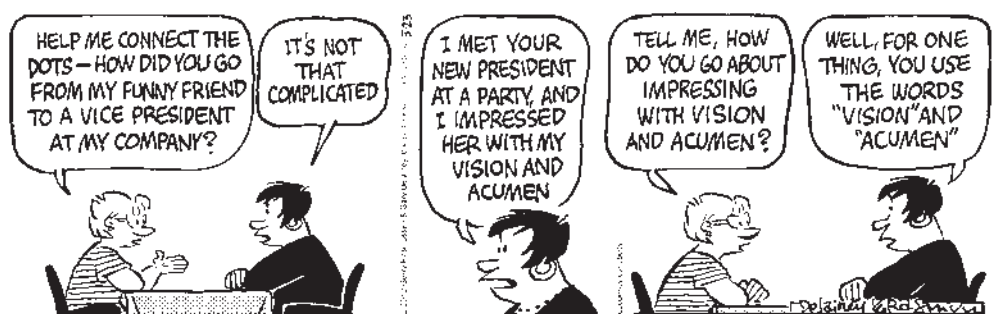
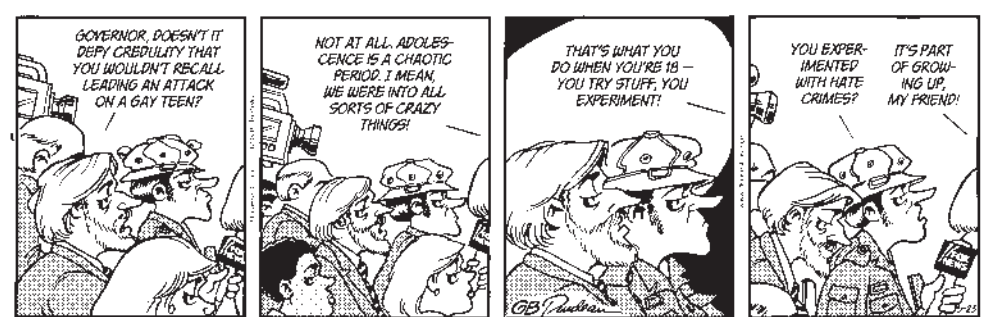
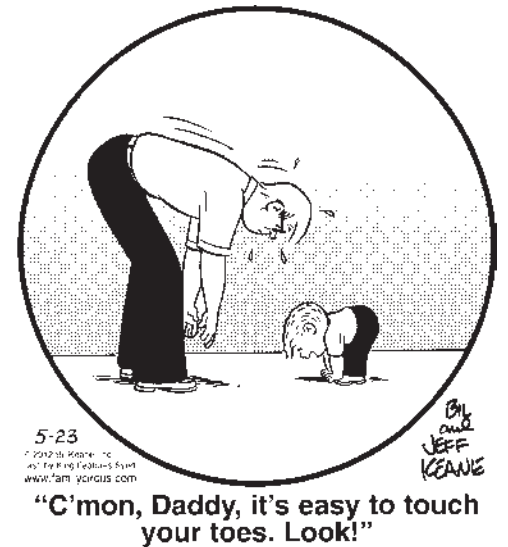
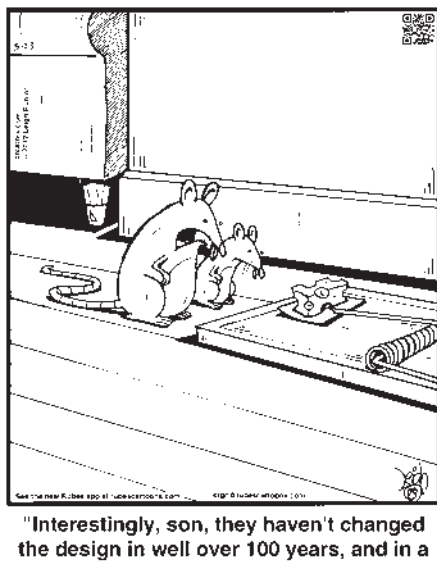
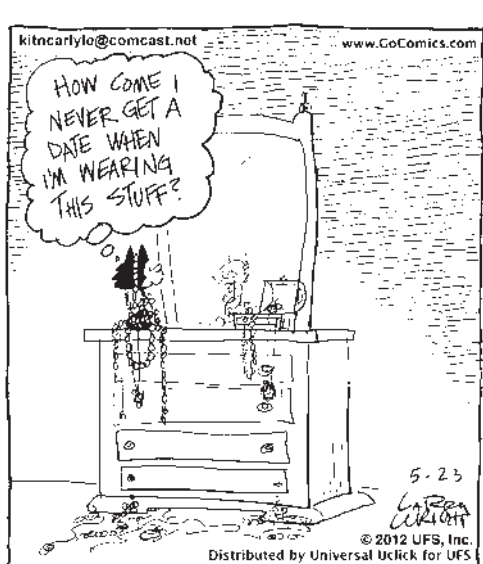
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"Battleship" (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. No passes.

"The Dictator" (R) ID required. 1:30 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

"Dark Shadows" (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m.

"Marvel's The Avengers" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m.

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"Dark Shadows" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

"Marvel's The Avengers" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 6:50 p.m.

"Marvel's The Avengers" (PG-13) Digital. 1:30 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

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"Think Like a Man" (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenba z

"HDVSGMVSH FNSO FS WXS USOSXDRH MO
HWCC, PWXSCL ASGSEGWPCS FWLH, MG
EWO ENVOUS HDVSDOS SCHS'H CMTS
TDXSZSX." — VWXUWXS G END

Previous Solution: "(Mike) Wallace took to heart the old reporter's pledge to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." — Morley Safer

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Kiwanis scholarships



Special to the Chronicle

The Kiwanis Club of Central Ridge-Crystal River honored their Crystal River High School scholarship recipients and parents recently at a luncheon at Citrus Hills. Nicole Ohrt received the \$700 Bruce Roth Foundation Award. She will attend College of Central Florida. Mary Stack received \$500 and is enrolled at the University of South Florida. Daniel Fields, the current Key Club president, received the Brenda Chiasson \$500 award to attend Santa Fe College. From left: Nicole Ohrt, Mary Stack, Lynn Fonfara (Kiwanis President) and Danial Fields.

are additional.

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