

## NEWS BRIEF

### Scallop season extended

MIAMI — Florida wildlife officials said recreational bay scallop season has been extended to help increase business opportunities at a time when other fisheries are closed and tourism is down.

A Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission report released Tuesday said the season was extended for two weeks. The last day of harvesting is Sept. 24. Surveys will be done after the season closes to assess the scallop population.

FWC said the season was first extended in 2010 and 2011 after the oil spill. This season began July 1. Bay scallops can be recreationally harvested in Gulf of Mexico state waters from the Pasco-Hernando County line northward to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County.

There is no commercial harvest for bay scallops in Florida state waters.

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At the Hospice House in Lecanto, 9-year-old Tera McAllister is a rock star.

# Tera's story

In her lighted rainbow sparkly Skechers, the spirited red-head likes to stomp up and down the hallways to get her sneakers flashing. She loves mac and cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, cupcakes and waffles — and Elmo. She likes to watch the rain, likes to hold hands and have her back scratched, hates having her hair brushed.

She's been a patient with Hospice of Citrus County for three months.

In her short life, she has brought great joy to her family — mom and dad Kelly and Tim McAllister, brothers Tommy and Timmy and sister Tori.

They want her final days to be sweet and her passing to have meaning.

That's why they asked the *Chronicle* to let them tell ...



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Tera McAllister, 9, is the only child patient at the Hospice of Citrus County Hospice House in Lecanto. Her mother, Kelly, hopes to bring awareness to the services offered by Hospice to help families of children who have life-limiting conditions and terminal illnesses.

NANCY KENNEDY  
Staff Writer

## Oligodendrogliomatosis.

When Kelly and Tim McAllister heard that word from the doctors seven years ago, they knew they were going to have to get to know that word.

At that time, their daughter Tera, then only 2 1/2, had started getting sick, unable to hold down her food. Her balance was off as well. Up until then she had been normal, so they thought it was a gastrointestinal thing that would go away.

"It took six months for them to

diagnose her cancer," Mrs. McAllister said. "It's a brain and spinal cancer, 'oligodendrogliomatosis.' She was only the ninth documented case at the time of her diagnosis. It's very rare. It's progressive. It's terminal."

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## Hospice of Citrus County kids' programs

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LECANTO — Hospice is for kids, too.

"When you hear the word 'hospice,' you think old people," said Leigh Anne Dearing, a social worker for Hospice of Citrus County. "The whole idea behind having a pediatric program — when you think of (young) patients who are terminally ill or who have long-standing medical issues, your options are limited. It's either hospital or home. So, there's a huge population of patients who are being missed. There are a lot of children we could be

serving, but people don't know about it."

Hospice of Citrus County's pediatric services program serves 12 counties in Florida.

Marylin Bloom, Hospice director of children's services, said Hospice services are not limited to end-of-life care.

"Basically, we're like an advocate for kids," Bloom said. "Especially in a rural area like this, resources for children are not readily available. We can help find things like child-size diapers and children's wheelchairs."

The Hospice of Citrus County pediatrics program, Herry's Kids, is di-

vided into three parts.

■ Partners in Care, Together for Kids (PICK) program is for children and teens who live with a life-limiting condition, such as cystic fibrosis or Muscular dystrophy. Services include music, art and play therapies and practical needs (such as locating a wheelchair). The emphasis is on psychological, spiritual and social support.

■ Pediatric grief support offers services to children and teens who are dealing with grief, through art, play, music and drama therapies, as well as one-on-one discussions. At Camp Good Hope and Teen En-

counter, kids can have a camp experience while working through their grief with trained volunteers and staff.

■ End of life pediatric hospice services help the patient with pain management and their medical plan of care. Also, chaplains and social workers help the entire family work through emotional, social, financial and spiritual needs.

"Our job is to make everyone in the entire family as comfortable as possible," Bloom said.

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## NRC to hear challenge to nuke plants

### Ecology group: Review inadequate

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It is all about water.

That is the way Cara Campbell, Ecology Party chair, described the upcoming hearing on the proposed nuclear power plant in Levy County.

On Oct. 31, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold an evidentiary hearing on a challenge to the ap-

plication for two nuclear power reactors.

The board is an independent three-judge panel selected by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to review contentions to applications for nuclear reactors.

The hearing will be in Bronson, though Campbell said the Ecology Party, an intervener in the case, tried unsuccessfully to have it moved to

Citrus County.

"We do not believe the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is adequate," Campbell said. "It underestimates the impact of water use and the destruction of wetlands."

The hearing will focus on the contention by the Ecology Party of Florida and the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, an international organization with more than 30 years of experience in raising issues

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## Mixed signals from AP poll

### Obama liked, economy lousy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Still sour on the state of the U.S. economy, Americans are nonetheless heading into the home stretch to Election Day feeling better about the country's future and about how President Barack Obama is doing his job, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

Republican rival Mitt Romney, meanwhile, has lost his pre-convention edge on the economy amid a flurry of distractions that have taken him on a detour from the central message of his campaign.

For all of that, neither candidate has managed to break away in the drum-tight presidential race.

Obama is supported by 47 percent of likely voters and Romney by 46 percent, according to the poll. The survey was ending just as word surfaced of Romney's caught-on-tape comment that he doesn't worry about the 47 percent of people who pay no income taxes, describing them as believing they are victims and dependent on government.

The poll results vividly underscore the importance turnout will play in determining the victor in Campaign 2012: Among all adults, Obama has a commanding lead, favored by 52 percent of Americans to just 37 percent for Romney.

That gap virtually vanishes among likely voters, promising an all-out fight to gin up enthusiasm among core supporters and dominate get-out-the-vote operations. That's an area where Obama claimed a strong advantage in 2008 and Republicans reigned four years earlier.

The poll gives both sides reason for hope:

■ Romney is beckoning to voters unhappy with Obama's handling of the economy, and there is plenty of grim sentiment in the survey. Sixty-five percent of likely voters think the economy is worse off or no better than four years ago, 57 percent don't expect unemployment to ease in the next year and 39 percent don't expect the economy to get any better in the next 12 months.

■ Obama, for his part, can take encouragement from other findings. His approval rating is back above 50 percent for the first time since May, and the share of Americans who think the country is moving in the right direction is at its highest level since just after the death of Osama bin Laden in May 2011. And on the economy, 49 percent of adults think things will get better in the next year, up from 41 percent before the conventions.

The two candidates run about even among likely voters in the poll on who would best handle the economy or the federal budget deficit, but Obama has narrow advantages on protecting the country, social issues and health care.

L'Tonya Ford, a 42-year-old Democrat from Detroit, said that progress on the economy has been slower than she'd like, but that all

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Local/State BRIEFS

**Salvation Army announces changes**

The Salvation Army administration, social services and worship center has moved to the new location of 712 S. School Ave., Lecanto (on the corner of State Road 44 and South School Avenue).

The new telephone number is 352-513-4960 and the new fax number is 352-513-4967. The mailing address will remain the same: P.O. Box 1630, Lecanto, FL 34460-1630.

The Salvation Army Corrections Department has moved to this new location as well. The new telephone number is 352-513-4985 and the new fax number is 352-513-4983. The mailing address will remain the same: P.O. Box 485 Inverness, FL 34451-0485.

**CREST School to host concert**

The CREST School in Lecanto will host a "playground benefit" concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium, Lecanto.

All proceeds will go toward the construction of a new playground at the CREST School.

The concert will feature the Eagles cover band, "7 Bridges, The Ultimate Eagles Experience."

Tickets are \$20 and are available for purchase at Eagle Buick, Progress Energy, Citrus County School Board and CREST School.

The concert is expected to last until 8:30 p.m.

Call the CREST School at 352-527-0303.

**CUB needs food to replenish shelves**

Citrus United Basket (CUB) is in immediate need of food and monetary donations.

"Our shelves are bare," said Deborah Rossfeld, executive director, in a news release.

Needed food items include nonperishable canned meats, macaroni, cereal, macaroni and cheese, Tuna Helper, canned vegetables and canned fruit.

Items may be dropped off at 103 Mill Ave., Inverness, during regular business hours Monday through Thursday.

To mail donations, the address is P.O. Box 2094, Inverness, FL 34451.

CUB is a registered nonprofit

organization that provides food, financial and material assistance in emergency cases to citizens of Citrus County.

**Funds offered for sewer connection**

Citrus County Housing Services has announced available funding for mandatory sewer connections and assessments under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP).

Previously the application period was to close Sept. 7, but it has been extended until at least Oct. 1.

This funding is available to eligible low-income families and can be used for permit, impact and other fees necessary to connect regional central water and/or sewer service.

Priority will be given to hook-ups done in conjunction with other state or federal funding sources. Eligible applicants will be owner-occupied households with an annual income of up to 80 percent of area median income. Site-built homes, as well as mobile homes constructed after June 1994, provided the home is classified as Real Property, are eligible for assistance.

Applications will be accepted at the Citrus County Resource Center, Housing Services Section, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court — Key #12, Lecanto, FL 34461.

If more applicants apply than funding will serve, applicants will be assigned a random lottery number and will be served in that order until all allocated funds are depleted, or all eligible applicants are served.

The application and more detailed information can be found on the county's website at [www.bocc.citrus.fl.us](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us). Click on Departments, Community Services, Housing Services, SHIP or call 352-527-7520.

**Book signing planned**

Presentations of the book "The Dave Maynard Spin" are planned in the upcoming weeks.

Maynard, who had a 48-year career in both radio and television in the greater Boston area, co-wrote the book with Citrus Hills resident Suzan Franks prior to his death.

Franks and Maynard's wife, Pat Maynard — who also lives in Citrus Hills — have the following presentations planned:

■ 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. Light refreshments.

■ Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 with The Local Author's Group at the Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa.

The public is invited to all events.

**Mass. man found dead in Florida**

KEY WEST — Authorities say they've identified a body found earlier this month floating off the Florida Keys as a missing Massachusetts man.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office reported Wednesday that detectives were able to confirm 28-year-old Erik Jenkinson's identity by matching his fingerprints to a previous arrest record.

On Aug. 31, a deputy found a burned out pickup truck on Rockland Key.

Authorities said the truck appeared to have crashed into a wooded area and the fire had destroyed all identifying markers.

Jenkinson's body was found floating on Sept. 3. Detectives weren't sure how he ended up in the water, but there were no immediate signs of foul play.

— From staff and wire reports

**Big gator**



Special to the Chronicle  
From left, John Dickey, Lysle Tower, Tommy Yates and Tim Yates measure their trophy alligator. The length of the gator — 11 feet, 10 inches — was later verified by a Fish and Wildlife Commission processor. For more on the late-season hunt, please see page B2.

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**Citrus County**

**Commission sets time for public input**

Because of time-certain scheduling necessities, the public input portion of the the Citrus County Board of County Commissioner's regular meeting Tuesday will be at 1:30 p.m.

The agenda and backup materials will be available online at [www.bocc.citrus.fl.us](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us), Friday before the meeting.

The meeting also can be viewed live online in a small digital format. Click Agenda/Minutes at the top of the left hand column on the county's website. The meeting, which begins at 1 p.m. in the courthouse in Inverness, is televised live on cable TV on Channel 622 on BrightHouse and Channel 9 on Comcast. The agenda also is available beforehand at the Lecanto Government Building and in the commissioners' suite on the second floor of the courthouse in Inverness.

**Fort Lauderdale**

**Airboat guide charged with gator feeding**

A South Florida airboat captain has been fired after being charged with illegal alligator feeding.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said Robert Goss was caught on videotape tossing dog biscuits to alligators and turtles while leading an Everglades tour for Sawgrass Recreation Park.

Goss faces up to 60 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$500. Feeding alligators is illegal.

The conservation commission's Lt. Dave Bingham told the *Sun Sentinel* though Goss was feeding alligators, he was "still trying to do a good job" and warned passengers against doing the same thing.

A tourist's tip about the alligator feeding prompted the investigation. Sawgrass Recreation Park owner Rick Sovrens said the company prohibits alligator feeding.

Sovrens said Goss will get his job back if he's acquitted.

**Woman sues US Marshals for \$10M**

A South Florida woman wounded when U.S. Marshals opened fire on a suspect is suing the agency for \$10 million.

Janira Calderin was struck by bullets five times in her head, left foot and right hand. She was picking up Samir Herrera in Boynton Beach in August 2011 when marshals moved in to arrest Herrera.

Herrera was wanted on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and armed robbery. The marshals said they opened fire after Herrera pulled out a gun.

Calderin's attorney told the *Sun Sentinel* that Calderin didn't know about Herrera's criminal record. He said the shootout was "reckless and wholly unwarranted."

An attorney for the marshals said a review of Herrera's arrest "disclosed no evidence of negligence or wrongdoing."

Herrera is now serving multiple prison sentences.

—From staff and wire reports

**Clarification**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park has cancelled the 17th birthday celebration originally planned for its male Florida panther, Don Juan.

Park officials reported that the panther died recently.

For more information, call 352-628-5343.

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**Home sales continue run**

*The News Service of Florida*

**Florida's experience in August mirrored national trends for the month, though price gains were more moderate.**

TALLAHASSEE — Housing figures released Wednesday were good news for Florida, with prices and sales both increasing in August from a year earlier, according to statistics released by Florida Realtors.

Sales of single-family homes in Florida rose 10.8 percent in August from a year earlier, while pending sales, those signed but not closed upon, jumped 40.2 percent from August 2011. Pending sales tend to close within 90 days.

Median price of homes sold also climbed, but not as dramatically. Half of the

Florida homes sold in August cost more than \$147,000, the median increasing 5.8 percent from a year earlier.

While prices have risen, the inventory of available homes has dropped, a sign prices may continue to rise as buyers compete for fewer homes on the market. There is now a 5.3 month inventory of homes, Florida Realtors Chief Economist John Tuccillo said in a statement re-

leased Wednesday with the statewide results.

"Everything that should be going up is going up, and everything that should be going down is going down," Tuccillo said. "After the six years of turmoil that we had, it's good to see the trends strongly moving in the right direction."

Florida's experience in August mirrored national trends for the month, though price gains were more mod-

erate, according to figures put out by the National Association of Realtors.

Nationally, single-family home sales rose 9.3 percent in August from a year ago. The national median price for all housing types was \$187,400 in August, up 9.5 percent from a year ago.

In the South, existing-home sales in August rose 7.3 percent from July and were 11.1 percent above August of 2011. The median price in the region was \$160,100, up 6.5 percent from a year ago.

"The housing market is steadily recovering, with consistent increases in both home sales and median prices," said NAR chief

economist Lawrence Yun. "More buyers are taking advantage of excellent housing affordability conditions."

Buyers who can get credit are also benefiting. Freddie Mac reports the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.60 percent in August 2012, lower than the 4.27 percent averaged a year earlier.

On Tuesday, Gov. Rick Scott pointed to strong housing sales as a sign the economy was getting back on its feet. While unemployment and job creation figures have shown mixed results and been interpreted differently, home sales have slowly but steadily continued to improve.

**Pirate royalty ready for homecoming**



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

The Crystal River High School homecoming queen and king candidates are ready for the homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, where the queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game at Pirate Stadium in Crystal River. Queen candidates, from left front, are: Minnah Barajas, Baily Carpenter, Jamie Jaster, Natalie Ezzell, Casidy Newcomer, Emily Laga and Jamie Yox. Candidates for homecoming king, from left rear, are: Nick Ricca, A.J. Bostic, Corey Pollard, Joe Laffeur, John McAtteer, Dallas Baldner and Zach Brown. The homecoming king will be crowned at the homecoming prom. This year's prom theme is "A Blue and Gold Affair."

**Former county administrator takes action against bullying**

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*Staff Writer*

An anti-bullying resolution fashioned by former Citrus County administrator Anthony Schembri was recently adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

The resolution, which passed last week, says among other things that the IACP recognizes that bullying in school and among school age children is a serious problem throughout the country and often has serious and lasting consequences.

The measure also supports evidence-based anti-bullying initiatives to help educate students, victims and perpetrators about the consequences of bullying.

"Now, we potentially have 19,000 police chiefs nationally and maybe internationally who are going to be guided by this," Schembri said.

Schembri, who is head of IACP's Juvenile Crime committee, said the proposal was presented to Walter McNeil, IACP president and

the organization acted on it. "I can't thank McNeil enough for helping make it happen," he said.

McNeil also is police chief in Quincy.

Schembri said he has contacted the Florida Sheriff's Association and is getting ready to make contact with school district heads and other educational institutions across the state and nationally to spread the word about bullying and what he considers sensible, even-handed ways to deal with it.

He recalls the case of a high-achieving high school student who had helped his sister move and in the process a butter knife fell in the back seat of his car. When the knife was discovered on school property the following week, the teen was arrested and charged with a felony.

"I am just saying don't destroy a young person's life like that. Let's have rules which are not destructive toward young people who do stupid things sometimes or in this case he didn't even

know the knife was there," he said.

The IACP resolution involves a clause that said the organization opposes "single-sanction approach to bullying, whether through expulsion or arrest which has not been proven effective in combating this complex problem."

"Bullying is a big problem and should be dealt with, but we should also try to be evenhanded in our response to it," he said.

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, 28 percent of students between ages 12 and 18 reported being bullied at school during the past year.

Schembri was Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice under Gov. Jeb Bush before becoming county administrator in 2008. Schembri resigned that position almost a year later, but has continued to live in the county.

Schembri is also famously known as the inspiration for the early 1990s television series "the Commish."

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**State BRIEFS**

**Boy steers school bus to safety**

NAPLES — An 11-year-old in southwest Florida stopped a school bus after its driver became ill and lost control.

Jackson Bonar was the last child on the bus Tuesday afternoon. The bus was two streets away from his home when the driver began driving erratically. Jackson told the *Naples Daily News* the driver "made a strange face" and fell against the window.

Jackson said the bus was headed toward a palm tree, so he jumped out of his seat, hit the brakes and steered into a chain-link fence. The sixth-grader said he worried if the bus hit a tree, the impact would trigger the air bag and hurt the driver more.

Passersby helped open the bus doors and get the driver medical attention. The driver was hospitalized.

**County reports West Nile death**

PENSACOLA — A Florida Panhandle county said one person has died after becoming infected with West Nile virus.

Dr. John Lanza of the Escambia County Health Department told the *Pensacola News Journal* the patient was a county resident.

There have been 10 cases of West Nile in Escambia this year.

Neighboring Santa Rosa County on Tuesday confirmed its second case of West Nile.

**Superintendents on red-tape panel**

TALLAHASSEE — Seven county school superintendents have been tasked with recommending ways Florida can cut red-tape and reduce paperwork for teachers and administrators.

Gov. Rick Scott and interim Education Commissioner Pam Stewart announced the appointments Wednesday.

They include William Husfelt of Bay County, Robert Runcie of Broward County, Douglas Whittaker of Charlotte County and Wallace Cox of Highlands County.

Scott on Tuesday announced plans for a five-member committee but it grew to seven Wednesday.

Recommendations will be made to Scott within 30 days. The governor entered office last year promising to cut state regulations on business.

**Scott seeks help for laid-off workers**

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott, who has made job creation his top priority, said layoffs of Florida airline and wind turbine workers are disappointing.

Scott said Wednesday he has asked state and local economic development and employment agencies to help find new jobs for laid-off workers.

American Airlines on Tuesday announced it plans to let about 4,400 employees go nationally, including more than 1,400 in South Florida.

—From wire reports







## Forensic tests only identify Zimmerman's DNA on gun

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Forensic tests made public Wednesday show George Zimmerman's was the only DNA that could be identified on the grip of the gun used to fatally shoot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

The results rule out Martin's DNA from being on the gun's grip. Zimmerman's DNA also was identified on the gun's holster, but no determination could be made as to whether Martin's DNA was on the gun's holster, according to the report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Zimmerman is charged with second-degree murder for fatally shooting Martin during a confrontation in a gated community in Sanford

in February. Zimmerman is pleading not guilty, claiming self-defense.

A delay in Zimmerman's arrest led to nationwide protests.

The question of whose DNA is on the gun and holster could play a role in Zimmerman's defense.

Zimmerman said Martin had been on top of him, slamming his head against the ground and smothering his mouth and nose with his hand and arm when he grabbed his gun from a holster on his waist before Martin could get it. He shot the teenager once in the chest.

Other documents released by prosecutors Wednesday include an interview with the clerk of a convenience store where Martin purchased Skittles

and a can of iced tea moments before his confrontation with Zimmerman. The clerk said in the interview, more than a month after Martin was shot, he didn't remember Martin.

Prosecutors also released hundreds of emails sent to then-Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee whose agency came under fire when Zimmerman wasn't immediately arrested. An email dated more than a week after Martin's death from a resident of the development where Zimmerman was the neighborhood watch leader thanked Lee for attending a recent association meeting. The email's author, Molly Jackson, said in an interview Wednesday that Zimmerman wasn't present at that association meeting.

## Endeavour has Houston stop

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Waving American flags and space shuttle toys, hundreds of people lined the streets and crowded the airport Wednesday as they watched space shuttle Endeavour touch down in Houston on its way to be permanently displayed in California.

But for many, the experience was bittersweet, tinged with an aftertaste of having been cheated of something they believe should rightfully have been theirs.

Space City, partly made famous by Tom Hanks when he uttered the line "Houston, we have a problem" in the movie "Apollo 13," has long tied its fortune to a mix of oil and NASA. Astronauts train in the humid, mosquito-ridden city. Many call it home years after they retire. The Johnson Space



Associated Press

The space shuttle Endeavour, carried atop NASA's 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, arrives Wednesday at Ellington Field in Houston. Endeavour stopped in Houston on its way from the Kennedy Space Center to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, where it will be placed on permanent display.

Center and an adjacent museum hug Galveston Bay.

Yet Houston's bid for a shuttle was rejected after the White House retired the fleet last summer to spend

more time and money on reaching destinations such as asteroids and Mars. Instead, Houston got a replica that used to be displayed at the Kennedy Space Center.

## After Chicago teachers strike, doubts linger about implications

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mayor Rahm Emanuel secured an extension of Chicago's school day and empowered principals to hire the teachers they want. Teachers were able to soften a new evaluation process and win some job protections.

As students returned to the classroom Wednesday following a seven-day teachers' strike, both sides found reasons to celebrate victory. But for all the rhetoric, the wider effects of the walkout were difficult to gauge, and ex-

perts said the walkout might not resonate far beyond Chicago, a union-built city where organized labor still wields considerable power.

"I think a lot of what went on to a certain extent is peculiar to Chicago," said Martin Malin, director of the Institute for Law and the Workplace at the Kent College of Law in Chicago.

A report that characterized the relationship between the teachers union and Emanuel as "toxic" was on point, Malin said. Now that a deal has been

reached, the challenge for both parties "is to seize that and work on (really) transforming the relationship."

Everyone involved in the dispute emerged with an achievement to trumpet: Teachers said the strike sparked an important national conversation about school reform. Union activists said it provided inspiration for public employee unions that have lost ground nationally. And Emanuel declared it a boon for students trapped in failing schools.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten said the strike showed teachers want a voice in improving schools rather than shouldering the blame for those that are failing.

"The bottom line is ... you had teachers standing up for what they need to teach and what students need to learn," Weingarten said.

But in lots of other places, the circumstances that led to Chicago's walkout don't apply. For one thing, many states forbid strikes by teach-

ers and other public-employee unions, Malin said.

Thomas Hatch, a professor at Columbia University's Teachers College, said the strike focused attention on new teacher evaluations and fears of closing neighborhood schools. But he agreed some factors, such as the personalities involved, are unlikely to affect other districts.

Meanwhile, more than 350,000 Chicago children returned to classes, restoring the routines of families whose daily lives were up-

ended when youngsters suddenly had nowhere to go during the day.

The nation's last big-city teachers strike was Detroit in 2006. Chicago had not seen teachers walk out since 1987.

"It's been a really long time since a major urban district went on strike," said Christine Campbell, a policy director at the University of Washington's Center on Reinventing Public Education. "Everyone's paying attention to try and get some lessons out of it."

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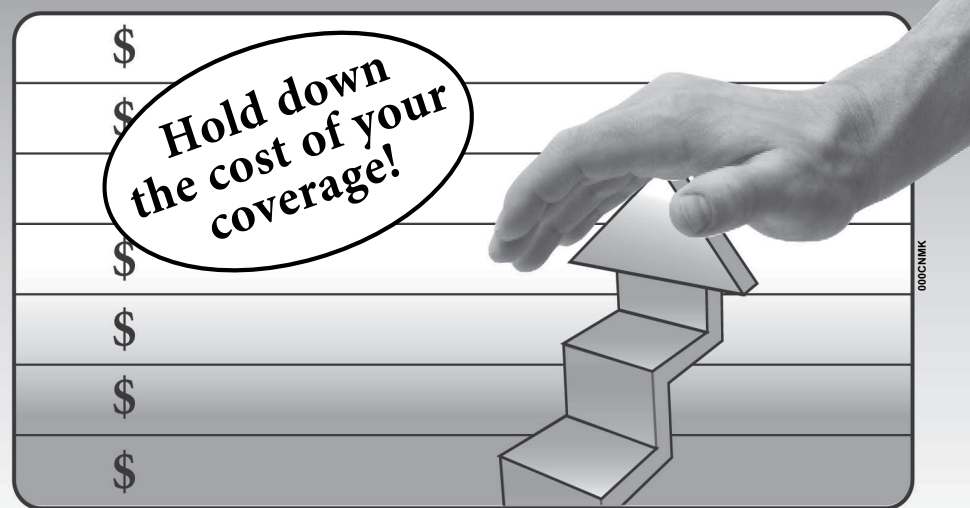
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Main table containing mutual fund data with columns for Name, NAV, Chg, and various fund categories like First Eagle, Lazard Open, Pioneer Funds, etc.

Housing reports lift US stocks

Associated Press

A pair of encouraging reports about the housing market gave U.S. stocks a little boost Wednesday.

Home sales jumped to the highest level in more than two years in August, the National Association of Realtors said. Sales rose 7.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.82 million, the most since May 2010.

Earlier, the government reported that construction of single-family homes in August also was the fastest in more than two years.

Stocks of homebuilders, already up after the construction report, rose sharply after 10 a.m., when the jump in home sales was reported. D.R. Horton Inc. rose 87 cents, or 4.1 percent, to \$22.22; Beazer Homes USA Inc. rose 22 cents, or 6.2 percent, to \$3.75; and KB Home rose 46 cents, or 3.6 percent, to \$13.16.

The gains for broader stock indexes were muted. At its high for the day, the Dow Jones industrial average was up just 62 points.

The housing numbers "are fantastic news," but traders continue to worry about recent discouraging signals this week like downgrades of railroads and a warning from Federal Express that the global economy is slowing, said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist for TD Ameritrade, a retail brokerage.

Market watch

Sept. 19, 2012

Market watch table showing Dow Jones Industrials (+13.32), Nasdaq Composite (+4.82), Standard & Poor's 500 (+1.73), and Russell 2000 (-0.85).

NYSE diary

NYSE diary table showing Advanced: 1,715; Declined: 1,283; Unchanged: 129; Volume: 3.4 b.

Nasdaq diary

Nasdaq diary table showing Advanced: 1,156; Declined: 1,300; Unchanged: 125; Volume: 1.8 b.

Energy stocks suffered

Energy stocks suffered as the price of oil fell \$3.31, or 3.5 percent, to \$91.98 per barrel. Traders are questioning whether economic growth is strong enough to justify a recent run-up to \$100 per barrel. Crude is down 7 percent this week.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.78 percent

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.78 percent from 1.81 percent late Tuesday as demand for safe investments increased. A bond's yield falls as its price rises.

In corporate news, Cracker Barrel leapt \$3.69, or 5.8 percent, to \$67.31

In corporate news, Cracker Barrel leapt \$3.69, or 5.8 percent, to \$67.31, after the purveyor of country cooking and homespun curries said it doubled its net income in the fiscal fourth quarter. General Mills rose 71 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$40.02 after saying its fiscal first-quarter net income increased 35 percent on strong foreign yogurt sales. AutoZone Inc. jumped \$12, or 3.4 percent, to \$369.84 after saying its fiscal fourth-quarter net income rose 7.4 percent on strong sales at new stores.

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# No-kill shelter is workable proposition

**FRANK YUELLING**  
Special to the Chronicle

Guest COLUMN

There was a letter written by Ann Sanders in reference to my guest column of Aug. 5. I am a true animal lover, as Ms. Sanders mentions. In regards to "no-kill" shelters in Florida, Manatee County Animal Services committed to a no-kill policy back in October 2011. The county commissioners there approved a no-kill resolution unanimously at that time. They understood this was the right thing to do and would not cost the county any additional money. In October, they had an overall save rate of both cats and dogs of 61 percent. Since committing to no-kill, their save rate is now 81 percent. They will actually be considered no-kill when they reach a 91 percent save rate.

Also, Hillsborough County hired the deputy chief animal services officer from the city of Austin, Texas, and Travis County to run their shelter and work toward no-kill here in Florida.

Animal shelters should be open on all weekends, as we are talking about saving animals' lives here, not selling a product that can sit on the shelf another day or two. Some holidays the shelter should also remain open include New Year's Day and the Fourth of July — those are really good adoption days, as other shelters have proven. A rotating schedule for employees is a good way to do this so everyone gets a chance to save animals and also get off on some Sundays.

There is nothing wrong with putting people on a waiting list and counseling them when they bring an animal in to drop off. They may need help with food, and they can be told where there is low-cost spay and neuter, and low-cost vaccinations available. There may be a solution that can be found to help that person keep their pet. It is not right to kill a healthy animal to make room for another.

As far as animal control goes, Ms. Sanders said they receive 1,000 calls a month. Well, I checked with a captain at the sheriff's department, and after checking the records, he said there were 613 calls in July. So it was a lot less than Ms. Sanders quoted. He did verify the trucks

all have scanners, although two will need replacement as they were outdated and didn't read all the microchips.

Everything needs to be done in the field to reunite these animals with their owners. It is commendable Ms. Sanders can put in so much of her time volunteering at the shelter. I will continue to do what I do best and be a voice for the animals and help where I can with donations. We have given donations to the Friends of Citrus County Animal Services (FOCCAS) that were a combination of friends' donations and ours. Ms. Sanders states I should give my donations to the Humane Society and leave the tax-funded animal shelter alone. I will give the donations to help save animals where I see the most need. FOCCAS has sent us thank-you cards when we have do-

nated and I know they appreciate it when we can help.

In the meantime, at the last Citrus County commissioners meeting, we came to an understanding with our administrator and assistant administrator along with the commissioners to place the "strive for life" resolution on the commissioners' agenda so they can vote on it and adopt it. There are many initiatives the assistant county administrator mentioned that will help save the animals, which included a volunteer coordinator. This is a very good thing.

*Frank Yuelling is a no-kill advocate in Citrus County for the sheltered animals and a 37-year Floral City resident and Inverness real estate broker.*

# Citrus County residents have multiple options for voting

As Supervisor of Elections for Citrus County, I am confident the elections office's due diligence in preparing for the upcoming General Election will go far in insuring another successful election for the citizens of Citrus County on Nov. 6. I encourage voters to do some preparation of their own to ensure a pleasant and convenient voting experience.



Susan Gill  
GUEST COLUMN

The election office's website, [www.votecitrus.com](http://www.votecitrus.com), is an excellent resource for voters that offers a way for voters to check their registration status, update their address, request a mail ballot, find directions and maps to their polling locations, view sample ballots and check early voting locations and hours. You may call the Inverness elections office at 352-341-6740 or the Crystal River elections office at Meadowcrest at 352-564-7120 to speak with one of the elections staff members. Due to 11 proposed amendments to the state

constitution, Citrus County voters will be issued a two-page, two-sided ballot for the first time since we started voting on the optical scan system in 1998. Because the ballot is lengthy, we anticipate having lines at the polls, and it will be essential for voters to familiarize themselves with the ballot before they go to vote. Sample ballots are available at [www.votecitrus.com](http://www.votecitrus.com), or voters may get a copy of the sample ballot in its actual size in this Sunday's edition of the *Citrus County Chronicle*, Sept. 23. The sample ballot will be mailed to all registered voters who do not have a mail ballot request on file. We are recommending voters who might be under time constraints on Election Day to consider requesting a mail ballot. You may request a mail ballot by calling either election office or online at the elections website. Links to non-partisan, non-profit organizations are available from the elections website,

and they provide information on the amendments.

Mail ballots are scheduled to be mailed starting in early October. Oct. 31 is the deadline to request a mail ballot. It will cost 65 cents in postage to return the ballot by mail or you may bring your ballot to the elections offices located

in Inverness at 120 N. Apopka Ave. or Crystal River at 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. You may not bring your mail ballot to a polling location on Election Day. Your ballot must be received by the elections office before 7 p.m. Nov. 6.

You may also consider

early voting Saturday, Oct. 27 through Saturday, Nov. 3, at one of four early voting locations: Central Ridge Library, Crystal River Elections Office, Homosassa Public Library and Inverness City Hall, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (including Sunday). Mail ballots may be returned to an early

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Associated Press

**Vickie Cook looks on during a news conference Wednesday about the domestic violence death of her daughter, Deanna Cook, and the federal lawsuit their family has filed against the city of Dallas.** Deanna Cook was allegedly slain by her ex-husband after calling 911. Dallas police arrived 50 minutes after her 911 call, making prior stops at another residence to check an alarm and a 7-11 store to purchase personal items before arriving at Deanna Cook's home only to leave after no one answered the door.

**LA chef describes cooking wife**

LOS ANGELES — The trial resumed Wednesday for a chef who told investigators he accidentally killed his wife and then cooked her body for four days in boiling water. David Viens has pleaded not guilty to murdering his 39-year-old wife, Dawn, in late 2009. Her body was never found. Jurors on Tuesday heard a recording played in court of Viens telling sheriff's investigators they couldn't find his wife's body because he cooked it until little was left.

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**Rare cat**



Associated Press

**Female liger cub Kiara, a hybrid between a lion and a tigress, is pictured Wednesday at the Novosibirsk Zoo, in Novosibirsk, eastern Siberia.** Kiara is the first female liger, born over a month ago at the Novosibirsk Zoo. Zoo employees feed her with a special milk mix and the cub plays with a house cat.

**Russia ends ties with USAID**

MOSCOW — Russia explained its decision to end the U.S. Agency for International Development's two decades of work in Russia by saying Wednesday the agency was using its money to influence elections — a claim the U.S. denied. The U.S. State Department announced Tuesday that Russia has demanded USAID leave the country, a culmination of years of resentment over what Moscow sees as American interference aimed at undermining President Vladimir Putin's hold on power.

"We are talking about attempts through the issuing of grants to affect the course of political processes, including elections on various levels, and institutions of civil society," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashin said.

Nearly 60 percent of the aid agency's \$50 million annual budget this year has been allocated for the promotion of democracy and civil society in Russia. Some of this money has gone to support Russia's only independent election monitoring group, Golos, which fielded thousands of observers in last winter's elections and compiled reports of widespread vote fraud in support of Putin's party.

—From wire reports

**Cartoons increase religious tensions**

Associated Press

PARIS — France stepped up security Wednesday at its embassies across the Muslim world after a French satirical weekly revived a formula that it has already used to capture attention: Publishing crude, lewd caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

Wednesday's issue of the provocative satirical weekly *Charlie Hebdo*, whose offices were firebombed last year, raised concerns that France could face violent protests like the ones targeting the United States over an amateur video produced in California that have left at least 30 people dead. The drawings, some of



Associated Press

**Charb, publishing director of the satiric weekly Charlie Hebdo, displays the front page of the newspaper Wednesday as he poses for photographers in Paris.**

which depicted Muhammad naked and in demeaning or pornographic poses, were met with a swift rebuke by

the French government, which warned the magazine could be inflaming tensions, even as it reiterated France's

free speech protections. The principle of freedom of expression "must not be infringed," Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said, speaking on France Inter radio. But he added: "Is it pertinent, intelligent, in this context to pour oil on the fire? The answer is no."

Anger over the film "Innocence of Muslims" has fueled violent protests from Asia to Africa. In the Lebanese port city of Tyre, tens of thousands of people marched in the streets Wednesday, chanting "Oh, America, you are God's enemy!"

Worried France might be targeted, the government ordered its embassies, cultural centers, schools and other official sites to close Friday

— the Muslim holy day — in 20 countries. It also immediately shut down its embassy and the French school in Tunisia, the site of deadly protests at the U.S. Embassy last week.

The French Foreign Ministry issued a travel warning urging French citizens in the Muslim world to exercise "the greatest vigilance," avoiding public gatherings and "sensitive buildings."

The controversy could prove tricky for France, which has struggled to integrate its Muslim population, Western Europe's largest. Many Muslims believe the Prophet Muhammad should not be depicted at all because it might encourage idolatry.



Associated Press

**A caregiver picks out a marijuana bud for a patient Tuesday at a marijuana dispensary in Denver, Colorado.** Oregon and Washington could become the first to legalize marijuana this fall.

**Pot a tax windfall?**

Associated Press

DENVER — A catchy pro-marijuana jingle for Colorado voters considering legalizing the drug goes like this: "Jobs for our people. Money for schools. Who could ask for more?"

It's a bit more complicated than that in the three states — Colorado, Oregon and Washington — that could become the first to legalize marijuana this fall.

The debate over how much tax money recreational marijuana laws could produce is playing an outside role in the campaigns for and against legalization — and both sides concede they're not really sure what would happen.

At one extreme, pro-pot campaigners said it could prove a windfall for cash-strapped states with new taxes on pot and reduced criminal justice costs.

At the other, state government skeptics warn legalization would lead to costly legal battles and expensive new bureaucracies to regulate marijuana.

In all three states asking voters to decide whether residents can smoke pot, the proponents promise big rewards, though estimates of tax revenue vary widely:

■ Colorado's campaign touts money for school construction. Ads promote the measure with the tag

line, "Strict Regulation. Fund Education." State analysts project somewhere between \$5 million and \$22 million a year. An economist whose study was funded by a pro-pot group projects a \$60 million boost by 2017.

■ Washington's campaign promises to devote more than half of marijuana taxes to substance-abuse prevention, research, education and health care. Washington state analysts have produced the most generous estimate of how much tax revenue legal pot could produce, at nearly \$2 billion over five years.

■ Oregon's measure, known as the Cannabis Tax Act, would devote 90 percent of recreational marijuana proceeds to the state's general fund. Oregon's fiscal analysts haven't even guessed at the total revenue, citing the many uncertainties inherent in a new marijuana market. They have projected prison savings between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million a year if marijuana use was legal without a doctor's recommendation.

"We all know there's a market for marijuana, but right now the profits are all going to drug cartels or underground," said Brian Vicente, a lawyer working for Colorado's Campaign To Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol.

But there are numerous questions about the projections, and

since no state has legalized marijuana for anything but medical purposes, the actual result is anyone's guess.

Among the problems: No one knows for certain how many people are buying black-market weed. No one knows how demand would change if marijuana were legal. No one knows how much prices would drop, or even what black-market pot smokers are paying now, though economists generally use a national estimate of \$225 an ounce based on self-reported prices compiled online.

"It's difficult to size up a market even if it's legal, certainly if it's illegal," said Jeffrey Miron, a Harvard University economist who has studied the national tax implications of the legalization of several drugs.

In Colorado, the \$60 million figure comes from Christopher Stiffler, an economist for the non-partisan Colorado Center on Law & Policy. He looked at the state's potential marijuana market in a study funded by the pro-legalization Drug Policy Alliance. The figure comes from a combination of state and local taxes and projected savings to law enforcement.

Marijuana smokers and dealers, he argued, pay a premium now because the drug is illegal, and if government can find a way to capture that excess, tax collections should rise.

**Extremists showing up on front lines in Syria**

Associated Press

TEL RIFAAT, Syria — The bearded gunmen who surrounded the car full of foreign journalists in a northern Syrian village were clearly not Syrians. A heavyset man in a brown gown stepped forward, announced he was Iraqi and fingered through the American passport he had confiscated.

"We know all American journalists are spies. Now tell us what you are doing

here and who you are spying for," he said in English before going on to accuse the U.S. of the destruction of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I really want to cut your head off right now," he added, telling his men, many of whom appeared to have North African accents, this American kills Muslims.

With the intervention of nearby villagers, the confrontation eventually was defused. But it underscored the unpredictable element

that foreign fighters bring to the Syrian conflict.

Most of those fighting the regime of President Bashar Assad are ordinary Syrians and soldiers who have defected, having become fed up with the authoritarian government, analysts said. But increasingly, foreign fighters and those adhering to an extremist Islamist ideology are turning up on the front lines. The rebels are trying to play down their influence for fear of alienating Western support, but as the

18-month-old fight grinds on, the influence of these extremists is set to grow.

On Monday, a U.N. panel reported a rise in the number of foreign fighters in the conflict and warned it could radicalize the rebellion.

The Syrian government has always blamed the uprising on foreign terrorists, despite months of peaceful protests by ordinary citizens who only turned violent after repeated attacks by security forces.

**Doubts over claim of 'Jesus' wife' papyrus**

Associated Press

ROME — Is a scrap of papyrus suggesting that Jesus had a wife authentic?

Scholars on Wednesday questioned the much-publicized discovery by a Harvard scholar that a 4th century fragment of papyrus provided the first evidence that some early Christians believed Jesus was married.

And experts in the illicit antiquities trade also wondered about the motive of the fragment's anonymous owner, noting the document's value has likely increased amid the publicity of the still-unproven find.

Karen King, a professor of early Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, announced the finding Tuesday at an international congress on Coptic studies in Rome. The text, written in Coptic and probably translated from a 2nd century Greek text, contains a dialogue in which Jesus refers to "my wife," whom he identifies as Mary.

King's paper, and the front-page attention it received in some U.S. newspapers that got advance word about it, was a hot topic of conversation Wednesday at the conference.

Christian tradition has long held that Jesus was unmarried, although there is no reliable historical evidence to support that, King said. Any evidence pointing to whether Jesus was married or had a female disciple could have ripple effects in current debates over the role of women in the church.

Stephen Emmel, a professor of Coptology at the University of Muenster who was on the international advisory panel that reviewed the 2006 discovery of the Gospel of Judas, said the text accurately quotes Jesus as saying "my wife." But he questioned whether the document was authentic.

"There's something about this fragment in its appearance and in the grammar of the Coptic that strikes me as being not completely convincing somehow," he said in an interview on the sidelines of the conference.

Another participant at the congress, Alin Suciu, a papyrologist at the University of Hamburg, was more blunt.

"I would say it's a forgery. The script doesn't look authentic" when compared to other samples of Coptic papyrus script dated to the 4th century, he said.



# Rays beat Red Sox 13-3 to end 4-game skid

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Desmond Jennings hit a two-run triple during Tampa Bay's seven-run sixth-inning, and the Rays snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Boston Red Sox 13-3 on Wednesday night.

Despite the win, Tampa Bay fell 6 1/2 games behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees, who swept a day-night doubleheader against Toronto. The Rays started play six games back in the AL wild-card race.

Jennings also scored following his triple against reliever Alfredo Aceves when the throw from the outfield eluded third baseman Pedro Ciriaco.

Four Boston pitchers walked

six in the sixth, including passes to Carlos Pena and Jose Molina with the bases loaded. Luke Scott had a sacrifice fly, and Jeff Keppinger added an RBI single.

Keppinger hit a solo homer, and Pena added a two-shot off Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-6) as Tampa Bay went ahead 5-3 in the fourth.

Chris Archer (1-3) allowed three runs and five hits over five innings for the Rays, who won for the second time in nine games. It was the rookie's first major league win.

The Red Sox (68-82), assured of their first losing season since 1997, got two RBIs from Jacoby Ellsbury.

Boston took a 3-1 lead in the third on Ellsbury's run-scoring

single and an RBI grounder by Dustin Pedroia. Ellsbury has 10 RBIs in his last 11 games.

Ben Zobrist, who drove in four runs in the Rays' 7-5 loss to Boston on Tuesday, cut the deficit to 3-2 with an RBI single later in the third.

Tampa Bay loaded the bases with no outs during the second on singles by Evan Longoria, Scott and Keppinger, but scored

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**Tampa Bay Rays' Carlos Pena, right, celebrates with teammate Matt Joyce after Pena hit a fourth-inning two-run home run off Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka Wednesday in St. Petersburg.**

Associated Press



## 'Canes tie Celtics on the greens

JOE KORNECKI III  
 Correspondent

INVERNESS — The Citrus boys golf team stayed unbeaten on the links as its match with the Trinity Catholic Celtics of Ocala ended in a rare 161-161 tie Wednesday afternoon at Inverness Golf & Country Club.

"I was very pleased with the result," said 'Canes head coach Larry Bishop. "Dylan Nelson and Andrew Judd stepped up, and we always have different kids that step up and perform for us."

The draw was a vast improvement from the last result when Trinity Catholic (9-3-1) outshot Citrus by 30 strokes in the Buffalo Invitational at The Villages this past Saturday. That event, though, wasn't a one-on-one match but a tournament that featured

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## Pirate golfers down Leopards

MICHAEL MAKSYMICZ  
 Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — Wednesday night under cloudy skies and cool but humid climate conditions, the Crystal River Pirates boys golf team easily handed the Hernando Leopards boys a decisive loss by beating them 149-167.

Currently, the Pirates stand at an overall record of 6-1.

When asked about the rain delay from Tuesday and the softer greens, Pirates senior Michael Kidd said, "The delay had no effect on me or any of my teammates. It actually gave me a day of rest."

Kidd's play certainly backed up those words as he posted the low medalist round with an even-par 36.

"I have been consistent the past couple of

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# Chugging along

*Four-set win keeps CR undefeated in District 5A-7*

C.J. RISAK  
 Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — The second time through won't be any easier.

If Crystal River's volleyball team — unbeaten in district play at 6-0 — didn't know that already as it embarked on its second trip through the District 5A-7 schedule, it does now.

The Pirates hosted district rival Brooksville Hernando on Wednesday night, a team they beat in three-straight sets on its court in their first meeting this season. But whatever happened, and wherever it was, the first time around wasn't to be repeated.

The Leopards battled Crystal River through four grueling sets before succumbing 25-18, 25-20, 21-25, 25-19. The Pirates are now 8-2 overall.

"We played them much better than we did the first time," said Hernando coach Patty Martin, her team slipping to 2-4 in the district and 3-5 overall. "They're a good team. I thought we played very hard, they just played better than we did."

To Hernando's credit, every point was contested. The main problem facing the Leopards was their lack of size, leaving them to rely on their defense. But no matter how many hits they could dig up and send back, Crystal River could answer in the same fashion.

"They're scrappy," admitted Pirates coach Mike Ridley. "But I like to think we're scrappy too."

"Everybody plays hard in district matches. Credit Hernando — they served well and they scrapped well. But our defense stepped up when it needed to step up."

That was evident in one tell-tale statistic: digs. Emily Laga, the Pirates' libero and senior co-captain, produced a season-high 44 digs in what Ridley called "an exceptional match."

But she was hardly alone in



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

**Crystal River High School's Casidy Newcomer spikes the ball while Kylie Sisk waits to back her up Wednesday night against the Hernando High School Leopards.**

that department. Sabrina Scott, another senior co-captain and a setter/right-side hitter, totaled 25 digs to go with 26 kill assists, four kills and three service aces. Kylie Sisk, a senior right-side hitter, collected 17 digs as well as two service aces, and junior defensive specialist Laynee Nadal

finished with 14 digs.

There were times throughout the match when it seemed Crystal River might prevail easily, as Hernando's defense just could not continuously offset the Pirates' superior attack, centered around Casidy Newcomer, Megan Creech and Jamie Jaster.

The Pirates led 16-8 in the first set before Hernando fought its way back to make it an 18-17 game. But seven of the final eight points went to Crystal River, and so did the opening set.

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## High school FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

# All four local teams enter district play this week



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle file photo

**Dunnellon tight end Connor Wentz and the Tigers will play at 7:30 p.m. tonight against Gainesville Eastside at Citizens Field in Gainesville.**

## Dunnellon off to Gainesville for Thursday game

SEAN ARNOLD  
 Correspondent

The race to the playoffs begins this week as Citrus, Lecanto, Crystal River and Dunnellon each enter district play. The Hurricanes (2-1) and Panthers (2-1) meet Friday at Panther Stadium for a county and District 6A-5 clash while the Pirates (2-0) welcome Santa Fe (0-3) for a 5A-6 conference matchup. Tonight, Dunnellon (1-2) kicks off District 5A-6 action with a trip to Gainesville to take on

Eastside (1-2).

After scoring 37 points in a season-opening victory over West Port (2-1) and putting up 20 in a loss to Class 7A Ocala Forest (2-1), the Tigers struggled to move the ball in a 17-8 defeat to Nature Coast last Friday. A 56-yard TD pass from senior Jordan Boley to Andre Jackson, followed by a two-point conversion run by Boley, represented Dunnellon's only points on the night.

The Tigers' defense played strong enough to win, however, as it held

Sharks standout tailback Matt Breida, an FBS-recruit, to just over four yards per carry, with 64 of his yards coming off two of his 33 rushes.

Despite their pedestrian record, the Rams will present yet another formidable challenge for the Tigers. They traveled to Orlando last week and narrowly fell to No. 4-ranked Class 4A Jones, 33-28, and two weeks ago lost to perennial power Trinity Catholic 21-12.

The Tigers won this

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# SATISFYING A CERTAIN KIND OF CURBSIDE CRAVING

*Cattle Dog to offer tastes at Citrus Avenue event*

**JULIANNE MUNN**  
 Chronicle food writer

Fans of James Cook's artisan sandwiches, salads and desserts now have a Crystal River venue where they can enjoy the trademark dishes at Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters on Citrus Avenue.

Cook opened his second café and coffee shop on the county's west side last Nov. 4 during the annual Stone Crab Jam Festival at King's Bay and said business was non-stop during the popular event last fall.

It all began two years ago when Cook, a former chef at the Hilton Hotel in Ocala, offered various creative sandwiches and salads at his Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters café and coffee shop in Heritage Hills Plaza in Citrus Hills. From the start, he used freshly roasted coffee from whole beans from around the world and then expanded his repertoire with an array of delicious menu items.

The Crescent City, Calif., native boasts many years as a top chef at various locations throughout the United States after graduating from the prestigious Johnson and Wales Culinary School in Rhode Island.

Now, with two restaurants underway plus the Neapolitan Ice Cream shop in Citrus Hills, Cook is ready to conquer new culinary worlds Saturday, Sept. 29.

"We are participating in a progressive dinner event called 'Citrus Avenue Lights up the Night,' where we will prepare the entrees for the event," Cook said.

Crystal River Merchants Inc. is a sponsor.

Cook will prepared the featured entrees, including grilled surf and turf (steak and shrimp) and pulled chicken Tuscany with gnocchi, fresh spinach, garlic, basil tomatoes and cannelloni beans on the sidewalk outside Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters on Citrus Avenue west of U.S. 19.

Other businesses participating in the public event are the Fat Cat Grill, Just a Cupcake, Burkes of Ireland Pub and the Wine Shop. Advance tickets are \$15 each in advance and \$20 on the night of the event. Tickets are being sold at all businesses involved in the event. Cost to only listen to the music or view the fashion show will be \$5.

Each ticket allows participates to eat entrees from Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters,



A few of the sandwiches offered at Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters in Crystal River include, from left, a bacon, lettuce and tomato with egg sandwich on homemade brioche, portabella melt on chibada bread and an Italian flat bread club. Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters' courtyard features two striking New Orleans jazz-themed murals that remind viewers of a trip to Bourbon Street.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Roasters, appetizers from the Fat Cat Grill, desserts from Just a Cupcake and beverages from Burkes and the Wine Shop.

Cook said the City of Crystal River approved closing Citrus Avenue from U.S. 19 to Southwest Fifth Street from 6 to 11 p.m. (6 to 9 p.m. for food service) for the event.

Lanterns will illuminate the

street, he noted, and an outside stage will be set up for a fashion show by shops La Te Da, the Cotton Club and Off the Cuff and On the Fly. Live music with the Ocean Street Band will also be on the stage during the night.

Cook said plans are to make the event an annual project.

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## CITRUS AVENUE LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT

- TIME: 6 to 11 p.m.
- DATE: Saturday, Sept. 29.
- PLACE: Citrus Avenue from U.S. 19 to Fifth Street.
- COST: \$15 in advance, \$20 on that night.

# Roast up Crock-Pot creations with new seasonings



**JULIANNE MUNN**  
 OVER EASY

Rev up the Crock-Pots, 'tis the season for slow cooking and testing your skills at creating one pot meals that will be ready to eat when you are.

Helping make it even easier are new seasoning mixes, a first from the Crock-Pot company, one of the first makers of slow cookers.

Crock-Pot seasoning mixes are available in three varieties:

hearty beef stew, savory pot roast and barbecue pulled pork. Each single-serving packet seasons (about \$1.99) 2 to 3 pounds of meat and fresh ingredients in a slow cooker.

Arriving just in time for slow cooker season, mixes can create dinners and tailgating fare, including red wine braised short ribs and smashed potatoes, sloppy

joes and barbecue apple pork chops.

Additionally, Crock-Pot seasoning mixes will launch "Crockin' in the USA" this fall, a competition for readers to submit their own slow-cooker recipes using seasoning mixes to win amazing prizes. Details and further information will follow soon.

Just thinking about loading up the cooker with an assort-

ment of delicious meat or poultry and vegetables and seasonings makes me smile. Throughout the day a wonderful aroma of dinner simmers away while I do other things. What could be better than that?

**TIPS:** If you splash a bit of soy sauce into the mix, pre-browning meat and poultry

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First, let's consider the pads known as nappoles. Cactus pads contain a variety of nutrients and are high in vitamin C. Sailing ships returning from the New World often carried cactus pads to prevent the vitamin C deficiency known as scurvy.

The young tender pads are preferred for food. At this stage, the large spines have not developed and the tiny sharp glochids (glochis is Greek meaning "point of an arrow") are not as numerous.

Once scrubbed, the pad can be eaten fresh. I enjoy the juicy, slightly crunchy texture and the mild flavor with a hint of tartness.

I've only scratched the surface as there are many ways to prepare the pads.

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## Dinner and a Movie

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## Learning about the flag



Special to the Chronicle

Four members of the Fort Cooper Chapter 3-130, Daughters of the American Revolution, attended Chris Monrad's senior civics class Aug. 4 at the Academy of Environmental Science. The chapter presented a "Flag of the United States" program. Priscilla Tyson gave a brief oral quiz on "The Flag — How Much do you Know?" She talked about Betsy Ross and her role in making the first U.S. flag, even showing them how to make a perfect five-pointed star. Tyson told the story of the 15 "Star Spangled Banner Flag" that was sewn by Mary Pickersgill in 1814 and flew over Fort McHenry on Sept. 14, 1814. Kathe Echlin gave a brief history of Francis Bellamy and the Pledge of Allegiance. Carolyn Ohlmeyer explained the meaning of the flag-draped coffin and the students demonstrated the folding of the flag. Ohlmeyer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the flag and passed out Flag Code booklets, Pledge of Allegiance/American's Creed cards and two puzzles to solve relating to the flag. From left are: Carolyn Ohlmeyer, Sue Camillo, Chris Monrad, Kathe Echlin and Priscilla Tyson.

## Pet photos sought for calendar

Special to the Chronicle

Friends of Citrus County Animal Services (FOCCAS) is sponsoring a calendar contest fundraiser to help homeless shelter animals. All voting proceeds and calendar sales go to support the mission of placing dogs and cats from the Citrus County Shelter into permanent, loving homes.

Picture submissions are being accepted through Oct. 6. Click "Contests" on the FOCCAS Facebook page and enter, or enter the

Pet Idol Contest at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com). Voting gets under way Oct. 7 through Oct. 22.

The top vote-getter will have the coveted spot on the front cover, as well as its own month inside. The next 11 with the most votes will each have its own month.

Each photo submitted will be part of the centerfold.

Calendars will be \$10 and available in early November. Visit the website at [www.friendsoffcas.org](http://www.friendsoffcas.org).

## Autumn event for homeless pups

Special to the Chronicle

Celebrate autumn with Friends of Citrus County Animal Services (FOCCAS) and Citrus County Animal Shelter.

FOCCAS is sponsoring an Autumn Colors adoption

promotion from Sept. 22 to Oct. 22. All dogs of autumn colors (brown, yellow, red, rust) will have half off adoption fees.

A \$30 adoption fee will include spay/neuter, microchip and all age-appropriate vaccinations.

All dogs that are already spayed or neutered are also half off on adoptions.

Citrus County Animal Services is at 4030 S. Airport Road in Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. It is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

# Spot scholarships

## Registration open for After School Enrichment

Special to the Chronicle

The Spot Family Center, which received funding from Kids Central Inc. and the Department of Children and Families to offer 40 local students scholarships for its 2012-13 After School Enrichment Program for students in kindergarten through seventh grade from 2:45 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Spot has 20 scholarships remaining.

These scholarships are available to local families who qualify. Applications can be picked up at 405 S.E. Seventh Ave., Crystal River. Scholarships will be given to students on a first-come, first-served

basis. Any family receiving free or reduced-price lunches automatically qualifies.

These scholarships will offer students free academic tutoring, nutritional education and homework assistance, outdoor recreational activities, arts and crafts, computer tech labs, reading teams, mentorship and leadership skills.

The program runs the entire school year. On scheduled early dismissal days, the hours will be 12:30 to 6 p.m. Bus transportation from Crystal River Primary and Middle schools is available to The Spot.

Registration is required. Call 352-794-3870 to apply. Space is limited.

## Veterans compensation booklet updated, published

Special to the Chronicle

The second edition of "A Guide to Obtaining Veterans Administration Compensation Benefits" has been published and is now being distributed to Citrus County military veterans to assist with the complicated VA compensation filing process.

Through a joint effort by Citrus County Veterans Service Officer Charles Fettes and retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. John Stewart, vice chairman of the Citrus County Veterans Advisory Board, this update contains important recent changes in the compensation system. For example, it has added information regarding "Blue Water Sailors," U.S. navy personnel who were stationed offshore in Vietnam, exposed to the hazards of Agent Orange poisoning and now being considered for compensation for related illnesses.

"Our original printing of 1,000 booklets was exhausted in a few weeks after distributing copies to local veterans' organizations," said Stewart. "Additionally, each military veteran receiving assistance at the Citrus County

Veterans Service Office receives a copy.

"It should be noted that both publications were made available only through donations from veterans' organizations and private citizens. We can

never thank them enough for supporting us to help veterans better understand the compensation filing process and filing of proper paperwork to receive medical and monetary support due from physical and mental problems resulting from service to America while in uniform."



By Charles Fettes, MCPO USN (retired)

been placed on the Internet for download by veterans and their families at several websites including [www.veteransgrapevine.com](http://www.veteransgrapevine.com) and [www.naturecoastveteransreunion.com](http://www.naturecoastveteransreunion.com). The booklet's first edition received in excess of 7,000 downloads, many by veterans around the country.

"Our booklet is not written specifically for Citrus County veterans, but for a military veteran living anywhere in the world," Fettes said. "I am confident it will help veterans understand the system, while aiding our ability to rapidly process compensation claims because veterans will be better prepared when coming to our office for assistance."

"They served us with honor and we want to provide the best support possible to their claims for their service to our country."

When future changes demand another updated edition, it will be published; however, this is only possible from similar donations. To contribute, send donations to: American Legion Post 225, Attn: Claims Booklet, P.O. Box 456, Floral City, FL 34436.

The 104-page booklet has

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### NOTICE

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:00pm with Citrus County Hospital Board Trustee Debbie Ressler and Robert Priselac of the Citrus County Hospital Board and the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. Directors in the Board Room, located on the second floor of the Citrus Memorial Health System Administration Building, 502 Highland Blvd., Inverness, Florida. This notice informs and notifies the public that member(s) of the Citrus County Hospital Board and Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. will be in attendance at a joint conference. The Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees will not vote or conduct business.

The Citrus County Hospital Board Trustee(s) will be active participant(s). This notice informs the public that two members of the Citrus County Hospital Board shall participate with one or more Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. Director(s) to discuss:

- Foundation Governance.
- Other.

Copies of the Agenda are available by calling the Citrus County Hospital Board at 352-419-6566. Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by this Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Bridge

Bridge game hand information: North 09-20-12, West ♠ J 10 8, ♥ A K Q, ♦ J 10 9 8, ♣ 10 7 2. East ♠ A 9, ♥ 8 7 3 2, ♦ 7 6 4, ♣ A 9 6 4. Dealer: West, Vulnerable: Both. South 1 NT, 2 ♠. Opening lead: ♥ A.

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In many deals, the auction provides one side or the other with useful information, making its task easier than it might have been.

In this example, South ends in two spades. West cashes his three top hearts, then shifts to the diamond jack. How should South continue, given the auction that started with three passes? If South had been the dealer and the auction had stayed the same, would that have made any difference?

When South opened one no-trump, North correctly retreated to spades. Here, North bid two hearts, showing five or more spades and zero or more points. South rebid two spades as requested, and North passed because he had no thought of game. If you do not use transfer bids into the majors, take them up! And ignore transfers into the minors unless you are in a regular partnership, because they almost never come up.

South has four top side-suit losers: three hearts and one club. Needing to restrict his trump losers to one, he must find an opponent with ace-doubleton, lead through that opponent, then play low from both hands on the second round to bring that ace down. Who has the spade ace?

In the three-pass auction, it must be East. West had nine points in hearts. With the spade ace as well, he would have opened the bidding. But even if South had been the dealer, East would be more likely to have that ace.

So, South should win the fourth trick with dummy's queen, play a spade to his queen, and duck a spade next. When East has to play his ace on low cards, the contract is home.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes scrambled words like NESS, ADEGA, TREELT, CLEDOK and a cartoon illustration of a coach and players.

Crossword puzzle with clues: ACROSS 1 Covey member, 6 Hunks' assets, 10 Distant planet, etc. DOWN 1 Vt. neighbor, 2 Search engine find, 3 Battery size, etc. Includes 'Want more puzzles?' section with book recommendations.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid showing words like MULES, ZEBRA, FINALE, HOME EC, LACTIC, UNEASE, OMAHA, PEER, WIPE, SAS, GAMS, ROOT, GENIE, MAP, AUTRY, TSE, ARA, FLEUR, ION, KINGS, PRIOT, OATH, PEN, OAHU, OVID, SUGAR, LESSEN, MOTORS, CRATES, SHERPA, DROSS, TODAY.

Dear Annie: Our son has been dating "Nicole" for several years. She has a family heirloom, and I would be honored to let her borrow it if she wished. She said it was "too old-fashioned." Our son shrugs off Nicole's behavior. I understand marrying her is his choice and not ours. Are we approaching this wrong? — Perplexed Parents



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Enough: As long as you understand you may be missing out on some terrific partners for superficial reasons, this is entirely your choice. It is not rude to say, "I know you love me and mean well, but I need to make my own decisions, whether you agree or not. Please stop commenting on my social life." Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Omerta in New York," who sent a monetary gift to a friend in financial straits, insisting he use it to buy a "luxury" item. She was offended when he used it to pay an outstanding bill. I wonder whether she ever considered that, to her friend, knowing he would have electricity or telephone use for the next month might be a luxury. Ending their 40-year friendship over this is certainly her loss. — Cherish Your Friends

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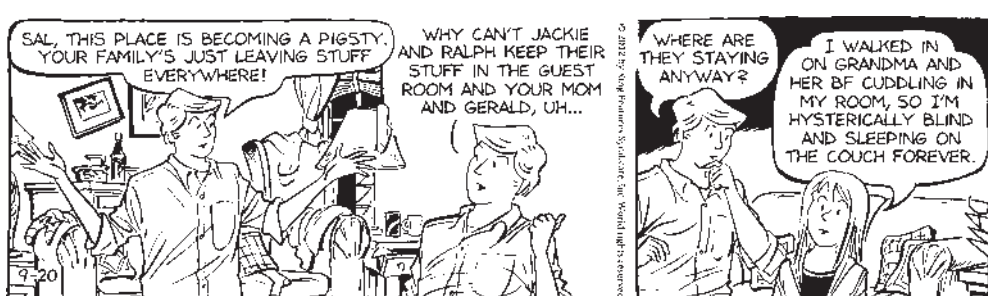
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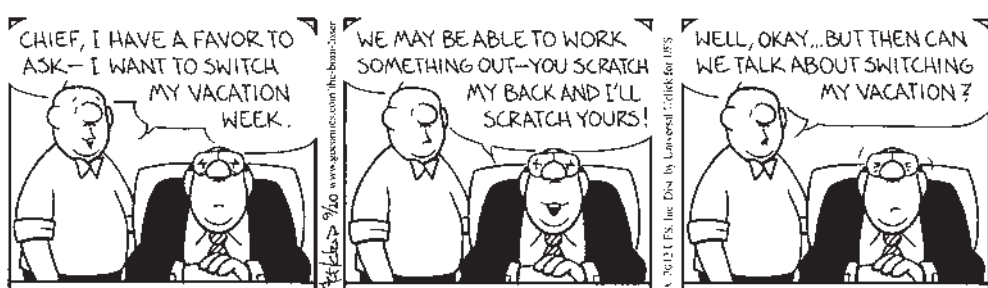
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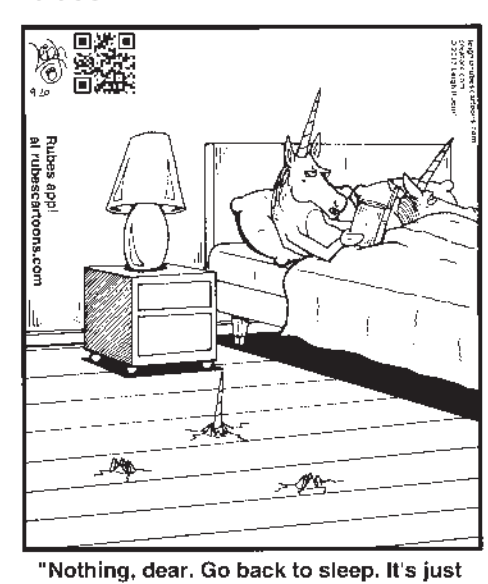
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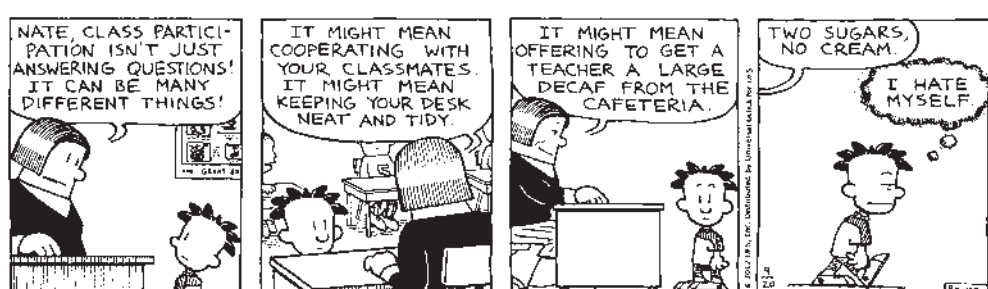
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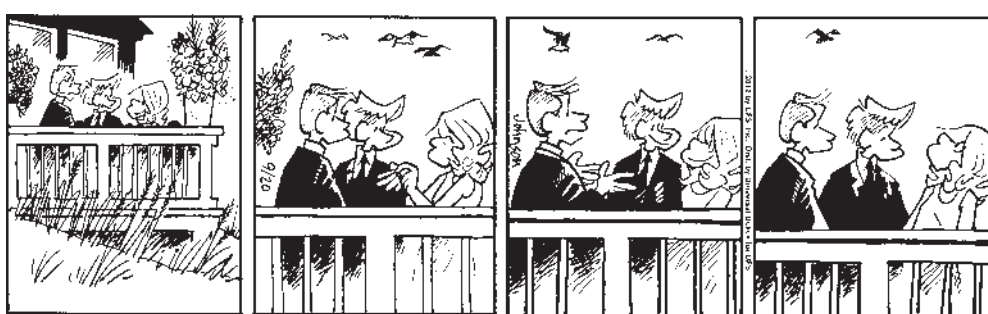
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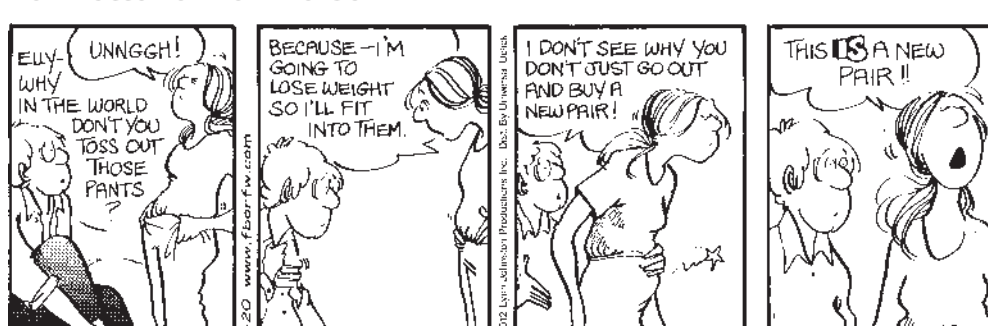
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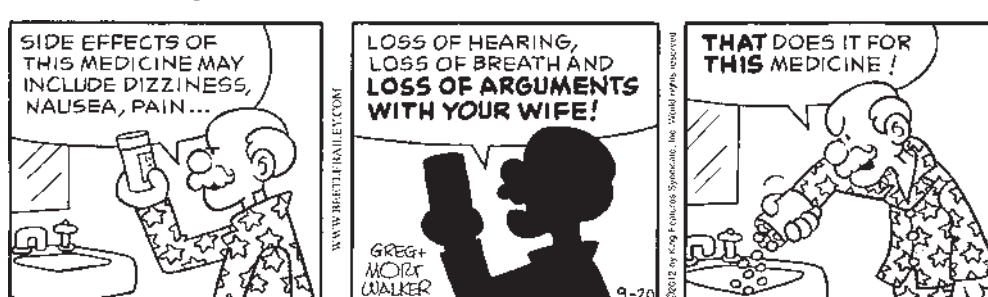
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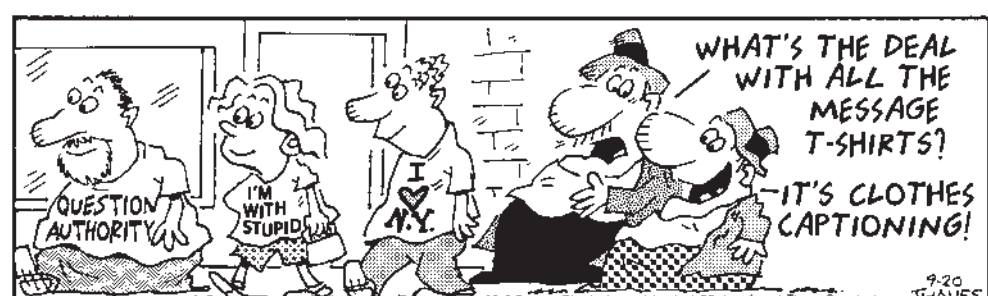
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