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As we approach the presidential election, the *Chronicle* thought it would be fun to determine our readers' all-time favorite president.

- The first round of 16 begins today and will end Friday, Oct. 26.
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**See political forum on WYKE**

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— From wire reports

## Argenziano blasts attack mailings

*Candidate angrily denies charges*

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Nancy Argenziano is crying foul over direct mail pieces that she says have printed lies, including she moved to North Carolina and deserted Citrus County for a Tallahassee-based Senate seat.

Argenziano, who faces Republican incumbent Jimmie T. Smith in the state House of Representatives District 34 race, said an organization connected to Smith is spreading untruths about her.

"Politics have been getting worse and worse and worse," said Argenziano, an Independent who served Citrus County in the House and Sen-



**Nancy Argenziano**

ate as a Republican. Argenziano last week filed suit against the Republican Party of Florida over a mail piece that said she "violated the law" by attempting to run for Congress in Leon County as a Democrat. Argenziano never filed paperwork as a Democratic candidate and eventually dropped the campaign

altogether. Argenziano's criticism is now aimed at an electioneering communications committee called Nature Coast Conservatives. Its mail pieces accuse Argenziano of moving to North Carolina while a member of the Public Service Commission and phoning in to meetings. "I never moved to North Carolina," Argenziano said. "Some of these blatant lies can be easily verified."

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## Itchy trigger fingers



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Michele Goodenow explains how the Lecanto Outpost Range is being constructed. She said the facility will be state-of-the-art and offer shooters multiple platforms to hone their skills.

### Citrus County shooters eagerly await new state-of-the-art range facility

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
Staff Writer

**H**old your fire! Lecanto's Outpost Range is on target for a soft opening in the next few months, but don't draw a bead on it yet.

The new shooting range is a large-scale project that requires time to complete, said Michele Goodenow, who spoke to the *Chronicle* on Monday. Through Facebook and the range's website, Michele and her husband Ron have been overwhelmed by people's enthusiasm to start firing on the new range.

"They are just so excited," Goodenow said.

But at the same time, shooting enthusiasts may not understand what it is they are waiting for.

The Goodenows started off with a big vision for the 40-acre site off County Road 490 opposite the junction of Rock Crusher Road. It's not going to be just "a couple of dirt mounds and a little mobile trailer," Michele Goodenow said.

At this point in the development, the site resembles the infrastructure stage of a subdivision made up of hills and valleys.

"I want people to understand the grandeur of what we are doing so that when they come out, they'll see it's worth the wait," she said.

From the beginning, the Goodenows tried to be diligent in covering all the processes needed to put together this new enterprise, from researching for the site, acquiring the land, going through

**ON THE NET**

- <http://outpostrange.com>.

the planning procedure and getting site plans approved. They are now into their second year of working on their dream.

With trucks, graders, backhoes and front-end loaders, Ron Goodenow and his crew are sculpting the former mining site into a trap-and-skeet field, a pistol range, a 600-yard rifle range, an indoor archery range and a private events range connected with roads and have restroom pavilions. Pushing the earth back and forth before building is known as site work. It's all about grading, excavating and road building.

"There's a lot of dirt that's been moved. The only thing that has held us up is the rain, at times," she said.

The dirt comes in two types: clay and sand. To assist drainage, the clay has to be mixed with sand to keep the former mining pits from flooding.

"We are putting in the drainage areas, digging them out and shifting everything. We are putting in trees. We've had to redirect how it flows," she explained.

The plans call for a building of nearly 9,000 square feet.

"We're getting the building pad area ready," she said. "Surveyors and civil engineers are on the property. We are working diligently in the order we need to for

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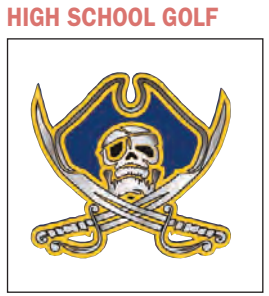
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CR boys golf moving on to state meet after strong showing at Region 1A-3 tourney. / Page B1



**EDUCATION:**

**Face-to-face**

Students get to chat with author via Skype. / Page C1

## Business owners to share tips for success

**PAT FAHERTY**  
Staff Writer

Four local business owners will share their formulas for success at a workshop next week.

Organizers invited these business owners because they are known for providing exemplary service to their customers and having positive relationships with their employees and vendors.

They will share specific tools and techniques they have used to sustain and strengthen their businesses during a trying economy.

"The Value of Relationships," organized by the Citrus County Business Resource Alliance, is set for Tuesday, Oct. 30. The workshop is for small business owners and their employees who are looking to increase sales, get more referrals from customers and outperform their competition.

Citrus County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Josh Wooten will moderate the panel of James Cook, of Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters; Mary Morgan, of A-Crystal River Kayak Company; Todd

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## New boat ramp tops BOCC's wish list

*Money comes from Deepwater oil spill fines*

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
Staff Writer

Two county residents spoke up on Tuesday for sediment removal in King's Bay as the greatest need, but a boat ramp at the barge canal got the most support to top a wish list from federal funds.

"Sediment removal is more important than the boat ramp," Inverness resident Karen Esty said.

It was a top topic also for Crystal River resident Art Jones, who, with the Rotary Club, has been cleaning hun-

dreds of tons of muck from the bay. Speaking to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Assistant County Administrator Ken Frink said staff had put together a list of four projects to apply for funding from the Restore Act of 2010, which will provide funds from the parties responsible for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on April 20, 2010. The fines would be invested in environmental projects along the Gulf Coast.

"This money is not a guaranteed

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# Purple Heart memorial open to public



**SAMANTHA KENNEDY**  
Correspondent

Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park is home to a new type of attraction — however, this isn't of the animal variety.

The Purple Heart Portrait Mural Memorial will be on display in the park's visitor center on U.S. 19 starting today and running through Wednesday, Oct. 31, courtesy of the Florida Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Since Park Manager Art Yerian heard about the traveling memorial, he's tried to bring it to the park, because he's "very supportive of veterans," said Susan Strawbridge, park spokeswoman.

The 31-foot wall shows the names and faces of Florida Purple Heart winners from 2001 through Dec. 31, 2012, including recipients from Afghanistan and Iraq. Of the 350-plus listed, eight are from Citrus County, and 11 are women.

The wall includes panels that give information about soldiers from all of the United States' wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War onward.

"The park is honored to have been chosen as a location for the Purple Heart Portrait Mural Memorial and we hope many residents and visitors take this opportunity to visit the memorial wall and pay tribute," Yerian said.

The wall will be open to public viewing, free of charge.

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State of Florida Commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart Richard Hunt, right, shows the staff of the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park the Purple Heart Portrait Mural Memorial. The wall will be on display at the park's visitor center through Oct. 31.

## Large shed, contents lost in blaze



Special to the Chronicle

A fire destroyed this large metal shed on West Tolle Lane Monday night.

**A.B. SIDIBE**  
Staff Writer

Fire caused extensive damage to a huge metal shed Monday in Dunnellon, according to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Division.

Fire crews initially responded at 4:45 p.m. to what they thought was a barn fire on West Tolle Lane, the report said.

Officials were also told about explosions coming from the blaze.

A unit from the DeRosa Fire Station was first on the scene and reportedly found the 1,728-square-foot metal shed fully involved and multiple structures also were in danger.

According to the report, firefighters initiated a defensive attack on the fire and protected the endan-

gered structures and vehicles.

Due to lack of fire hydrants, water was provided via tanker shuttles.

Other units responding to the fire included Crystal River VFD Station, Connell Heights Station, Homosassa Station No.23, Kensington Station and Station No.20 (Pine Ridge).

Nature Coast EMS and CCSO deputies and the Mobile Air Unit also responded for additional support. All fire units completed the assignment in more than two and a half hours.

The owner of the shed estimated the value of contents was approximately \$80,000. Damages to the building were estimated at

\$50,000. No injuries were reported.

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# City in bind over short-term rentals law

## Crystal River prohibits resort houses in certain zoning districts

A.B. SIDIBE  
 Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — A state law, hailed by property rights advocates when it was signed by Gov. Rick Scott in June 2011, is presenting a dilemma for city officials.

The law protects the rights of residential property owners who wish to rent their homes — by the day, week or month — by prohibiting municipalities from outlawing the practice. Cities which already had laws regulating short-term rentals were granted an exemption which allows them

to avoid the ban.

Crystal River had an ordinance before the state law, prohibiting resort housing units in any zoning districts other than commercial waterfront. Resort housing units are defined in the city's Land Development Code as dwelling units, other than hotels and motels, occupied for less than three straight months.

Some property owners and real estate professionals expressed concerns over the provision and want the council to consider a modification expanding the areas for short-term rentals.

City Attorney George Angelidis answered queries from council members Monday about the possible consequences of tweaking the city law. He said any of the changes being contemplated would constitute a "substantial" alteration and the law may lose its grandfathered status and be open to a successful legal challenge based on state law.

The city's vice mayor, Paula Wheeler, said she would rather the city leave the law alone, noting she was not a fan of these types of rentals.

Other panel members condemned the actions of the legislature. Council members Maureen McNiff and Ron Kitchen suggested collaborating with the League of Cities to overturn the law.

The council also:

■ Tackled resident Jack Reynolds' request to build a structure to accommodate his airboat.

However, a point of contention at a previous council meeting dealing with a 5-foot setback was tweaked to a 10-foot setback as a compromise, but it failed. Existing city law calls for a 5-foot setback on the side for accessory buildings. After a long deliberation, council agreed to reconsider Reynolds' request as per the initial request at their next meeting.

Reynolds is requesting to increase the height of one of three allowed accessory structures from 12 feet to 16 feet at his waterfront home. The current height of 12 feet

will accommodate the airboat but the structure would have a flat roof, which may not be aesthetically pleasing, Reynolds said.

Accessory structures include accessory dwellings (guesthouses, etc.); docks, boathouses, fencing, storage buildings, greenhouses, swimming pools, etc., according to the city.

■ Enumerated several finished and ongoing projects for the Community Redevelopment Agency District.

The CRA panel talked about revisiting the idea of building a pedestrian overpass on Citrus Avenue to connect the downtown business core. They also reiterated the CRA Riverwalk or boardwalk project is still a

priority, but would like to stick to a self-imposed deadline of January to get all the property owners who would be affected by the proposal on board.

Otherwise, officials are developing two lists of projects, with one list based on the proposed Riverwalk project moving forward and the second one assuming the proposed project does not move forward.

Area Council members Gerry Mulligan and Dr. Paresh Desai told the panel talks with the property owners are going well and they do not envision any problems as plans progress.

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## New state license plate plan on hold

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's chief motor vehicle official has put the brakes on proposed changes to the state's license plates after tax collectors objected to a new method for distributing them.

Julie Jones, executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, on Tuesday withdrew the agency's request for Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet to approve the changes. She plans to consider new information as well as opposition from county tax collectors whose offices now distribute the tags.

Jones wants the plates redesigned to make it easier for toll and red-light cameras to read them because the state and local governments are losing millions due to illegible tags.

However, it's her idea to hire a statewide vendor to handle online and mail orders that has tax collectors in a lather.

"I did not anticipate the level of resistance that I got," Jones said. "I felt like I engaged early and often, but apparently I didn't engage early and often enough, and I needed more specifics."

The plan would not affect walk-up sales, but the tax collectors said consumers could pay more for online and mail orders because some counties don't currently charge for postage. They also say it could take motorists longer to get their plates.

"I'm glad she pulled it back," said Attorney General Pam Bondi, a Cabinet member. "A lot more needs to be discussed among all the parties."

## Around the COUNTY

### Crystal River

#### Buy a pizza and support CRMS

Crystal River Middle School will host a Domino's Dough fundraiser today, and the community is invited to participate to help raise money for the school.

Any Crystal River Domino's store patron who gives the code CRM will have 10 percent of their order donated directly back to the school. Money raised will be used to support programs for the students. There will also be two upcoming events Nov. 14-15 and Dec. 11-12.

Call Deborah Beck at 352-795-2116, ext. 6806 for information. The Domino's store number is 352-563-6607.

—From Staff reports

# Men about town



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Identical twins Matt and Joey Burke were born with Down syndrome. The *Chronicle* has followed them throughout their lives since they were 2 1/2 years old and Joey had leukemia. They now are 28 years old.

## Local twins push through challenges of living with Down syndrome together

**Editor's note:** Ever since Joey and Matt Burke were 2 1/2 years old and Joey had leukemia, the *Chronicle* has been following the lives of the identical twins born with Down syndrome. They're 28 now and still working toward their goal of independence. October is National Down syndrome Awareness Month.

NANCY KENNEDY  
 Staff Writer

— BEVERLY HILLS  
 Of the two, Matt's the bossy one, Joey's Mr. Congeniality.

Born with Down syndrome, 28-year-old identical twins Matt and Joey Burke have never considered their disability a disability.

Throughout their lives they've been able to accomplish much of what's been on their to-do list.

At Inverness Middle School, they were in the band. At Citrus High School, they suited up with the football team and hit the field as water boys. They graduated.

They've had jobs, earned their black belts in karate. They live in their own apartment, attached to their parents' house in Beverly Hills.

Matt's engaged. Joey has a girlfriend.

A few years ago, the twins and their family — mom and dad, Pam and Jeff Burke, and sister, Hannah — moved to Ocala, working for Goodwill through their adult-day training program.

“Employers are afraid. They think they'll get hurt, but anyone can get hurt.”

Pam Burke  
 mother of 28-year-old twins, Joey and Matt

They all moved back to Citrus County in February.

"Matt and Joey always had a desire to come back to Citrus County," Pam Burke said.

"It's home," Matt said. At 28, the twins look similar, but not as identical as they used to. Matt's taller. Of the two, he's more concerned about his weight, more disciplined about what he eats. His fiancé, Stephanie, is a vegetarian. "She doesn't like meat, but I do," he said. "I try to tell her a lot of people like meat."

Currently, he's looking for a job.

That's been the biggest challenge the brothers have faced. Mrs. Burke works for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and said that's common for people like her sons.

"Employers are afraid," she said. "They think they'll get hurt, but anyone can get hurt."

When the twins were just out of high school they worked at Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q in Inverness where Joey cooked ribs on the grill.

Joey was recently hired to work at the new Nathan's Famous hot dog stand at Kmart in the Crystal River Mall.

"Sweeping, prepping, ketchup

and mustard, napkins," he said, listing his job duties.

"They go through the vocational rehabilitation program, an organization that helps individuals get jobs," Mrs. Burke said. "What's good, they don't have any behavioral issues."

The young men have always been polite and earnest. They work hard, do their own laundry, change their own sheets on their beds, shop and cook for themselves, although Joey is the one who does the most cooking and cleaning.

They learned the hard way not to put metal in the microwave.

They each have a personal support person who assists them 18 hours a week through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Their support aides take them out to eat, to do their shopping or to an appointment.

"Sometimes they walk up to the park nearby," Mrs. Burke said. "They're never home — they do a lot of stuff."

Matt wants to learn to drive. He would like to own his own karate school — he eats, drinks and breathes karate. He loves "Walker, Texas Ranger," because Walker does martial arts.

Matt would like to get married

some day.

Joey would like to go to culinary school. He likes to play basketball and ride horses. He, too, would like to be engaged.

"I have to ask her," he said.

Then, after some prompting from his mom, added, "I have to ask her dad."

Both are huge Gator fans and have decorated their apartment in Gator gear.

Sometimes they wear matching clothes, but sometimes they don't. They're working on the concept of individuality. Mostly they think in twos: If Matt buys a sandwich, he buys one for Joey, too. However, if they need bread or lettuce for their apartment, they're learning they only need one to share, not two.

The twins are also involved with the Buddy Walk, the national fundraising event for the National Down syndrome Society. Their 4-year-old cousin, Annabella, also has Down syndrome and they all recently walked as Team JAM (Joey, Annabella and Matt) in a walk in the Panhandle where Annabella lives.

"They really want to get their own real apartment," Mrs. Burke said. "So far they've shown that they're responsible. They know to call when something doesn't work. We take things one step at a time and moving out, that'll be the next step."

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# Scott details education agenda

*Governor wants to issue teachers debit cards to buy school supplies*

*The News Service of Florida*

Gov. Rick Scott will make several education proposals this week, including expanded access to charter schools and issuing debit cards to teachers for buying supplies.

Scott said he'll roll out a more detailed agenda Thursday at an education conference in Fort Myers, but gave a preview to reporters Tuesday.

During his tour of schools across the state earlier this year, when Scott talked to several teachers, one of the things he was most surprised by was the number who said they spent their own money on school supplies. It was the example most often mentioned by the governor when asked what he learned on the listening tour.

On Tuesday he said he'll propose a program to issue debit cards to public school teachers for supplies, with at least some of the money to pay the bills coming from private donations. Scott didn't go into specifics during a short conversation on how much money would be available for such a pro-

gram, but said he was hoping to get companies to donate money to put on the cards.

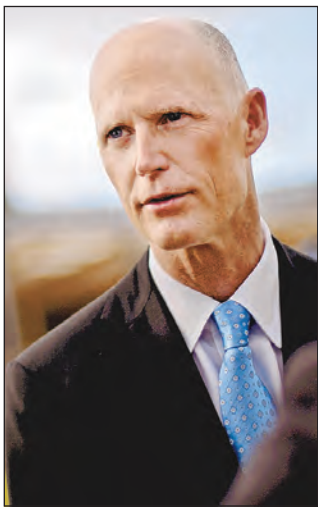
"You could set it up where businesses and even individuals can be helpful to teachers," Scott said.

He didn't say whether he envisioned using any taxpayer dollars to pay for the supplies.

Scott also confirmed earlier reports he plans to push for ending a limit on enrollment in charter schools statewide and will make school choice a major underpinning of his education agenda.

"Let's create more options for parents," Scott said. "Let's allow school districts to do their own charters so we have more options for students and their parents. I think with more options we'll have a better education system."

Scott said he developed his education blueprint after speaking with parents, teachers, administrators and reminded reporters he'd even solicited the input of the state's teachers union, the Florida Education Association, which traditionally has been at odds with many Republican state leaders.



Associated Press

**Florida Gov. Rick Scott plans to roll out a more detailed education agenda Thursday, which will include possible debit cards for teachers and more access to charter schools.**

Scott also said he learned on his education tour teachers have been frustrated by repeated changes in testing requirements and said he'll

**“ You could set it up where businesses and even individuals can be helpful to teachers. ”**

**Gov. Rick Scott** on debit cards provided to teachers for school supplies

suggest Florida not make any changes in tests between now and when the state switches fully to national common core standards.

"We've just been constantly changing things, basically changing things by year," Scott said about testing.

Scott also repeated something he has said earlier, that he plans to ask lawmakers to put \$2 million into an ongoing professional training program for teachers.

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**State BRIEF**

**Florida black bears busy filling bellies in fall**

MIAMI — Florida's black bears are busy filling their bellies this season.

A statement from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said bears are stocking up on calories this fall. Wildlife officials are asking residents to be extra diligent in securing food sources around their homes and businesses that can attract bears and create problems.

David Telesco is the commission's bear management program coordinator. He said preventing access to food is the most important thing people can do to keep bears and other wild animals out of neighborhoods. As he puts it, stale doughnuts and last night's leftovers "may be more appealing than foraging in the woods for palmetto berries and acorns."

Bear-related calls to the commission are up this year in many parts of the state.

— Associated Press

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# Port board has do-over meeting, picks new firm

CHRIS VAN ORMER  
Staff Writer

After re-enacting a discussion they had last spring, Citrus County Port Authority members on Tuesday decided to hire a different consultant than previously selected to conduct a feasibility study for the Port Citrus project.

In April, the port authority board — comprised of the members of the county commission — went through a review and ranking system to decide to award the feasibility study contract to Martin Associates. The board was not able to meet with Martin Associates until September to discuss its scope of work, but before the meeting took place a lawsuit was filed that alleged the board's selection process violated the Sunshine Law.

To get the complaint withdrawn so that the consultant could be put under contract for the study, the port authority board agreed to repeat the selection process totally in public view. When members met Tuesday in the county commission chambers at the Citrus County Courthouse, a table and two chairs were prominently placed before the dais where votes would be counted in public.

Without conceding a Sunshine Law violation, board members discussed the merits and drawbacks of each of the nine companies that responded to the board's request for qualifications. This differed from the board's original discussion that covered only six of the respondents. It also caused some confusion in the repeated selection process.

Originally, the board asked county staff to rank all the respondents and forward the top six for consideration. Each of those six companies was asked to give an oral presentation before the board, which each did.

However, the Sunshine Law complaint said the staff

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## NEW RANKINGS

1. TransSystems.
2. Gulf Engineers & Consultants.
3. Martin Associates.
4. Hansen Professional Services.
5. CDM Smith.
6. Vickerman & Associates.
7. Atkins North America Inc.
8. BEA Architects.
9. Civil Engineering Group Inc. (CEG)

rankings should have been conducted in public. Also, the later rankings by board members were in public, but their individual votes were not read out in public nor tallied in public.

To remedy or cure the complaint, all nine firms were discussed, including those which had not been asked for an oral presentation. Evaluation criteria included: company information and maritime shipping qualifications; familiarity with port development; past port-related development and prior success; and the qualifications of the proposed team, each of which carried points for a total score. In addition, points could be given for an oral presentation.

Port Authority Attorney Richard Wesch advised board members they could not give points for the oral presentation to firms that had not given one. Board member John "JJ" Kenney asked if the board should level the playing field by not counting the oral presentation, which carried 10 out of

a possible 110 points. Wesch responded that to do so would be unfair to the firms that did make the presentation, so it could not be a collegial body decision, but each board member could decide whether to award or deny points for presentation to the firms that had made the presentation.

Covering the criteria, board members took on average 15 minutes to discuss each of the nine. When it was time to vote, board members ranked each of the nine firms on five points of criteria. Wesch read aloud each board member's vote. Then county employees Mary Glancey and Tobey Phillips counted the votes while seated before the public.

This time, Martin Associates came in third. The top-ranked firm was TransSystems.

"So Martin Associates are no longer the top dogs?" asked Lecanto resident Chris Lloyd. "So everything that happened before is now null and void?"

Attorney John C. Pelham, with the law firm of Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell and Dunbar, representing the board, replied the board had reconsidered prior action.

"The results of the curative meeting is what you have determined before you," Pelham said.

Staff members were instructed to open discussions with TransSystems to negotiate a contract for the feasibility study.

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## RAMP

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resource," said County Administrator Brad Thorpe.

The projects would compete with projects from many other areas. County Commissioner Rebecca Bays said five states would be eligible for the funding.

"Florida will be the only state that is going to give the money directly to the 23 counties along the Gulf," Bays said.

Other states would allocate the funds through the legislature.

Thorpe said the ranking was "not set in stone."

"It's going to be re-ranked anyway by a reviewing agency," Thorpe said. "I wouldn't put too much importance on this ranking. The staff ranked the barge canal boat ramp because that project is actually in our CIP (capital improvement plan). It's actually partially funded for design and permitting."

As the boat ramp would attract boaters from the north and the east of the county, Thorpe said the project had regional impact.

Commissioner Joe Meek said a meeting was being organized to include state Sen. Charles Dean, county staff, city of Crystal River staff, Jones, Mike Czerwinski and "a lot of people who are involved with the environmental aspect of King's Bay," to develop a specific plan for King's Bay.

"We're kind of getting ahead of ourselves with this sediment removal," Meek said. "While King's Bay is important, the boat ramp project would give the 'biggest bang for the buck.'"

Commissioner Winn Webb said the barge canal boat ramp would take boats off King's Bay, thereby helping with the restoration of King's Bay. Both Webb and Commissioner John "JJ" Kenney supported the ranking list as presented.

Commissioner Dennis Damato also supported the ranking list as presented, but changed the wording for King's Bay's title from

**As the boat ramp would attract boaters from the north and the east of the county, Thorpe said the project had regional impact.**

sediment removal to water quality restoration projects, as several such projects have been planned.

By unanimous approval, the list remained the same:

- Cross Florida Barge Canal Boat Ramp: \$5.7 million.
- Crystal River — King's Bay: \$28.75 million.

■ Homosassa Southfork Water Quality Improvement Project — Phase IV: \$7.18 million.

■ Homosassa Wastewater Collection System — Phase V: \$3 million.

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Stocks sink as DuPont, Xerox, 3M scare investors

NEW YORK — Nobody was expecting this round of corporate earnings reports to be great. But companies' underwhelming results are still rattling investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged Tuesday to its lowest level in nearly seven weeks. Big-name companies reported weak quarterly revenue and lowered their forecasts for the rest of the year.

The Dow sank as much as 262 points, or roughly 2 percent, before ending the day down 243.36 points to 13,102.53. The decline was the Dow's steepest this year.

Other indexes also fell sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 20.71 points to 1,413.11, and the Nasdaq composite index lost 26.49 points to 2,990.46.

The Nasdaq hadn't closed below 3,000 since Aug. 6. On the New York Stock Exchange, for every stock that rose, roughly three fell.

Companies of all stripes signaled that the economy is far from healed, and that demand is weaker than a year ago. Revenue fell compared with a year ago at DuPont, 3M, UPS and Xerox.

Because of their global footprints and variety of products and services, those companies augur how the world economy is performing.

Chemical maker DuPont said it will have to cut jobs and other expenses to make up for weak demand. 3M, which makes all manner of products including Scotch

Market watch table for Oct. 23, 2012. Includes Dow Jones Industrials (-243.36), Nasdaq Composite (-26.49), Standard & Poor's 500 (-20.71), Russell 2000 (-4.32), NYSE diary, and Nasdaq diary.

UPS, the world's largest package-delivery company, warned that the pace of global growth remains uneven. And Xerox said the "challenging economy" is causing "cost pressures for large enterprises and governments."

The rest of the year isn't looking great, either. Through Tuesday afternoon, 29 companies in the S&P 500 had updated predictions for fourth-quarter results, according to researchers at S&P Capital IQ.

Of those, 23 lowered their forecasts, and six kept them roughly the same. None said they were expecting things to be better than they already predicted.

And of 123 companies in the S&P 500 that had reported earnings as of Monday, only 38 percent beat expectations on revenue, according to John Butters, senior earnings analyst at FactSet, a provider of financial data.

tape and coatings for LCD screens, cut its profit prediction for the year.

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## Endorsement LETTERS

### Support from afar

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As the chief law enforcement officer for the county, the sheriff is ultimately responsible for enforcement of the laws and a myriad of other related duties, all centered around public safety. Today, more than ever before, the sheriff must be an experienced leader with vision, understanding and experience.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy remains the right man for the office. For nearly 16 years, Sheriff Dawsy has guided the Citrus County Sheriff's Office along a path of consistent growth and expanded its duties in order to better protect and serve the people who live, work and visit your beautiful county.

Jeff has stood strong in crisis and tragedy during his tenure, but he also demonstrated consistent compassion for the most vulnerable in our society through victim advocacy and aid for abused and neglected children. He has embraced the support of the citizenry through outreaches like the Citizens Academy and Community Oriented Policing, and he has drawn acclaim from his peers in Florida across the country for his leadership.

As a fellow sheriff, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Sheriff Dawsy directly for the past eight years. I recognize the qualities that he possesses which make

him successful in his position, and I appreciate his candor and insight to the challenges of his office. Jeff has always been about what is right for the people he serves and his quest to bring his office to greater heights is built upon that intention. He has earned my respect for his accomplishments and continues to distinguish himself as the best person to serve the people of Citrus County as their sheriff.

David Gee

Hillsborough County sheriff

### Beyond parties

We are writing this letter of support for Sandra "Sam" Himmel for Superintendent for Schools.

We are Republicans voting for the candidate we believe is best suited for the job. Sam just happens to be a Democrat. Sam's education, business background, her time in the classroom as a teacher, her time as a member of the school board and her pure passion for the students in our school system cannot be matched by her opponent. Her *Chronicle*

endorsement said it best: "Himmel's tenure as superintendent has been one of the most successful in the history of the district."

Why anyone would want to replace her now is nothing more than a political push by one party against another. Sam has proven her leadership ability, she is fully aware of the changes coming to school districts all over the state of Florida and

she has prepared our district for those changes by being proactive. At this time, in these economic times, we believe that Sam is without a doubt the right candidate for the benefit of all students in the Citrus County school district. We encourage everyone to vote Sandra "Sam" Himmel for Superintendent of Schools.

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# Pirates boys sail into state golf meet

**CR golf takes 2nd in Region 1A-3; Kyle Kidd's 71 is tourney's lowest round**

**JOE KORNECKI III**  
*Correspondent*

WESLEY CHAPEL — The Crystal River boys golf team advanced to the Class 1A state tournament for the third time in the last four years, as the Pirates finished second at the Region 1A-3 tournament with a score of 311 at Saddlebrook Resort on Tuesday afternoon. Saddlebrook — the host — was champion with a

score of 307 on the par-70, 18-hole course.

"Having three guys shoot under 80 was big for us," said Crystal River head coach Jere DeFoor. "It's nice to advance, and these kids have been a good group for us."

Crystal River's Kyle Kidd was bestowed low-medalist honors for the tournament, as he shot a 1-over-par-71. Michael Kidd and Matt Allen each shot 78, and

Travis Swanson (84) rounded out the top four Pirates.



**Kyle Kidd**  
 CR sophomore shot 71 for low score in region.

"I wasn't hitting the ball as well, but it was going into the center of the green ... I managed one or two birdies," said Kyle Kidd. "I did the best I could, and I just centered the green with two putts."

"I'm happy to move forward,"  
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**'Canes freshman Kersh's run end in region**

**RICHARD BURTON**  
*Correspondent*

OCALA — As a freshman, Camrin Kersh made an impact on the Citrus girls golf team.

Kersh qualified for Tuesday's Region 2A-2 meet at the Ocala Golf Club and fired a 105 on the 18-hole course, which featured state powerhouses such as Bartram Trail, Ponte Vedra and Ponte Vedra Beach Nease.

"She had a great season and this was a great learning experience for her," Hurricanes coach Dave Hamilton said. "She won the support of her team, the administration and the entire school."

"We're all so proud of her for her efforts and her making a trip to regionals capped a successful season for us."

Hamilton said the entire Citrus team supported Kersh's efforts this past week during practice, which will make the

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# Fall Classic begins

**Well-rested Tigers take on well-tested Giants**

*Associated Press*

SAN FRANCISCO — Jim Leyland and the Detroit Tigers found out the hard way that rest means rust in the World Series.

Six years ago, their last Series appearance, they lounged around for nearly a week before

getting wiped out by St. Louis.

This time, while once again waiting for the National League opponent

to be decided, they stayed busy by working on bunts, playing against their instructional league team and letting ace Justin Verlander throw to hitters.

"Well, we just tried to come up with something," Leyland said Tuesday. "It wasn't like in 2006, where some people would indicate we sat around happy to get there, not doing anything, eating bon-bons."

"That wasn't the case. We ran into bad weather problems in Detroit, so we were really handicapped," the manager said. "So this time we've done some things to try to keep us from being idle for four or five days. I definitely think it affected the last World Series."

Verlander will start Game 1 on Wednesday night against Barry Zito and the San Francisco Giants, fresh off another stirring comeback and a Game 7 win Monday night over the Cardinals.

"I feel like I haven't played in over two months when you clinch so quick like this and have to wait for the other team," Tigers reliever Jose Valverde said.



*Associated Press*

**Detroit Tigers pitcher Max Scherzer throws during a workout Monday at Comerica Park in Detroit. The Tigers will play the San Francisco Giants in the World Series starting tonight in San Francisco.**

Not quite that long.

"What is it, eight months of baseball? What's five days?" Tigers star Prince Fielder asked.

Said Zito: "I guess we can hypothesize for a while on how prepared they are, being that they haven't played these high-intensity games."

The Tigers made it easy on themselves, sweeping the Yankees in the AL championship series. They traveled to San

Francisco on Tuesday and held a late-afternoon workout at AT&T Park.

"I loved it because it means we're in the World Series," Tigers catcher Alex Avila said. "Someone asked me that question after we won and I was like, 'Would you rather if we had lost some of those games?' It doesn't really matter to me. We did everything we could to stay mentally sharp."

The Giants had no trouble in

that department. They've been on quite a wild ride this October, first overcoming a 2-0 deficit to beat Cincinnati in the best-of-five division series, then escaping a 3-1 hole to beat the defending champion Cardinals in the NLCS.

"You have to throw it all away because it could work in either team's favor," Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford said. "We've

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## CR rally keeps year alive

**Pirates v'ball needs five to beat Hernando**

**LARRY BUGG**  
*Correspondent*

EUSTIS — Casidy Newcomer had a relieved feeling.

After Kylie Sisk nailed a pair of kills, Newcomer's Crystal River High volleyball team won the final game of the evening. The top-seeded Pirates needed five games to beat Hernando High 25-20, 25-27, 20-25, 25-23, 15-11 to win in the District 5A-7 tournament semifinals Tuesday night at Eustis High School.

The Pirates (20-6) are in the regional playoffs and play the second-seeded Eustis Panthers on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the finals.

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## Warriors out in 3 games

**SR ousted at District 2A-3 tournament**

**SEAN ARNOLD**  
*Correspondent*

GAINESVILLE — The Seven Rivers Christian volleyball squad bowed out of the District 2A-3 tournament Tuesday as No. 2 seed St. John Lutheran swept the third-seeded Warriors in straight games, 25-16, 25-9, 25-19, in a semifinal match at Westside Baptist Church in Gainesville.

The Warriors performed below their potential most of

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# Close losses adding up for inconsistent Buccaneers

**TB plays Thursday at Minnesota**

*Associated Press*

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are running out of explanations for their inability to win close games.

The Bucs (2-4) fell short again Sunday, falling 35-28 to the New Orleans Saints after nearly scoring the tying touchdown on the final two plays of the game.

Josh Freeman had a career day passing, however his effort to get his team into overtime ended in disappointment when his third-

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-4) at Minnesota Vikings (5-2)**

■ Time: 8:20 p.m. Thursday  
 ■ TV: NFL Network

down throw was grabbed by a leaping receiver who landed out of bounds and a fourth-down attempt was caught in the end zone only to be nullified by a penalty for illegal touching.

After four losses by a total of 22 points, coach Greg Schiano and his players are growing weary of questions about what it'll take to get over the hump.

Mistakes on offense, defense

and special teams all contributed to the latest setback. New Orleans rallied from an early 14-point deficit, with Drew Brees throwing for four touchdowns and a porous Saints defense limiting the Bucs to seven points after yielding touchdowns on Tampa Bay's first three possessions of the game.

"If you look back on all of the games we lost, they were all pretty close. This is just another one that is sickening. We beat ourselves in situations, and it's just frustrating," defensive tackle Roy Miller said.

"We've got to do our jobs better. A lot of those plays weren't

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*Associated Press*

**Tampa Bay tight end Dallas Clark scored his first touchdown as a Buccaneer on Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.**









# Falcons, Giants 1-2 in AP Pro32 power rankings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Being the NFL's only unbeaten team has its perks — at least this week.

The Atlanta Falcons had their bye weekend and still remained first in the AP Pro32 NFL power rankings Tuesday, but the New York Giants gained ground after a thrilling win over the Washington Redskins.

The Falcons received 10 first-place votes and 378 points from The Associated Press' 12-member panel of media members who regularly cover the NFL. The Giants, who beat the Redskins 27-23 on Eli Manning's 77-yard touchdown pass to Victor Cruz with 1:13 left in the game, had two first-place votes and 366 points.

Last week, the Giants had one first place vote and trailed the Falcons by 17 points. The margin is 12 points this week.

"Who's better than Eli Manning in the last two minutes? Nobody,"

said *Sporting News'* Clifton Brown, who had the Giants first and the Falcons fifth on his ballot even though the defending Super Bowl champions have two losses.

The Falcons needed some last-minute heroics to pull out a few games, and Sunday they visit Philadelphia — a team also coming off a bye but unbeaten following its week off under coach Andy Reid.

"Falcons have been cutting it close in recent weeks, relying on some dramatic late-game drama from Matt & Matt (Ryan and Bryant)," said *Newsday's* Bob Glauber. "Might need more of the same on Sunday at Philly."

The Houston Texans rebounded from their loss to Green Bay by thumping the Baltimore Ravens 43-13 and moving up to third with 362 points. San Francisco was fourth with 344 points and Chicago fifth with 341 points.

New Orleans made the biggest move after its second straight win, advancing six spots to No. 17 de-

spite a 2-4 record. Voters, though, remain leery.

"Don't worry about Drew Brees and the offense, but you should be concerned about that defense," said Rich Gannon on CBS Sports/Sirius XM.

The defense faces another stern test Sunday night against Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos, who are up to ninth with a 3-3 record.

The Ravens tumbled five places to eighth.

"This is still a really good team, it just played a really bad game. The Ravens will be back," said the *Chicago Tribune's* Dan Pompei.

Clark Judge of CBSSports.com had a different verdict.

"Seldom has 5-2 felt worse," he said. "It's not just that the Ravens lost their first game without Ray Lewis and Lardarius Webb; it's that they were destroyed."

Also dropping five spots was Arizona, which fell to 19th after its third straight loss.



Associated Press

New York kick returner David Wilson and the Giants have moved up to No. 2 in the AP Pro32 power rankings, right behind the undefeated Atlanta Falcons.



Associated Press

Florida punter Kyle Christy was a big part of the No. 2 Gators' excellent field position in Saturday's win at home against South Carolina.

## Beast of the East?

*No. 3 Florida has shot to clinch SEC East vs. No. 12 Georgia on Saturday*

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Getting to Atlanta for the Southeastern Conference championship game is the goal for every team in the Southeastern Conference.

Florida has accomplished it more often than anyone else.

Maybe that's why the third-ranked Gators are taking such a ho-hum approach to Saturday's all-important game against No. 12 Georgia. A more likely scenario, though, is that it's early, and players and coaches are saving all the hype and hoopla for the weekend.

"Nothing's changed for us," coach Will Muschamp said Monday. "We're not working any longer, harder. Practice, it's all the same. We don't approach things differently based on the situation because next week's important, too."

Not quite like this one, though.

The Gators (7-0, 6-0 SEC) can clinch a spot in the conference title game with a victory against rival Georgia (7-1, 5-1). The Bulldogs, meanwhile, need to beat Florida and probably win remaining games against Mississippi and Auburn to get to Atlanta.

"It's good for us," Gators linebacker Jon Bostic said. "That's one of our goals from the beginning of the year. We certainly want to get to Atlanta, but we've got to take it one game at a time. It's another SEC game we want to win."

Florida has represented the Eastern Division 10 times since the inception of the title game in 1992. The Gators also have more wins (7) than anyone else.

But few outsiders expected Muschamp's team to contend for the division in his second season. Not after last year's 7-6 record that

included the coach calling his players soft. Not with a sophomore quarterback. Not with a new offensive coordinator.

The Gators, though, have surprised just about everyone.

They came from behind to win at Texas A&M and Tennessee. They were more physical than LSU and South Carolina. They have been most impressive with halftime adjustments, second-half stamina and special teams play.

Now, all that stands in the way of another trip to Atlanta is Georgia.

"It's another big game," quarterback Jeff Driskel said. "It's an SEC East game, and it's the Florida-Georgia game. You couldn't really ask for more. You come to Florida to play in games like this. We're excited to start preparing and we're ready for another big week. ... We know what's at stake, but we've been going to prepare like we have been

all year and just be ready when it comes Saturday."

The Gators have plenty of motivation, too.

Not only is the SEC East at stake, but Florida lost to Georgia last year. And those late-season losses seem to be propelling the Gators this season.

They admitted as much after beating LSU on Oct. 6 and drubbing South Carolina on Saturday, saying they wanted to avenge setbacks from last year's disappointing season.

"We just get another chance," Driskel said. "Like coach said, you don't get too many second chances in life and we have yet another one this week. We're going to make this one (count). I don't want to say revenge. We're just going to go out there and play hard and practice hard, you know, work hard this week."

## NHL year in danger

*League rejects players' attempt to restart talks*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The little hope that existed for a full NHL season appears to be gone.

Shortly after the players' reached out to the league on Tuesday night to restart stalled labor negotiations, NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly rebuffed the union's attempt.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said last week, in presenting the league's most recent offer to the players, that if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached by this Thursday, it would be impossible for a full regular-season schedule to be played.

No talks have been scheduled, and no last-minute discussions seem to be on tap.

"I don't anticipate any taking place for the balance of the week," Daly said in an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "The union has rejected the proposal we made last Tuesday and is not offering another one. We see nothing to be gained at this point by meeting just to meet."

Following a call for the union's executive board Tuesday night, the players' association informed the NHL it is willing to meet on Wednesday "or any other date, without preconditions, to try to reach an agreement."

"We hope to hear from them soon," NHLPA spokesman Jonathan Weaherndon said.

The NHL's response wasn't what the union had hoped to hear.

The sides haven't met since the NHL turned down three counterproposals from the union on Thursday, two days after the NHL's offer that included a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenue.

The developments on Tuesday night came hours after more discourse between the sides on the 38th day of the league's lockout.

## Cutler shakes off injury as Bears beat Lions 13-7



Associated Press

Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler scrambles away from Detroit Lions safety Louis Delmas in the first half Monday in Chicago.

*Detroit turns ball over four times Monday*

Associated Press

CHICAGO — There was a big gasp going through the stadium as Jay Cutler writhed in pain on the field. He got up and the defense provided a big lift.

Cutler returned after bruising his ribs, and Brian Urlacher made a key fumble recovery to help the Chicago Bears beat the Detroit Lions 13-7 on Monday

night for their fourth straight win.

It was certainly not an easy night for the NFC North leaders, particularly their quarterback, but they came away with the win after a week off and possibly buried Detroit (2-4) in the process despite getting a major scare along the way.

That happened in the second quarter when Cutler was sacked by Ndamukong Suh and ultimately wound up going to the locker room to have his ribs examined.

Cutler came back to start the second half and was 16 of 31 with 150 yards and a touchdown in the game, but

with the defense locking down the Lions, the Bears (5-1) prevailed. It was a huge blow for last-place Detroit, a team many expected to contend for the division championship after making the playoffs for the first time in more than a decade.

The Lions simply never got in gear, and when they had chances, they blew them. The biggest came early in the third quarter, when Joique Bell fumbled at the goal line with the Bears leading 13-0.

Urlacher recovered and Chicago hung on from there, sending Detroit to its fourth loss in five games.

Brandon Marshall caught

six passes for 81 yards and scored a touchdown on Chicago's first possession. Matt Forte ran for 96 yards, and with the defense doing its part again, Chicago never really was threatened in this one.

It was a rough night for the Lions, with Matthew Stafford going 28 of 46 for 261 yards after leading the late charge in last week's win over Philadelphia. Calvin Johnson had trouble shaking the Bears' Charles Tillman and finished with three catches for 34 yards. He dropped a deep pass. He crunched a 34 yard over the middle on the game's first possession even though he was wide open.



# Building bridges between schools

## Students celebrate German culture to advance their knowledge of the language

**RACHEL ROUBEIN**  
*The Carol County Times*

WESTMINSTER, Md. — At 9 a.m., the wooden pews of McDaniel College's Big Baker Chapel were quickly filling, as middle school and high school students streamed into the building. There were about 1,200 of them from 30 different schools across Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

"How many came last year?" Mohamed Esa asked the crowd Tuesday.

At least half the hands shot straight up, indicating this wasn't their first time

attending the college's annual German-American Day's festivities.

"This is No. 18," Esa said, as he silenced the chitter-chatter of teen and preteen students. "I hope we have 18 more."

More than 18 years ago, the Maryland American Association of Teachers of German met. There was a consensus, then-president Esa said.

"We had a need to do something to build bridges between middle schools and high schools," said Esa, a German professor at McDaniel College, "so the kids who are taking German

don't feel they're by themselves."

So in 1995, about 200 students from about six schools convened for the inaugural German-American Day on McDaniel College's campus. This year's amount increased by 1,000, according to Esa, who organized the events.

Some were rookie German students. Others had been taking the language for several years. It didn't quite matter because the day's activities were geared toward celebrating German culture with a variety of workshops — such as Christmas in Germany;

Make Your Own Marzipan; German Anti-Hitler Resistance; and German Rock, Pop and Hip-Hop Music — and of course, German food and music.

This coincided just a little more than a week after the United States' official German-American day, which is Oct. 6.

"Many German traditions are so ingrained in our nation's story that many people are unaware of their origins," President Barack Obama said in a statement about German-American Day, "but the indelible mark they have left on the character of our country is

unmistakable."

At 9:40 a.m., Esa released the students to attend the workshop they'd chosen so they could explore such roots.

"OK first step: right toe to right toe, left toe to left toe," said Maria Skowronek, president of the German heritage group Verein Deutscher Trachten, who was instructing the students in German folk dance.

"Do you know what's coming next? The music," said Richard Skowronek, another instructor who was

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# No talking allowed

## Sign language class keeps students quiet

**ALEJANDRO DOMINGUEZ**  
*The Daily Herald*

SULTAN, Wash. — No talking is allowed in Sherry Knox's advanced American Sign Language class at Sultan High School.

Even as they were returning to the classroom after lunch, students were shushing each other the moment they stepped inside.

Yet communicating is still allowed — so long as they speak only in American Sign Language.

"It's not easy not being able to talk," said junior Carrie Hayes, 16. "But it's good practice because it would be rude to (speak aloud) to a deaf person."

Knox has been teaching the class at Sultan High School for 10 years. Hers is one of only a few that offer ASL in high schools, where it is taught as one of the foreign languages, along with Spanish and French, which students are required to take.

Knox's classes are a popular choice. About a fifth of the school's 568 students are taking one with Knox this year.

This is Knox's first job as a teacher. She started learning ASL 24 years ago to be able to speak with her deaf son.

At the time, she said, she was told two-thirds of parents with deaf children never learn to sign. "I said, 'No way that will happen with my son,'" Knox said.

She worked with deaf middle school children as an interpreter and tutor from 1992 to 2000, when the family moved to Sultan. Her son needed an interpreter at Sultan High School, but there were none. So she became his school interpreter.

Her son, Nathan Underwood, is now 26 and studying culinary arts at The Art Institute of Seattle.

According to a 2009 state report, 73 high schools and 18 community colleges in the state offered sign language classes. Among the schools offering the classes this year are the Sky Valley Education Center in Monroe, and Everett Community College. Everett School District discontinued the classes this school year because it was difficult finding qualified teachers, spokeswoman Mary Waggoner said.

In 2001, the school district in Sultan asked Knox to teach a sign language class. She earned her certification the next year, and the program has grown ever since.

On Wednesday, she made her advanced class sit in a circle and sign a sentence with words they had on their flashcards. After that, they formed groups to survey each other about their homes.

They were only allowed to speak five minutes before the end of the class to clarify anything that was not understood.

The no-talking rule helps students focus on what they are saying with their hands, Knox said.

"It helps them learn the syntax and sentence structure. If they are talking, they can't do that," she said.

Knox's next class was for beginners. It was a special day for them, because it was the last day

# Students get face-to-face (Skype) with author



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Students watch and listen to author Linda Sue Park last week as the Inverness Middle School's sixth graders Skype with her and learn about her thoughts on her book, "A Long Walk to Water."

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
*Staff Writer*

INVERNESS — Missy Brannen's sixth graders at Inverness Middle School were very impressed with "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park.

The book tells the true-life story of Salva, a Sudanese boy who was separated from his family as a youth, lived in a refugee camp, and was airlifted to the United States, only to later learn his father was dying from a

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waterborne disease.

Salva raised funds through his community so he could afford to visit his father one last time. He later established a foundation to raise money for deep-water wells in remote villages in need of water. That starts a lifetime of fundraising for Salva that has

led to 130 new wells, providing fresh water to tens of thousands of Sudanese.

The story is much deeper than that, as any IMS sixth-grader will say.

And last week, they had a chance to meet the author via Skype.

About 320 sixth-graders crowded into the school cafeteria to hear Park's story of her book. After a short presentation, she took questions from her home in western New York.

Other than a few technical glitches, both sides enjoyed the exchange.

"It was pretty cool that we got to Skype with her," Gavin Shephard said.

Gavin asked Park her advice for anyone thinking of writing a book. The answer: Learn to read and write.

"Get started on reading now as much as you can," she said.

Park also urged students to set a goal, and noted how Salva was

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# Master's program concentrates on animal law



Associated Press

Mitzi Bolanos and Bubba.

*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — Mitzi Bolanos adopted a pit bull a few years ago, only to find that discrimination was part of the deal. Because of her dog, she was often told where she could or couldn't live or work.

"I am a Hispanic female, and I never felt discriminated against in this country until I started walking around with my pit bull," Bolanos said.

In September, the 28-year-old lawyer went back to school to get a master's of laws in animal law. She

wants to use her degree — the first of its kind in the world — to help fight breed bias.

Bolanos will be among the first class of six students to get such a degree from Lewis & Clarke Law School's Center for Animal Law Studies. Enrollment in the yearlong program is expected to grow to 15 or 20 students in three to five years, said attorney Pamela D. Frasch, assistant dean and executive director of the law center.

Interest and enrollment at Lewis & Clarke for the \$35,000-a-year program

have mirrored the pet revolution in the United States, Frasch said.

"But while laws have improved and grown, there is still a disconnect between what animals deserve and what protections they get," Frasch said.

That led Lewis & Clark to develop the master's of laws program with the Animal Legal Defense Fund in Portland, Ore.

Bolanos grew up in Miami, where pit bulls are banned. When she moved to New Orleans in 2011, she volunteered at the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals. She adopted a pit bull named Bubba who was covered in scars and had a fresh chemical burn down his back.

Life with a pit bull hasn't been easy. She said she has faced citywide breed bans and at homes in cities without bans. She said their travel was restricted when she wanted to take the 65-pound Bubba home for the holidays, but most airlines banned Bubba's breed and one required an expensive "dangerous dog" crate.

More than 650 U.S. cities

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HONORS

■ Citrus High School seniors Dasha Jolobova, Nicholas Fernandez, Lindsay Connors and Miciaha Ivey have been selected as the Rotary Club of Inverness students of the month for September and October.

Jolobova has a 4.60 weighted grade point average, Fernandez has a 4.74 weighted GPA, Connors has a 4.5 weighted GPA, and Ivey has a 3.6 weighted GPA.

Dasha Jolobova is the daughter of Paul and Natalia Salminen of Inverness. Jolobova has been involved with the CHS marching band and concert band. She is currently serving as captain of the band. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Jolobova will have completed coursework in three dual-enrollment math classes and five advanced placement courses prior to graduation in May of 2013. She plans to attend the University of Florida, the University of Central Florida or Florida State University and major in linguistics. Her career plan is to work in the field of interpreting.

Nicholas Fernandez is the son of Marc and Heather Fernandez of Inverness. He has been involved in athletics and clubs during high school. These activities include: varsity football, where he served as captain for two years; varsity wrestling; varsity weightlifting, National



Dasha Jolobova

Honor Society; Interact Rotary Club; Key Club; and LINK. Fernandez was also a Boys State delegate, recognized as an AP Scholar with distinction, and received a National Merit Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance on the PSAT.

Fernandez will have completed coursework in 12 advanced placement courses before he graduates in May of 2013. He plans to attend the University of Florida, Duke University or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and pursue a degree in biomedical engineering, with a career plan to become a biomedical engineer.

Lindsay Connors is the daughter of Doug and Linda Connors of Inverness. She is president of the National Honor Society, captain of the volleyball team and captain of the basketball team.

Connors will have completed coursework in two dual-enrollment classes and three advanced placement courses prior to graduation in May of 2013. She plans to attend the University of South Florida and major in radiology and work in the field of health sciences.

Miciaha Ivey is the son of Isaiah and Lucille Farrington of Hernando. He has been involved in varsity football, junior varsity wrestling, track and field, LINK, Interact and is senior class president.

Ivey will have completed coursework in six advanced



Lindsay Connors



Miciaha Ivey

Chalk Talk

Rotary Club, P.O. Box 8, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

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

The 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.

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.

■ The Harry F. Nesbitt VFW

Post 10087 of Beverly Hills is sponsoring two national VFW scholarship programs.

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is open to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students, and gives them the prospect of winning cash awards at the local, regional and state levels, with the opportunity for a first-place scholarship at the national level and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the winner and a parent/guardian. This year's essay theme is "What I Would Tell our Founding Fathers." A 300- to 400-word typed essay is required.

The Voice of Democracy Competition is for students in grades nine through 12. The program allows students to compete for more than \$2.3 million in scholarships and incentives. First-place state winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., from March 2 through 6 to be honored and compete for \$152,000 in scholarships. First place receives a \$30,000 scholarship. A typed essay and a three- to five-minute standard cassette tape or audio CD of the essay is required. The theme is "Is our Constitution Still Relevant?"

Students must be enrolled in public, private or parochial schools within the U.S.; home-schooled students are also eligible.

The deadline for submittal is Nov. 1 for judging at the local level, with winners advancing to regional, state and national levels. Application forms are available at VFW Post 10087, 2170 Vet Lane, behind Cadence Bank in Beverly Hills on County Road 491.

For more information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

■ The Fleet Reserve Association National Committee on

Americanism-Patriotism is sponsoring an annual Americanism-Patriotism Essay Contest, based on this year's theme: "What My Vote Will Mean to Me."

The contest includes a grand prize of a trip to Washington, D.C., at the association's expense to visit the White House, Supreme Court and Capitol Hill with a meeting and/or photo opportunity with his/her U.S. representative or senator(s), depending upon availability. The winner and a parent will be a guest of the FRA.

There are also cash prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 to each first-, second- and third-place winner in grades seven through 12. All national winners will receive a plaque citing their achievement. Every entrant judged at the national level receives a Certificate of Recognition.

Winners in the local area are judged by the branch and unit, then sent to the regional convention for further judging, then to the national level for final judging. Additional prizes may be awarded at the branch and regional levels.

FRA's essay contest is open to all students grades seven through 12 (including home-schooled students). Students attending grades seven through 12 can contact their guidance counselor.

Each entrant must be sponsored by an FRA member in good standing or by a currently chartered branch or unit. The local contact is Bob Huscher, chairman, FRA Branch 186, at 352-344-0727.

All entries must be submitted by Dec. 1 or sooner to the local chairman or to local school representatives.

■ The deadline for the Citrus

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Fall Coloring Contest advertisement for Citrus County Chronicle. Includes text: 'VOTE NOW for Your Favorite Fall Coloring Contest Entries online at www.chronicleonline.com/fallcoloring'. Voting ends October 30th. Winners announced on Halloween. Prizes provided by Chocolates by Vanessa.

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# SIGN

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they were allowed to speak in class.

"It's going to be a struggle, but we'll get through," said sophomore Ariel Acob, 15.

All of her students are scheduled to be silent for an entire day in the spring.

That will help them better understand how a deaf person lives, Knox said.

"It gives them an opportunity to face some of the communication barriers deaf people face," Knox said.

The classes also have a community service aspect.

This year, the students are doing a food drive to help the Sky Valley Food Bank

and are adopting two families to provide them with gifts and food during the holidays, she said.

For senior Sam Cotterill, 17, learning sign language has helped him connect with his deaf uncle.

"I didn't know him before," Sam said. "Now, I am learning the things he likes to do and what he was like as a kid."

# STUDENTS

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was able to overcome tremendous adversity as a boy to start a foundation that now saves thousands of lives.

"Never give up," she said.

"Most of us will never have to face challenges like that in our lives."

Brannen said students raised money for the cause by drinking only water for a week and donating the money they might otherwise spend on soda.

Jacob Hensley said Park's book gave him an appreciation of doing what he

can for his neighbors.

"It inspired me to do more for our community," Jacob said. "We're spoiled. We're very spoiled. We need to spread the word more."

Karyl Songa said he thought Park's book had an impact.

"It inspired almost everyone in the school," he said, "to not waste water."



Associated Press

Using only sign language, teacher Sherry Knox, right, explains a class activity to student Jennifer Haskett during sign language class at Sultan High School in Sultan, Wash. Students in the advanced sign language class stay silent during the entire period, communicating only through signing.



MATTHEW BECK/CHRONICLE

Several students prepared questions to directly ask Park.

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standing in the middle of a circle comprised of paired-off students.

It started, and the students touched right toe to right toe, left toe to left toe. The German music became steadily faster and faster, so the students danced the moves quicker and quicker. The song ended, and laughter ensued.

"All right, new dance," said Maria Skowronek, who was wearing a traditional German blue dress, red apron over it, and a white collared shirt underneath.

This dance was harder than the last, said Haley Miller, a first-year German student from South River High School in Edgewater. She had to twirl into Jeremy

Hughes, and he had to duck underneath — which one student said looked like a pretzel.

Hughes, a third-year German student from Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, tossed his grey felt hat in celebration after the pair finished the dance. It was his second year attending German-American Day and he enjoyed the German Folk Dance workshop because it was interactive.

Others passed on the hands-on learning in place of an opportunity they said they might never have again: listening to a Holocaust survivor speak of his experiences first-hand.

It's a part of history, said Katie Chaney, from North Hagerstown High School.

"There's not many Holocaust survivors left anymore," she said, "and it's good to listen to him speak."

And out poured 86-year-old Rubin Sztajer's story.

"The best way for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing," he said.

"What is 6 million?" he asked. "If I were to take every man, woman or child in Maryland, we wouldn't have made up 6 million."

That's the number of Jews who died in the Holocaust. During World War II, from 1939 to 1945, the Nazis tried to ethnically cleanse parts of Europe under dictator Adolf Hitler's regime. In total, 11 million were persecuted, including gypsies, gays, physically and mentally disabled and more.

"What I'm speaking about is people," he said. "People just like you and I. Men, women and children. I know. I was with them. And I buried many of them."

As a 16-year-old, the Poland native was literally

taken out of his mother's arms and into the Nazis' hands.

"They took my family from me. They took my freedom. They took my clothes," he said. "They even took my name, and they gave me a number."

The students listened intently as he told of the horrors he saw. They listened as he spoke of working hours on end in the snow, sleet or 90-degree heat with only a tiny cup of soup to barely sustain him every 24 hours. The concentration camp called Bergen-Belsen, in Northwest Germany, was littered with dead bodies, he said.

When the war ended, he was alive, albeit barely. But gradually, he regained his strength, moved to America and made a life for himself. At the end of the lecture, he had a message for the

students.

"I try to encourage them," he said. "Appreciate what you have. And don't ever give up."

After the workshops, it was time for a German lunch. The more than one thousand students lined up to get their bratwurst, sauerbraten, potato pancakes, sauerkraut, German potato salad and more.

Becky Watson, of Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, stood in line, holding the tree, snowflake, ornament and more she made in the Scherenschnitte: The Art of Paper Cutting Silhouettes workshop.

She lived in Germany when she was 3 to 5 years old and spoke the language fluently. She's now trying to regain those skills during the school day, after an unsuccessful attempt to take a Saturday morning German

class when she was younger.

After the foray into German food ended, it was concert time.

"Posters signed by the band are \$2. Go ahead and fill in all of the seats. It will be cozy; love your neighbor," Mariah Ligas, a freshman German major at McDaniel College, yelled to the students filing back into the Big Baker Memorial Chapel for the concert.

As the German pop-rock band Artig took the stage, students took out their cell-phones to record and photograph the moment to have a permanent snapshot of time from their day of German culture.

"(My students) say it's the best day of the year for them," said Marie Field, a German, Latin, French and Spanish teacher at McDonogh School in Owings Mills.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 24, 2012. Table listing TV channels (C, B, D, F, H), times (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30), and program titles for various networks including NBC, PBS, ABC, CBS, FOX, etc.

Bridge hand. North: 10-24-12. Cards: ♠ J 7 4, ♥ Q, ♦ K 8 7 6 3 2, ♣ A 8 5. Dealer: East. Vulnerable: East-West. Opening lead: ♦ Q.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Bridge is a game of winners and losers. And once the final contract is chosen, each side knows how many winners it needs to avoid being a loser. In today's deal, how should South try to take 10 winners in four spades doubled after West leads the diamond queen to declarer's ace?

JUMBLE. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. DDEEG, CAYNF, CLAPID, TENYRG.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues. 1 Weird-sounding bird, 5 747, for one change, 12 Golden Fleece ship, etc.

Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with filled-in letters: TEAKIMS GOAT, ALA OMAR EDGE, MAHARAJA NOON, etc.

Dear Annie: I've been out of work for two years. My family has suffered greatly, and my daughter's mild depression turned severe when this started affecting her life.

right choice to get your daughter out of the home of your bullying, stubborn mother-in-law. While we would have recommended that your husband put his foot down a little harder...

dren, but he is a terrible role model. Until he gets clean and sober, he is no good to any of you. Please contact Al-Anon (al-anon.org) and ask for help.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Peanuts



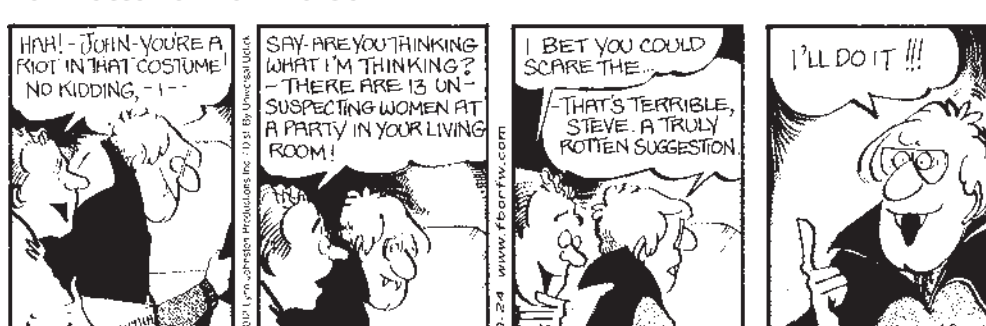
Garfield



Pickles



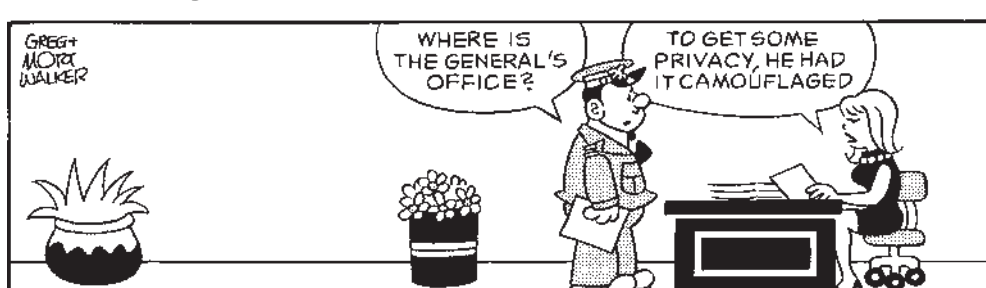
For Better or For Worse



Sally Forth



Beetle Bailey



Dilbert



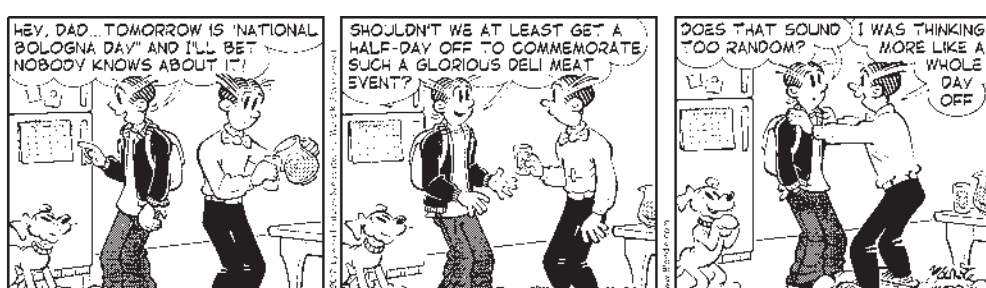
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The Born Loser



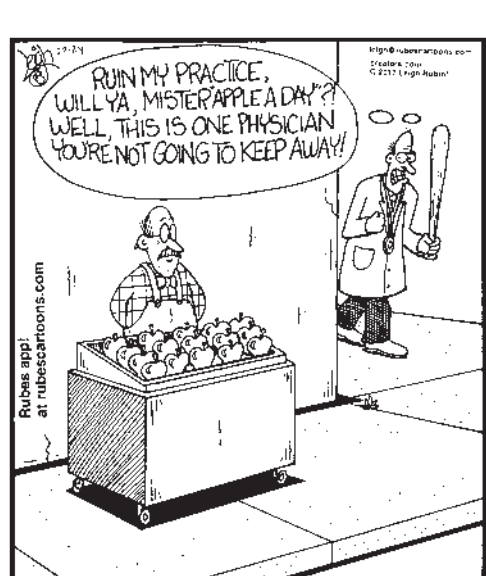
Blondie



Kit 'N' Carlyle



Rubes



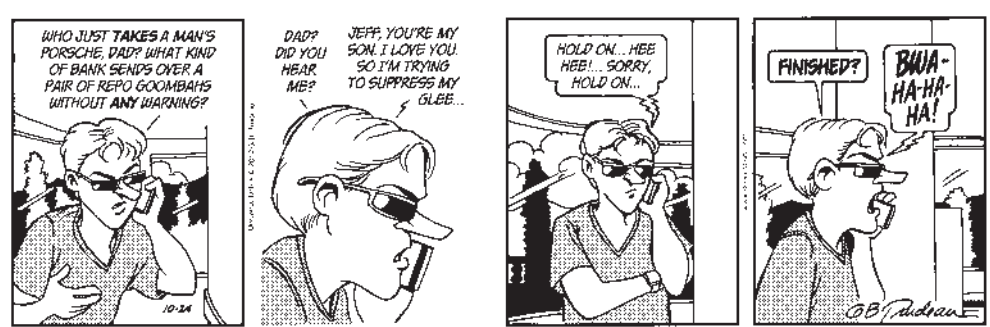
Dennis the Menace



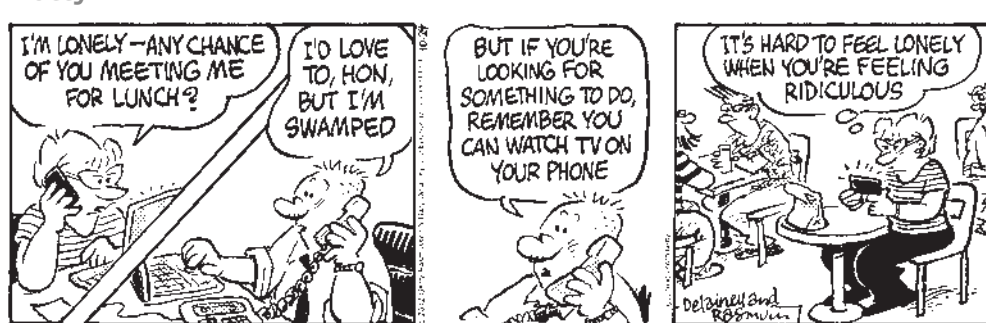
The Family Circus



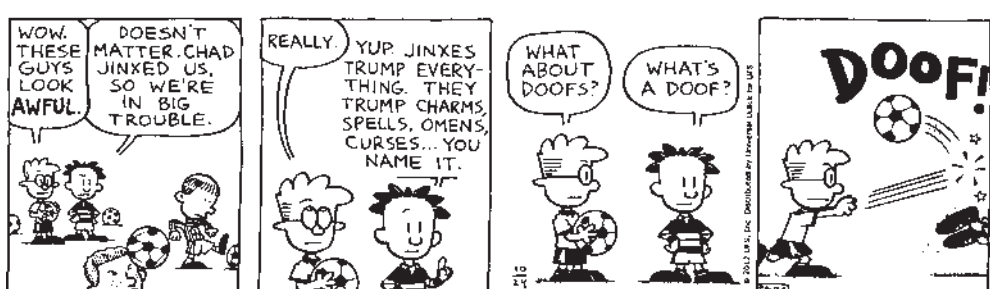
Doonesbury



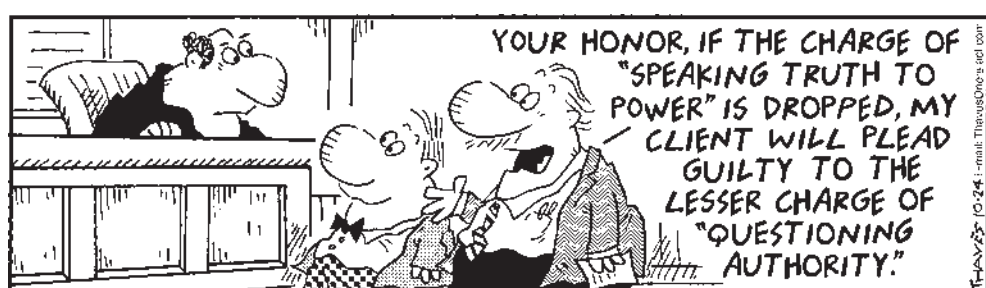
Betty



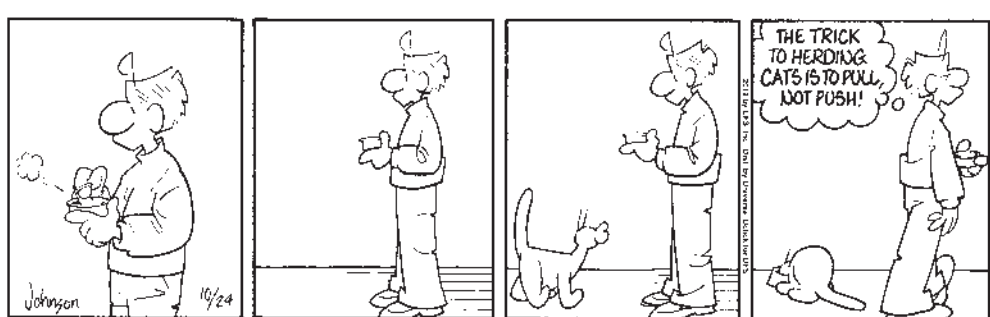
Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
Alex Cross (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
Paranormal Activity 4 (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:50 p.m. No passes.
Argo (R) ID required. 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
Here Comes the Boom (PG) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Taken 2 (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
Hotel Transylvania (PG) In 3D. 7:10 p.m. No passes.
Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
Paranormal Activity (R) 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. No passes.
Alex Cross (PG-13) 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
Sinister (R) ID required. 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
Argo (R) ID required. 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
Here Comes the Boom (PG) 1:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
Taken 2 (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
Hotel Transylvania (PG) In 3D. 7:05 p.m. No passes.
Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1:05 p.m., 4:05 p.m.
Pitch Perfect (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
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WXCW-FM 95.3 Adult Contemp.
WXOF-FM 96.3 Adult Mix
WEKJ FM 96.7, 103.9 Religious
WYKE-FM 104.3 Sports Talk
WUVV 105.5 FM Hudson
WJQB-FM 106.3 Oldies
WFJV-FM 103.3 Classic Rock
WRZN-AM 720 News Talk

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

TODAY'S CLUE: E equals P

VPLWY YKTZVKYN NELWU THOF YT YKL

YKTZVKYSZO JXHC, DZY VPLWY

WRYXTHN NELWU YT WOO JWHUXHC.

YKLTCTPL PTTNLALOY

Previous Solution: "Los Angeles is a microcosm of the United States. If LA falls, the country falls." - Ice T

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