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# Airports screen for Ebola

*Stepped-up monitoring for deadly virus starts at NYC airport*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Customs and health officials began taking the temperatures of passengers ar-

riving at New York's Kennedy International Airport from three West African countries on Saturday in a stepped-up screening effort meant to

prevent the spread of the Ebola virus.

Federal health officials said the entry screenings, which will expand to four additional U.S. airports in the next week, add another layer of protection to halt the spread of a disease that has killed more than 4,000 people.

"Already there are 100 percent of the travelers leaving the

three infected countries are being screened on exit. Sometimes multiple times temperatures are checked along that process," Dr. Martin Cetron, director of the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine for the federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, said at a briefing at Kennedy.

Cetron added, "No matter

how many procedures are put into place, we can't get the risk to zero."

The screening will be expanded over the next week to New Jersey's Newark Liberty, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare and Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta.

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## Recycler seeks county partner

MIKE WRIGHT  
 Staff writer



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

FDS Disposal worker Philip Norman unloads a container of residential recyclables Wednesday morning in the Crystal River neighborhood of Copeland Park. FDS, which has a contract with the city, plans to stop recycling glass beginning in January and the company is approaching county government with a partnership proposal.

**STATEWIDE RECYCLING GOALS**

A state law sets a 75 percent recycling goal by 2020 for counties. The law says the 75 percent rate should be in four of the following materials:

- Newspaper
- Steel cans
- Plastic bottles
- Office paper
- Aluminum cans
- Glass
- Cardboard
- Yard trash

LECANTO recycling these days is easy.

The chore of sorting plastic containers, steel cans and newspapers is no more. Now it all goes into one container and taken to a facility where machines and workers separate the materials for sale.

In a state where a law wants communities recycling 75 percent of their waste by 2020, single-stream processing is the perfect system.

Except for one thing: For Citrus County's lone recycling company, it's a money loser.

FDS Disposal Inc., the county's largest garbage hauler, subsidizes its company, Single Stream Processing, or SSP, because there isn't enough money on the market to maintain on its own.

"The markets are horrible," SSP vice president and co-owner William Ray said.

But he's also very aware of the state law that, while not a mandate, sets the 75 percent recycling goal for counties to meet

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**Election 2014**

### Koller: Get people's voice back in gov't

MIKE WRIGHT  
 Staff writer

Dave Koller knows the odds. "It's your proverbial David and Goliath," he said.

Koller, a Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives District 11 race, is hoping to unseat Republican incumbent Rich Nugent in a district that sways heavily Republican.

That hasn't stopped Koller, who lives in Ocala and owns a

company that trains people with developmental disabilities to become employed.

"There's a whole portion of our district not being represented," Koller said. "We need to get the people's voice back in our government."

This is Koller's first try at public office. He said he's taking the plunge because he hears constantly from people who fell disenfranchised by the

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**Dave Koller**  
 candidate, U.S. House District 11.

### Nugent: Reaching out to stakeholders

MIKE WRIGHT  
 Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent doesn't claim to have all the answers.

But he knows one thing: One party trying to go it alone doesn't work.

For example: Nugent, along with every other Republican in Congress, voted against the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare.

Nugent, R-Brooksville, would like the law repealed and

replaced. But even if Republicans gain the upper hand in the U.S. Senate in November, Nugent believes what-

ever follows Obama care should have support from all sides.

"You need to have Democrats support what you do," Nugent recently told the Chronicle Editorial Board.

Nugent, the former Hernando County sheriff, is seeking his third term in the

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**Rich Nugent**  
 Incumbent, U.S. House District 11.

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# 22nd annual Hurricane Pride Invitational Marching Band Festival



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Crystal River High School Marching Band competes in Saturday's 22nd annual Hurricane Pride Invitational Marching Band Festival. The festival is the longest running marching band competition in Florida. Look for more about the competition along with photos in the *Chronicle's* Education section on Wednesday.

## State BRIEFS

### New \$3.7B gas line proposed for Ala., Ga., Fla.

ATLANTA — A proposal to build a \$3.7 billion pipeline carrying natural gas from Alabama into Florida is raising protests from Georgia landowners. Spectra Energy Partners LP and NextEra Energy Inc. want federal permission to build about 600 miles of pipeline carrying natural gas from Alabama, across southwest Georgia and toward gas-fired power plants in Florida. The firms hope to get the necessary approval in late 2015 or early 2016. The pipeline would start operating in mid-2017. Residents near Albany are protesting the plan because it would require building a pollution-emitting compression station near their homes. Media mogul Ted Turner's company is opposing the plan. Former U.S. Sen Bob Graham's family is fighting plans to have the pipeline cross its cattle farm.

### Officers pepper spray women in hair-weave melee

ORLANDO — Orlando police officers used pepper spray on a crowd of women outside a beauty supply store after the women started pushing and shoving in an attempt to get inside. Police officers were called to the Beauty Exchange store Friday after a crowd outside the store grew to several dozen women. Orlando television station WKMG reported that the store was giving away free hair extensions that normally sell from \$55 to \$100. Surveillance video shows two police officers shooting the pepper spray at the crowd after the women ignored orders by the officers to back up. Some customers said the officers overreacted. A police spokeswoman said the pepper spray was used to gain control of the crowd.

—From wire reports

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**Around the COUNTY**

**MOAA wants kids to hear vets' stories**

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will have its annual Veterans in the Classroom program Nov. 5 to 14 as part of its 22nd annual Veterans Appreciation Week activities.

Coordinated by the Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Veterans in the Classroom program brings living history to the classrooms of the county's public and private schools, as well as home school groups. Veterans share with students their first-hand military experiences and travels while serving our country in uniform around the world in peace and war.

All interested veterans are encouraged to contact Mac McLeod at 352-746-1384 or cmcleod670@earthlink.net; or Bob Crawford at 352-270-9025 or baddogsmc@tampabay.rr.com.

**Citrus County Council invites all to meetings**

The Citrus County Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan consortium of civic clubs, environmental groups, homeowners associations and concerned citizens committed to being advocates for the community as well as acting as a local government watchdog.

Monthly meetings are at 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Beverly Hills Lions Club. All are encouraged to attend the meetings. For more information, call John Wade, president, at 352-341-1937, or visit citruscountycouncil.org.

**Shelter seeking pet food donations**

Citrus County Animal Services is asking for the public's help in meeting the needs of financially challenged citizens who own pets. The goal is to afford those residents the ability to feed their pets.

Animal Services is asking citizens to deliver donations of dog and cat food to their local food bank or to the Animal Services shelter in Inverness to help those residents keep their animals.

Monetary donations may be mailed to Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, FL 34450.

For information, call 352-746-8400.

**Campaign TRAIL**

The Campaign Trail is a weekly announcement of fundraisers, meetings, candidate appearances and the like for this year's political campaign. Send information to mwright@chronicleonline.com.

■ The Citrus County Chronicle will have its general election forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the College of Central Florida on County Road 491 in Lecanto. Information: Mike Wright, 352-563-3228.

■ Orlando attorney John Morgan and state Rep. Jimmie T. Smith will debate the merits of Amendment 2, Use of Medical Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions, at a forum at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Citrus County Auditorium. The forum, sponsored by Groundhog News & Research, will also include circuit court judge, county commission and U.S. House races.

■ Candidates for county commission, circuit court judge and mosquito control board will participate in a candidate forum at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Life Care Center of Citrus County.

—From staff reports

**Thanks to students, wounded vets get special spot**

**ERYN WORTHINGTON**  
*Staff writer*

Combat-wounded veterans, please park front and center — designated spaces will soon be waiting for you at local businesses around the county.

One hundred 12-by-18-inch parking signs are in the midst of being installed throughout Citrus County, thanks to Lecanto Middle School eighth-graders.

"Pay it forward, Citrus County, to our veterans," said American history teacher Carol Nicholas. "This is our simple, quiet way to say thank you to those that have served so bravely for our freedoms. Soon, we could possibly have more than 500 signs dotting our county."

As a class assignment, Nicholas and her students reached out to the

Wounded Warrior Family Support Foundation and Col. John Folsom for the donation of the signs. Nick Nicholas Ford sponsored the cost of shipping for the signs.

Signs that read "Reserved Combat Wounded" were installed by the Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart, veterans, students and community members Monday at Nick Nicholas Ford in Inverness, Tuesday at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness and Thursday at West Coast Metal Fabricators in Crystal River.

"We have handicapped parking spots. Why can't we have one for combat-wounded? I think everyone should have one," said Lorra Hauter, vice president of West Coast Metal Fabricators. "We have a lot of veterans who were



ERYN WORTHINGTON/Chronicle

**Lecanto Middle School eighth-grade students installed one of the signs Thursday at West Coast Metal Fabricators in Crystal River. Their teacher, Carol Nicholas, said approximately 100 signs will be posted around Citrus County for combat-wounded veterans.**

injured in the war. They have a hard time getting around and possibly are handicapped. They served our country. Why shouldn't they have their own parking spot?"

The Citrus County

School District and Citrus County Sheriff's Office are the first Purple Heart organizations in the nation. Therefore, Nicholas said, she hopes the designated parking spaces will be of value to those who served.

"I thought, 'Why don't we have them. We should,'" she said. "They are for anyone combat-wounded. It is going to be based on an honor system. Who would park there unless they deserve to park there?"

And her students hope that not only can they pay tribute to local veterans, but veterans nationwide.

"It is great for our county, and I hope it spreads nationally," said student Elisabeth Smith.

Nicholas' class has been invited to attend the Nov. 4 Citrus County Board of County Commissioners meeting. There they will formally place signs in local county and government parking spaces.

For more information or to make a donation to defer shipping costs, email Nicholas at nicholasc@citrus.k12.fl.us.



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

**Four-year-old Abigail Marraffino of Dunnellon poses by Halloween figures as mom Kristi Marraffino snaps a photo Saturday at the 27th annual Scarecrow Festival at Heritage Village in Crystal River.**

**HALLOWEEN HERITAGE**

**Scarecrow Fest returns to C.R.**

**ERYN WORTHINGTON**  
*Staff writer*

CRYSTAL RIVER mall ones, tall ones, young ones and seasoned ones, children of all ages enjoyed the kick-off of fall festivities Saturday at the 27th annual Scarecrow Festival in Crystal River.

It may have been hot outside, but fall was in the air as sounds of laughter and excitement radiated from attendees playing

old-fashioned games, eating fall foods, riding ponies and choosing pumpkins from the pumpkin patch.

"We enjoy attending all of the fall festivals that Citrus County offers every year," said Marilyn Bradwick of Hernando County. "The Scarecrow Festival is like the beginning of it all. Then you have the Cooter Fest, Homosassa Seafood Festival and so on. I bring my grandkids with me to all of them and we just have that family time that is so important."

The festival offered nonprofit groups an opportunity for fundraising and educational groups a chance to spread their messages.

"I picked up a voter registration

form to fill out," said Jaquanda Lewis. "I know it is too late for this year, but I want to make sure I am ready for the next election."

And she wasn't alone in her browsing and shopping spree.

Jaclynn Aubuchon began her Christmas shopping.

"Christmas is only 11 weeks away," she said. "Why waste my time on Black Friday shopping when I can get great gifts at local festivals while supporting local merchants and Citrus County?"

The shops of Heritage Village were also open.

Contact Chronicle reporter Eryn Worthington at 352-563-5660, ext. 1334, or eworthington@chronicleonline.com.

**TDC hosting workshops to explain tourist tax**

*Special to the Chronicle*

The Tourist Development Council is sponsoring public workshops to help educate citizens on the Tourist Development Tax and their role in collecting tax for transient rentals on the following dates. All

workshops will be run from 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Oct. 21, Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River;

■ Nov. 5, Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness;

■ Dec. 3, Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt

Blvd., Beverly Hills.

The Tourist Development Tax (TDT) is a local option tax levied by Citrus County at a current rate of 3 percent. This tax is levied on all short-term residential rental charges, which includes all residential rentals for a period of six

months or less. Examples would be an apartment, bed and breakfast, campground/RV park, condo, cottage, hotel/motel, mobile home park, rooming house or single-family dwelling.

Staff will address issues of how to collect and remit the required tax, what the

penalties are for nonpayment of the tax, and the potential use of projected revenue from the tax.

All public is invited to attend and learn the tax collection process. For information, email adam.thomas@visitcitrus.com or call 352-628-9305.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Pace yourself. You can get what you want if you don't let others sidetrack you. Maintain your focus and live in the moment.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Put an end to bad habits. Replace negative with positive and win.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your self-confident persona will attract attention.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be ready to make a move.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't give in to self-doubt.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Spark your imagination with playful encounters.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Tread carefully when it comes to domestic concerns.
Aries (March 21-April 19) — Your charm and quick wit will help you captivate someone who can grant you favors and help you.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today, you should be especially cautious when operating machinery or equipment.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Listen and learn. Keep your emotions in check and stay away from debates or discussions with unpredictable or angry people.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Stand up for what you believe in.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Join an organization that shares your ideals.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be hesitant to ask for assistance.

ENTERTAINMENT

Provocative exhibit of Barbies is pulled

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Barbie has long been an icon, just not a holy one. A provocative art exhibit featuring Barbie fashion dolls as religious figures such as the Virgin Mary and her boyfriend Ken as a crucified Jesus Christ has been canceled amid complaints and threats by angry believers, the artists behind the collection said Friday.
The exhibit by Emiliano Paolini and Marianela Perelli, called "Barbie: The Plastic Religion," had been scheduled to open Saturday at the POPA gallery in Buenos Aires. But the pair said they decided not to put on the show of pop surrealism or "lowbrow" art so as not to offend people.
The 33 pieces in the collection include Barbie dolls dressed as the Virgin of Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico, and Joan of Arc, as well as a blue Kali, the extra-armed Hindu goddess of destruction. Along with Christ on the cross, Ken is also portrayed as Buddha, St. Sebastian and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
"We have received threats from various parts of the world," Paolini said by telephone. "It's crazy ... they have misinterpreted our work."
He said he and Perelli chose the popular fashion doll for the project because "religion always represents Virgins with the most beautiful women; today the most beautiful woman is Barbie." The prevailing concept of beauty is often reflected in portraits of the Virgin Mary, who was portrayed with a more robust figure in Michelangelo's time, and a more stylized one during the Middle Ages, the artists said.
Paolini said they were baffled by the response, and insisted they themselves are religious: He has the word "Dios" — God



Associated Press

Pieces from the exhibit called "Barbie: The Plastic Religion," by Emiliano Paolini and Marianela Perelli, stand on a table Friday in the artists' workshop in Rosario, Argentina. The provocative art exhibit, which was to feature Barbie fashion dolls as religious figures such as the Virgin Mary and her boyfriend Ken as a crucified Jesus Christ, was canceled amid complaints and threats by angry believers, creators of the collection said Friday.

— tattooed on his hand, and she wears a necklace featuring the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. "We have a sanctuary in the kitchen that has more saints than the Vatican," Paolini said.

New documentary details Snowden leak

NEW YORK — With an uncommon view of history in action, a new documentary captures Edward Snowden's leak of NSA documents as it unfolded in a Hong Kong hotel room. Laura Poitras' highly anticipated documentary "Citizenfour" premiered Friday night at the New York Film Festival. The one-of-a-kind film presents a remarkably intimate portrait of Snowden, including his first meetings with the journalists with whom he shared thousands of documents revealing the previously undisclosed collection of Americans' phone and email records by the National Security Agency.

Initially communicating under the alias "citizenfour," Snowden reached out to Poitras, a hybrid journalist-documentarian, and Guardian reporter Glenn Greenwald. The film shows their very first meeting with Snowden and the days that followed as his revelations made international news. Snowden was charged with three felonies under the Espionage Act: unauthorized communication of national defense information, theft of government property and willful communication of classified communications intelligence to an unauthorized person. He is currently living in asylum in Russia. Members of Snowden's family attended the screening, which was received with an emotional standing ovation. His father, Lonnie Snowden, told the crowd: "The truth is coming and it cannot be stopped." "Citizenfour" will be released Oct. 24.

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2014. There are 80 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 12, 1964, the Soviet Union launched a Voskhod space capsule with a three-man crew on the first mission involving more than one crew member (the flight lasted just over 24 hours).
On this date: In 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas. In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Virginia, at age 63. In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens. In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people. In 1994, the Magellan space probe ended its four-year mapping mission of Venus, apparently plunging into the planet's atmosphere. In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen. In 2002, bombs blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.
Five years ago: A suicide car bombing near a market in northwestern Pakistan killed 41.
Today's Birthdays: Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 82. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 67. Actor Hugh Jackman is 46. Country musician Martie Maguire (Courtney Hounds, The Dixie Chicks) is 45. Actor Kirk Cameron is 44. Olympic gold medal skier Bode Miller is 37.
Thought for Today: "Everyone's quick to blame the alien." — Aeschylus, Greek poet and dramatist (524 B.C.?-456 B.C.?).

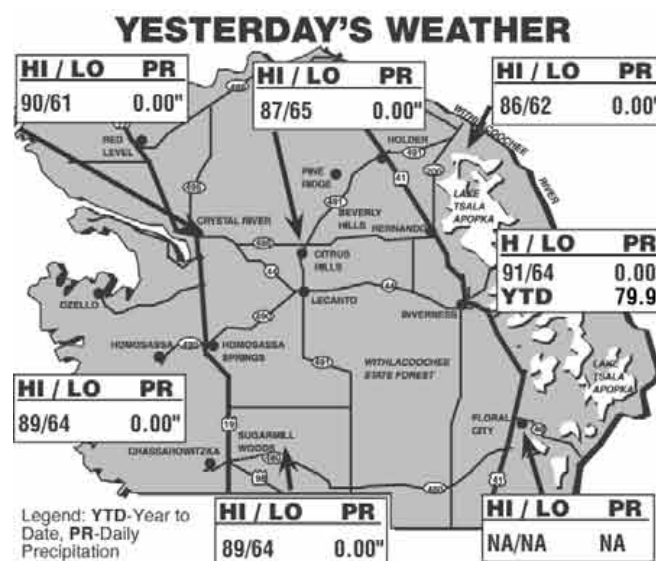


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THREE DAY OUTLOOK: TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING, MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING. Includes high/low temperatures and weather descriptions.

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SOLUNAR TABLES: DATE, DAY, MINOR MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR MAJOR (AFTERNOON).

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK: SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY.

BURN CONDITIONS: Today's Fire Danger Rating is: LOW. There is no burn ban.

WATERING RULES: Lawn watering limited to two days per week, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., as follows: EVEN addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday.

TIDES: \*From mouths of rivers, \*\*At King's Bay, \*\*\*At Mason's Creek. Includes a table for SUNDAY with City, High, Low.

FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY: Table with City, SAT, SUN, H, L, Pcp., H, L, Fcst. Includes cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, etc.

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**Rosa Bunker, 85**  
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**Obituaries**

**Russell Gifford**  
BEVERLY HILLS

**Joyce Sweeton, 80**  
HOMOSASSA

Mrs. Virginia E. Black, age 80 of Hernando, Florida, died Wednesday, September 24, 2014 in Lecanto, FL.

Mrs. Rosa Bunker, 85, of Homosassa, Florida, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, in Lecanto after a long battle with health issues, finally residing at The Hospice House of Nature Coast in Citrus County with her daughter by her side.

nurses' aide in Chastians of Lamar and lived on a small farm in Irwin, Missouri. Rosa later became the critical care assistant at Nevada City Hospital. Rosa's kindness was known by many.

Base of Japan; and Ashley Hummel Keenan of Chicago, Illinois. Rosa Bunker is also survived by two sons, Alfon's Georg Watzl and wife Hildegard of Germany with their three daughters and one son, Sabine Alexandra with her children, Anakin Finn Georg, and Samara Victoria Maria; Alfon's second daughter, Christine Watzl, and her son Tim of the home, of Germany; Alfon's third daughter, Lisa Barbara Watzl of the home and his son, Michael Watzl, of Germany. Rosa is survived by a second son, Carl James Bunker, Los Anglos, California. Rosa is also survived by two sisters and one brother, Anna Kargl Hohdorf and Charlotte Labermeier Jordan of Germany and Hans Labermeier of Germany.

Russell D. Gifford, Beverly Hills, Florida, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, at his residence.

Joyce L. Sweeton, 80, of Homosassa, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2014.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Suncoast Baptist Church, 5310 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, Florida.

**Eusemio Torres, 80**  
OCALA

Eusemio Sierra Torres, 80, of Ocala, Florida, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, at his home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and crematory in Lecanto, Florida. Services and interment will be in New Jersey.

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Virginia Black



Rosa Bunker

She was born June 4, 1934 in Woodside, NY, daughter of Richard and Kathleen (Ryan) McMurray. She was a homemaker and enjoyed arts & crafts, knitting, crocheting, bowling and dominoes. Mrs. Black was a member of Manatee Lanes Citrus Hills Bowling League.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Edward J. Black (2009). Survivors include 2 sons, Patrick Henry Black of Rocky Point, NY and Christopher Black of Citrus Springs, FL, sister, Geraldine Gerity of Holmdel, NJ and 2 grandsons, Daniel and Jason.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

She was born Nov. 28, 1928, in Alkofen, Germany, daughter of the late Josef and Anna (Gmeiwieser) Kargl. Rosa was predeceased by two brothers, Josef Kargl, died June 23, 1962, in an accident in Germany and Adolf Kargl, died Jan. 22 1962, in an accident also.

Rosa married Carl Mose Bunker of Nevada, Missouri, in Germany on July 24, 1956. Carl predeceased her on Feb. 22, 2007, and was in the Army as a communications specialist until he retired and moved back to Missouri. Rosa came to the United States on Sept. 28, 1956. Rosa taught herself English and soon had her citizenship and was an official American. She worked as a

Survivors include two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with the third being born any day now. Her daughters are Betty Jo Ann Bunker of Saco, Maine, with her son David Christopher Coy of Portland, Maine; Mary Lou Lee, wife of Joseph Lee of Homosassa and their two sons and daughter Jacob Mathew Lee and his son, Julian Alexander Lee, and unborn Lucas of Rota Air Force Base, Spain, Jeremiah James Lee, with his son, Logan Roderick of Air Force

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com or at BettyJo92857@gmail.com. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Hospice of Citrus County and the Nature Coast, Hospice House, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Arrangements are under the direction of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

**Morton Goodbread, 95**  
HOMOSASSA

Morton "Mr. Mort" H. Goodbread, 95, of Homosassa, Florida, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. Mausoleum Chapel Service at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, at Fero Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Fero Funeral Home,

**Helen Ridge, 82**  
LECANTO

Helen Sophie Ridge, 82, of Lecanto, Florida, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at her home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and crematory in Lecanto, Florida. Services and interment will be in New York.

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## Lois Hayes, 91

CARNEY'S POINT, N.J.

Lois E. Hayes went to her eternal reward on Oct. 3, 2014, in Carney's Point, New Jersey. She died at home under the loving care of her beloved niece, Donna McNee, family and hospice.

Lois was born Jan. 6, 1923, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to Thomas John Mosley and Anna Williams. After graduation from Central High School, she married the Rev. John Balliet who was an Assembly of God pastor in Dunmore and Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. In 1955, John became a Methodist minister. Together, Lois and John ministered to congregations in (Nixon) South Butler, Morningside, Wilkinsburg, Greenock and Mount Pleasant, all in Pennsylvania. Following John's death, Lois married the Rev. Parker Hayes, an Assembly of God minister. They were involved in church planting and ministry in Pennsylvania and Delaware until 1982 when they moved to Inverness, Florida. They continued to be active in church work in Florida at the First Assembly of God in Inverness and the First Assembly of God in Ocala and in the establishment of Christian Life Assembly in Ocala. Following Parker's death, Lois moved back to Carney's Point, New Jersey, to be near family. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Carneys Point, New Jersey.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; a

brother, Thomas Mosley; two sisters, Vivian Carew and Marion McNee; and one daughter, Dorothea Adams. She is survived by one brother, William (Bill) Mosley of Pennsylvania, New Jersey; and one sister, Katherine McAllister of Dallas, Texas; sons Thomas Balliet (Alice) of Kane, Pennsylvania, David Balliet (Sherry) of Greeley, Colorado, John Balliet of DuBois, Pennsylvania, Charles Hayes (Carolyn) of Inverness, Florida, Timothy Hayes (Joan) of Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, David Hayes of Rio Rico, Arizona, Douglas Hayes (Carol) of Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania; and one daughter, Beverly Fisher (Gary) of Thomasville, North Carolina; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

That family is requesting that instead of flowers, a memorial contribution be sent to the First Assembly of God, 380 Georgetown Road, Carneys Point, New Jersey 08069 and designated for the support of Carrie Baber, Lois Hayes' great-niece who is a missionary in Malaysia. Family and friends are invited to join in a service of remembrance at Christian Life Assembly, 9644 SW Highway 484, Ocala, FL 34481 at 5 p.m. Oct. 17, 2014. Interment will be at Fero Gardens in Beverly Hills, Florida. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org).

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## Stephan 'Bob' Sirak, 65

CRYSTAL RIVER

Stephan R. "Bob" Sirak, 65, of Crystal River, lost a 14-year battle with Agent Orange on Oct. 9, 2014, at home under the care of HPH Hospice and the Veterans Administration.



Stephan Sirak

Bob was the fifth of seven children born to Joe and Jeanette (Crum) Sirak in Coral Gables, Florida. Bob graduated from Coral Gables High, and was inducted into the U.S. Army on Feb. 13, 1969. He served in Vietnam from July 7, 1969, to July 6, 1970, and was discharged on Dec. 14, 1971. He was awarded the medals of National Defense Service Medal, Rifle-Expert, Vietnam Service Medal with 1BSS, Republic Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, and Good Conduct Medal. Go Army!

Bob was larger than life, and wore many hats. He was Bob the Bug Man, Steve the import/export exotic animal expert, a one-man humane society, having rescued many dogs and cats, girls soccer coach, Little League sponsor, and Pee-Wee football coach for kids 9 and younger. His pride was his family and his gardens, and total love and faith in Jesus Christ, and his barbecue. Sirak Fests were his passion, as was his joy of

laughter and good eats. He was proud of his Life Time membership in the American Legion as well as his membership and support of his brothers and sisters at St. Timothy.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 37 years, Gail. Also sister JoAnne Daniel and family; brothers Jim and Sherri Sirak and family, Tom and Cheryl Sirak and family, Pete Sirak and his beloved cats. His love of life and beautiful heart will be carried on by his "children," James Sirak and family, Jeanne Sirak and family, Kenny Henderson and family and the Vizza children. He did make the world a better place by being the loving mentor and "Grand Bob" to Samantha Sirak, Chelsea Knauff, Jeffrey Knauff and Ari Goff.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Sirak and Jeanette Crum Sirak Perry; his brother Joe Jr.; his brother-in-law Richard Daniel; beloved sister and brother-in-law Sandra and Don Vizza; and his

cherished partner in crime, Buddy the lab.

Funeral service with Military Honors will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, with light lunch to follow. St. Timothy Lutheran Church 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, Florida.

Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

## Donald Solensky, 78

CRYSTAL RIVER

Donald Solensky, 78, of Crystal River, Florida, passed away Oct. 6, 2014, at the Hospice House in Lecanto, Florida.

He was born Oct. 8, 1935, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, to Stephen and Elsie (Horza) Solensky. Donald moved to Citrus County 42 years ago from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was the founder of Don's Plumbing serving Citrus and Levy counties; in addition, he

was retired from the Erie Lackawana Railroad after 18 years of service.

In addition to his parents and sisters, Don was preceded in death by his daughter, Dawn.

He is survived by three children, Darlene Gilhousen, Denise Scott and Donald Solensky; two grandchildren, Danielle Jack and Austin Schowe; and his companion Diane Goss.

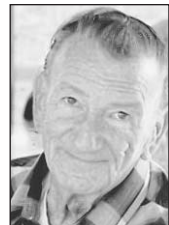
Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Florida.

Family will be holding a celebration of life at a later date.

As Don would say, "Look at all the fun we had."

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Donald Solensky

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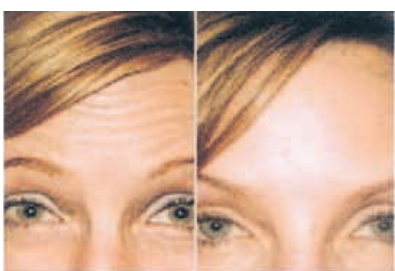
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# Hundreds attend 'Baby Doc' Duvalier's funeral in Haiti

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Hundreds of people attended the funeral of former dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier on Saturday, displaying lingering respect for a man who was widely reviled for repression and corruption during his 15 years in power.

Mourners paused to pay their respects in front of Duvalier's coffin draped with Haiti's red-and-blue flag before greeting his partner Veronique Roy, his ex-wife Michele Bennett and their two children.

Members of Haiti's elite and former officials of Duvalier's regime arrived in luxury SUVs, joining more humble citizens in ill-fitting suits, and quickly filled the chapel on the grounds of the Saint-Louis de Gonzague school in the Delmas district of Port-au-Prince. Representatives for President Michel Martelly and Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe attended, as did former President Boniface Alexandre. Lamothe was out of the country, while Martelly, whose administration is considered to be close to Duvalier, was in Haiti but did not attend the funeral.

After the service ended, former members of the military under Du-

valier's regime carried his coffin from the chapel while a crowd chanted "Long live Duvalier! He's not dead!"

Jean Ronald Lerison, 20, said he attended the service at the request of his ailing father.

"He asked me to come, to pay respects to Jean-Claude Duvalier," Lerison said, adding that his father had told him that crime was rare under Duvalier's regime and that people could sleep with their doors unlocked.

Many had wondered whether the self-proclaimed "president for life" would receive a state funeral following his death last Saturday from a heart attack at age 63, but Duvalier's attorney announced late this week that friends and family would arrange a simple and private funeral.

Duvalier became president in 1971 at age 19 when his father, dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, died from a sudden illness. "Baby Doc" presided over a regime widely acknowledged as brutal and corrupt until he was ousted by a popular uprising in 1986. As many as 30,000 Haitians were killed, many by execution, under the regime of the two Duvaliers, according to the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

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## Marguerite Walter, 72

INVERNESS

Marguerite Pullen Walter, 72, peacefully passed away Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, with her family by her side.



Marguerite Walter

Born June 17, 1942, in Allentown, New Jersey, to Byron "Bud" and Marguerite Flock, "Rita" was very active in the Allentown High School Marching Band as a fire-twirling majorette. In fact, it was at one of the football games where she met her future husband, Robert "Bob" Pullen Sr. The two were married in June of 1960 and had two children, Robin (Michael) Crocker of Redondo Beach, California, and Robert, and his partner Luke Frazier, of Washington, D.C. She also has two grandchildren, Benjamin and Joshua Crocker.

When Bob died in 1999, Rita relocated to Inverness, Florida, and later remarried Kenneth Walter, who was a loving and compassionate partner throughout their 12 years of marriage.

Rita was predeceased by her parents, siblings, Byron Flock and Betty Lou Johnson, and many family members and friends. She

is survived by her brother, Jeff Flock of Chicago, as well many brothers and sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her best friends, and the godparents of her children, Frank and Patricia Pullen.

A celebration of life will be held in November at the Victory Baptist Church of Inverness, Florida. As Rita was an avid lover of music and the arts, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a scholarship being created in her name, details forthcoming in connection with Allentown High School. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, Florida, is in charge of arrangements.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

## Sandra White, 76

Sandra Weaver White, 76, passed away Oct. 8, 2014, under the loving care of HPH Hospice House in Lecanto and her family and friends.



Sandra White

Sandy is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Larry White; her beloved dog Peanut; daughter Suzanne Dugger; daughter Debbie Rumpf and son-in-law Jeff; son L.J. White and daughter-in-law Mary; and grandchildren James White, Justin Rumpf, Dakota Dugger, Tyler Rumpf, Cheyann Dugger, Noelle White and Nathen White.

Sandy was avidly involved in The American Legion. She had over 33 years of service with The American Legion Auxiliary. She held the positions of president of auxiliary for Unit 155 and other levels of officers at the local level. On the state level, she held the positions of 4th District president, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida, first lady of the American Legion Department of Florida (Queen Bee), American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida poppy chairman, department president's personal page (Guido), American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Florida. Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until service at 7 on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, at Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sandy's memory can be made to HPH Hospice, 2939 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461 or the Department Commander's Breast Cancer Fund c/o The American Legion Department of Florida, 1912A Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810.

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# Global finance leaders pledge bold efforts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — World financial leaders on Saturday promised “bold and ambitious” action to boost a global recovery that has shown recent disturbing signs of weakness.

That pledge from the International Monetary Fund’s policy-setting committee comes after a week of stomach-churning swings in the financial markets triggered by growing fears that parts of Europe could be in danger of slipping into another recession.

The 188-nation IMF called increasing economic growth an “utmost priority” and pledged to make the necessary structural changes that would stimulate greater growth. However, fi-

nance leaders have made similar promises in the past, only to fall short when trying to follow through.

The commitments came in a closing statement from the IMF’s steering committee at the fall meeting of the IMF and World Bank.

Officials also endorsed the IMF’s efforts to support three West African countries battling the Ebola crisis.

Managing Director Christine Lagarde said at a news conference that the IMF has made \$130 million available to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and that the IMF and other international agencies stood ready to do more.

“If more is needed, it will be there,” Lagarde said.

In addition to the \$130 million in interest-free loans being provided by the IMF, the World Bank is providing \$400 million for the Ebola efforts.

In its closing statement, the World Bank policy committee said that “swift and coordinated action and financial support are critical to contain” the Ebola crisis.

World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said that a Thursday meeting sponsored by the bank to highlight the funding needs was useful, but he stressed that the situation remained critical. “We call on all countries that are watching. If you have any sense that you want to help with this epidemic, do it now,” Kim told reporters at a closing news conference.

International relief agencies stressed that time was critical.

“The speed and amount of governments’ pledges will make the difference between Ebola containment or pandemic,” said Nicolas Mombrial, an official with Oxfam.

The IMF and World Bank meetings were preceded by talks among finance ministers and central bank presidents of the Group of 20 nations, which comprise 85 percent of the global economy. Those discussions focused on the recent growth slowdown and troubling signs that some countries in Europe could be close to another recession.

In a comment clearly aimed at Germany, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told finance ministers that European countries

with “external surpluses and fiscal flexibility” needed to do more to address weakness in demand that was holding back growth.

Germany, Europe’s largest economy, ran a large trade surplus last year.

Lew also called on China, now the world’s second-largest economy, and Japan, No. 3, to make the necessary policy adjustments to increase their own growth.

A string of weak reports on economic activity in Germany, the largest economy in Europe, jolted financial markets this past week.

U.S. stocks ended their worst week since May 2012, and the market turbulence served as a backdrop for the finance meetings.

## KOLLER

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federal government.

“I don’t expect this to be an easy task,” he said. “That’s not a reason not to try.”

Koller said people want Congress to deliver a job bill that boosts employment. They want a higher minimum wage. Military veterans, he said, don’t get services that Nugent says he can deliver.

“I don’t believe there’s a true representative there,” he said. “There’s a lot of lip service.”

Koller said he would propose a “decompres-

sion boot camp” for returning soldiers to help ease them back into the work place.

“It’s a boot camp to become civilian again,” he said. “It’s about being proactive rather than reactive.”

Koller says Congress keeps reinventing the same problems with the same unworkable solutions.

“These are not new problems. We’re not facing anything new,” he said. “It’s all politics.”

On the military’s role in Syria, Koller said Congress should have a say.

“There’s a role for us to play. We should be strengthening a coalition

over there,” he said. “I don’t think we should go into Syria without congressional approval. It’s not a single man’s decision.”

On issues specific to Citrus County, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s protection of manatees or use of Three Sisters Springs, Koller admitted he wasn’t up to speed.

“I’m not as well versed as I’d like to be,” he said.

If elected, he promised to listen to people’s concerns.

“I wish to be a statesman,” he said, “more than a politician.”

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## NUGENT

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House. His opponent is Dave Koller, an Ocala Democrat.

Nugent, who was taken back by the partisan bickering when he first arrived in Washington, said he’s learned the value of broad support.

He said he sponsored a mental-health spending bill with U.S. Sen. Al Franken, a Minnesota Democrat known for his liberal leanings.

And he believes bipartisan support is needed to solve the nation’s biggest issues, from keeping Social Security solvent to

fighting terrorists in Syria.

Nugent also sees issues closer to home.

He says he’s working to find easier health care access for veterans.

Nugent said he’s finding answers from military vets themselves.

“We’ve really been reaching out, asking what are the problems?” Nugent said.

Nugent said he’d like to see Congress allocate money for rural communities to attract and keep VA doctors.

“A lot of rural communities are in the same position,” he said.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, he said, has the funding to open clinics and bring in doctors, but

its bureaucracy keeps that from happening.

“We need a real good audit of the VA to determine strengths and weaknesses,” he said. “Most of the weaknesses are on the administrative side.”

Closer to home, Nugent urges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consider views of Citrus County residents before enacting rules for manatee protection or the use of Three Sisters Springs.

“My job is to get the federal government to listen to people and talk to the stakeholders,” he said.

“You can’t just come up with rules and ignore everybody who has a stake in it.”

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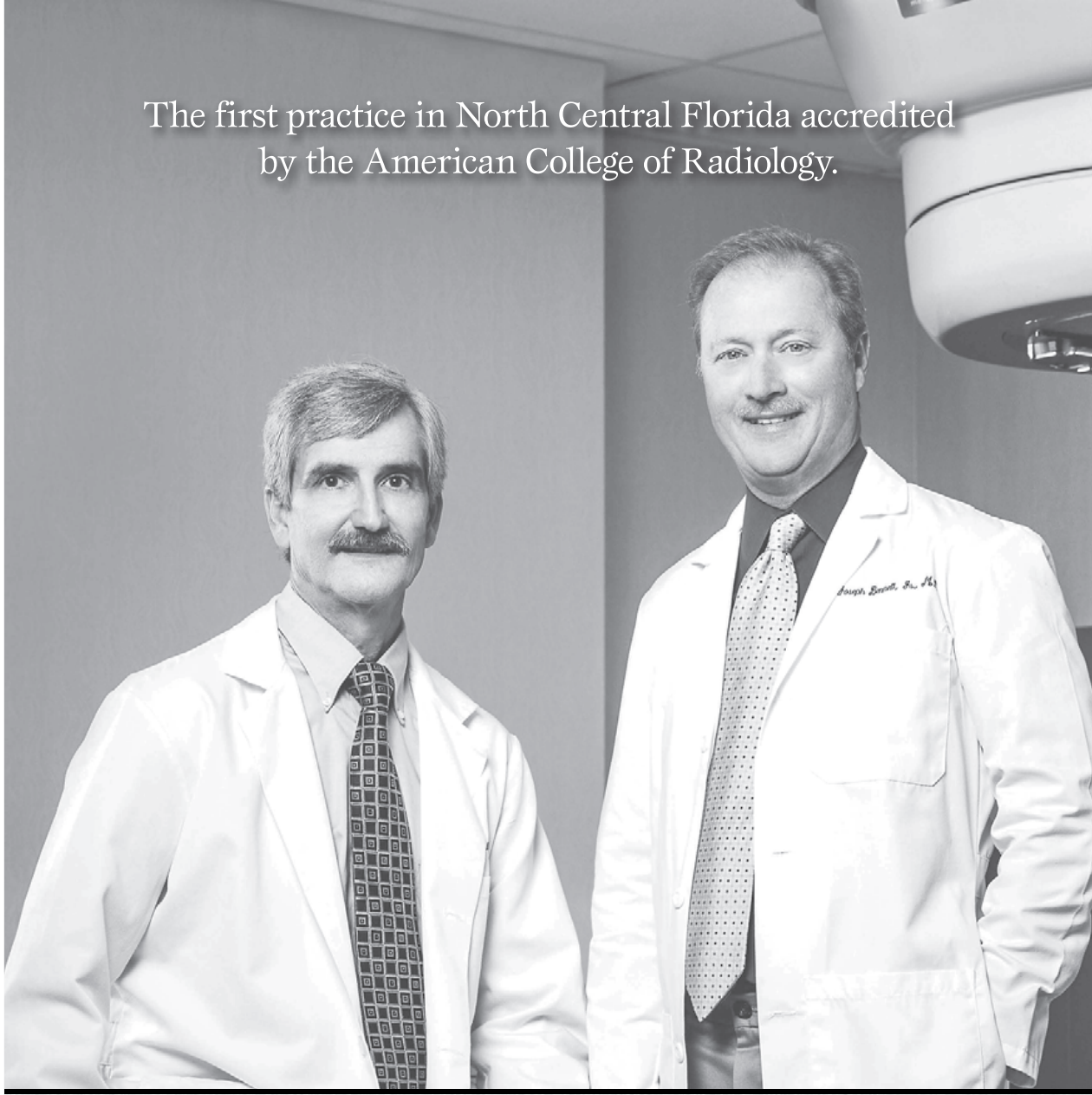
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# Ebola screening measures rest on federal law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's authority to screen airline passengers for potential Ebola exposure and order them quarantined if necessary is far-reaching and rooted in the Constitution and federal law, public health experts say.

Temperature checks of passengers arriving from three West African countries experiencing the Ebola outbreak, along with other screening measures, will begin Saturday at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and expand over the next week to four other major American airports.

The measures may seem intrusive, but are legally permissible because of the government's broad authority in matters of public health and border control, experts say.

"It's really not different in kind to security screenings you have to go through at the airport," said Michael Dorf, a Cor-

nell University constitutional law professor. "If somebody doesn't like being screened for weapons and they sue, they're going to lose."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cite as legal authority the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, under which the government regulates trade with foreign countries. The 1944 Public Health Service Act also allows the federal government to take action to prevent communicable diseases such as Ebola from spreading into the country and between states.

"One can argue whether the Obama administration waited too long, but I think it would be irresponsible for the administration not to use its legal authority to protect the health of the public," said Peter Jacobson, a University of Michigan professor of health law and policy. "Otherwise, why bother?"

Beyond the airport precautions, the government has wide-ranging authority to order

people into isolation or quarantine when necessary, as happened with several individuals who shared an apartment in Texas with Thomas Eric Duncan, the only person to die from the disease in the U.S.

The Constitution affords state governments "inspection" powers, and a significant 1824 U.S. Supreme Court opinion, *Gibbons v. Ogden*, specifically references state authority to enact quarantine laws. In addition, states have public health codes that grant authority to issue quarantine or isolation orders, though specifics vary, and governors typically have the ability to declare a public health emergency in the event of, for instance, a bioterrorism attack, Jacobson said.

The CDC has said it issues a few isolation orders a year — which separates sick people from those who aren't ill — and usually for individuals arriving from other countries with infectious tuberculosis. A federal

quarantine, which separates people exposed to a communicable disease but who aren't showing symptoms, is very rarely used.

"There's very little in the way of strong limits" against issuing the orders, except for the advice and best judgment of government public health experts, said Wendy Mariner, a Boston University health law professor.

"When we're thinking of these issues, we use them as a prevention measure of last resort," Mariner said. "And that's because they would only be useful in a situation where there is a very dreadful disease that is very easily transmitted and for which we have no vaccine or treatment."

A U.S. citizen who presents a heightened risk of disease upon arrival in the United States has a legal right to re-enter the country and be safely quarantined, said Lawrence Gostin, a public health law expert at Georgetown University. That same guarantee

would not apply to non-U.S. citizens, but as a practical matter, giving them immediate care might be safer than turning them away and putting them on a plane back home.

Still, there's no question that the airport screening taps into a broader debate about balancing the government's authority to protect public health against the obligation to uphold civil liberties — especially if the measures were made more intrusive, such as drawing blood. Those issues do surface occasionally in the courts, as in a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year that said police usually must try to obtain a search warrant before ordering blood tests for drunken-driving suspects.

Jacobson, at the University of Michigan, said that though he believed the screening measures were justified, it was imperative that U.S. citizens maintain the right to challenge quarantine or isolation orders in court.

## EBOLA

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Customs officials say about 150 people travel daily from or through Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea to the United States, and nearly 95 percent of them land first at one of the five airports.

Passengers arriving at Kennedy said the process of taking people aside for screening was orderly.

"They asked us a few questions, if we had been sick in the past few days," said 14-year-old Johnson Nelon, who flew from

Liberia with his 17-year-old brother.

One man said his temperature was taken even though his country, Niger, does not have an Ebola outbreak. "They checked everything and everything was fine," Moussa Halidou said.

Public health workers use no-touch thermometers to take the temperatures of the travelers from the three Ebola-ravaged countries; those who have a fever will be interviewed to determine whether they may have had contact with someone infected with Ebola.

There are quarantine

areas at each of the five airports that can be used if necessary.

There are no direct flights to the U.S. from the three countries, but Homeland Security officials said last week they can track passengers back to where their trips began, even if they make several stops. Airlines from Morocco, France and Belgium are still flying in and out of West Africa.

A traveler from Nigeria, which has been lauded for its successful effort to contain Ebola, said she was screened twice in her native country: once in Lagos and again in the capital,

Abuja, where she had a connecting flight.

"Nobody's panicking in Nigeria right now," the woman, Nonye Ike, said. "Everybody that has any fever or something, you'll just be isolated. I'm so grateful."

President Barack Obama has said the new screening measures are "really just belt and suspenders" to support protections already in place. Border Patrol agents already look for people who are obviously ill, as do flight crews.

Health officials expect false alarms from travelers who have fever from other

illnesses. Ebola isn't contagious until symptoms begin, and it spreads through direct contact with the bodily fluids of patients.

Cetron said more than 36,000 travelers leaving West Africa have been screened for Ebola in the last two months and none was infected with Ebola.

The extra screening at U.S. airports probably wouldn't have identified Thomas Eric Duncan when he arrived from Liberia last month because he had no symptoms while traveling. Duncan, the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the

U.S., died Wednesday in Dallas.

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# Glass moving off recycling list

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
Staff writer

Glass may be heading out of the recycling bin and back into the landfill.

William Ray, vice president and co-owner of Single Stream Processing Inc., or SSP, said the commodity for glass has all but disappeared.

"I can't give it away," he said. He's also had workers' compensation issues with employees who, though they wear protective gloves, are cut from shards of glass while separating materials.

SSP and the county had an arrangement for the company to provide fine crushed glass to use as road bed material within the

lined areas of the landfill to avoid heavy equipment getting stuck in mud.

However, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection told county officials it wouldn't consider the use of crushed glass toward the 75 percent recycling goal, according to a memo Stephens sent Brock on Thursday. Still, glass is on the

list of materials the state wants recycled.

Ray said he and Stephens agreed to make a joint announcement this month to ban glass from recycling bins.

Ray sent a notice in September to the city of Crystal River, where FDS has the hauling contract, saying that the recycling trucks would no longer

pick up glass after Oct. 1. He rescinded that notice and now is saying the ban will take effect in January.

County officials say they haven't decided yet what to do about glass.

"FDS jumped the gun a little bit," county spokeswoman Tobey Phillips said. "There is no timeline."

## RECYCLER

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in just six years.

So Ray has an idea. He's suggesting that SSP and the Citrus County government form a public-private partnership to expand recycling, which in turn will help meet the recycle goal and at the same time extend the life of the landfill.

"We want to keep this thing alive and we need their support," Ray said.

Ray hasn't given the county any formal proposal and he is meeting this week with acting County Administrator Jeff Rogers to discuss the idea.

However, based on county emails, SSP is proposing the county buy the equipment it needs to expand recycling services. Based on some estimates, the cost of those upgrades could go as high as \$2 million to \$3 million.

Ray said nothing yet is on the table.

"What we have to offer are ideas for a public-private partnership," he said.

Commissioner Scott Adams, who co-owns a garbage hauling business that competes with FDS, said he doesn't think partnering with Ray's company is a good deal for county residents.

"Sounds like a bailout to me," he said.

Ray said that isn't the case. "We're not looking for a handout," he said.

### County: SSP losing money

FDS, the county landfill's biggest customer, started Single-Stream Processing Inc. in September 2009. Of its 35,000 customers, 16,000 are using the SSP recycling services, including residents and businesses in the city of Crystal River.

SSP also accepts recycling materials brought from other haulers, including Waste Pro Inc., which has the county contract to service the 16 drop-off recycling sites throughout the county.

Ray said he invested more than \$5 million into the facility. But much of the equipment, he said, was already old when he bought it.

"We started small, dealing with a small amount of volume," he said. "We've outgrown the equipment that we have."

According to county emails, SSP government affairs director Randy Messer

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  - Newsprint
  - Telephone books
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- Glass bottles and jars of any type.
  - Plastic bags and bubblewrap.
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  - Food waste

met with county solid waste director Casey Stephens in August and presented a request that included a \$256,000 bailer that the company had already purchased but was hoping for county reimbursement.

Stephens, in an email to acting public works director Larry Brock, said SSP was eager to work out an arrangement with the county.

"... SSP Single Stream Processors has been lobbying for some county help with respect to their recycling business," Stephens wrote. "According to sources with SSP, they have been in operation for 43 months and have not turned a profit in any month."

In a separate email, Stephens told Brock that SSP was looking for the county to purchase various pieces of equipment, including sorting screens, front-end loader and two

forklifts. It suggested the county buy 2 acres of adjacent land for expansion, and purchase 45,000 65-gallon curbside recycling carts.

In return, the landfill's life would be extended because less garbage is being deposited in it. Plus,

expanding recycling would help the county reach the state 75 percent recycling goal by 2020.

Ray said both objectives are advantageous to the county.

He said since SSP began operating, 15,723 tons of garbage have been diverted from the landfill to recycling. About 13 tons of material a month is recycled through his facility, he said.

Market prices have dropped. Plastic bottles go for about \$300 a ton. "It used to be in the thousands," Ray said.

Fiber materials in paper, cardboard and cartons make up 40 percent of his materials. When SSP first started operating, it received \$125 a ton for fiber. Now it's \$60 a ton, Ray said.

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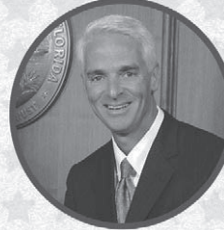



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Joe Meek said he wants to hear details of Ray's proposal, but he won't support something unless there's an obvious return to the county.

"We should always be open to new ideas," Meek said.

Ray said he's only offering the county an option.

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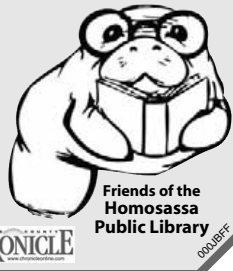
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# Beyond marriage, other gay-rights challenges loom

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even as they celebrate epic victories in the push for marriage equality, gay-rights activists acknowledge that other difficult issues remain on their agenda. There's the persistent high rate of HIV infections, the struggles to expand transgender rights, and the striking fact that even in some states allowing same-sex marriage, people can lose their job for being gay.

For many activists, the top priority after marriage is federal legislation that would outlaw a broad range of discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people. There's no such federal law now, and more than half the states do not ban discrimination by employers or public accommodations based on sexual orientation.

"There's absolutely no good reason — if you can get married — why you should be denied a hotel room or a job," said Fred Sainz, a vice president of the Human Rights Campaign. "There will be a fair number of states where you can get married and be fired the same day for having gotten married."

Anti-LGBT discrimination is among several issues likely to gain more attention following the Supreme Court's Oct. 6 decision to turn away appeals by five states seeking to preserve their bans on same-sex marriage. The number of gay-marriage states — previously 19 — is expected to nearly double soon, and continue growing toward what many

Americans now assume is inevitable expansion to all 50 states.

As a whole, the LGBT population is elated by the expansion of gay marriage. Yet according to a 2013 Pew Research Center survey, about 40 percent of LGBT adults aren't interested in getting married, compared to 24 percent of the general public. And nearly 40 percent of the LGBT respondents said the marriage issue had drawn too much attention away from other concerns.

A look at some of the challenges that remain:

### HIV/AIDS

While marriage developments have kindled joy in the gay community, news regarding HIV and AIDS is sobering.

According to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, gay and bisexual men, who represent about 2 percent of the U.S. population, accounted for 62 percent of new HIV infections. Each year, about 50,000 new infections are tallied.

A CDC report last month said only about half of gay and bisexual men diagnosed with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, received continuing treatment for the virus.

Many AIDS activists and health professionals hope the infection rate can be slashed through wider use of Truvada, a drug that has proven effective in protecting uninfected men who engage in gay sex. The CDC has endorsed the preventive use of Truvada; so have many big-city health departments.

Progress has been slow, said Scott Schoettes, HIV

Project director for the LGBT-rights group Lambda Legal. He said health care providers refuse to prescribe Truvada even when a patient requests it.

"It's a misplaced perception that anyone who wants it must be promiscuous and taking risks that they shouldn't be taking," Schoettes said.

A few vocal critics — notably the Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation — argue that preventive use of Truvada is misguided. In an ad campaign launched in August, the foundation says many gay men fail to adhere to Truvada's once-a-day regimen and described government promotion of the drug as "a public health disaster in the making."

### NON-DISCRIMINATION

For all their advances, activists remain deeply frustrated by the lack of federal legislation barring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

A long-sought bill called

the Employment Non-Discrimination Act finally passed the Senate last November, with 10 Republicans joining majority Democrats in a 64-32 vote. But GOP leaders in the House have not taken up the measure.

Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., has been trying to orchestrate a "discharge petition" that would force the bill to the floor for a vote. It would need nearly 20 GOP votes as well as solid Democratic backing.

"We should have a federal statute," said Polis, who is gay. "You shouldn't be able to be fired based on who you love."

Gay-rights groups are looking ahead to the next session of Congress. Sainz of the Human Rights Campaign said there will be an aggressive push for a comprehensive LGBT civil rights bill that would seek anti-bias protections even beyond the workplace — in realms such as housing and access to credit.

Outside of Congress, activists will keep pressing

for state and local anti-bias laws. Only 21 states have employment non-discrimination laws that cover sexual orientation; 18 also cover gender identity.

### TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Transgender-rights activists view their own array of causes in a good-news, bad-news context.

There's relief over some recent legal victories for people who lost jobs because they were transgender. And there's encouragement over the positive portrayals of transgender characters on TV shows such as "Orange is the New Black" and "Transparent."

"There's definitely more visibility than ever, and that's wonderful," said Masen Davis, executive director of the California-based Transgender Law Center. "But a minority of Americans know a transgender person, and that makes us somewhat vulnerable."

Davis said negative stereotypes are still widespread, and violence

persists — notably attacks on black and Hispanic transgender women. Another problem, he said, is that many transgender people have difficulty getting needed health care.

Among the groups expanding work on transgender issues is the National Center for Lesbian Rights. It has represented many transgender students who felt their rights were infringed at school, and is promoting transgender-inclusive policies for student athletes.

Shannon Minter, the center's legal director, said the "breathtaking progress" on marriage equality shouldn't weaken the broader drive for LGBT rights.

"Every day, LGBT people are fired from their jobs, kicked out of families, and stigmatized in their communities," Minter said. "Our future work must assure that every LGBT person, no matter who they are or where they live, enjoys equality, dignity and justice."

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# Pig farms rebound from virus; meat prices may drop

**DAVID PITT**  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A virus that killed millions of baby pigs in the last year and led to higher pork prices has waned thanks to warmer weather and farmers' efforts to sterilize their operations. And as pigs' numbers increase, sticker shock on things like bacon should ease.

Already, hog supplies are on the rise, with 5.46 million baby pigs born between June and August in Iowa, the nation's leading producer — the highest quarterly total in 20 years and a record 10.7 surviving pigs per litter, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

It's a significant turnaround from a year ago when the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus was wiping out entire litters. Since the virus first showed up, the federal government rushed to give conditional approval for a vaccine and those in the industry began taking precautions, such as disinfecting trucks, equipment and clothing.

"We've gotten better at managing biosecurity and establishing health protocols," said Greg Lear, a producer near Spencer, Iowa, who lost more than 800 baby pigs last December. "I



Associated Press

A group of young pigs stare out of a pen Jan. 4, 2005, at a hog farm in central North Dakota. A virus that killed millions of baby pigs in the last year and led to higher pork prices has waned.

think Mother Nature helped us with sunshine. It doesn't like sunshine and warmer temperatures."

It's clear the industry is managing the virus, but it's far from eradicated. Two new cases were confirmed by South Dakota veterinary officials in the past

week, bringing the state's total to 38 farms. And there's reason to be cautiously optimistic, Lear said, as the virus thrives in colder, wetter environments like those found in fall and winter.

"I'm very fearful in my mind what's coming with winter again," Lear said.

As baby pigs died across the country, pork supplies dropped and prices rose, setting a monthly average retail record of \$4.20 per pound the week of Aug. 14 — an 11 percent increase over the \$3.76 per pound a year earlier, the USDA said.

Consumers didn't seem to be

scared by the high prices, either, as demand dropped only about 3 percent in the most recent quarter compared with a year ago, the USDA said.

"We've been talking for some time about consumers starting to push back and we have seen that in certain degrees but not maybe what we had expected," said Lee Schulz, a livestock economist and assistant professor at Iowa State University. "From a pure price standpoint, it's a bit surprising that we've seen such robust demand."

This year's anticipated record-breaking corn and soybean harvests are playing a role in increased producer profits as well, because of a drop in the cost of feed.

U.S. producers will end 2014 with an average profit of about \$60 per animal, by far the best year ever, Purdue University agricultural professor Chris Hurt said. Over the past 25 years, average profits have been \$10.50 per animal, Hurt said.

Producers are hoping to cash in by raising more hogs. Missouri reported 40,000 more sows, Iowa added 30,000, and Texas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana and Oklahoma each added thousands, the USDA said in a Sept. 29 report.

# As Mexico cracks down, drug money comes to US

Associated Press

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — For a company that booked \$12 million in annual sales importing snacks like chile- and lime-flavored chips from Mexico, Baja Distributors Inc.'s offices were oddly quiet. There were no signs outside. Its small warehouse was almost empty. Phones went unanswered.

Investigators say there was a reason for the anonymity: The business was laundering money from Mexican drug traffickers. Baja Distributors, whose executives denied laundering drug money, brought more than \$17 million from Mexico in 18 months.

U.S. front companies for cartels aren't new, but U.S.

officials say they took a more prominent role after Mexico capped dollar deposits in cash at \$7,000 a month for businesses in 2010, later raised to \$14,000. As a result, they say, cartels sought companies to deposit money in American banks and wire it back in pesos under the guise of international trade.

San Diego, the largest American city on Mexico's border, became a magnet for cash coming to the country from Mexico, according to an Associated Press analysis of customs declarations since 2009.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto lifted the restrictions last month, saying the anti-money laundering measure harmed honest businesses.

The move sparked concern among some U.S. officials that cartels may go back to walking into Mexican banks to deposit sacks of drug-tainted dollars.

"If one day you have a restriction and the next day that restriction no longer exists, one would think logically that it now becomes easier," said Joseph Burke, head of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's National Bulk Cash Smuggling Center.

Pena Nieto's move came two days after U.S. agents raided businesses in downtown Los Angeles' fashion district that were suspected of funneling drug money to Mexico and seized \$70 million in cash.

Drivers have always stuffed trunks with cash

from drug sales in the U.S. and gone to Mexico undetected. That's never changed but, with Mexican banks out of the picture in 2010, cartels needed other ways to convert profits to pesos to fund their operations and luxurious lifestyles.

Couriers brought dollars back to the U.S. and often declared them to customs officials, as required for any amount of \$10,000 or above, U.S. officials say. The Treasury Department imposed additional reporting requirements on armored car services at San Diego border crossings in August, calling it a response to Mexico's regulations.

U.S. border inspectors have little power to stop cash, and money launder-

ing charges are difficult to prosecute, which leads some to believe the scheme will continue even without Mexico's restrictions. Investigators say bringing money back and forth across the border makes it more difficult for either country to track.

There was \$3.73 billion declared at U.S. ports of entry from Mexico last year, up from \$3.15 billion in 2009, the year before Mexican regulations took effect, according to the AP's analysis of customs declarations. Declared money from Mexico totaled \$3.96 billion during the first eight months of this year.

At San Diego's Otay Mesa border crossing, declared cash soared from \$10.6 million in 2009 to

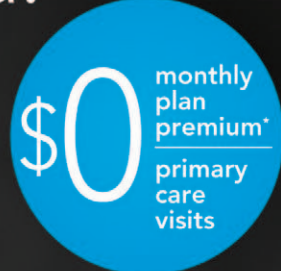
\$1.17 billion in 2011 and \$1.78 billion last year.

It's unknown how much of that was legitimate trade, but the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control reported last year that couriers were bringing a "significant" amount of drug dollars to the U.S. through land crossings with Mexico.

In Calexico, a border city east of San Diego, couriers came from Mexico with sacks of dollars after Mexico's regulations took effect, some on scooters, said Vince Piano, a Phoenix police lieutenant and executive director of the Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance, a group of law enforcement officials.

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Associated Press

**This photo provided by the Berlin and Coös County Historical Society shows the Nansen Ski Jump in Milan, N.H. The legendary jump for decades lured some of the biggest names in jumping and was host to Olympic tryouts, World Cup competitions and four national championships before its last competition in 1985. Now members of the Nansen Ski Club, local historians and the state Department of Resources and Economic Development are hoping to revive the dilapidated jump and make it a tourist attraction.**

**Second day of protests take shape**

ST. LOUIS — More than 1,000 people gathered Saturday for a second day of organized rallies to protest Michael Brown's death and other fatal police shootings in the St. Louis area and elsewhere.

Marchers started assembling in the morning hours in downtown St. Louis, where later in the day the Cardinals were set to host the San Francisco Giants in the first game of the National League Championship Series.

The crowd was larger than the ones seen at Friday's protests. The main focus of the march, scheduled to wind through downtown streets for several hours, was on the recent police shootings.

The four-day event called Ferguson October began Friday afternoon with a march outside the St. Louis County prosecutor's office in Clayton and renewed calls for prosecutor Bob McCulloch to charge Darren Wilson, a white Ferguson officer, in the Aug. 9 death of 18-year-old Brown.

**Spiders force family from upscale home**

WELDON SPRING, Mo. — A family was driven from their suburban St. Louis home by thousands of venomous spiders that fell from the ceiling and oozed from the walls.

Brian and Susan Trost bought the \$450,000 home overlooking two golf holes at Whitmoor Country Club in Weldon Spring in October 2007 and soon afterward started seeing brown recluse spiders everywhere. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported.

The couple filed a claim in 2008 with their insurance company, State Farm, and a lawsuit against the home's previous owners for not disclosing the problem.

At a civil trial in St. Charles County in October 2011, University of Kansas biology professor Jamel Sandidge estimated there were between 4,500 and 6,000 spiders in the home.

The jury awarded the couple slightly more than \$472,000, but the former owners declared bankruptcy, the insurance company still didn't pay and the couple moved out two years ago.

The home, now owned by the Federal National Mortgage Association, was covered with nine tarps this week and workers filled it with a gas that permeated the walls to kill the spiders and their eggs.

"There'll be nothing alive in there after this," said Tim McCarthy, president of the company hired to fix the problem.

—From wire reports

# Americans for Prosperity builds political machine

Associated Press

MIAMI — Over scrambled eggs and croquettes, Andres Malave gave a last-minute pep talk to about a dozen volunteers in a Cuban restaurant before they left to meet voters.

"Don't just deliver a message," he said before beginning his own 3 1/2-hour shift knocking on doors. "Try to get them engaged."

It's a strategy playing out in New England diners, Midwest truck stops and West Coast cafes: conservative organizers train and send out thousands of volunteers holding an iPad and an interest in helping fellow activists shift America's politics to the right.

They are the backbone of Americans for Prosperity, the flagship organization of the political network backed by industrialist billionaires Charles and David Koch. While the group's

spending in Senate races has attracted national attention, it's these less noticed field efforts that could have greater impact and help reshape the Republican Party heading into the 2016 presidential election.

The organization has more than 500 paid workers in 35 states and has become one of the conservative movement's best organized, most powerful outside groups. Building on the community-based approach President Barack Obama used successfully in 2008 and 2012, it now has a political footprint unmatched among GOP-affiliated operations and is racking up legislative victories.

The group scuttled efforts to raise taxes to build a downtown campus for the well-regarded zoo in Columbus, Ohio, and derailed plans in Florida's Legislature to subsidize



Associated Press

**Andres Malave walks the street of a west Miami neighborhood on Aug. 12. He started the day huddled with about a dozen volunteers in a Cuban restaurant, offering them a last-minute pep talk before they went out to meet with voters. It's a strategy playing out in New England diners, Midwest truck stops and West Coast cafes.**

improvements to the Miami Dolphins' football stadium. It helped fend off a recall effort against Gov. Scott Walker, R-Wis., and pushed pro-business workplace laws in Michigan and Indiana.

It didn't shy away from

going after traditional allies, as was the case when Gov. Rick Scott, R-Fla., briefly considered expanding Medicaid, a core component of Obama's health care law. Americans for Prosperity mobilized supporters, the

Republican-led Legislature quickly rejected the idea and Scott dropped his proposal. Potential presidential contenders have taken notice.

GOP Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ted Cruz of Texas spoke at the group's annual summit in August. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., headlined the Koch brothers' seminar for major conservative donors this year. Americans for Prosperity sprung up in 2004 but has gained heft during the past two election cycles. Its budget has grown from less than \$3 million in 2004 to more than \$130 million for the 2012 election cycle.

In many places, the group has more trained and paid operatives than the traditional political parties have. Nowhere is this more obvious than Florida, where the group has 10 offices, its single largest field operation.



Associated Press

**Iraqi civilians gather Thursday after a car bombing in Baghdad, Iraq. On the western edge of Iraq's capital, Islamic State group militants battle government forces and exchange mortar fire, only adding to the sense of siege in Baghdad despite airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition.**

## Worried Iraqi capital sees militant push

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — On the western edge of Iraq's capital, Islamic State group militants battle government forces and exchange mortar fire, only adding to the sense of siege in Baghdad despite airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition.

Yet military experts say the Sunni militants of the Islamic State group, who now control a large territory along the border that Iraq and Syria share, won't be able to fight through both government forces and Shiite militias now massed around the capital.

It does, however, put them in a position to wreak havoc in Iraq's biggest city, with its suicide attacks and other assaults further eroding confidence in Iraq's nascent federal government and its troops, whose soldiers already fled the Islamic State group's initial lightning advance in June.

"It's not plausible at this point to envision ISIL taking control of Baghdad, but they can make Baghdad so miserable that it

would threaten the legitimacy of the central government," said Richard Brennan, an Iraq expert with RAND Corporation and former Department of Defense policymaker, using an acronym for the Islamic State group.

The siege fears in Baghdad stem from recent gains made by the Islamic State group in the so-called Baghdad Belt — the final stretch between Anbar province, where the group gained ground in January, and Baghdad. The group has had a presence in the Baghdad Belt since spring, Iraqi officials say, but recent advances have sparked new worries.

Last week, Islamic State group fighters seized the towns of Hit and neighboring Kubaisa, sending Iraqi soldiers fleeing and leaving a nearby military base with its stockpile of weapons at risk of capture. The U.S.-led coalition recently launched two airstrikes northwest of Hit, U.S. Central Command said Saturday.

Perhaps most worrying, Islamic State group fighters now battle Iraqi forces in Abu

Ghraib, the town home to the infamous prison of the same name that's only 18 miles from the Green Zone, the fortified international zone protecting Baghdad-based embassies and government office.

To the south of Baghdad, security forces fight to hold onto the town of Jurf al-Sukr, and to the north, one Sunni tribe has held onto the town of Duluyiah despite an Islamic State group's onslaught. However, Islamic State group fighters have taken over a number of towns in Diyala province, east of Baghdad.

Yet authorities believe an assault to take Baghdad remains unlikely. An Iraqi military and intelligence official each told the AP that as many as 60,000 government security personnel, including soldiers and police officers, are currently in position outside the city along the Baghdad Belt. A plot by the Islamic State group to enter Baghdad in September through the Shiite al-Kazimiyah neighborhood was foiled, the officials added.

## Kurds struggling to defend town

Associated Press

SURUC, Turkey — Kurdish militiamen are putting up a fierce fight to defend a Syrian town near the border with Turkey but are struggling to repel the Islamic State group, which is advancing and pushing in from two sides, Syrian activists and Kurdish officials said Saturday.

The battle for Kobani is still raging despite more than two weeks of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition targeting the militants in

and around the town. The strikes, which are aimed at rolling back the militants' gains, appear to have done little to blunt their onslaught on Kobani, which began in mid-September.

Just outside the Turkish town of Suruc, across the border from Kobani, some 200 people gathered at a cemetery Saturday to bury two Kurdish fighters who died in the fighting.

The Syrian Kurdish border town is the latest focus of the Islamic State group, which has rampaged

across northern Syria and western and northern Iraq since the summer.

On Friday, the militants seized the so-called Kurdish security quarter — an area in the town's east where Kurdish militiamen maintain security buildings and where the police station, municipality and other local government offices are located.

A senior Kurdish official, Ismet Sheikh Hasan, said clashes were focused in the southern and eastern parts of the town. He said

the situation was dire and appealed for international help.

"We are defending (the town) but ... we have only simple weapons and they (militants) have heavy weapons," he said in a call Friday night with The Associated Press. "They are not besieged and can move easily."

U.S. Central Command said it conducted airstrikes north and south of Kobani over Friday and Saturday using fighter jets and bombers

**World BRIEFS**

**Rappel pal**



Associated Press

**A Colombian Army Special Forces soldier rappels with a dog in a show of military exercises Friday at the Tolomaida military base during a visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in Melgar, Colombia. Colombia was Hagel's first stop on his six-day, three-country trip to South America. Hagel will also travel to Chile and Peru.**

**Car bombs kill 38 in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD — A series of car bomb attacks in Iraq's capital killed 38 people in Shiite areas Saturday, authorities said, after Islamic militants killed a journalist working for a local television network in a Sunni province.

Police officials said the first bombing happened Saturday night when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a security checkpoint in Baghdad's northern district of Khazimiyah, killing 13 people, including three police officers, and wounding 28.

The second car bombing, targeting a commercial street in Shula district in northwestern Baghdad, killed seven people and wounded 18, police said. The blast damaged several shops and cars.

Also in Shula, police said a suicide car bomb attack on a security checkpoint killed 18 people and wounded dozens others.

**In Spain, three more under Ebola watch**

MADRID — Three more people were under observation for Ebola in a Madrid hospital, boosting the number being monitored for symptoms to 16. A nursing assistant infected with the virus remained in serious but stable condition Saturday.

The latest three are a nurse who came into contact with nursing assistant Teresa Romero, a hair-dresser who attended to her and a hospital cleaner, all of whom were admitted to Madrid's Carlos III hospital late Friday.

A government statement said none of the 16 in quarantine, who include Romero's husband, five doctors and five nurses, have shown any symptoms.

—From wire reports

# Crystal tries new phase

*Museum of American Art opens contemporary exhibit*

*Associated Press*

BENTONVILLE, Ark.

**C**rystal Bridges Museum of American Art opened in 2011 in Wal-Mart's hometown, Bentonville, Arkansas, with a respectable collection of work by famous artists from Norman Rockwell's "Rosie the Riveter" to a George Washington portrait by Gilbert Stuart.

But the museum has just opened a massive exhibition of contemporary art called "State of the Art" that could be a game-changer. The museum is sometimes mocked by critics from outside the region for its location and Wal-Mart connections — its permanent collection was funded by Wal-Mart heiress Alice Walton — but the new show represents a serious effort to introduce contemporary art to a mainstream audience far from the rarefied galleries of hipster neighborhoods and urban centers.

"State of the Art" showcases more than 200 works by 102 artists from around the country. All the works were created since 2011, and the show resulted from a 100,000-mile road trip by museum president Don Bacigalupi and curator Chad Allgood to discover under-recognized artists.

"Crystal Bridges has already established itself with a major national presence due to the quality of its collection of American art from colonial times to the present day," said Allgood in an interview. "What 'State of the Art' does is extend that story. Many of our audience members come from around here. For many of them, this is their first time having an experience in an art museum. We're introducing contemporary art to this audience."

The works are engaging, surprising and memorable. They include "Lowrider Pinata," a life-size car made from colorful pinata-style paper and cardboard, by Justin Favela; Delita Martin's "The Dream Keeper," which brings elements of magical realism to a portrait of a black figure in work clothes, a bird perched on one hand; and Alberto Aguilar's "Sensitive Equipment," which invites visitors to hit a balloon back and forth using melodic hand-bells as bats.

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*Associated Press*

This September 2014 photo provided by Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art shows visitors at the opening of the museum's contemporary art exhibit "State of the Art" in Bentonville, Ark. The installation shown is one of more than 200 pieces in the show. The textile piece by Jeila Gueramian is called "It's You" and includes crocheted quilts.

## JOURNAL OF A JOURNEY

### Beautiful underwater visit in Australia

*Story and photos by Peter Graulich*

**Editor's Note:** This is the next installment in a continuing series of articles from the travel journals of Peter and Leslye Graulich. After a brief hiatus, they appear weekly in the Chronicle Excursions section.

**Day 39**

Day 39 finds us at sea traveling north toward Cairns, Australia, the Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Most passengers are excited about this stop as the reef is huge, about 133,000 square miles, the world's largest coral reef, teeming with marine life in some of the most pristine waters on earth.

Our lectures for the next two days all concern the reef. Our first lecture is an overview of the Great Barrier Reef divided into two parts and our second lecture is composition of the reefs.

After crossing the Pacific Ocean, we have all developed our "at-sea" schedules and everyone is pretty well settled into the routines.

The time that we have spent together with the other passengers on the small ship has allowed us to develop more

friendships and acquaintances than is normally possible on the mega ships.

After dinner and a movie, we take our evening walk under the stars and retire.

**Day 40**

Day 40 is, not surprisingly, very similar to day 39.

After breakfast we attend the final two lectures about the reef. We also attend a lecture of various options for visiting the reef, diving, fishing etc. there are many, many tours available and the choices are nearly unlimited.

Leslye and I have chosen to spend the morning in the city of Cairns and to travel out to the reef later in the day.

Day 40 ends with us having traveled 12,681 miles since we left Fort Lauderdale.

**Day 41**

On the morning of day 41 we arrive at the harbor in Cairns.

We wander into town to have a look around and find a very clean, friendly



See JOURNEY/Page A17 **Colorful group of Australian residents of the deep.**

SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 12, 2014. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes logos for WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WGLF, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACK, WTDG, WYKE, WOBX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, EWTV, FAM, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FST, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBD, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MAX, MSNBC, NGC, NICK, OWN, OXY, SHOW, SPIKE, STARZ, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A.

Wife tired of spouse's lies

Dear Annie: I am desperate for advice about my husband's lies. We have been together for 27 years. From the beginning, he knew that complete honesty is very important to me. I told him about my past relationships, and he told me about his. In all of our time together, he has maintained the same stories, but with enough variation to make me question which parts of these stories are true.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Here's the whopper: He told me he had five children with five different women, two of them sisters. As far as I know, he has never been in contact with any of them. Now that we are getting older, I can't help but wonder about these children and any possible grandchildren. I worry that one of them might need medical information or possibly a transplant one day. Now my husband says he made up the story about being with two sisters. He claims it never happened and that he only said it to make himself seem more experienced in my eyes. So which is the lie? I am having a difficult time trying to deal with this new information. I

have even suggested we get counseling together, but he refuses. Have I been living a lie for all these years? — Old Married Lady in Lodi
Dear Lodi: We have no problem believing that your husband made up at least some of the stories about all those other women. But abandoning one's children is hardly a reason to boast — unless, of course, there are no children at all. The problem is, you don't know, so your trust in him is un-moored. This is more serious than he realizes. Trust comes from honesty, and this is the foundation of the relationship. Tell him he owes years of back child support and you expect him to do the honorable thing and pay up. Offer to contact these various women, which will help determine the truth of his stories. Then get some counseling for yourself, with or without him. You could use some guidance on how to proceed. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar. Write anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 Third St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

Today's MOVIES

Table listing movies and showtimes for various theaters like Regal Cinemas, Crystal River Mall 9, and Citrus Cinemas 6. Includes titles like 'The Maze Runner', 'Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day', 'Dracula Untold', 'The Judge (2014)', 'Annabelle', 'Gone Girl', 'The Boxtrolls', and 'The Equalizer'.

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Puzzle answer is on Page A21.

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1 through 156.





In the water at Cairns.

# JOURNEY

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city with a New Jersey shore atmosphere. Lots of interesting things in the stores and considering we are halfway around the world many of those interesting things come from places we have not heard of.

We travel to the information center and discover that the boat ride out to the reef is approximately 3 Hours Each Way and it is now almost noon. We sign up for a brief trip with a helicopter ride out to the reef and the boat back. Leslye chooses a guided snorkel trip of the reef and I choose scuba.

We board the helicopter and fly about 20 minutes and land on a pontoon barge somewhere out on

the reef. We transfer over to the dive boat and get our gear, suit up and enter the water.

I have made many dives in my life, beginning with my first in 1962 while I was in the United States Army. I don't believe I have ever seen more beautiful water anywhere in the world than what I observed on the Great Barrier Reef. The reef is relatively shallow, the water temperature perfect, and the visibility unlimited and marine life is everywhere. Leslye snorkels down to a giant clam, about 5 feet in diameter and touches it and receives a response. After about three hours on the reef we pack up our gear, have an Aussie barbecue lunch and rode the boat back to shore.

I have now taken 1,540 photographs and we have traveled 1,592 miles since we left Fort Laud-

erdale.

Next up: Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

*Peter Graulich first left the country in 1961 for six weeks, travelling Europe and the United Kingdom with his family, returning on the S.S. United States. He has since gathered more than 300 days of cruising with Princess Cruises. Since then, he has visited 97 countries, every state in the United States and every national park. Peter and his wife, Leslye, both originally from New Jersey, came to Florida after he retired from the Camden, New Jersey, police department and she retired as the office manager for a urology practice in Philadelphia. They live in Celina Hills, Inverness, 3 miles from Pete's best friend from high school.*



A blotched porcupine fish.

# CRYSTAL

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Susie J. Lee's silent video portraits of the faces of workmen, called "Fracking Fields," offer mesmerizing close-ups of faces in real time as their emotions wordlessly register. John Salvest stacked second-hand romance novels so that the book bindings, organized by color, spell out "FOREVER" in giant letters. "Ghosts of Consumption," by Pam Longobardi, features man-made debris from the ocean. Jeila Gueramian's textile piece, "It's You," creates a ceiling of colorful crocheted blankets. And the show opens with the "Mom Booth," by Andy Ducett, in which real moms who are local volunteers sit at a table wearing aprons, knitting and dispensing hugs and advice.

Reviews of the show have been mixed. The *Wall Street Journal* called it "PG-13," suggesting that it's so accessible, it rules out art with provocative themes. Blair Schulman, a Kansas City-based art critic who contributes to *The Huffington Post* Blog, said he "loved" the works, but took issue with "how it was curated. It was a lot of good work in a very large space. ... If they broke it into smaller ex-

hibitions over a few years, it would have better represented what the artists were making."

But Alligood says Crystal Bridges "didn't create this show for critics. We expressly went into this project to shake up the paradigm of contemporary art — that it's somehow not of the realm of everyday experience, that it's inaccessible or disengaged from our lives or that it's inexplicable. In fact, artists across this country are engaged in conversations in ways that welcome the viewer in."

Admission to Crystal Bridges is free, and the museum is drawing more than 500,000 visitors a year, 60 percent from Arkansas.

At the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 30 miles away, art department chairwoman Jeannie Hulen says the museum has "changed our students' lives. It's completely changed the way we teach. It has upped the game and given them a wider, more worldly view of what art is."

As for "State of the Art," she says, "It's a positive show, it's a very optimistic show, it's a big show. It's important for them being a new museum to be thinking about contemporary art. It is accessible, but there is a conversation about accessibility that's happening in the art world now, that art is not just

for artists, it's not just for the elite. It's for people."

The curators, she said, "chose artists that want

the viewer to leave with something they could understand. I don't think that's wrong."

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This is known as an iron ranger. It was thought that if there was a way for trail users to make a donation to the Trail, this would enable it to happen. This was requested by Fort Cooper State Park Manager Harry Mitchell and Trail Specialist Diane Otten, and was approved by the board and membership. It is installed in concrete in front of the restrooms. Most parks charge an entrance fee to support upkeep and amenities, but there is no fee to use the Withlacoochee State Trail. Now all we have to do is fill it up!

# Railing replaced

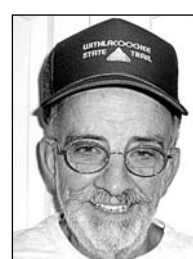
We finally acquired all of the material needed to replace the east side railing on the trestle. All of this work has been done by our Wednesday work crew. The work crew worked from boats and from the trail itself to remove the old wooden upright supports and railing, then replaced them with modern recycled plastic. They worked with the Park Service staff on the design and logistics. As of now, all of the work has been completed and it looks great. Thanks, crew!

At our regular Rails to Trails meeting on Sept. 13, several of the items that were discussed included the need for replacement of several old pieces of equipment. We have a small generator that is no longer fixable and needs to be replaced. There is also a need for a bigger and better chainsaw to be able to work on larger trees and limbs. It seems lately all of the trees that need to be worked on are the much larger ones. We also need a larger pruner to tackle those vines that grow like wildfire and seem to clump together.

Harry Mitchell, Fort Cooper State Park manager, requested a new blower to expedite the blowing of the Trail at a greater speed and efficiency. The old blower has been repaired repeatedly and cannot work anymore. With all of the wind that we have, the Trail has to be blown more often.

Our Floral City bathroom project has hit a snag and is on hold for the present time. Don't look for it by year's end as mentioned before.

"Mr. Mitchell announced that the restroom project



Al Harnage  
RAILS TO TRAILS

in Floral City is on hold because construction and engineering costs were underestimated by \$40,000." The request for additional funding has been forwarded to Don Forgiore, director of Florida Recreation and Parks.

News flash! Don Forgiore, director of Florida Recreation and Parks attended the 20th annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride and he told us that the funding for the restroom in Floral City had been found and the project would be going forward. Great! An update will be in next month's column.

Have you liked us on Facebook? This is a good way to connect with other riders and trail users, as well as see some great photographs. Try Facebook and let us know what you think and your comments are always welcome. On the Facebook.com main page, search for Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee Inc. then talk to us. Heather and Bonnie's updates are posted daily.

Bike Ride results will be in next month's column — Another great ride!

Thanks for your calls and comments, they are always appreciated. I can be reached at 352-527-3263.



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# VETERANS

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## VETERANS NOTES

These are special events. For information about weekly post activities that are open to the public — including bingo, games, meals and more — call the individual posts for a schedule.

### New this week

#### Vets can win free haircuts

All World War II and Korean War veterans are welcome to try to win free haircuts for life at Goodfellows Barbershop in Inverness. It's the shop's way of thanking veterans for their service.

Complete an entry form at the barbershop, in the K-Mart Plaza, before Oct. 31. One veteran's name will be drawn on Nov. 10. Need not be present to win.

For more information, call 352-341-2882 or email barber\_a2@yahoo.com.

#### Skip Hudson tourney Oct. 25

The eighth Skip Hudson Golf Tournament, sponsored by American Legion Post 155 in Crystal River, will take place Saturday, Oct. 25, at Seven Rivers Golf and Country Club.

The game will be a scramble with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for first-place team, last-place team, longest drive and closest to the pin.

Men and women are invited. Cost is \$55 per player. There will be door prizes.

Lunch will be provided by Beef 'O'Brady's following the tournament at approximately 2 p.m. at Legion Post 155.

For more information, call Gary Justice at 352-563-5358 or 352-228-1453 or the post at 352-795-6526. All contributions go to Hospice and Veterans for Veterans.

### What's up?

#### Vets to be honored at concerts

Starting with the first concert of the season, the Clock-n-Tower Museum Store of the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum will honor a veteran and companion.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, at the first jazz concert, World War II veteran Lester Cowen and his wife, Patricia, will be guests of honor. Cowen served in the U.S. Navy and after retiring, went to work for Pan Am Airlines in the JFK operations division in New York.

Cowen recently returned from an Honor Flight to visit the memorials in Washington, D.C.

The Oct. 16 jazz concert will feature Johnny Carlsson and Linda Cole in "Lady Legends of Jazz." Social hour is at 6 p.m. and music will begin at 7 p.m. For tickets, \$20, call 352-341-6427.

#### Elks plan dinner/dance

The veterans Committee of West Citrus Elks Lodge 2693 will host its annual Veterans Benefit Dinner/Dance on Saturday, Oct. 18. The dinner/dance, open to all Elks and their guests, is a major fundraiser allowing the committee to provide support and cheer to more than 100 veterans in local assisted living facilities.

Committee members visit the veterans with birthday gifts, hold pizza and ice cream parties for them and each year have Christmas parties at the various assisted living facilities complete with gifts, Santa and music.

The committee also uses funds to benefit homeless veterans by working closely with the homeless shelter, Mission in Citrus Inc. This year, committee donations were made to help provide food and equipment to homeless veterans staying in the area. Funds were also used to purchase nearly 1,000 bus passes, which allow the homeless veterans to make medical appointments, find jobs, get to jobs and find housing.

The benefit dinner/dance begins with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. by dinner of Chicken Bella Vista or Boston scrod fish, salad, blended rice, peas with pearl onions, rolls, sugar cookie and coffee.

Music entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. provided by Short Notice.

Ticket price is \$15 per person, tax included; purchased from any Veterans Committee member or in the lounge after 11 a.m. through Monday, Oct. 13.

#### Poker Run to benefit veterans

Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7 invites everyone — motorcycles and cars — to participate in its sixth annual Poker Run on Oct. 25. Proceeds from the event will benefit two important concerns of our community — Homeless Veterans of Citrus County and Operation Welcome Home.

Registration at \$10 per hand will be at American Legion Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237, 4077 N. Lecanto Highway (County Road 49) in the Beverly Hills Plaza, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with first out at 10 a.m., last out at 11 a.m. and last in at 4 p.m. A route map will be available, along with coffee and doughnuts provided by the post.

The ride, fun, snacks and lucky poker

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# Honor Flight



Dora Hunt chats with World War II veteran George Hausold before the Sept. 9 Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Hausold was shot down over Hungary by German fighters and spent time as a prisoner of war.

Special to the Chronicle

## More Citrus County veterans fly to Washington, D.C.

BARBARA MILLS  
Special to the Chronicle

More World War II veterans had their day in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 9, taking part in the Honor Flight program trip to visit war memorials there.

The trip began with a "meet and

greet" at Dillon's Cinnamon Sticks in Inverness, then off to Washington, with the help of the Church Without Walls to transport the veterans and their guardians for the day.

A grand welcome home awaited them when they returned. They were met by hundreds of people wanting to

thank them for their service, including a two-star general and The Bomber Girls.

Citrus County veterans who made this trip were Lester Cowen, Leonard Gilbert, Robert Moll, Billy Reed, Sam Shotwell, George Hausold, Patrick Ryan and George Wilcox.

## VETERANS NOTES

### Vets sought for classroom talks

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its annual Veterans in the Classroom program, Nov. 5 to 14, as part of its 22nd annual Veterans Appreciation Week activities.

Coordinated by the Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Veterans in the Classroom program brings living history to the classrooms of the county's public and private schools, as well as home-school groups. Veterans share with students their firsthand military experiences and travels while serving in uniform around the world in peace and war.

The model Veterans in the Classroom program was recognized in 2008 with a Florida Education Foundation award. The program's success has generated the need for additional veterans to share their experiences with students. Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, Air Force, National Guard and women veterans are especially needed as participants.

All interested veterans are encouraged to call Mac McLeod at 352-746-1384, email cmcleod670@earthlink.net, or call Bob Crawford at 352-270-9025 or email baddogusmc@tampabay.rr.com.

### Male descendants sought for group

American Legion Post 166 of Homosassa Springs seeks male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of the American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who died in the service to their country during times of war.

Such men in the Chassahowitzka, Homosassa, Homosassa Springs and the Sugarmill Woods area who

are interested in becoming members of the Sons of the American Legion are needed. There is no form or class of membership, except as active membership.

Those interested in becoming members may contact Clay Scott, vice commander of American Legion Post 166. He may be reached by writing to: American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 767, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447-0767, or by calling 928-848-8359. His email address is eaglerider@gmx.com.

Interested men may stop by the Fraternal Order of Eagles on its regular meeting night, the third Tuesday monthly, at 7 p.m. at the Eagles, 5340 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

### VFW forming men's auxiliary

Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 in Hernando, at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200, where the helicopter is) is forming a new men's auxiliary.

Men interested in participating may call 352-726-3339 for more information and to become involved.

### Spots still open for vets' Hawaii trip

Time is nearing for 2015 Hawaiian Memorial Trip & Vacation, sponsored by Utility Squadron One Navy Association,

Commander Don McLean will lead his 14th group for the trip, which includes services at the USS Arizona — USS Utah and the National Cemetery of the Pacific. The group will visit the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii (staying inside the Kilauea Volcano) and Maui.

Tickets and space are still available for four couples, one single male and one single woman. The group leaves March 14.

For more information and

to reserve a spot, call Cmdr. Don McLean, U.S. Navy, retired, at 352-637-5131 or email dmclean8@tampabay.rr.com.

### World War II vets sought for parade

The 2014 Levy County Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

The parade will be in Inglis this year, with a Veterans Memorial Dedication immediately following the parade.

We would like to have all of the Levy County World War II veterans to be our honored guests (as grand marshals in the parade and honored afterwards). If you or someone you know fits the bill, call Ruth Ruppert at 352-447-0236.

### Daystar reaching out to veterans

Daystar Life Center of Citrus County would like to reach out to the military families needing assistance.

Daystar not only offers assistance with food, but also with rent and utilities. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Daystar is at 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, across from the Publix shopping plaza in Crystal River.

Call 352-795-8668 for more information.

### Clinic accepting care enrollments

The Lecanto VA Clinic is currently accepting health care enrollments and registrations.

VA enrollment qualifies as Minimum Essential Coverage, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). New patient appointments for primary care and mental health are available.

The clinic is at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court,

Lecanto (next to Black Diamond). Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed federal holidays.

Call Lecanto Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic at 352-746-8004 for eligibility information or questions.

### DAV helps vets get to clinics

The DAV transportation network has received great response for volunteer drivers for the two vans assigned to the Lecanto clinic — one going from Lecanto to Gainesville, the other from Lecanto to The Villages.

The Gainesville van goes each weekday and The Villages run is made when there is a need. Veterans who need to go to appointments in Gainesville or The Villages are asked to call the Veterans Service Office in Lecanto at 352-527-5915 to be placed on the van list. All appointments must be made before 1 p.m.

### Case managers unavailable for now

The Citrus County Veterans Service Department has announced that effective Aug. 1, there is no case manager available Wednesdays at Lakes Region Library in Inverness, Homosassa Library or Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

This will be the case until further notice. For assistance, call 352-527-5915 to schedule an appointment at the office in Lecanto.

### Free yoga classes offered to veterans

Yoga teacher Ann Sandstrom is associated with the national service organization, Yoga For Vets. She teaches free classes to combat veterans at several locations and times.

Call Sandstrom at 352-382-7397.

■ Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.

■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a specific day is not guaranteed.

■ Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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hands continue with stops at: Inglis AmVets; VFW Post 8189 in Homosassa; VFW Post 7122 in Floral City; VFW Post 4252 in Hernando; and back to end at American Legion Memorial Post 237 in Beverly Hills.

Prizes for first, second and best hand will be awarded. Raffle prizes and 50/50 winner will be distributed. The music — DJ and karaoke by Alan — rounds out the day.

For more information, call Bob at 352-352-201-1228 or Bucko at 352-212-7758.

## Come eat roast beef with post

VFW Post 4864 Citrus Springs invites all for a roast beef dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for \$9; children younger than 6 eat for \$5, Friday, Oct. 17.

Everyone is welcome the third Saturday of the month for the post's jam session and on Oct. 18,

there will be a yard and bake sale.

Bring a table for \$5 or rent a table for \$10, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Call 352-465-4864 for more information about other standing activities.

## Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on tap

There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Wall-Rives Post 58, the American Legion, U.S. 41, just north of Wal-Mart in Dunnellon.

Menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti with meat, salad, bread, dessert and beverage for \$6 per person.

This fundraiser, hosted by Families In Need of Dunnellon FL Inc. and assisted by American Legion Post 58, will help to purchase food for free Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

There will also be a silent auction.

For information about the event and effort, call Jan DeWitt at 352-208-3514.

## Post to have flea market, breakfast

Wall-Rives American Legion Post 58, Dunnellon, will have its indoor and outdoor flea market Saturday, Oct. 18.

The public is also invited to the post's Big Breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. that morning. On the menu are French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice and coffee; \$6. The post is at 10730 U.S. 41.

## Sale to benefit Honor Flight

The VFW Post 4337 Ladies Auxiliary will host a book sale to raise money for the (West Central Florida) Honor Flight program.

The sale continues today, Oct. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Available will be a variety of genres in hard-cover and paperback, as well as audio books.

In addition to books, there will be an assortment of military (mostly Army) memorabilia to include items from the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Refreshments of sandwiches, desserts, coffee and more will be available for a donation.

The post is at 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness; phone 352-344-3495.

## Pearl Harbor remembrance run

District 7 VFW Riders will have its third annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Poker Run on Dec. 6 to help support a VFW core program, "Help A Hero."

This program is the um-

brella for a number of VFW programs that we continue to support annually: Homeless Veterans Program, veterans' hospitals, VFW Service Offices statewide and disaster relief.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with last bike out at 11 a.m. and last bike in at 4 p.m.

Stops include:

■ Starting point and first card — Citrus Springs VFW Post 4864 at 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. Begin 50/50 — 10 tickets for \$5. Start the run right

with continental breakfast for donations. Cost of \$15 per poker hand includes the meal at the Crystal River post. Additional poker hands are \$10 and additional meal tickets are \$5.

■ First stop and second card — Beverly Hills VFW Post 10087 at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills.

■ Second stop and third card — Inverness VFW Post 4337 at 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness.

■ Third stop and fourth card — Lake Panasoffkee

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## IN SERVICE

### Cheryl M. Rome

Army Pvt. Cheryl M. Rome has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Rome is the daughter of Benny and Reidina Rome and niece of Lahoma St. Remy, all of Beverly Hills. She is a 2014 graduate of Lecanto High School.

### Nathanael E. Charlton

Army Pvt. Nathanael E. Charlton has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Charlton is the son of Ruth Green of Panama City Beach. He is a 2014 graduate of Citrus High School, Inverness.

### Kevin Ray

Navy CE2 Kevin Ray was recently named Sailor of the Week at his duty station in U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Kevin Ray  
U.S. Navy

Ray, the son of Patricia Ray of Crystal River, was honored for assisting in troubleshooting and repairing the fiber-optic link for monitoring the efficiency of the windmills and contributed to the late-night repair of the main fiber-optic cable supply.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CITRUS COUNTY  
*Veterans Appreciation Week*  
October 25 - November 16, 2014

"Honoring Our Greatest Generation - World War II Veterans"

**Veterans Appreciation Concert**, NCCB, Sat, Oct 25, 2:30 p.m., Citrus Springs Community Center, Citrus Springs; Sun, Oct 26, 2:30 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inverness. For more information, contact Cindy Hazzard, 601-7394; nccommunityband@earthlink.net.

**Veterans in the Classroom**, Nov 3 - 14. To volunteer, contact Mac McLeod, 746-1384; cmcleod670@earthlink.net; Bob Crawford, 270-9025; baddogusmc@tampabay.rr.com.

**Veterans Flea Market**, Wed, Nov 5, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Stokes Flea Market. To schedule a free table for a Veterans Service Organization, contact Dinah Williams 746-7200 two Wednesdays prior to Nov 5.

**Veterans Program**, Fri, Nov 7, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Inverness Primary School. Veterans and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend. Veterans are requested to wear their military or VSO uniform. For more information, contact Mary Tyler, 726-2632; tylerm@citrus.h12.fl.us

**Veterans Social**, Fri, Nov 7, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., AL Post 155. Sponsored by 40 & 8. \$7 at door. For more information, contact John Kaiserian, 746-1959; johnk40and8@yahoo.com.

**Veterans Fair**, Sat, Nov 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Crystal River Mall. For more information, contact Sam Dininno, 527-5915; samuel.dininno@bocc.citrus.fl.us.

**Military Ball**, Sat, Nov 8, 5:30 p.m., West Citrus Elks, Homosassa. Sponsored by Marine Corps League Citrus Det. 819. Tickets \$35. For more information, contact Morgan Patterson, 746-1135; mpatterson41@tampabay.rr.com.

**Veterans Appreciation Program**, Sun, Nov 9, 6:00 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inverness. Ice cream social follows program. Veterans are requested to wear military or VSO uniform. For more information, contact Ray Michael, 637-3265; rmichael5@tampabay.rr.com.

**Women Veterans Luncheon**, Mon, Nov 10, 12:00 noon, 320 N. Citrus Ave. Hosted by Crystal River Woman's Club. For more information, contact: Leslie Martineau, 746-2396; lmartineau\_2001@yahoo.com.

**Marine Corps Ball**, Mon, Nov 10, 6:00 p.m., Citrus Hills Country Club. Sponsored by Marine Corps League Det. 1139. Tickets \$40. For more information, contact Chris Gregoriou, 795-7000; allprestige@yahoo.com.

**Never Forget 5K Run**, Tues, Nov 11, Courthouse Square, Inverness. Registration 6:30-7:00 a.m. Run 8:45 a.m. For more information, contact Pat Flanagan, 607-1815; integralpm97@yahoo.com.

**Veterans Day Parade**, Tues, Nov 11, 10:00 a.m., Inverness. Staging at CHS parking area beginning 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Chris Gregoriou, 795-7000; allprestige@yahoo.com.

**Memorial Service**, Tues, Nov 11, following parade, Old County Courthouse Heritage Museum, Inverness: For more information, contact Mac McLeod, 746-1384; cmcleod670@earthlink.net.

**Veterans Day Luncheon**, Tues, Nov 11, following memorial service: VFW 4337, Inverness: Hosted by VFW 4337. VSO Commanders & Auxiliary Presidents, local dignitaries and their guests are invited. For more information, contact John Lowe, 344-4702; thelowes@tampabay.rr.com.

**Veterans Day Motorcycle Ride** from parade to Fallen Heroes Monument, Tues, Nov 11. Start Point, Former Publix, SR 44, Inverness. For more information, contact Tom Voelz, 795-2884; tvoelz816@gmail.com.

**Massing of the Colors**, Sun, Nov 16, 3:00 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inverness: For more information, contact Reggie Thurlow, 563-1101; rcri@embarqmail.com.

**The Great Florida Yard Sale**, Nov. 7 - Nov 9: For more information, contact Lori Greene 352-610-1306; www.floridayardsale.com.

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VFW Post 10084 at 2027 E. County Road 470, Lake Panasoffkee.

■ Fourth stop and fifth card — American Legion Post 101 at 2881 E. County Road 48, Bushnell.

■ Final stop and wild card — Crystal River VFW Post 8189 at 8856 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa. Last bike in by 4 p.m.

Prizes for best poker hand, second best hand and worst hand.

There will be music by Cowboy Al, a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction and more.

For more information, call Roger at 352-697-1826 or email shanily.04@gmail.com.

## DAV holiday dinner Dec. 9

DAV Auxiliary Crystal River Unit 158 will have its holiday dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Crystal River Mall's Rainbow Room.

This family event will be catered by Kathy's. Enjoy music and lots of fun. "Elvis" will make an appearance and prizes will be awarded.

Cost is \$15 per person. Seating is limited. Get tickets early.

For more information, contact Lucy Godfrey at 352-794-3104 or mama.wgodfrey2@yahoo.com.

## Commemorative pins available

Disabled American Veterans, Gerald A. Shonk Chapter 70 of Inverness announces the design and availability of this year's Citrus County Veterans Appreciation Commemorative Pin.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Honoring Our Greatest Generation, World War II Veterans," the pin displays the outline of Citrus County with the World War II Victory Medal superimposed over an unfurled American flag.

The pins are available for a donation of \$3 each and may be obtained by calling the Chapter at 352-344-3464 or John Seaman at 352-860-0123. The pins are also available at the Citrus County Veterans Service Office in Lecanto.

During Veterans Appreciation Week activities, Oct. 25 through Nov. 14, the pins will also be available at various functions such as the Veterans Appreciation Concerts on Oct. 25 and 26, and the Veterans Fair on Nov. 8.

## Cootie Auxiliary to stage show

All proceeds go toward the chapter's annual scholarship program.

The Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Withlacoochee Chapter 76 will have a fashion show and luncheon fundraiser from

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the VFW Leroy Rooks Jr. Post 4252, 3190 N. Carl Rose Highway, Hernando.

Fashions will be by Belk of Ocala. Donation is \$10.

## Enjoy pizza, wings, karaoke

The public is welcome to come eat and sing with Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 this week.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, wings will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. for \$6. Roger Carrier will be set up for karaoke from 5 to 8 p.m.

Help the post on Make a Difference Day at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20. Pizza served all day, \$5.

The post is at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200, where the helicopter is).

For more information, call 352-726-3339.

## 40&8 to have breakfast at post

Citrus 40&8 Voiture 1219 welcomes the public to breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. the first Sunday each month at American Legion Post 155 on State Road 44 in Crystal River (6585 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway).

Donation is \$6 for adults; special on kids' (8 and younger) meals. Specialty drinks available for \$1. The hall is smoke-free.

Proceeds benefit programs of the 40&8.

## Post 77 invites all to jam, play bingo

Allen Rawls American Legion Post 77 invites the public to its jam sessions with John Thomas and the Ramblin' Fever Band on the first, third and fifth Fridays each month. The post is at 4375 Little Al Point in Inverness.

The public is welcome to come dance, enjoy the entertainment and sing or play instruments. Charge of \$5 at the door covers the cost of the band. Food and soft drinks are available.

For more information, call Norm at 352-476-2134 or Alice at 352-476-7001, or the afternoon of the jam, call 352-726-0444.

## CCVC yard sale second Saturday

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition has yard sales September through May from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, south of where U.S. 41 and State Road 44 split.

Sellers may come and set up the day before (typically Friday afternoon) and are responsible for the security of their own items overnight. The

spots are typically 15 feet by 30 feet and cost \$10.

A donation of at least one can of food is appreciated. For information and to make reservations, call Dan at 352-400-8952.

## VFW recognizes military personnel

VFW Post 4337 seeks photos of active duty military personnel for display at the post.

Photos must be no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches. Include name, rank, service branch and address. Indicate your relationship to the serviceperson; i.e., nephew, daughter, etc.

Pictures may be dropped off at the post of mailed to: VFW Post 4337, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness, FL 34450. Or, email photos to vfwpost4337@tampabay.rr.com.

## Ongoing Come eat, sing with VFW Post

The public is welcome to join the VFW Post 4337 family for a prime rib dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. the last Saturday of each month at the post home, 906 State Road 44 East, Inverness, across from the lake.

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$11 at the door. Entertainment will be karaoke

from 5 to 9 p.m. No children are allowed after 8 p.m.

Call 352-344-3495.

## VEDC meets twice monthly

The Veterans Economic Development Center Inc., (VEDC) meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at the DAV office Crystal River Mall.

The VEDC goals are to assist military and combat veterans with job placement, DAV business owners with government contracts and forgotten veterans older than 60 and their spouses with job placement.

For more information, call 352-476-6206, email vedcinc1@gmail.com or visit www.vedcinc.org

## Female vets sought as officers

Female veterans are being asked to step up to the challenge of becoming a veteran service officer and help their fellow servicemen and servicewomen apply for benefits they may be entitled to due to injuries suffered while in service.

The training is free and the position is voluntary. For information, call Duane Godfrey, DAV Chapter 158, at 352-228-0337.

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 Register at [www.RaceRoster.com/2608](http://www.RaceRoster.com/2608)

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Sukkus luncheon set for Monday**

A Sukkus luncheon meeting of the Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah will begin at noon Monday, Oct. 13, in the synagogue. All Hadassah members and their guests are invited to share in this gathering. After lunch, the group will discuss its annual card and game party set for Feb. 26.

On Nov. 10, featured speaker will be Judy Siegel, columnist for the *Citrus County Chronicle*, and Dec. 8 a representative from the Wildlife Club will be the guest speaker.

Hadassah is a 100-plus-year-old charitable organization open to men and women of every faith. Hadassah supports universities, medical schools, colleges, medical research including stem cell research, hospitals, infrastructure and youth camps in Israel and the United States.

For more information, call Miriam Fagan at 352-746-0005.

**Fishing club plans card party**

Beverly Hills Fishing Club will host a Military Card Party on Thursday, Oct. 16, at VFW Post 10087 behind Cadence Bank and the car wash.

Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon and cards begin at 1 p.m. For information and reservations, call Patricia at 352-257-9328 or 352-527-0008.

Other activities being considered include Bible Bingo on Nov. 15, a Vegas Legends show on Jan. 30 and Neil Diamond Tribute on Feb. 13.

**CUB now open at new location**

Citrus United Basket (CUB) Food Pantry has reopened at its new location at 1201 Parkside Ave. in Inverness, on U.S. 41, across from the Inverness Middle School entrance.

Food pantry hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 352-344-2242.

*Sunday's* **PUZZLER**

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**Stormbringer 6pm**  
**Beebs & Her Money Makers 9:30pm**  
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## COOTER FEST SATURDAY

**SATURDAY 10/25 10-6 pm Liberty Park**  
**Greg Billings Band 2:30 pm**  
**KidZone, 90+ vendors, food, beer/wine, craft vendors, Little Miss Cooter Pageant, Cooter Races, Kids Games, rides & more!**

## COOTER FEST SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 10/26 12-5 pm Liberty Park**  
**ABBA Girlz 2:30pm**  
**KidZone, Cooterween Costume Contest, Live Family Entertainment, Free Facepainting, Free Balloons, 90+ vendors**



### COOTER SCHEDULE

- Inverness Festival Queen Contest 10/16 Daily O' Grind-7 pm, 10/23-7 pm
- Cooterific Car Cruise 10/17 Courthouse Square 5-8 pm
- Cooter Trick or Treat @ Farmer's Market 10/18 Inverness Govt. Center 9-1 pm
- Cooter's Cinema "Muppets Most Wanted" 10/18 Whispering Pines Park @ dark
- Cooter Idol Preliminary 10/21 Daily O' Grind-7pm, 10/23-7pm
- Inverness Festival Queen Contest 10/23 -7 pm, Cooter Idol Finals 10/23-8 pm
- Cooter Rock the Block Concert 10/24 Courthouse Square
- FUN BEGINS @ 5pm KidZone, photobooth, Vendors, Beer/Wine street side
- Stormbringer 6pm
- Beebs & her Money Makers 9:30pm
- TRI Cooter Triathlon 10/26
- Cooter Fest 10/26 Liberty Park noon-5 pm



**NEWS NOTES**

**Military Card party**

The Women of Sugarmill Woods will be hosting their next Military Card party on Monday, Oct. 19, at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Prizes will be awarded to the top three scoring teams and the "lucky loser" team will also receive a special prize. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. "Share the Pot" raffles will also be included in the day's event. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with games starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$12 per player. Make reservations no later than Friday, Oct. 17, by calling Carol Anier at 352-382-2816 or Bridget Leo at 352-382-0080. Checks can be made payable to WSW and deposited in the appropriate WSW mailbox located off the entrance to Sugarmill Woods on Cypress Boulevard. Note on your check which foursome you will be playing with. It is suggested that each person bring a food/snack item to share with the other players. This event is open to the public. If you don't have a foursome to play with a sin-

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**'Second Time Around'**

Pine Ridge Civic Association's fashion show "Second Time Around" will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Community Center. Sandwiches, assorted teas and other goodies will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person. Call Louise at 352-527-7443 for tickets. All Pine Ridge residents and friends are invited.

**25th ANNIVERSARY**  
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**FOR THE RECORD**

Sept. 22-28, 2014

**Divorces**

- Adam Brewer, Homosassa vs Kimberly Brewer, Homosassa
- Jennifer L. Brightman, Floral City vs. William A. Brightman, Inverness
- Teddianne J. Goshorn, Lecanto vs. Eric Goshorn, Blairs Mills, Penn.
- James Hampton Sanders Jr., Homosassa vs. Donna Marie Sanders, Homosassa
- Elizabeth F. Wing, Beverly Hills vs. Joshua I. Wing, Inverness

**Marriages**

- Michael Anderson, Homosassa/ Nancy L. Anderson, Homosassa
- Lindsey Edward Cleveland, Dunnellon/Samantha Lee Jackson, Citrus Springs
- Matthew Robert Dumont, Inverness/Brooke Paige White, Inverness
- Shane Ashley Ehardt, Inverness/Jaymee Lynne Taylor, Citrus Springs
- Charles Thomas Finley/ Heather Ann Guyett

- Kenneth J. Lacey, Inverness/ Jennifer Edith Martin, Homosassa
- Deric Nathaniel McDougall, Homosassa/Melissa Ann Dergosits, Homosassa
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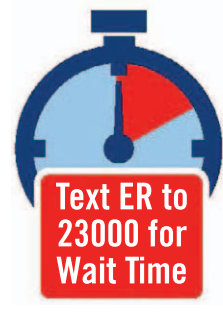
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# Ravens defense next test for Glennon

Associated Press

TAMPA — Even though Baltimore's Joe Flacco hasn't watched Mike Glennon play all that much, he's been impressed with what he's seen.

"I think he's handled himself very well. I think he's gone in there and done a lot of good things, just watching from afar," Flacco said.

"I think the team has operated very well when he's been in there. He's come into a situation that hasn't necessarily been incredible and he's handled himself very well and led that team."

On Sunday, Flacco will get his first close-up view of the

second-year pro, who's trying to make the most of another opportunity to prove he's the Bucs' QB of the future.

The Bucs (1-4) haven't made the playoffs the past six seasons and have changed coaches three times in five years.

Glennon started 13 games as a rookie, going 4-9 but not displaying enough to convince incoming coach Lovie Smith that the answer to improving the league's least productive passing attack was already on the roster.

Instead, Smith signed career backup Josh McCown in free agency and made him the starter.

Glennon will make his third

straight start this week against the Ravens (3-2), filling in for the 35-year-old McCown, who sprained his right thumb during Tampa Bay's 56-14 loss to Atlanta three weeks ago.

The 2013 third-round draft pick responded by throwing a game-winning touchdown in the closing seconds of a road victory over Pittsburgh two weeks ago.

He played well again last Sunday in New Orleans, when Tampa Bay squandered an 11-point, fourth-quarter lead before losing to the Saints in overtime.

The Bucs don't have much to

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Doug Martin carries the ball in the second half Oct. 5 against the New Orleans Saints in New Orleans.



Associated Press

Florida State running back Mario Pender breaks a tackle by Syracuse's Marqez Hodge as he rushes for a touchdown during the first half in Syracuse, N.Y.

# Out of the way

## Seminoles blow past Orange 38-20

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Distractions? What distractions?

Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston ignored the controversy from a sexual assault allegation swirling around him and responded with a nearly flawless performance Saturday, throwing for 317 yards and three touchdowns as the top-ranked Seminoles beat Syracuse 38-20.

"He just played ball," Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said.

Did he ever?

Winston, who scooted out of trouble when necessary to extend plays, finished 30 of 36 and earned his fifth 300-yard passing game on the road.

"It's not about distractions," Winston said. "It's about Florida State football."

Mario Pender scored twice, on a 12-yard run to open the scoring in the first quarter and a 4-yard reception in the second as the Seminoles built a 24-6 halftime lead.

Tight end Nick O'Leary had a career-high eight catches for 97 yards

and one touchdown, while Rashad Greene returned from a concussion and caught six passes for 107 yards, becoming the school's all-time receptions leader.

"When you have multiple guys making multiple catches, that's doing what we got to do," Winston said. "People can't game-plan us for one person."

Florida State (6-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) has won a school-record 22 straight games, the longest streak in the nation, and 19 in a row in the conference.

The Orange (2-4, 0-2 ACC) lost their fourth straight, again saddled by too many failures in the red zone,

scoring one touchdown in four trips inside the Florida State 20 behind two rookie quarterbacks who produced 412 yards offensively but combined to throw three interceptions.

"To beat the No. 1 team in the country is a very difficult task," Syracuse coach Scott Shafer said. "I really believed that we could beat this team and we didn't get that done. I saw some good things that were encouraging."

The game came a day after Florida State University decided to publicly detail its own timeline of

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Associated Press

Arkansas running back Jonathan Williams tries to get past Alabama defensive back Nick Perry (27) Saturday in the first half in Fayetteville, Ark.

# Week 7: Survival

*Alabama, Baylor, ECU, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State all narrowly avoid upsets*

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Dak Prescott ran for two touchdowns and threw for another, leading No. 3 Mississippi State to a 38-23 victory over No. 2 Auburn on Saturday.

Mississippi State (6-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) has won nine straight games going back to last season. Auburn (5-1, 2-1), the defending SEC champion, lost for the first time since last season's national championship game.

The Bulldogs took a 21-0 lead in the first nine minutes, but Auburn pulled to 28-20 in the third quarter. The Tigers couldn't complete the comeback, though, undone by Ricardo Louis' fumble in the fourth quarter, untimely penalties and an inconsistent offense.

Prescott completed 18 of 34 passes for 246 yards and ran for 121 yards. He threw two interceptions.

Prescott had lots of help. Josh Robinson ran for 97 yards and two touchdowns, De'Runnya Wilson had four receptions for 72 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown catch. And the defense bailed out the offense with red-zone stops following turnovers.

Auburn's Nick Marshall threw for 209 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. He ran for 100 yards.

## No. 5 Baylor 61, No. 9 TCU 58

WACO, Texas — Chris Callahan kicked a 28-yard field goal as time expired and Baylor wiped out a 21-point deficit in the final 11 minutes to beat TCU.

Bryce Petty threw six touchdown passes for the Bears (6-0, 3-0 Big 12), including a 25-yarder to Corey Coleman with 4:42 left in the fourth that tied it at 58. Petty passed for 510 yards and threw two interceptions.

TCU moved to midfield and faced fourth-and-3 from the Baylor 45 with 1:17 left in the fourth. Instead of punting, the Horned Frogs elected to try to keep the ball and end it in regulation.

Trevone Boykin tossed a sideline fade toward Josh Doctson that the receiver couldn't come up with. TCU was looking for a pass interference call on Ryan Reid but didn't get it and Baylor took over with 1:11 left.

## No. 6 Notre Dame 50, North Carolina 43

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Everett Golson threw three touchdown passes to overcome his three turnovers that led to North Carolina scores and Notre Dame remained unbeaten.

North Carolina's Marquise Williams

threw two touchdown passes, ran for another score and caught a 23-yard TD pass from receiver Quinshad Davis late in the third quarter to give the Tar Heels a 36-35 lead.

But a roughing-the-center penalty against the Tar Heels (2-4) kept alive a Notre Dame drive that led to a 9-yard TD pass from Golson to Tarean Folston. Then, Irish cornerback Cole Luke intercepted a pass to set up Folston's third touchdown.

Williams threw an 18-yard TD pass to Mack Williams with 47 seconds left, but North Carolina failed to recover the on-side kick.

The Irish (6-0) are at No. 1 Florida State next week.

## No. 7 Alabama 14, Arkansas 13

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Blake Sims threw two touchdown passes and No. 7 Alabama narrowly avoided its second straight Southeastern Conference loss with a 14-13 victory at Arkansas on Saturday night.

The Crimson Tide (5-1, 2-1 SEC), a week after a 23-17 loss at Mississippi, struggled for much of the game — fumbling four times.

However, despite being outgained 335-227, Sims put Alabama up with a 6-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

Alabama hasn't lost two straight SEC games since the 2007 season, Nick Saban's first year as coach.

The loss is the 15th straight in SEC play for the Razorbacks (3-3, 0-3), who have yet to win a conference game under second-year coach Bret Bielema.

Brandon Allen was 21 of 40 for 246 yards for Arkansas.

## No. 8 Michigan State 45, Purdue 31

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Connor Cook threw three touchdown passes, Nick Hill ran for two scores, and Darien Harris had a late interception return for a touchdown to help Michigan State hold off Purdue.

Michigan State amassed 532 total yards. The Spartans (5-1, 2-0 Big Ten) have won four straight overall, including seven straight conference road games.

Purdue's Akeem Hunt scored on runs of 52 yards and 3 yards in the fourth to make it 38-31. But Harris closed out the last chance for the Boilermakers (3-4, 1-1) with his 15-yard interception return.

## No. 11 Oklahoma 31, Texas 26

DALLAS — Alex Ross had a 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, Zack

Sanchez scored on a 43-yard interception return and Oklahoma held on for another bounce-back victory under coach Bob Stoops, beating Texas in the Red River rivalry.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1 Big 12) used those big returns to go ahead to stay despite only 29 total yards in the first half. Trevor Knight threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard, and Samaje Perine had a 13-yard TD run the final 20 minutes. The Sooners were coming off a loss last week at TCU.

Tyrone Swoopes threw his second touchdown pass to John Harris and ran 12 yards for a score for the Longhorns (2-4, 1-2) in a span of 3 1/2 minutes in the fourth quarter.

## No. 12 Oregon 42, No. 18 UCLA 30

PASADENA, Calif. — Marcus Mariota ran for two touchdowns and passed for 210 yards and two more scores to help Oregon rebound from its first loss.

Royce Freeman rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns for the Ducks (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12), who haven't lost consecutive games since 2007. Thomas Tyner and Pharaoh Brown caught TD passes as Oregon built a 42-10 lead early in the fourth quarter.

A week after a 31-24 home loss to Arizona, Oregon had little trouble in its sixth straight win over the Bruins (4-2, 1-2), who are probably out of the national title race after back-to-back defeats.

Brett Hundley passed for 216 yards and ran for a score for the Bruins, who followed up their last-minute loss to Utah by falling into a huge early hole.

Paul Perkins rushed for 190 yards and Jordan Payton caught two fourth-quarter TD passes for UCLA.

## No. 13 Georgia 34, No. 23 Missouri 0

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Hutson Mason completed 22 of 28 passes for 156 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score in Georgia's first game without suspended running back Todd Gurley.

Freshman Nick Chubb rushed 38 times for 143 yards and a touchdown as Georgia (5-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) wore down the Tigers (4-2, 1-1) early.

Gurley was suspended indefinitely Thursday while the school investigates an alleged violation of NCAA rules. It was a stunning blow for Gurley, who had been making a strong case for Heisman contention. The reason for the investigation hasn't been disclosed, but SI.com reported that Gurley allegedly received \$400 to sign 80 pieces of memorabilia on the Georgia campus.

## No. 16 Oklahoma State 27, Kansas 20

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Tyreek Hill returned a kickoff 99 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown, and Oklahoma State held on to beat Kansas.

Daxx Garman threw for 161 yards with a touchdown an interception, and Desmond Roland ran for 87 yards and another score as the Cowboys (5-1, 3-0 Big 12) were nearly caught looking ahead to next week's showdown with ninth-ranked TCU.

Michael Cummings threw for 288 yards and ran for a touchdown in his first start for Kansas (2-4, 0-3) since 2012. Corey Avery also ran for a score for the Jayhawks.

Oklahoma State led 20-7 at halftime, but the Jayhawks rallied to tie it at 20 late in the fourth quarter in their first home game under interim coach Clint Bowen.

## Duke 31, No. 22 Georgia Tech 25

ATLANTA — Anthony Boone threw for 123 yards and a touchdown, Josh Sneed ran for 102 yards and a score, and Duke snapped a 10-year losing streak against Georgia Tech.

Backup quarterback Thomas Sirk had a couple of short TD runs for the Blue Devils (5-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won in Atlanta for the first time since 1994 and showed they aren't going to give up their Coastal Division title without a fight.

Duke took advantage of three huge second-half turnovers by the Yellow Jackets (5-1, 2-1). Justin Thomas threw a pair of interceptions — one deep in Duke territory — and Zach Laskey fumbled.

## No. 19 East Carolina 28, South Florida 17

TAMPA, Fla. — Shane Carden led three long second-half touchdown drives and No. 19 East Carolina shrugged off a slow start to come back and beat South Florida 28-17 on Saturday night.

The Pirates (5-1, 2-0) overcame a 10-point halftime deficit to remain unbeaten in American Athletic Conference play and are off to their best start since 1999.

USF (2-4, 1-1) faded in the second half against a ranked team for the second straight game. The Bulls were tied 3-3 at the half before losing 27-10 at Wisconsin.

Carden completed 13 of 15 passes for 134 yards while leading scoring drives of 84, 86 and 79 yards on East Carolina's first three possessions of the second half.

Marquez Grayson's 24-yard TD run trimmed USF's lead to 17-14 late in the third quarter. Breon Allen's 4-yard scoring run put ECU ahead 21-17 early in the fourth.

# Hurricanes blow past Bearcats 55-34

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — It was a banner day for Carter Hucks.

That's what mattered to the Miami Hurricanes.

Duke Johnson became Miami's career leader in all-purpose yards, Brad Kaaya threw three touchdown passes plus ran for another, and the Hurricanes piled up 621 yards on the way to

defeating Cincinnati 55-34 on Saturday.

Johnson gave the game ball afterward to Hucks, an 8-year-old who suffers from a rare blood disorder called fanconi anemia and spent most of the week around the Hurricanes. So on a day where a banner flew pregame calling for Miami coach Al Golden's firing, and another was unfurled during the game urging the ouster of

defensive coordinator Mark D'Onofrio, the players had plenty of perspective.

"He uplifted us," said Phillip Dorsett, who caught three passes for 143 yards, two of those grabs going for Miami touchdowns. "He helped us attack this game the way we did."

And they did attack, with five touchdown plays of 25 yards or more, one of them an interception return by Tyriq McCord.

Johnson finished with 162 rushing yards on only 10 carries and Joe Yearby added 113 on eight carries for Miami (4-3), giving the Hurricanes two 100-yard runners in the same game for the first time since 2003. Gus Edwards added 85 yards on the ground, including had a 40-yard touchdown run with 9:02 remaining.

Playing with bruised ribs, Gunner Kiel completed 31 of 57

passes for 355 yards and three touchdowns for the Bearcats (2-3), but was also intercepted three times. Carter Jacobs had a 27-yard fumble return for a late score for Cincinnati, which got three touchdowns in the first 11 minutes of the fourth quarter.

Miami got points on nine of its first 13 possessions and averaged 11.9 yards per run and catch, the most by the Hurricanes since a win in 2000 over McNeese State.





# Sang-moon leads by four strokes in Napa

Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Bae Sang-moon took the lead early and expanded it late Saturday in the Frys.com Open, closing with three big putts for a 7-under 65 and a four-shot lead going into the final round.

The final three holes at Silverado changed everything.

They enabled Matt Kuchar and Brooks Koepka to get back into the hunt, but only briefly because of the great finish by Bae.

The South Korean was on the verge of making a sloppy bogey on the par-5 16th. Leading by two, he went into a hazard, hit a poor chip that barely got onto the fringe and then holed the 15-footer to save par.

With the tee moved forward on No. 17 to make it play about 292 yards to an elevated green, Bae hit drive to just inside 6 feet

and holed that for eagle, and then made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

He was at 16-under 200, four shots clear of PGA Tour rookie Zach Blair, who made a late birdie for a 69.

Kuchar hit driver to 5 feet on the 17th for an eagle and shot a 66, putting him in the penultimate group and still with a shot of winning just two weeks after the Ryder Cup.

Koepka had a birdie-birdie-birdie finish — with his power, he only needed a 3-wood on the 17th to reach the green — and shot 67. They were at 11-under 205, along with Scott Langley (69) and Martin Laird (71).

## Phatlum leads by three in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Thailand's Pomanong Phatlum birdied seven of the

first 10 holes and finished with a 6-under 65 to take a three-stroke lead in the LPGA Malaysia.

Phatlum, winless on the LPGA Tour, had a 14-under 199 total at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club.

Japan's Ayako Uehara was second after a 69.

South Korea's So Yeon Ryu, the second-round leader, had double bogeys on Nos. 17 and 18 for a 72 to drop into a tie for third at 10 under with compatriot Chella Choi (68), China's Shanshan Feng (69) and New Zealand's Lydia Ko (70).

The 17-year-old Ko can take over the No. 1 ranking from Stacy Lewis if she wins and Lewis ties for 12th or worse. Lewis, the first-round leader after a 65, had a 72 to fall into a tie for 20th at 5 under. She had a double bogey at the par-3 seventh, where she also dropped a



Associated Press

**Brooks Koepka follows his shot Saturday from the seventh tee of the Silverado Resort North Course during the third round of the Frys.com PGA Tour tournament in Napa, Calif. Koepka shot a 5-under-par 67 to finish at 11 under par.**

shot in the second round.

## Triplet up by two at SAS

CARY, N.C. — Kirk Triplett holed out from 143 yards for eagle on the par-4 18th hole to take a two-stroke lead in the Champions Tour's SAS Championship.

Triplett, the ACE Group Classic winner in February for his third victory on the 50-and-over tour, finished with a bogey-free 9-under 63 to reach 11-under 133 at Prestonwood.

Paul Goydos and Tom Lehman were tied for second. Goydos, the Hawaii Championship winner last month for

his first senior title, had a 67. Lehman shot 68.

First-round leader Guy Boros was tied for fourth at 11 under, following a 66 with a 70. Fred Funk also was 11 under after a 64. Boros faltered with bogeys on 14 and 15, while Funk birdied five of the last eight holes. Boros is making his second tour start after turning 50 last month.

## Levy leads by three in Portugal

VILAMOURA, Portugal — France's Alexander Levy had a three-stroke lead in the Portugal Masters after the completion of the second round in the event cut to 54 holes because of rain.

Levy shot a 10-under 61 on Friday, while most of the players finished the second round Saturday. He had an 18-under 124 total at Oceanico Victoria.

Belgium's Nicolas Colsaerts was second after a 67. He opened with a 60.



Associated Press

**Kansas City Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain makes a catch on a ball hit by Baltimore Orioles shortstop J.J. Hardy during the sixth inning of Game 2 of the American League Championship Series in Baltimore.**

# Royals roar ahead

*Kansas City wins Game 2 6-4, taking 2-0 lead in ALCS*

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Following another successful road show, the Royals are heading back to Kansas City with momentum and history on their side in the AL Championship Series.

Alcides Escobar doubled in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning, Mike Moustakas extended his home run-binge and the Royals remained perfect in the playoffs, beating the Baltimore Orioles 6-4 Saturday for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven matchup.

Lorenzo Cain had four hits, scored twice and drove in a run for the wild-card Royals, who are 6-0 in the playoffs this year, including 4-0 on the road. Kansas City was 47-34 in away games during the regular season.

Moustakas homered for the fourth time in five games as the Royals won their ninth straight in the postseason, a string dating way back to the 1985 World Series.

Game 3 is Monday at Kauffman Stadium. Former Oriole Jeremy Guthrie will start for the Royals against either Wei-Yin Chen or Miguel Gonzalez.

Manager Buck Showalter's team has lost two in a row at Camden Yards for the first time since June 28-29, and now the Orioles must

buck history to earn its first pennant since 1983. No club has ever won a best-of-seven LCS after dropping the first two games at home.

After squeezing out an 8-6 win in 10 innings on Friday night, the Royals again took apart the Baltimore bullpen with a late uprising.

With the score tied at 4 in the ninth, Omar Infante beat out an infield roller off Darren O'Day, the losing pitching for the second straight day.

Zach Britton entered, and Moustakas laid down a bunt that moved pinch-runner Terrance Gore to second. Alcides then sliced an opposite-field grounder inside first base to bring home Gore.

Two batters later, Cain hit an RBI single.

For the second time in two games, Wade Davis earned the win and Greg Holland got three outs for the save. Holland struck out Steve Pearce with a runner on to end it.

Moustakas, the No. 9 hitter in the lineup, hit a solo homer that put Kansas City up 4-3 in the fourth. Although he homered only once in the last 49 games of the regular season, Moustakas now stands tied with Willie Aikens for most homers by a Royals player in a single postseason.

Neither starter figured in the decision.

Baltimore's Bud Norris allowed four runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings. Royals rookie Yordano Ventura left in the sixth with tightness in his right shoulder after giving up four runs and six hits.

Kansas City used three straight hits, the last a two-run bloop single by Eric Hosmer, to go up 2-0 in the first inning.

In the second, three walks and a sacrifice fly by Caleb Joseph netted Baltimore a run without benefit of a hit.

The Royals made it 3-1 in the third on an RBI double by Billy Butler, but Game 1 star Alex Gordon looked at a third strike with two outs and two runners in scoring position.

For the day, Gordon struck out four times and stranded four runners in scoring position.

The Orioles tied it in their half if the third when Adam Jones hit his first career postseason homer after Alejandro De Aza doubled.

Baltimore loaded the bases with one out in the seventh before Pearce hit a short fly to left and J.J. Hardy flied out.

Cruz had his sixth consecutive multihit game, the longest streak in postseason history. The run began in 2012. Also, Joseph snapped an 0-for-33 skid with his first hit since Sept. 10.

# Cavaliers beat Heat in Rio as LeBron faces former team

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — LeBron James scored seven points while playing only 20 minutes against his former team, and the Cleveland Cavaliers went on to beat the Miami Heat 122-119 in overtime Saturday in an exhibition game in Brazil.

Kevin Love, who was acquired by Cleveland a month after James left the Heat to return to Ohio, finished with 25 points in an entertaining game in the beachfront city that will host the 2016 Olympics.

Chris Bosh led Miami with 19 points. The Cavaliers are 2-0 in the preseason and the Heat fell to 0-3.

The HSBC Arena, which will be used for gymnastics during the Olympics, had a sold-out crowd of 15,411, with the top ticket advertised at \$350 and green and yellow Brazilian flags adding to the color.

James shook hands with the Heat starters at the tipoff, but made little eye contact. James said in practices in Rio there was no bad blood, which was confirmed by former teammates Dwyane Wade and Bosh.

"He's on another team," Bosh said Friday. "I think he'd understand that. I understand that. We'll have plenty of time to talk in the summer, and that's how it is now."

The real tension between the Heat and Cavs comes on Dec. 25, when the teams meet for the first time in the regular season.

James struggled in the first half and played little after that, but his new team carried him. James shot only 1 of 6, missed his only 3-point attempt and his first three free throws.

According to a report this week by Forbes, James overtook Tiger Woods as the most marketable athlete in the world.

It was the Cavaliers' 32-year-old Brazilian center Anderson Varejao who got the loudest applause, upstaging James when the teams were introduced. Varejao left Brazil at 19 to begin playing abroad.

"I've been waiting my entire life for this," Varejao said from an on-court microphone. "I hope you enjoy it."

They did. James missed the first shot of the game, a fall-away jumper from the left wing. Moments later Varejao scored the first points of the game on the Cavs' second trip down the floor. He finished the first quarter with eight points as the Cavs led 27-21.

Miami trailed by 20 points, but rallied against the Cavs' reserves to tie it at 105 and force overtime. Cleveland stretched the lead to 122-119 on two free throws by Joe Harris with 13 seconds left. Miami's Shabazz Napier missed two 3-point attempts in the final seconds.

The Cavs played without guard Kyrie Irving, who sprained his right ankle before the team left the United States.

# Judge: NFL concussion opt-outs due by Tuesday

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Tuesday remains the deadline to opt out of the NFL's class-action settlement of concussion claims after a judge denied requests by former players for an extension.

Lawyers for the family of the late Chicago Bears safety Dave Duerson and others had asked for a delay until after objections are weighed at a Nov. 19 fairness hearing. They believe the deal remains "shrouded in secrecy." However, Senior U.S. District

Judge Anita Brody denied their request on Thursday.

The lead lawyers who negotiated the minimum \$765 million deal oppose the delay. They argue that many of the nearly 20,000 former players need the money quickly.

The proposed plan would pay \$1 million or more to retirees with the most severe neurological problems, such as Parkinson's disease. They are a small fraction of the cases.

The average award for Alzheimer's disease or moder-

ate dementia is expected to be about \$190,000. The NFL's actuaries expect approximately 6,000 men — or 28 percent of all retired players — to be diagnosed with serious enough cognitive problems to qualify for an award.

The settlement may not be finalized by year's end. Brody will take written briefs on the objections raised through Dec. 11.

The NFL, with \$10 billion in annual revenues, has agreed to pay at least \$765 million into the fund over 65 years, and more if needed.

The settlement addresses thousands of lawsuits that claim the NFL failed to properly treat on-field concussions for many years. Current players are not included in the litigation.

Objections have been raised by some retirees likely to miss out or have their awards reduced because, they say, they did not get a diagnosis when their symptoms first appeared, or suffered other medical conditions that affect award calculations.

Some leading brain trauma

experts have also criticized the plan because it does not compensate men who exhibit mood swings, aggression and other behavioral problems they link to repetitive brain trauma.

Duerson, who committed suicide in 2011 at age 50, is one of dozens of former NFL players diagnosed posthumously with the brain decay known as CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

The settlement includes baseline testing and monitoring for former players without neurological symptoms.





STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

The boys 5K cross country race gets under way Saturday at Whispering Pines Park as part of the Citrus Cross Country Invitational.

# Crystal River girls, Lecanto boys second at Pines

**LARRY BUGG**  
Correspondent

INVERNESS — Second place really wasn't too bad Saturday for the Crystal River High girls and the Lecanto High boys cross country teams.

The Pirates, led by freshman Jillian Felton's second-place finish, took second in the Whispering Pines Invitational team race with 99 points. Tavares won with 87 points. Alexis Ulseth helped, taking 18th with a time of 22:42.

Lecanto's Claire Farnsworth won the girls race with a time of 19:31. Felton ran a 19:51.

Farnsworth impressed her coach.

"She did really well," coach Dan Epstein said. "This course is slowing you down just slightly because of the hills. She is going to look really good at Lake McKethan, where everybody is running their fastest. I think all my girls had PRs (personal records) today. Overall, they did very well. I am very pleased."

Citrus High senior Alyssa Weber was fifth with a 20:48 in her final trek around the Pines.

Lecanto's boys rode the third-place finish of senior Sam Alford to second place. They had 55 points and were just three behind the winning Belleview team. Crystal River was sixth with 192 points. Citrus was ninth with 219 points. Seven Rivers was 13th with 369 points.

Felton was enjoying her highest place of the year.

"This is the first time I have been out of the 20s," Felton said. "I like the course. I am happy about this."

"The girls had a breakout race," said Crystal River assistant coach Brennan McNally. "Jillian ran aggressive. Lexi came through. We couldn't ask for anything more from our girls. They have been training hard, so they



Claire Farnsworth, a junior at Lecanto High School, approaches the finish line Saturday in the girls 5K cross country race at the Citrus Cross Country Invitational. Farnsworth finished in first place.

deserve it." Weber is enjoying her final-year cross-country tour. She has made it to state every year and wants to reach Tallahassee again in November.

"It kind of hit me, like, 'Oh wait, this is my last race,'" Weber said. "I would like to run in college. The weather was nice. It was cool. This is home. I thank my team

and my family for supporting me."

"I feel really excited about Alyssa," said Citrus girls coach David Assumpcao. "She sees what it takes to get to 19. I really believe she can get to state if she gets better in the next three or four races."

Alford was third with a 16:55.

"I felt a lot better (about his run)," said Alford. "I

started out faster and I kept it going. I run here a lot."

The team had a great run. "Everyone ran really well," said Lecanto boys coach Roselle Lattin. "Our top five pretty much had season bests. Great course. I am exceptionally proud of my three, four and five this week."

"I want to make sure

that I thank the community," said Citrus boys coach James Martone. "Great turnout today. Whispering Pines does a great job. Walgreens stepped up this year, donating all the water. Beautiful day."

## Whispering Pines Invitational 2014 results

**Girls team scores**  
1. Tavares, 87; 2. Crystal River, 99; 3. Belleview, 108; 4. Spring Hill Springstead, 117; 5. Lecanto, 122; 6. Ocala Forest, 139; 7. Ocala Trinity Catholic, 142; 8. The Villages, 161; 9. Inverness Citrus, 206; 10. Seven Rivers Christian, 207; 11. Lake Weir, 207.

**Girls Top 5 Individuals**  
1. Claire Farnsworth, Lecanto, 19:31; 2. Jillian Felton, Crystal River, 19:51 3. Amelia Schmit, Nature Coast Tech, 19:52; 4. Harley Horsley, Tavares, 20:44; 5. Alyssa Weber, Citrus, 20:48.

**Boys team scores**  
1. Belleview, 52; 2. Lecanto, 55; 3. Nature Coast Tech, 99; 4. Ocala Forest, 134; 5. Ocala Trinity Catholic, 147; 6. Crystal River, 152; 7. Tavares, 185; 8. Spring Hill Springstead, 195; 9. Inverness Citrus, 219; 10. The Villages, 224; 11. Lake Weir, 239; 12. Weeki Wachee, 282; 13. Seven Rivers, 360.

**Boys Top 5 Individuals**  
1. Redondo Beauplan, Belleview, 16:46; 2. Trevor Foley, Nature Coast Tech, 16:47; 3. Sam Alford, Lecanto, 16:55; 4. Cristian Cobb, Ocala Forest, 17:03 5. Mackenzie Woods, Lecanto, 17:04.

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# Despite all the bad, don't lose sight of the good



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

It is not newsworthy when I jump in the river and swim around to cool off. It is newsworthy when I jump in the river to cool off and a 6-foot tarpon swims up to me to determine whether I am edible. (For the record, I am not). Bad stuff becomes news. The good stuff often gets overlooked because we're too busy covering the bad

stuff and trying to figure out whether tarpon bite. But there are some good things going on in Citrus County right now, and we shouldn't let them be obscured by the bad stuff. To start, the final resolution of the hospital mess in Inverness will result in an improvement in health care and a reduction in taxes and stress. Citrus Memorial, our county public

hospital, is about to be taken over by HCA, the nation's largest health care provider. While lots of people and businesses have been negatively impacted by the five-year controversy, it's the employees at CMH who have suffered the most. The stress has worn lots of folks down, and the HCA takeover will be cause for celebration. At least

everyone will know what the future looks like. The medical community has also been in limbo for years, making investment and growth almost impossible. That uncertainty will now come to an end. The city of Crystal River is moving ahead with plans to build a Riverwalk around King's Bay and create a new tourism destination for the county. After

years of talking about building the Riverwalk, the council and city are getting ready to move forward. That means more businesses, more jobs and more places to enjoy. The YMCA is going full speed toward building the very first Y facility in Citrus County. The capital fundraising effort — the

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Mourners look at a display of photos during a memorial service at Bell High School for the victims of a shooting rampage last month in Bell, a town of 450 northeast of Gainesville. On Sept. 18, Don Spirit shot and killed his daughter Sarah and her six children before turning the gun on himself.

Associated Press

# In Bell, a common toll

The tragic story of the Spirit family in Bell, Florida, is about more than just a single family or a single agency. It is a story about our collective failure as a society.

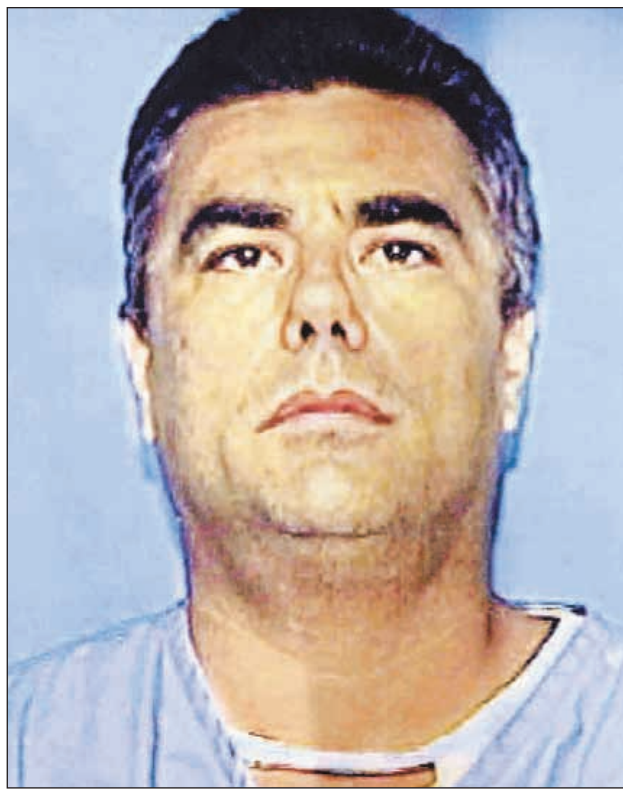


T. Wayne Davis  
**GUEST COLUMN**

The Spirit family was vulnerable and Don Spirit was a very troubled man. While his acts were deplorable and defenseless, he was only the most recent personification of all that is wrong in our communities, in our state and in our society as a whole. The Spirit case was not simply the result of a singular case of child abuse that went unchecked. Unfortunately, tragedies of this magnitude aren't born of a few mistakes; they result from festering sores left unchecked for decades. How many opportunities were there to intervene in Don Spirit's life long before he finally cracked? Was he abused as a child? Did he struggle in school and drop out in frustration when help wasn't there? Was he a juvenile delinquent who received punishment rather than education and treatment? As an adult felon, was he denied treatment and job training that would have enabled him to better provide for himself, his daughter and her children?

We may never know those answers, but how many more troubled individuals will the system fail before we learn? It is unrealistic to expect that a single agency could make up for widespread societal dysfunction. If we truly want to prevent more senseless tragedies, prevention at all levels must become a priority for every individual, from neighbors and family members to child welfare professionals, law enforcement and policy makers. Programs and strategies that strengthen our families and communities — including parental education through home visits, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, sexual abuse prevention, child abuse prevention

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Don Spirit, pictured in a booking mugshot from a 2001 arrest.

## Why I'm a Democrat ... again

This fall I got around to changing my voter registration, a decision I had made several months before. In order for you to understand why, I need to offer some background. I first became aware of politics in the 1950s, Dwight Eisenhower was president, and I learned to see him as the standard of what a president should be. Still too young to vote, I joined the Young Republicans club and attended the meetings. The president of the club was a young Bill Young, who recently passed away after 40 years in Congress.



Ron Schultz  
**OTHER VOICES**

When I came of age, I registered as a Republican. Much to the consternation of my Democratic and Catholic parents, I supported and voted for Richard Nixon. I attended various meetings sponsored by the Pinellas Republican Executive Committee. There I was told that Eisenhower was a dedicated tool of the international Communist movement. I also was told that the social sciences were communism's plan to capture our children —

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## From local brains, local gains

In order to increase economic growth and employment, the Economic Development Council (EDC) is supposed to assist in bringing new industry and expanding existing businesses. For years, this has been a difficult task in our county because of the limited resources and poor infrastructure. Citrus County's EDC took a unique, two-pronged approach in order to be successful. It continues to solicit new industries from outside of Citrus County while encouraging local entrepreneurs and innovators by sponsoring events such as "Fire Up Citrus."



Dr. Paresh Desai  
**GUEST COLUMN**

"Fire Up Citrus" took place Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Quality Inn Banquet Hall in Citrus Hills. Over 100 citizens attended and 11 innovative business plans were presented. This year was special, not because many young entrepreneurs participated in the event, but because we saw organic growth through innovative business ideas from our local Inverness Middle School students. The United States depends on entrepreneurs to create new jobs and have

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### GREEN FLAG

# Drivers and fans deserve viable venue

Concerns by racetrack promoter Gary Laplant regarding health and finances have led to the early closure of the 2014 Citrus County Speedway season.

Laplant has promised a return in 2015 and is currently working toward salvaging some dates in the 2014 season.

The Citrus County Speedway has been part of the community for 50 years. For some, racing is in their blood, so

#### THE ISSUE:

Speedway season cut short.

#### OUR OPINION:

Race track an integral part of the community.

side of the county, with nearly 80 inches of rain falling in the Inverness area. Cars cannot race on wet tracks, so Laplant has had to cancel a number of events.

Drivers are still struggling to find regular sponsors to help fund the expensive hobby, and the track needs drivers to be successful. The more drivers in each class, the more fans in the stands, the more beer, fries and hamburgers sold in the concession and the more revenue for the track.

Health and finances are not the only issues. As with any competitive endeavor, there will be hard feelings, especially when new rules are set to govern how drivers race and set up their cars. Laplant has acknowledged the dissatisfaction by some, who in the new world of social media feed on each others' complaints.

Regardless of all the problems the race track faces, the local community of race car drivers in Citrus County and throughout Central Florida deserve to have a viable local track. The issues at the speedway are temporary. Laplant has repeatedly said he loves racing and is working to get back on track.

If he is not successful, local drivers will face a new promoter with a whole new set of rules, or worse, the permanent closure of the track, which would be devastating for the local racing community.

We urge all those with a vested interest in racing to support the track and whoever its promoter might be. The local racing community deserves nothing less.

### Too kind to Gators

I think the *Chronicle* is being very kind to the Florida Gators when they said "Florida rallies late to beat Tennessee." If you watched the game, which I did, they pretty much almost lost it 'til the very end, and Tennessee was very close to scoring again, and they made an error. And thank God they won because of the errors made by Tennessee, not because of how Florida played. Florida's past record has been so great. Now with this coach they've got in there now, they're basically squeaking by. And the way they're going, they're never going to make it anywhere to any championship games, because they don't have the strength. They don't have the coaching ability. They lack a lot of assets that previously was there. And I think it's time they get rid of dead wood and start putting people in there who make it worthwhile for the school to have a winning football team.



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### Kudos to county

I've lived in this area of Leisure Acres, Green Acres, etc., for 25 years. Off and on from time to time, I call the road department about a little hole or a little, you know, something a little wrong. They have always responded and took care of the problem. I don't know what some of these people think they want. Do they want another highway 44 running through Leisure Acres and Green Acres over to Homosassa? They need to get over it. This is a rural, residential area. This is not high-speed parkway area. Our county road department — and I'm not an employee — they do a very, very good job of taking care of the roads.

### Thanks for printing letter

It's Monday, Oct. 6, and in the *Chronicle* you have a letter to the editor by Robert Hagaman. Thank you for printing it. It's nice to see something positive and people with some good common sense in this county.

# To fight greening, think orange

Would you pay \$6.50 for a gallon at the gas pump? You'd have to if it were dispensing Florida orange juice.

Florida OJ has long cost more than gasoline, but in the past decade it has spiked to nearly twice the price of the lowest-octane fuel. This despite the fact that it's a home-grown health drink whose price is far less impacted by Middle East cartels, revolutions and terrorism than that of oil.

A grove disease called citrus greening isn't the only cause of rising juice prices, but it's a central contributor.

First, greening has brought either biological or economic death to so many trees since its arrival in 2005 that Florida has lost 30 percent of its commercial citrus acreage in less than a decade. That's a land loss equivalent to 60 percent of all of Citrus County. Fewer oranges generally mean more expensive oranges.

Second, growing fruit is much more expensive in the era of citrus greening. Growers can still produce healthy fruit in an infected grove — for a time, at least. But it's often done through expensive means — pesticides, more nutrients, more water, more labor, more replaced trees. Managing citrus greening and citrus canker doubled production costs from 2002-03 to 2010-11, according to figures from the University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred. Again, the price on the supermarket shelf reflects that.

This is unfolding at a time when consumers are in the driver's

seat as never before in terms of what they eat and drink. Floridians should continue to have the choice to go local with their juice, to help their neighbors prosper and to reduce the distance groceries travel from grove to supermarket checkout conveyor belt.

Citrus greening doesn't just affect you in the grocery store. Its effects spread far beyond groves to the police cruiser, the firehouse or your child's classroom.

There are places in Florida where 20 percent of the entire property tax base comes from citrus groves. That means growers support 1 in 5 sheriff's deputies, firefighters and teachers. And that doesn't even take into account packing houses.

Losing a grove doesn't take the land off the property tax rolls. But it's a significant hit, because fallow land is valued much lower than a thriving grove. That translates into fewer taxes collected. There are only two ways I know of to make up the difference — reduce spending on public services or raise taxes.

Citrus is a \$9 billion industry in Florida. It employs not only pickers and packers but scientists, managers, marketers and exporters. It fuels sales of tractors, insurance, equipment, cars, horses, homes — in short, just about anything an orange grower uses. It keeps processing plants humming, trucks rolling, ships launching.

So please consider a fresh look inside your supermarket's refrigerator case. It's an opportunity to buy local. Every sale is

a lifeline to growers struggling to stay in business as researchers at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (which, in full disclosure, I lead), the Florida Department of Citrus, U.S. Department of Agriculture and commercial farms race to find a way to check citrus greening's destruction.

Every dollar invested in agricultural research yields at least a 20-fold return, according to agricultural economics experts from three states.

Right now the return is in time — an extended life for the Florida citrus industry as researchers find promising but short-term strategies to keep groves producing while they seek a way to wipe out greening.

At least some investors see enough promise in the industry's future that they're buying groves, like the Frostproof-based company that recently spent more than \$12 million to acquire nearly 1,500 acres of orange groves in Charlotte County.

Meanwhile, UF/IFAS has an army of entomologists, engineers, plant pathologists, horticulturalists, geneticists and breeders enlisted in the fight to sustain the state's iconic citrus industry. Think of the grocery case as the place you can buy a war bond — and fuel your day with a vitamin-packed drink.

Jack Payne is senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Florida and head of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. A version of this commentary originally appeared in the *Tampa Bay Times*.



Jack Payne GUEST COLUMN



"HEY, LOOK...WE'RE OUT OF THE WOODS!"

### LETTERS to the Editor

#### Highway yard sale should be stopped

Re: "Competing event stirs controversy" by Jim Bitter, *Letters to the Editor*, Page A12, Thursday, Sept. 25.

**Editor's note:** Between the submission and publication of this letter, the county issued a permit for the Great Florida Yard Sale. For more, see "County OKs big yard sale," Page A1, Thursday, Oct. 9.

I read Mr. Bitter's letter with interest, and then thought to myself, "Why is this happening?" Who is taking the responsibility for this and who issues a permit for this? Well, no one has issued a permit for this and one will not be issued according to the county. The county also plans on citing any property owner who allows this to happen.

Then we come to tourism, and there is \$2,500 grant tied to hotel rentals associated with this garage sale. Why would we give a grant to this and not to the Homosassa Civic Club for its event, which brings money directly into the county and is spent here on things like a fire house in Homosassa?

U.S. 19 is considered one of the most — if not the most — dangerous highway in Florida. The county controls the rights of way on that stretch of U.S.

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Where are they going to park, and how much are they paying her to set up on public rights of way?

Several of us think this needs to be stopped before it gets any farther. It's time for the county commissioners to step up and ask the county attorney to file for an injunction to stop this, and some serious questions need to be asked of Rebecca Bays about why they got this grant from the TDC. This event can do more to hurt the county than help it if people come and the county is out writing citations to property owners and people are trying to park in private lots and being towed.

There are a lot of unanswered question here, and they need to be answered before this goes any farther. If you agree that this is a bad idea, maybe we need to let the board know by phone calls, emails and showing up at the next board meeting to put pressure on them to act. Something smells here when you schedule something like this when you have an event like the Homosassa Seafood Festival already scheduled for that day. Is someone trying to hurt the seafood festival for some reason?

Ray Speerly Inverness

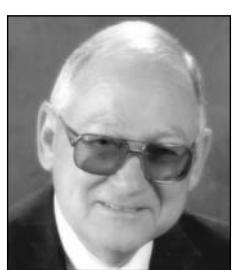
# Thanks, Fred? No, thank you, stranger

I absolutely love the *Chronicle's* Sound Off section. I usually read it first. I enjoy what readers have to say. I don't always agree with all of them. How could I? These snippets usually cover all takes on a subject, and there is always more than one opinion. It gives me faith in the American way of life to observe these diverse statements and to see all of them on one page of newsprint. Thank God and the drafters of our Constitution for the First Amendment.

I not only like to read Sound Off, I like to call in. Quite often my call-ins never make it into print, so if that happens to you, don't think it's personal. I say things to Sound Off that I would never, ever put in a letter to the editor and most certainly not in one of my columns. When I dial 563-0579, I'm just venting and it feels good! I don't take offense when someone calls in and says they think my stuff is too sweet or perhaps even unbelievable. I assure you, everything I write is based

in fact. There are no made up incidents. Embellished? Maybe. Made up? No. And it does my heart more good than a visit with my cardiologist to see a comment such as the one I saw in the Friday, Oct. 3, edition: "Thanks, Fred. I've never taken much time to read the editorials in the Sunday's papers until today (Sept. 28).

I've noticed Sound Off in the past and thought I would go ahead on a rainy, dreary day and read the editorial section. What a dear, sweet, kind, loving man Fred Brannen is. What a king of men his wife has. What a beautiful message. Thank you for reminding me what love is all about."



Fred Brannen  
**A SLICE OF LIFE**

It is probably inappropriate on so many levels for me to quote the above, but I thank the *Chronicle* for allowing me the privilege of writing words that will encourage. I'm not a journalist; perhaps, after 26 years of trying, maybe I'm a columnist, but what I really am, always and foremost, is a storyteller. It is not my job to cover tragic events or write about the dismal parts of life which all too often invade our world. My calling is to look for and tell about the things which will bring

smiles to readers' faces while they are drinking their second cups of coffee on Sunday mornings. As to the caller's comments on Oct. 3: Thanks, Fred? No. Thank you.  
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## WINDOW

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largest in the history of this community — is moving close to its goal, and construction of the Y is expected to begin in 2015. Duke Energy is moving forward with its plan to build a new gas plant at the energy site north of Crystal River. This \$1.2 billion project will bring jobs and more stability to the tax base. The state of Florida is moving ahead with land purchases for rights of way to extend the Suncoast Parkway through Citrus County. This is more than just talk; the state is spending millions of dollars purchasing the property for the parkway. The county's lack of an interstate has always been a major barrier to job expansion and commercial growth. Our public school system is an 'A' district. That means Citrus County is performing at a high level in educating and training our children. We are one of the top districts in the state of Florida and should be proud of what has been accomplished. At the same time, so many other school districts in Florida faced financial turmoil during the recent recession; our district maintained its conservative spending philosophy and avoided trouble. Good schools and a good price — that's a winning combination. We are doing solid things to clean up the environment. The sewer project around King's Bay has been constructed, and most of the homes with old septic tanks are no longer dumping nitrates into our bays and rivers. A joint project by Crystal River, Duke Energy and the Southwest Florida Water Management District is almost complete and will move all of the treated water from the city sewer plant up to the energy site north of town. Now treated water will be used to cool the towers at the plant instead of fresh water pumped out of the aquifer. County government is considering piggybacking on the project so that more of its treated water can be disposed of in a more environmentally friendly way. Three Sisters Springs is about to open to the public. It's been three years since the property was purchased and now all the planning is just about done. Citrus County is going to have one of the most incredible public preserves right in the middle of an urban area. The investment of Citrus County is going to pay off. So it's true, there are bad things going on in our community, but there are also plenty of positive trends that we need to remember. They don't always make the headlines, but they are the events that improve the quality of life in our community.

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# Reject all three proposed amendments

As a rule of thumb, rejecting all proposed constitutional amendments would save money, reduce the power of bureaucrats to regulate our freedoms and deprive special interest groups of power over the citizenry. The embarrassment of humane treatment of pigs would not be enshrined in the Florida Constitution, nor would costly and ineffective class-size limits. Left-leaning interest groups would not have been able to force a judge to demand new electoral districts be drawn up to favor Democratic and minority politicians. On the November ballot, Amendment 1 is a fine-sounding proposal to protect the state's environment and its waters by dedicating a portion of an existing tax for that purpose. Bureaucrats will implement the law and determine where and how the money is spent on "beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands." In other words, the money will be spent

on almost anything special interests might desire. And make no mistake: The money diverted to this environmental slush fund will have to be made up from additional revenues (taxes) to compensate the loss. Amendment 1 is best thought of as a hidden tax to give environmentalists and their bureaucrat friends greater control over state lands and resources. We elect representatives to sort out all of the state's needs on a priority basis. Why would we want to transfer this power to unresponsive bureaucrats? Amendment 2 — "medical marijuana" — is not needed. Actually, almost anyone who "needs" marijuana can get it for medical use with little fear of prosecution. The issue here is not marijuana — a substance less harmful than tobacco — so much as the unintended consequences of a poorly written law. To help perhaps 20,000 to 30,000 Floridians who derive some medical benefits from smoking marijuana, the remaining 19 million of us are being asked to authorize the poorly controlled, highly permis-

sive sales of "medical" marijuana on every street corner. Our elected representatives can authorize medical marijuana or even make it available for recreational use without amending the constitution. Amendment 3 is just politics. If a judge failed to be approved by voters for retention in office, it permits the current governor to make an appointment to be effective immediately upon the vacation of the judgeship. Doing so avoids a vacancy and possible case backlog. The issue is that the governor making appointments in November would appoint justices sharing his political philosophy and not the philosophy of a newly elected governor who would make appointments the following January. Amendment 3 does not resolve a critical problem. Lastly, the governor's race. Gov. Scott is not a friendly, likable guy who can win converts with smooth talk. But he has done what he promised the voters, reducing taxes and regulations and helping to create jobs. He brings fiscal conservatism and the efficiency of his business background to the office, if not

slick political skills. In comparison, former Gov. Charlie Crist is the type of politician most of us disrespect: He is dishonest, untrustworthy and completely self-serving. He has said and done everything he could to deny his "Reagan conservative" former self in order to promote his candidacy to Democrats. That Crist is getting so much support speaks volumes about Democratic voters. One shining light in the political arena is U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent. He is a "citizen legislator" true to the constitution and his conservative local roots. We will be fortunate to retain his service. Whatever your persuasion, enjoy and appreciate your right to vote and have your opinion counted!

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## Letters to THE EDITOR

**Vote down 'Cent'**  
I was going to vote yes for this tax until I read the ordinance.

Section (5)(c) of the ordinance reads: "The board may modify the use of the transportation surtax subsequent ordinance." This should not be in this ordinance as per Ms. Parsons' statement in explaining it to the people at a recent board meeting. I go to many board meetings, and this is the first time I caught this change at the last minute. I am asking all citizens of Citrus County to vote no on this referendum. What we really wanted has been ruined once again by people who we elected into office. We want our roads paved and we will never get it done by this sitting board. Once again they failed us by adding this language to the ordinance. Thank you for ruining any chance this "Cent for Citrus" has of being passed.

**Charles Knecht Sr.**  
Dunnellon

**Stop Ebola spread**  
I think we would all like to know why the airlines did not stop the run back and forth to these countries in Africa that has the Ebola outbreak. Now we have to deal with that person who showed up in Texas with Ebola.

The CDC says we have nothing to worry about. Yes! We should be worried. Only now the airlines are saying they will not fly to and from those infected countries in Africa. It is a little late. So now we have a chance of more people coming down with Ebola. He came to Texas to visit his family. The family has to be watched to see if they come down with the virus. Is this country ever going to learn to take charge before things happen? We all better pray the Ebola virus will be stopped. Wake up airlines. No flying to and from these countries until all this is over.

**Anna DeRose**  
Lecanto

**Thank you, HPH**  
My wife and I recently lost a very special member of our family. Genevieve (Frenchie) was 92 years old. In the last weeks of her life on Earth, she was under the care of one of the finest organizations I have ever known.

Words are not adequate to describe the compassion, care and heartwarming affection "Frenchie" received prior to her passing on to eternal peace. The entire staff, volunteers, nurses, nurses' aides, etc., were simply extraordinary to both "Frenchie" and my wife and I. They helped us cope with this loss and their concern for our loved one was so touching and genuine. HPH Hospice is a very special organization, and we will always be grateful. Genevieve "Frenchie" is gone, but she will not be forgotten, and neither will be the wonderful care and compassion she received at HPH Hospice.

**Patrick Shipman**  
Crystal River

**Listen to voters**  
I had intended to be at the BOCC meeting to suggest the vote to purchase the Meadowcrest building be deferred until the new commissioners are sworn in, which would have been the honorable thing to do. Knowing the voting record of some of the commissioners, this request would have fallen on deaf ears and, as the headline in the Sept. 24 *Chronicle* shows, it was a waste of time to make this request.

We must remember that some commissioners seem to be as hooked on the power to spend taxpayers' money. They spent our money like the proverbial drunken sailor. The only difference is when the sailor runs out of money, he is forced to stop spending, while certain commissioners just constantly raise taxes or invent creative MSBUs with apparently no regard for the pain suffered by the average citizen and obviously no regard for their own political future.

**Harry Cooper**  
Hernando

Voters essentially fired Commissioner "JJ" Kenney. The citizens he swore to serve were displeased that he was doing exactly the opposite of what the people wanted. Commissioners Joe Meek and Dennis Damato won't be re-elected in two years unless they come to realize this. The reason quite simply for the end of the political careers of four commissioners is simple. The four in question could always be counted on to spend and spend and spend then raise taxes and invent more creative ways to tax without calling them taxes, all the while looking bored to indifference at BOCC meetings and repeatedly ignoring input from citizens. When commissioners constantly and predictably go against the majority of those who put them in office, they learn the hard way that they can be removed from office.

## BELL

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health services, substance abuse treatment, sexual abuse prevention, child abuse prevention and expanded availability of affordable childcare — all play a role in systemic prevention. The 2014 Florida Legislature took steps in the right direction by increasing funding for mental health services, substance abuse treatment and Healthy Families Florida, a highly successful home-visiting program proven to prevent child abuse and neglect in high-risk families. Strengthened with recent legislation aimed at enhancing child welfare, Florida's Department of Children and Families is working tirelessly to adapt and improve services for our state's most

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vulnerable children and families. But it alone can't turn the tide. I am encouraged that state Rep. Gayle Hatteel and the Healthy Families subcommittee she chairs will continue to examine

to read. Better lenses led to the invention of powerful microscopes and telescopes, which subsequently led to the progress in medical science and the discovery of new planets in our galaxy. This eventually led to our present generation of fiber-optic cables, which are used in telecommunications and modern-

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## DESAI

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new ideas to drive its economic growth. The United States Census Bureau found those businesses that are less than five years old accounted for the majority of new jobs in the country.

Additionally, startup companies were the major source of innovation. Consequently, new small businesses are critical for the growth of the economy, and startup companies lead the way in creating new jobs and products. New products ultimately help to lift the economy by encouraging

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# SCHULTZ

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that those are what we were warned against in 2 Timothy 2. Over in the Democratic sphere, there was a Florida Senate committee led by the pork chop Charley Johns. His committee had hearings around the state to root out communists, homosexuals, integrationists and teachers of evolution from our universities.

At that point, I became politically uninvolved.

After graduating from college, getting married and returning to Clearwater, I became involved with the Pinellas Democratic Executive Committee. Some years later, I was seeking a subject for a doctoral dissertation and became interested in the measurement of equity in tax rolls. I got a consulting contract with Pinellas County Schools to measure relative equity in Hernando, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. I then became the University of South Florida staffer who was contacted by the press whenever a question about the tax roll came up. In 1976 I ran for and was elected property appraiser in Pinellas. The 1976 election was a backlash against the tragedy of the Nixon presidency. Jimmy Carter had significant coattails, and brought a lot of Democrats into office.

Between the election and my swearing-in, the incumbent property appraiser passed away. I was then appointed by Gov. Reubin Askew to fill out his term. I was re-elected twice, serving 12 years. In 1988, amid a Republican sweep, I lost the election by a few hundred votes. I was, therefore, the last countywide elected Democrat in

Pinellas.

At the behest of former Citrus County Property Appraiser Charles Allen, my wife and I eventually made the decision to move to Citrus County with the intention of taking over for Allen, who was battling cancer. Allen explained that I would have to register as a Republican in order to get the appointment. Gov. Bob Martinez was a mainstream Republican politician and I knew and had worked with many members of his administration. I was comfortable with their policies and agreed to register.

Allen then told me he would stay in office until I could arrange the appointment. In 1992, Martinez lost his re-election bid. About two weeks before the end of his term, his chief of staff phoned me and said "tell him to resign," which Allen did. I was then appointed by Gov. Martinez. My appointment was probably the last of his administration. When Diann and I showed up for the event, the governor's office was full of packed boxes waiting for the movers.

I was then elected in 1996 and subsequently, retiring in 2010 after 14 years in office. Although the property appraiser is elected as a member of a political party, the duties of the office are strictly apolitical and nonideological.

Diann and I enjoyed a couple of years of retirement, and then state Rep. Charlie Dean decided to run for the state Senate and resigned his House seat. I felt that I was not yet ready to stay out of things, so I chose to run for the seat. I was elected as the state representative from District 43 and re-elected, serving three years in the Legislature.

During my 30 years in county government, I be-

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lieved and practiced the concept that an elected official had a responsibility to the public as a whole. It took me a while to recognize that as a legislator, the expectation was that your first duty was to conform to the values and ideology of that small portion of the public that elected you and that the general welfare was clearly secondary. During my time in the Legislature, I made some votes that were not partisan and proved definitely unpopular with the leadership. During my three years in the House, the institution

strongly to the right, adopting the philosophy of the upstart tea party. At the same time, the Citrus Republican Executive Committee became an arm of the Tea Party Patriots. With opposition from both Tallahassee and the local organization, I was defeated in the Republican primary, the only incumbent Republican House member to go down that year.

I remained a Republican and campaigned for some local and state nominees. The November election resulted in the election of a Republican governor and a Legisla-


ture that was overwhelming Republican. The next two years, at the national, state and local levels, the definitive political issue was "repeal and replace" as the Affordable Care Act became the centerpiece in the plan to defeat President Barack Obama in his quest for a second term. In Florida, we also rejected the federal offer to build a high-speed rail line, since it was part of the Democratic stimulus effort.

With the re-election of President Obama, the game plan to limit him to one term was shown to be ineffective. Nevertheless,

for two years, and two sessions of the Legislature, Tallahassee has ignored the needs of some 800,000 Floridians for Medicare expansion, an expansion that would bring about 15 billion federal dollars (over three years) and add over 60,000 jobs to Florida (data from the Tampa Bay Times/Miami Herald Truth-o-Meter, Sept. 30, 2014).

This past year I found that I could no longer support a Florida Republican Party with an ideology that leads to political decisions that deny routine medical care to many of our citizens as well as providing additional job opportunities and a massive stimulus. These decisions, I believe, are morally despicable and economically stupid. I therefore have once again registered as a Democrat.

*Ron Schultz served 14 years as Citrus County property appraiser and three years as District 43 state representative.*



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# Paying taxes can be a sign of success



Bruce Williams  
**SMART MONEY**

**DEAR BRUCE:** My husband and I have a sizable amount of money in stocks. We pay taxes on the earnings each year. What would be the tax liabilities to us were we to give some of the stocks to our children and/or grandchildren? Would there be immediate tax liabilities to them upon receipt? — S.B.

**DEAR S.B.:** There's nothing to complain about if you're paying taxes every year because you made money in stocks. You asked about

liabilities if you were to give some of the stocks to your children.

Each year, you could give up to \$14,000 per person and there will be no tax liability to you or to the children who receive the stocks. After that, taxes on any money earned from those stocks would be their responsibility, and I hope that they have to pay a lot of taxes because that means they are making money.

Any money you wish to give above the legal amount in any

calendar year would be subject to the appropriate gift taxes.

**DEAR BRUCE:** Since interest rates have been so low, I have left my IRA money in an IRA money market account hoping things would turn around. I don't plan on using the money and am now thinking of putting it in an annuity (Knights of Columbus) or a life insurance policy. But I'll have to pay a huge amount of money to the government (around 25 percent) if I put it in a life insurance policy.

This really bothers me since it goes against the idea of an IRA, but the return is so much more for my beneficiaries (almost double) if I pass as early as the first year. What do you think? — C.L.

**DEAR C.L.:** Interest rates are low no matter where you left your IRA money. Unless it was invested in the market, your money has been earning extremely little interest, and when you consider inflation, you've

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# Hack attack



Associated Press

Company owner Scott Schober uses a magnifier Oct. 6 to look at a circuit board for a cellular telephone detector at Berkeley Varitronics Systems, in Metuchen, N.J. Berkeley Varitronics Systems' bank account was hacked earlier this year and \$50,000 was taken, Schober says. He got the money back, but considers the incident a lesson. He had already invested \$50,000 in security for his own systems and plans to add another \$20,000.



Company owner Scott Schober uses a cellular phone Oct. 6 to set off a blue light in a detector during a demonstration at Berkeley Varitronics Systems, in Metuchen, N.J.

## Computer security breaches a big danger for small businesses

JOYCE M. ROSENBERG  
 AP business writer

NEW YORK

It's not just big businesses such as JPMorgan Chase, Target and Home Depot that get hacked. Small companies suffer from intrusions into their computer systems, too.

The costs associated with computer and website attacks can run well into the thousands and even millions of dollars for a small company. Many small businesses have been attacked — 44 percent, according to a 2013 survey by the National Small Business Association, an advocacy group. Those companies had costs averaging \$8,700.

JPMorgan Chase said the attack on its computer servers this summer compromised customer information from about 76 million households and 7 million small businesses. Target Corp., Michaels Stores Inc. and Neiman Marcus have also reported breaches of their computer systems in the past year, as did Home Depot Inc., whose customers include small contracting companies.

Typically, businesses must have a computer expert find the source of the attack and systems have to be purged of harmful software like viruses. When websites are shut down, revenue can be lost.

Making matters worse, if customer data was breached, companies often must pay to notify each person or business affected. In some states, they're encouraged to pay for credit report monitoring for customers, says Matt Donovan, head of technology insurance underwriting for the insurer Hiscox USA.

In almost every state, companies must notify people when information has been breached, said Samuel Cornish, a commercial law attorney with Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster in Newark, New Jersey. Companies can also be liable for damages in lawsuits brought by customers, he said.

Small businesses are particularly vulnerable to attacks because many owners believe they don't have the time and money to invest in software programs or consulting services to make systems more secure.

Many businesses are ignorant of risks they face or possible solutions, said Jeff Foresman, a consultant with Rook Security, an Indianapolis-based computer security company. They might not realize an

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# Looking for work? Job fair Wednesday can help

Five. That's the number who found themselves added to the ranks of Citrus County's unemployed in August — a very slight increase over the previous month to be sure, but nothing shy of monumental for those joining the 4,394 others making up the county's 8.1 percent unemployment rate.

I know it seems odd to be talking about the August unemployment rate when here we are in the middle of October, but the data is always released a

month after the fact and we won't get the September numbers until Friday. In the meantime, no one is sitting around waiting for those numbers to improve on their own.

If you need a job, you can do something about it in a big way by attending the third annual Citrus County Fall Job Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The job fair takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College of Central Florida's Learning and Conference Center in Lecanto. The event is free and open to any job seeker.

Frank Calascione, our business development manager in Citrus County, said that for job seekers the job fair is a "great way to meet employers who are hiring and to apply for jobs on the spot."

Calascione said that employers find job fairs to be a "fast, efficient and a cost-effective way to connect with qualified, skilled talent."



Laura Byrnes  
**CAREER SOURCE**

The proof, as they say, is in the pudding. Last year's fall job fair set a record for attendance topping 200 job seekers and 18 local employers. In May, that was eclipsed when 325 job seekers showed up to meet with 33 employers.

At last count, more than two dozen employers registered to attend Wednesday's job fair, including the

U.S. Army; AT&T Inc.; Avante at Inverness; B-Scada; Caregiver Services; Childhood Development Services; Citrus County Public Schools Transportation; Citrus County Sheriff's Office and Fire Services; Community Housing Partners; Dash Express; Enterprise Rent A Car; Experience Works; Family Life Care; Fast-Track Staffing; FDS Disposal; Hospice of Citrus County; Interim Healthcare Staffing; Key Training Center; Maxim Healthcare; New Horizon Village; Nick Nicholas Ford

and Ford Lincoln; ResCare HomeCare; Rural King; SGN Wireless, LLC; Spherion Staffing; and Western & Southern Financial Group. As we did with the spring job fair, we offered Job Fair 101 prep workshops at our one-stop career center earlier this month. If you were unable to participate, you can still maximize your time at the job fair with a little preparation.

The best thing you can do is stop by our center at

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## BUSINESS DIGEST



Special to the Chronicle

## FDS Disposal recognizes employees

FDS Disposal hosted its annual safety meeting for drivers and shop staff Oct. 6 at Sonny's Barbecue in Inverness. The guest speakers were Trooper **Sean Hryc**, safety investigator for Florida Highway Patrol, and **Detective Smith** of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office's Waste Watch Program. The Waste Watch Program teaches FDS drivers and helpers how to watch for something out of ordinary on their routes. FDS prides itself on its work, but also as being a business that has its eyes on the community.

One of the FDS staff noticed on their route that an older woman did not have her trash out like she does every week, but that her car was in the driveway. The thrower walked toward her garage and found she had fallen in front of her car, unseen from the street. They called for assistance and she was taken to the hospital.

Working closely with Trooper Hryc has kept FDS employees informed of any DOT changes. FDS takes pride in serving the community it lives and works in. The following employees were recognized at the meeting for their outstanding daily performance: **Nick Litterello, Randall Davis, Stanley Quick, Rob Schaefer, Kevin Brandes, Chris Shelley, Robert Clevenger, Donnie Simpson, Greg Collins, Dale Heddinghouse, Daniel Cummings, John Melot, Michael Carlin, Amy Poisel, James Green, Cody Randall, Eric Pellitier, David Suloff Jr. and Vincent Franchini.** FDS thanks Lynch Oil, Napa, Raney's Wingfoot, King's Office Supply, Homosassa Riverside, Alpha Business Solutions, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Fastenal, Sherman Williams, Homosassa River Retreat, Aramark and MacRae's for their support.

## Roofers think pink



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**Raymond Frankart Roofing employees donned pink T-shirts and breast cancer awareness ribbons this month to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**

## Rexall sponsors team



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**The B&W Rexall drug store of Inverness is sponsoring the "Golden Girls," a team with the Early Birds League at Sportsmen's Lanes. Our grateful members are Ruby Smith, Mary Taylor Slanks, Sally Ann Hardy and Jane Hibbens.**

## Muir gets nod from noted travel group

Travel Weekly, the leading travel industry publication, is proud to announce that

**Debbie Muir**, sales manager for Royal Blue Travels by Travel Authority, was selected from among hundreds of applicants to attend the Global Travel Marketplace (GTM) which took place at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood/Fort Lauderdale, Florida July 9 to 11. GTM is a three-day appointment-only event for travel agents and suppliers.



Debbie Muir

In an industry of thousands of travel entrepreneurs, only 103 North American applicants met the strict requirements to attend. Muir, formally of Tally Ho Vacations, now represents the luxury travel markets with Travel Authority in Homosassa. This includes river cruises, all-inclusive

ocean sailings and exotic destinations.

For more information, contact Debbie at 352-422-5422 or dmuir@royalbluetravels.com.

## Data thieves hit Kmart

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sears Holdings Corp. announced late Friday that it detected a data breach at its Kmart stores that started last month and that certain customers' credit and debit card accounts have been hacked.

The data theft at Kmart is the latest in a string of incidents that have hit several big retailers, including Target, Supervalu and Home Depot. For the Hoffman Estates, Illinois-based parent company, however, the breach comes at a time when it's struggling with losses and sales declines as it fights to stay relevant with shoppers.

Sears Holdings, which also operates Sears stores, said that Kmart's information technology department detected on Thursday that its payment data systems had been breached. But it couldn't provide the number of affected cards. However, it said that it was able to remove the malware. It also noted that based on a forensic investigation to date, no personal informa-

tion, debit cards, PIN numbers, email address and Social Security information were obtained by the hackers. And there's no evidence that Kmart.com shoppers were affected.

Sears said Kmart immediately launched a full investigation and is working with a leading security firm. It added that it's also working closely with federal law enforcement authorities and banking partners in this ongoing investigation. Kmart is also implementing further advanced software to protect customers' information.

The company said that it will be providing free credit monitoring protection for those customers who shopped with a credit or debit card in its Kmart stores during the month of September through Thursday. It also emphasized that customers have no liability for any unauthorized charges if they report them in a timely manner; according to the policies of most credit card companies. Sears said that the most up-to-date information will be available on its website, kmart.com

and customers can contact its customer care center at 888-488-5978.

The announcement comes a few weeks after Home Depot, the nation's largest home improvement chain, said that a data breach that lasted for months at its stores in the U.S. and Canada affected 56 million debit and credit cards. That's far more than a pre-Christmas 2013 attack at Target Corp., which compromised 40 million credit and debit cards.

The size of the theft at Home Depot trails only that of TJX Companies' heist of 90 million records disclosed in 2007.

Target's high-profile breach pushed banks, retailers, and credit card companies to increase security by speeding the adoption of microchips in U.S. credit and debit cards. Supporters say chip cards are safer, because unlike magnetic strip cards that transfer a credit card number when they are swiped at a point of sale terminal, chip cards use a one-time code that moves between the chip and the retailer's register.



Associated Press

**Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella speaks to students Sept. 30 at the Talent India 2014 program in New Delhi. Nadella's foot-in-mouth statement that women shouldn't ask for raises echoed throughout the tech industry and beyond Thursday, earning him quick derisions on social media and leading to a later apology.**

## Unequal pay: Must be a lot of good karma out there

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't ask for a raise. Keeping quiet will give you "superpowers" that will translate into employer trust and other "good karma" that will eventually come back around to your purse.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella was widely derided Thursday for his foot-in-mouth statement at an event celebrating women in computing. During his stage interview, Microsoft director Maria Klawe asked Nadella to give advice to women who want to advance their careers but are uncomfortable asking for promotions and raises. His pearl of wisdom? Just trust that the system will reward you "as you go along." He didn't say if he has employed that philosophy during his decades-long career at Microsoft. He later apologized.

Men are eight times more likely than women to negotiate salary when taking a job, according to a study by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever for their 2007 book *Women Don't Ask: The High Cost of Avoiding Negotiation and Positive Strategies for Change*.

So how's that good karma working out?

■ On average, women in the U.S. working full time were paid 78 cents for every dollar that men earned in 2013, according to Census figures.

## WHERE YOU LIVE MATTERS

Louisiana has the nation's largest gender pay gap — women make about two-thirds of what men are paid. The District of Columbia has the narrowest, with women averaging 91 percent of men's salaries.

This likely has to do with the types of jobs available. Washington boasts highly paid jobs going to a highly educated workforce. In Louisiana the more lucrative jobs are in the oil and gas industries, which employ mostly men.

## YOUR TECHNOLOGY JOB IS CUTTING-EDGE — YOUR PAYCHECK ISN'T

■ Women in the computer technology industry earn an average of \$6,358 a year less than men, factoring in education, age, region and occupation differences. That's according to a recent study by the nonprofit American Institute for Economic Research. You're a mom too? The "child penalty" will cost you \$11,247 a year.

■ Most of the technology companies that have revealed diversity figures this year say women comprise less than one-third of their workforce. At Microsoft Corp., women make up 29 percent of employees.

■ Facebook's Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg continues to publicly champion women in the workplace with her "Lean In" book and campaign. But women make up only 31 percent of Facebook Inc.'s total workers and only 15 percent of its tech employees, mainly in engineering.

■ Thirty percent of people who work at Google Inc. are women, but when it comes to leadership positions, the number drops to 21 percent.

## WANT TO WORK ON WALL STREET? STAY SINGLE

■ The pay gap is even bigger in the financial services industry, where women earn \$14,067 a year less than men, says the American Institute for Economic Research. Brides earn \$16,491 less than single ladies and all men.

■ Just 6 percent of partners in U.S. venture capital firms are women, according to a recent study from Babson College. That's down from 10 percent in 1999.

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683 S. Adolph Point in Lecanto and get started with our Roadmap to Employment services, or kick-start the process online by visiting our website (the fastest way to find it is type "Roadmap to Employment" in the onsite search field and click on the first returned link).

Completing the Roadmap to Employment activities qualifies you to free, staff-assisted services and that really is your most direct, effective path to re-employment.

If you feel you don't have time to complete Roadmap right now and/or prefer to go the self-service route, that's fine and we can help with that, too. But at some point, you will need to complete a full registration with the Employ Florida Marketplace in order to apply for the jobs, so I recommend you do so before attending the job fair

(www.employflorida.com).

Visit our website and search for "job fair preparation tips" to learn what to do before, during and after the job fair. Including what to wear, ways to make a memorable first impression and strategies for following up.

As Frank Calascione said, this job fair is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in employment and career development opportunities. So be sure to come to the fall job fair Wednesday. Come dressed to impress with copies of your updated resume and ready to put unemployment in the rearview mirror. To learn more, please call us at 352-249-3278, ext. 3206.

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## HACK

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attack can happen from a seemingly harmless source. For example, a perfectly normal-looking email from a friend's computer that was attacked without the owner's knowledge could lead to trouble.

"They don't know what they don't know. They don't understand the sophistication of these attacks," Foreman said.

Berkeley Varitronic Systems' bank account was hacked earlier this year and \$50,000 was taken, CEO Scott Schober said. He got the money back, but considers the incident a lesson. He had already invested \$50,000 in security for his own systems and plans to add

another \$20,000.

Schober believes his Metuchen, New Jersey-based company was attacked via its bank because its business is computer security.

"We are a target. Thieves like to send that message," he said.

No system is hacker-proof, but there steps, some of them inexpensive, businesses can take to shore up defenses and mitigate damage from attacks that get through:

■ Hire computer security consultants to evaluate computers and websites and suggest ways to protect them.

■ Buy insurance to cover financial losses. Premiums can be as low as \$1,000 a year for \$1 million in coverage.

■ Install free antivirus and anti-malware software

available online. Also add firewalls, which block attempts to access, said Joe Caruso, CEO of Global Digital Forensics, a computer security company based in New York.

■ Make sure email is secure by using an email provider that has proper security systems, Caruso said.

■ Avoid having customers' credit card information stolen by using a separate company to process orders. The company should guarantee that its systems are secure.

■ Use a service that helps weed out fraudulent credit card transactions, said Jason Opdyke, director of online commerce for Berkeley, California-based BearExtender, which sells Wi-Fi equipment. It uses such a service to try to avoid becoming a victim of attempted fraud.

# Chamber Connection

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## INDUSTRY APPRECIATION MONTH EVENTS

# October officially industry's month

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners recently proclaimed October to be Industry Appreciation Month. Along with the county commissioners, John Siefert, Denise Willis of Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Paul Mellini of Nature Coast Bank, Jeff Inglehart of the Chamber of Commerce, Ar-dath Prendergast of the EDC, Rob Wardlow of Williams, McCranie, Wardlow & Cash CPA, Josh Wooten of the

Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Richard Van Gulik of Withlacoochee Technical Institute accepted the proclamation.

### LAST CALL FOR EDC BBQ TICKETS

Don't miss out on the best event of the year!

The Industry Appreciation Month Bar-B-Que will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at M&B Dairy, 8760 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. This is the premiere business event of the

year in Citrus County! M&B Dairy is graciously opening its farm in Lecanto for a third year to host over 800 people for an evening of delicious barbecue prepared by the Agriculture Alliance, top-notch entertainment by the Dan Story Band, an open bar and lots of fun and networking. It is truly the place to be seen in Citrus County in October. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at both Chamber offices and citruscdc.com.



## RECENT-RIBBON-CUTTINGS

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Ambassadors, from the left, Dennis Pfeiffer, Orkin Pest Control; Nancy Wheeler, StoreRight Self Storage; Karlene Feliciano, Holiday Inn Express; Jim Ferrara, Insight Credit Union; Betty Murphy, Citrus Archives & Computers; Nancy Hautop, Top Time Travel; and Bill Hudson, Land Title of Citrus County, welcome Florida Manatee Adventure.

### Twin Rivers Marina

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### Old Mill Tavern

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Ambassadors, from left, Nancy Wheeler, StoreRight Self Storage; Dennis Pfeiffer, Orkin Pest Control; Janet Mayo, Chamber of Commerce; Bill Hudson, Land Title of Citrus County; Karlene Feliciano, Holiday Inn Express; and Mike Buchanan, Excel Printing, welcome The Old Mill Tavern.

## Tranquility Sponsor – BWA Health & Fitness Expo

Zunilda Royals, medical assistant with Advanced Urology Institute, far left, discusses bladder health with an attendee at the recent Business Women's Alliance Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo. Royals and her team kept busy sharing information and passing out pink visors to the nearly 1,300 attendees. From left: Zunilda Royals, medical assistant; Denise Griffin, manager; Fran Pulice, physician's assistant; and Jolene McCusker, medical assistant.

The Chamber apologizes for not including the caption for Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center's photo last week, as they were the presenting sponsor for the Health & Fitness Expo. The caption should have read: Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, presenting sponsor, of the recent Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Business Women's Alliance Women's HEALTH and FITNESS Expo, wanted everyone to learn the signs and symptoms, prevention and treatment of stroke. They provided information, screenings and the opportunity to Think FAST. Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop? Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange? Time: If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately.



## Community events

**Suitcase Party benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County** — Friday, Oct. 24, at the new hangar in the Inverness Airport Park. Bring a friend and pack your bags for the chance to be whisked away to one of several various weekend getaways ... leaving that night! Tickets are \$100. Call 352-621-9225 for tickets and more information.

**Stone Crab Jam** — Saturday, Nov. 1, in downtown Crystal River. Live music, vendors, stone crabs and so much more. Fun for the whole family! Visit stonecrabjam.com for event details.

**Homosassa Seafood Festival** — Saturday and Sunday Nov. 8 and 9 in Old Homosassa. A bounty of fresh seafood and festival fun awaits you and your family. Vendors and businesses from all over the area along with various entertainment. Visit www.homosassaseafoodfestival.org for more information.

# MONEY

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been losing money.

You mentioned putting money into an annuity with a specific organization or a life insurance policy. I have no problem with the organization, but I do have every problem with many types of annuities.

You also say you will have to pay a huge amount to the government if you put the money in a life insurance policy, but I have no idea how that can be. If you want to drop me another note and explain, I would be very happy to comment.

**DEAR BRUCE:** Eight years ago I fell off the roof and broke my neck. We were told I would never recover. My wife then took it upon herself to divorce me and manipulate things to put me into great debt. I am trying to put all that behind me.

I have recently started looking for a house. My credit score is in the 670 range, but I have three judgments against me. With the judgments, I find I can't get a traditional mortgage. I have found a home where the previous owner is willing to hold the mortgage. What caution should I take in proceeding with this? — **D.M.**

**DEAR D.M.:** You have certainly had your share of bad luck, and I sympathize. I hope that you are now on your way to both physical and mental recovery.

You mentioned your wife took it upon herself to put you in debt. I would be curious to know how she did that, but first, with all the judgments, you must ask yourself if it is wise right now, while you are trying to get back on your feet, to purchase a home. I think the answer to that is no. You will be much better off to find a modest home/apartment/condo to rent for the next few years until you get your credit score built up, satisfy the judgments, and get yourself in a much stronger position than you are now.

I wish you all the luck in the world.

**DEAR BRUCE:** I am a 55-year-old single woman with no kids. I've been renting with a roommate for about 15 years and am now thinking about life without a roommate. But I don't know if at my age it would be wise to buy a townhouse or condo.

I have about \$20,000 in a traditional IRA, \$20,000 in a Roth IRA, and about \$50,000 in a deferred compensation plan through work. I am not sure what the rules are for using the money for a down payment. I earn about \$80,000 a year.

With no down payment, I shudder at what the payments would be. I plan on working for at least another 10 years. Also, I live in Southern California where the cost of living is ridiculous!

It just seems like having a mortgage and owning a home is not the retirement vehicle it used to be, especially at this age. Am I right? — **J.W.**

**DEAR J.W.:** It's true that the cost of real estate is high in parts of California. On the other hand, other parts of the real estate market are in the tank!

First, you have to determine why you're buying a condo or a townhouse. You say you have less than a \$100,000 in savings, and you are flirting with putting your money into an investment that, at your age, in my opinion, is not the smartest thing to do. However, if this is a dream of yours, by all means investigate.

Regarding the question about payments, if you are not putting any money down, I think you are making a major mistake. I don't know what the cost might be across the board, but you certainly want to put at least 20 percent down.

The idea of living without a roommate sounds very attractive. Good luck.

Send questions to bruce@brucewilliams.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

# Olive Garden, seen through an unlimited pasta pass

**CANDICE CHOI**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The "Never Ending Pasta Pass" card from Olive Garden not only promised weeks of unlimited pasta, but a look into why the chain is fighting to hold onto customers.

The Italian-themed chain sold the \$100 card last month that allowed 1,000 people to dine on endless pasta, breadsticks, soup and salad for 49 days. The passes sold out in less than an hour, with some turning up on eBay for hundreds of dollars.

It was a successful publicity stunt for Olive Garden's parent company, Darden Restaurants. But the company's troubles aren't over: It's fighting to hold onto customers, with sales at its flagship chain declining for each of the past three years. On Friday, activist investor Starboard Value succeeded in its bid to replace all 12 of Darden's board seats with its own slate of nominees.

Starboard said it's looking forward to working with Darden's management to improve results for shareholders.

Darden had already been making changes to turn around business. That includes modernizing its menu with "small plates" like crispy risotto bites and updating its marketing.

To get a firsthand look at Olive Garden's troubles, I paid for a Pasta Pass. I mostly enjoyed my meals, but the reactions of my companions shed some light on why the chain is struggling. Some think the menu is overwhelming and the service is slow. Others feel bad about eating all the empty calories.

And one colleague who ordered the meat lasagna said: "I can make this at home."

## THE FOOD

Olive Garden has become a punchline in some circles that don't see it as serving authentic Italian food. One night, I asked my fellow diners what they thought about the criticism.



Associated Press

**This image provided by Darden Restaurants shows Olive Garden's "Never Ending Pasta Pass." The Italian-themed chain had just announced to let 1,000 people pay \$100 for the pass that gave them unprecedented free reign to its pasta. The passes sold out less than an hour after they went on sale online.**

Eric McGarvey, 40, said he considers Olive Garden's food to be "American Italian" and likes the consistency it provides.

I found the food to be tasty too, if basic. My main complaint is that the noodles are on the soft side, but others might not prefer their pasta al dente. The bigger issue is nutrition; My go-to dish of corkscrew pasta with meat sauce and meatballs probably wasn't the best option. The dish is 920 calories.

Olive Garden did add a "Lighter Italian Fare" two years ago with options that include a chicken breast served with potatoes and spinach at 550 calories. But those aren't part of the pasta promotion.

That does, however, bring me to another problem

Olive Garden has: an overwhelming number of options. Executives acknowledge the need to simplify the menu, which has been criticized for mushrooming to nearly 100 items, including burgers. Still, Darden president Eugene Lee recently said it's hard deciding what to get rid because "everybody has their favorite."

## THE PRICES

The other common complaint among my companions was that the prices are too high, with dishes like Fettuccine Alfredo costing \$18 in New York City. A steak and potatoes dish cost \$30.

Olive Garden notes prices vary by market but that in most places, those

dishes cost \$9.49 and \$19.99, respectively.

Still, Olive Garden acknowledges it needs to get better at offering value. In fact, the Pasta Pass was intended to promote its Never Ending Pasta Bowl, which lets people eat as much pasta as they want in one sitting for \$9.99.

That promotion has run every year since debuting in 1995. Like other aspects of its business, though, Olive Garden has acknowledged that it hasn't been as effective

as it could be. As a result, the promotion was pushed to late September this year, instead of early August.

Jay Spenchian, Olive Garden's executive vice president of marketing, said Olive Garden realized the idea of a hot bowl of endless pasta isn't as appetizing when it's hot out.

The Never Ending Pasta Bowl is Olive Garden's most popular deal, but I never saw it advertised in the restaurants. That's likely because the chain doesn't want to distract customers who are likely to pay more for something on the regular menu.

While it may make sense from a business perspective, it was inconvenient and confusing. I had to look up the options for pasta, sauce and toppings available on my phone or ask the waiter.

Another problem? The Never Ending Pasta Bowl made Olive Garden's regular prices in New York seem more inflated. Just a single plate of pasta and meat sauce costs \$17 on the regular menu.

A waiter told me on one visit that a man at a nearby table was on his seventh bowl, so maybe he got his money's worth. But Olive Garden said about a third of people don't even ask for a second plate.

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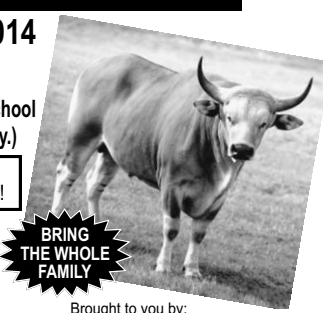
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**Clerical/Secretarial**  
Fulltime Bookkeeper  
QuickBooks Exp. Required, Accounts Payable, Payroll Qualified Persons Send Resume to Cpa.resume.search@gmail.com  
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Experience Needed APPLY AT: 4079 S Ohio Ave. Homosassa, 34446

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At Central Florida Health Alliance excellence is our culture. Between three facilities, Leesburg Regional Medical Center, The Villages Regional Hospital and Leesburg Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, our 500 bed system offers a work environment that has helped us rank as one of the Top 100 Companies for Working Families.  
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★ Medical  
★ Surgical  
★ Labor & Delivery  
★ Pediatrics  
To qualify, you must be Florida licensed RN with a minimum of 1-2 years acute care nursing exp.

**Free Offers**  
FREE 16 wk old Kitten, neutered, very lovable adorable and playful! 352-464-1567  
Free Rooster Approx. 6 mos. old Free to good home (352) 362-9667  
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**Secretary**  
Announcement #14-104  
Performs routine office tasks. Minimum one year experience performing secretarial/clerical duties. Working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite of Products. Starting pay \$10.29 hourly. Excellent benefits.  
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**UTILITIES TECHNICIAN I**  
Announcement #14-105  
This is skilled technical work with the operation, maintenance and construction of Citrus County Utilities water distribution and wastewater collection systems. On call 24/7 to assist in emergency water and sewer repairs when possible. Must be able to work some week-ends and holidays. Must have a valid Florida CDL, class A. Starting pay \$11.88 hourly. Excellent benefits.  
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**Lost**  
Have you seen Louie? Small male cat, grey w/ blk stripes, yellow eyes. By Seven Rivers Hosp. 563-5018/795-7650  
Lost Chihuahua 7 yrs. old. lost in vicinity of Apopka & Grover in Highlands in Inverness, REWARD \$100. (352) 201-0368  
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**Domestic**  
Tell that special person "Happy Birthday" with a classified ad under Happy Notes. Only \$28.50 includes a photo.  
Call our Classified Dept for details 352-563-5966

**Professional**  
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Announcement #14-102  
Produces and maintains data integrity and structure associated with core base map layers as held in the enterprise geodatabase. Must understand SQL and perform SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE statements, including joins. Requires Bachelor's Degree, vocational technical degree, specialized training or experience equivalent to satisfactory completion of four years of college education in closely related field. Starting pay \$18.39 hourly. Excellent benefits.  
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**Medical**  
**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
F/T, Must have at least 2 Yrs. chair side Exp., and be proficient in temporary fabrication, familiarity with EagleSoft a plus. Benefits + paid leave. Fax resume to: 726-6893 or email: lizsterling@tampabay.ir.com

**Medical RECEPTIONIST**  
P/T, 2 days per week. Fax Resume w/ ref. to (352) 794-0877

**General Help**  
**Grounds Maintenance Technician I**  
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This is heavy manual work involving grounds/parks maintenance tasks. \$9.50 hourly to start. Excellent benefits.  
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**Driver Trainees Needed NOW!**  
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**NEWSPAPER CARRIERS WANTED**  
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Newspaper carriers wanted for early morning delivery of the Citrus County Chronicle and other newspapers for home delivery customers.  
Must have insured and reliable vehicle  
Apply in Person 1624 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm  
Newspaper carriers are independent contractors, not employees of the Citrus County Chronicle

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No exp. necessary will train. Clean Driver lic., F/T Work. Contact Office For Application. 352-382-1381

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Starting at \$10.00/Hr. Building Communication Towers. Travel, Good Pay & Benefits. OT, 352-694-8017, M-F

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**Window Installer**  
Experienced New Construction and Replacement Window Installer or Helper needed. Benefits available clean driving record Apply in Person Mon. Through Fri. 8am-4pm Tropical Window 1731 Hwy 19 Homosassa

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Pull weeds, rake & mulch. Must have DL. (352) 425-0109

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Upscale Country Club Activity Center needing part-time receptionist. Require professional able to multi-task. Must be proficient in Word, Powerpoint and Publisher. Call 746-7633 Monday-Friday for Appointment"

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SEALED Bids are to be submitted on or before November 12, 2014 @ 2:00 PM to Theresa Graham, Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 266, Lecanto, FL 34461.

A Public Opening of the Bids is scheduled November 12, 2014 @ 2:15 PM at 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 280, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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To obtain a copy of the Bid Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at [www.bocc.citrus.fl.us](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us) and select "BIDS/PURCHASING" on the left hand side of the Home Page. Or, call the Office of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5203.

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J.J. Kenney, Chairman  
Published October 12, 2014

**301-1005 SUCRN**  
**FORFEITURE CCSO**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Pursuant to FSS 705.103, the following found items will be disposed as provided by state statute unless claimed by the owner:**

1. U.S. Currency
2. Apple Iphone 4

To make claim for any of the items, contact Liz Laughlin, Evidence Custodian, Citrus County Sheriff's Office at 352-341-7435.

**Sheriff Jeffrey J. Dawsey**  
By: **Jamie Brooks, Purchasing Coordinator**

Published October 5 & 12, 2014.

**305-1012 SUCRN**  
**CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER ITB**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**INVITATION TO BID**

**City of Crystal River**  
**LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO CUTLER SPUR BOULEVARD**  
**BID NO. 14-B-18**

The City of Crystal River will receive sealed bids for landscape improvements to a portion of Cutler Spur Boulevard from NE 1st Street to Fort Island Trail. You are hereby invited to submit a bid for the above referenced project. The Owner is the City of Crystal River.

Bids will be received until **10:00 AM**, on **November 5, 2014**, opened and read aloud at 10:05 AM in the Council Chambers at Crystal River City Hall.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The work generally consists of installing new landscaping and irrigation at three (3) primary locations on Cutler Spur Boulevard, between Fort Island Trail and NE 1st Street. The major pay items are approximately 115 trees, 858 shrubs, grasses and vines, restoration, mulch, and design and installation of an irrigation system. See bid documents for additional details.

ALL BIDDERS must be properly qualified for the type of work for which the BID is submitted. BIDS must be enclosed in an opaque envelope and marked:

**"LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO CUTLER SPUR BOULEVARD**  
**BID NO. 14-B-18", AND THE NAME OF THE BIDDER AND THEIR ADDRESS**

BIDS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: **CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER**  
**MIA FINK, CITY CLERK**  
123 NW HIGHWAY 19, CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34428

All contract documents may be examined at City Hall at no charge, downloaded for free on the City website ([www.crystalriver.org](http://www.crystalriver.org)), or picked up at City Hall for no charge. Bidders who utilize the City website for the bid documents are advised to check the website regularly for updates and addendums. Bid packages may be picked up at the Public Works Department at City Hall, at the address above, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The contact person is Theresa Krim, 352-795-4216, extension 314 or Lou Kneip at extension 305.

No BIDS may be withdrawn for a period of SIXTY (60) days after closing time scheduled for receipt of BIDS. Work shall be completed within forty five (45) days from receipt of the notice to proceed by the owner.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all BIDS for any reason whatsoever and waive all formalities. THE OWNER ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE BID RESPONSE THAT IN ITS SOLE DETERMINATION BEST MEETS ITS BUSINESS NEEDS.  
Published October 12, 2014

**309-1019 SUCRN**  
**Invitation to Bid**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ITB # 048-14**  
**Sale of Surplus Real Property: Alternate Key #3511619**

Citrus County is requesting bids for the sale of the surplus real property located on the Northeast Quadrant of C.R. 486 (W. Norvell Bryant Hwy.) and N. Cedarhouse Terrace, Crystal River, Florida. (Alt Key #3511619). This property is to be sold as is, where is, with no warranty of title and transferred by Deed of Conveyance. The sale will be in compliance with Florida Statute 125.35. The real property has been declared surplus by Citrus County and was a remainder parcel from the County Road 486 Road Construction Project. The land use is HDR (High Density Residential).

**Minimum Base Bid: \$80,600**

**SEALED Bids are to be submitted on or before December 12, 2014 @ 2:00 PM** Eastern Standard Time (Or Daylight Savings Time if Applicable) to Theresa Graham, Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 266, Lecanto, FL 34461.

A Public Opening of the Bids is scheduled December 12, 2014 @ 2:15 PM Eastern Standard Time (Or Daylight Savings Time if Applicable) at 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 280, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Management & Budget Department at the Lecanto Government Building address below, or by calling (352) 527-5457 at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the Florida Relay Service 711.

To obtain a copy of the Bid Document for this announcement, please visit [www.bocc.citrus.fl.us](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us), [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) or call the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

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CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
J.J. Kenney, Chairman

Published October 12 & 19, 2014

**310-1019 SUCRN**  
**Invitation to Bid**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ITB # 047-14**  
**Sale of Surplus Real Property: Alternate Key #3511531**

Citrus County is requesting bids for the sale of the surplus real property located on the Northeast Quadrant of C.R. 486 (W. Norvell Bryant Hwy.) and State Road 44 (W. Gulf to Lake Hwy), Crystal River, Florida. (Alt Key #3511531). This property is to be sold as is, where is, with no warranty of title and transferred by Deed of Conveyance. The sale will be in compliance with Florida Statute 125.35. The real property has been declared surplus by Citrus County and was a remainder parcel from the County Road 486 Road Construction Project. The land use is GNC (General Commercial).

**Minimum Base Bid: \$913,400**

**SEALED Bids are to be submitted on or before December 12, 2014 @ 2:00 PM** Eastern Standard Time (Or Daylight Savings Time if Applicable) to Theresa Graham, Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 266, Lecanto, FL 34461.

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**302-1012 SUCRN**  
**10/22/14 Regular Meeting CC Tourist Development Council**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITRUS COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL will hold a Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Any person desiring further information regarding this meeting may contact the Executive Offices of the Board of County Commissioners, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, 34450 - (352) 341-6560.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461 - (352) 527-5207, at least one day before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

**J.J. KENNEY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Section 286.0101, Florida Statute).

Published October 12, 2014.

**307-1012 SUCRN**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at Brooksville City Hall, 201 Howell Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601.

The public hearing initiates the required 30-day public review and comment period for the draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) scheduled to be adopted in December 2014. The public is encouraged to review and comment during this period.

Public hearings will also be held to adopt the 2015 Hernando Transit Development Plan (TDP) and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment.

A dedicated LRTP link and draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) along with the MPO calendar, listing upcoming LRTP workshops and presentations may be viewed online at [www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us](http://www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us). Approximately one week prior to the meeting, the meeting agenda may be viewed online at [www.hernandocounty.us](http://www.hernandocounty.us) and [www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us](http://www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us).

The public is encouraged to attend. Any questions concerning this public hearing/meeting should be directed to Mr. Dennis Dix, MPO Coordinator, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, 20 North Main Street, Room 262, Brooksville, FL 34601, telephone (352) 754-4057, or email [mipo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mipo@hernandocounty.us).

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If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization with regard to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, said person will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, said person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, s. 286.0105, F.S.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Tina Duenninger, County Administration, 20 North Main Street, Room 263, Brooksville, FL 34601, telephone (352) 540-6452, no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call 1-800-676-3777 for assistance.

Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization  
/s/ Dennis L. Dix, MPO Coordinator  
Published October 12, 2014 **MPO-14-30**

**308-1012 SUCRN**  
**10/24 Public Meeting**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

**Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Steering Committee meeting to discuss the CFWI process and provide guidance to the technical teams. All or part of this meeting may be conducted by means of communications media technology in order to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members.**

DATE/TIME: Friday, October 24, 2014; 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Toho Water Authority, 951 Martin Luther King Blvd., Kissimmee, FL 34741

Pursuant to the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting SWFWMD's Human Resources Bureau Chief, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211, ext. 4702 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email to [ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [CFWWater.com](http://CFWWater.com); 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

For more information, you may contact: [Lori.manuel@watermatters.org](mailto:Lori.manuel@watermatters.org); 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4606  
Published October 12, 2014 **Ad Order EXE0357**

**391-1012 SUCRN**  
**Citrus County BOCC**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

Pursuant to Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Citrus County, Florida, that a referendum election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at which time there shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of Citrus County the question published below.

In accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, all qualified electors of the County shall be entitled to vote in the referendum to which this notice pertains. The places for voting will be the usual places of voting within the County during the general election scheduled for November 4, 2014, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on such date. The following questions will appear on the ballot:

**SALES SURTAX FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE AND RESURFACING**  
**WITHIN CITRUS COUNTY**

**Shall Citrus County fund ongoing maintenance and periodic resurfacing of roads by levying a one percent sales surtax from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2034, with proceeds to be deposited into a dedicated trust fund, shared with the cities of Crystal River and Inverness, and restricted for these transportation expenditures?**

YES  
 NO

Absentee ballots for this referendum election are available through the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Office by calling (352) 341-6740. Early voting will occur in accordance with the controlling provisions of State law.

A copy of the County Ordinance authorizing this referendum and materials related to the referendum are available at the County's administration offices, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450 (352) 341-6560. The public is encouraged to request copies of such ordinance and other public records relating to this matter. Additionally, public records and related information are available on the County's web site at <http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/>.

By order of the Citrus County Board of Commissioners, Citrus County, Florida.

By: **J.J. Kenney, Chairman**  
Published September 28 & October 12, 2014

<p><b>Fictitious Name Notices</b></p> <p><b>303-1012 PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Name</b></p> <p>Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. <b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under</p>	<p><b>Fictitious Name Notices</b></p> <p>the fictitious name of: <b>BACKWATER FINS</b> located at 13982 West Ozello Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State,</p>	<p><b>Fictitious Name Notices</b></p> <p>Tallahassee, FL. Dated at Crystal River, FL, this 7th day of October 2014.</p> <p>Backwater Fins, LLC. .... David S. Finley, Manager /s/ Daniel F. Williams, Jr., Manager Published Oct. 12, 2014</p>
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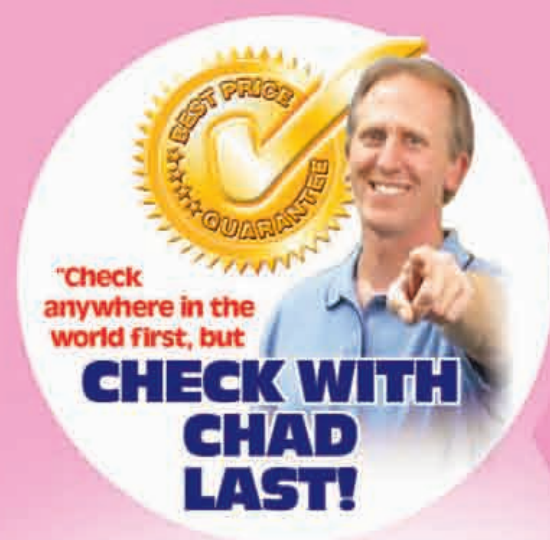
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<p><b>2014 CUBE S</b> WITH AUTOMATIC CVT TRANSMISSION</p> <p><b>STARTING AT \$16,997</b></p> <p><small>Price does include all incentives available, see dealer for qualifications and details. Price doesn't include optional equipment from manufacturer and/or dealer. Destination, Dealer Fee, Tax, Tag, Title and Registration are extra. Photo for illustration purposes only. MODEL #21114 VIN #352760 STK #GT758</small></p>	<p><b>2014 ALTIMA 2.5S</b></p> <p><b>STARTING AT \$17,998</b></p> <p><small>Price does include all incentives available, see dealer for qualifications and details. Price doesn't include optional equipment from manufacturer and/or dealer. Destination, Dealer Fee, Tax, Tag, Title and Registration are extra. Photo for illustration purposes only. MODEL #31114 VIN #364512 STK #G542</small></p>
<p><b>2014 JUKE S</b> WITH AUTOMATIC CVT TRANSMISSION</p> <p><b>STARTING AT \$17,991</b></p> <p><small>Price does include all incentives available, see dealer for qualifications and details. Price doesn't include optional equipment from manufacturer and/or dealer. Destination, Dealer Fee, Tax, Tag, Title and Registration are extra. Photo for illustration purposes only. MODEL #20114 VIN #450906 STK #TGT777</small></p>	<p><b>2014 ROGUE SELECT S</b></p> <p><b>STARTING AT \$18,479</b></p> <p><small>Price does include all incentives available, see dealer for qualifications and details. Price doesn't include optional equipment from manufacturer and/or dealer. Destination, Dealer Fee, Tax, Tag, Title and Registration are extra. Photo for illustration purposes only. MODEL #29114 VIN #104451 STK #GT795</small></p>

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# 'Help' with lawn might be hurting it

**D**ear Gardener Gal: This might be more of a Miss Manners question than a Gardener Gal question, but here goes: My husband and I live just a few doors down from my in-laws. We help each other out all the time, but I suspect one bit of "helping" is killing my lawn.

My father-in-law insists on mowing our front lawn when he does his own. Sounds nice, but he mows too short. Sometimes he is out there mowing our lawn and we had just done it the day before!

He says you should mow real short so you don't have to do it as often, but isn't this bad for the grass? BTW, his lawn looks terrible ... We don't want any hurt feelings, but we don't have the money to replace the grass. Help! — *What To Do*

**Dear What To Do:** I had to wear two different hats to help you with this one. First, I put on my Master Gardener hat:

You didn't say what type of turf you have, but no problem, since recommended mowing heights for the two most popular are essentially the same. Both St. Augustine and Bahia should be mowed to a height between 3 and 4 inches. Mowing shorter than this on a regular basis is very hard on the grass, and it will suffer. No more that a third of the grass blade should be removed with

each mowing.

OK, here comes my Miss Manners hat: Over a cup of coffee, share the UF/IFAS article "Bahia for Florida Lawns" (or the article on St. Augustine) with your father-in-law and tell him you would like to thank him for all his hard work by helping him improve his lawn. Share your research and then take him to see some healthy lawns cut at the proper height.

Hopefully, he will see his own lawn in a new light and be open to change. Mowing season is almost over, so you have all winter to work on him.

If all else fails, offer to mow both lawns. Yes, really. Good luck.

**Dear Gardener Gal:** I am worried about my Crape Myrtle tree. Its trunk and branches are covered by a mossy type plant.

What can I spray to kill this invader? — *Worried About My Tree*

**Dear Worried:** Worry no more! Thanks in part to your clear photo, I can tell you the plant covering your Crape Myrtle is a lichen and it will NOT harm your tree.

Lichen is not a parasite. It takes nothing from the tree or shrub upon which it grows. Lichen is often blamed for killing trees simply because it is only noticed as a tree's decline draws attention and owners do

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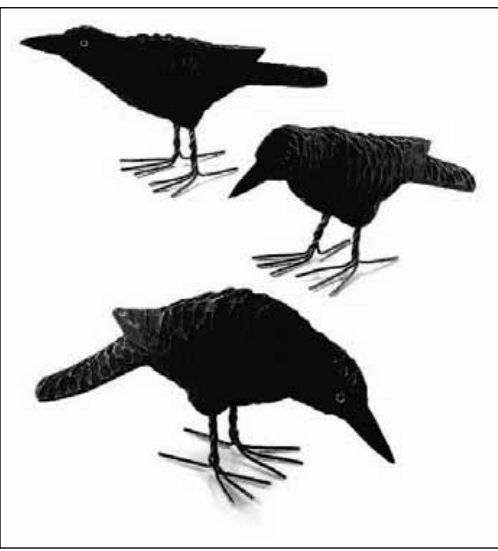
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# Need ideas for Halloween? Go to Poe



*Associated Press*

Edgar Allan Poe and Halloween are enmeshed like cobwebs on a lamppost. In classics like “The Cask of Amontillado,” “The Murders in the Rue Morgue,” “The Masque of the Red Death” and more, the master of horror fiction gave us imagery — sinister masquerade balls, mysterious catacombs, menacing city streets — that have long inspired Halloween aficionados and

**These carved wooden ravens from Crate and Barrel can be situated throughout the room to add Halloween drama. Edgar Allan Poe and Halloween are enmeshed like cobwebs on a lamppost.**

*Associated Press*

lovers of all things spooky.

Retailers have plenty to offer for scary decorations or a Poe-inspired Halloween party:

## The Raven

Perhaps the most iconic Poe symbol, the raven is easy to spot around Halloween. You can find large and small decorative versions of black birds that can be placed on buffet tables, bookshelves and front porches.

Pottery Barn’s got metal crows for outdoor display; faux crows for indoor use have real feathers. (www.potterybarn.com)

At Crate & Barrel, there are plates and napkins with an all-over raven graphic, as well as string lights and carved wooden ravens. (www.crateandbarrel.com)

A black feather wreath makes a dramatic

statement on a mantel. Or run a black boa down the length of a serving table. You’ll find both in many Halloween décor stores, but you can make your own, too.

HGTV.com has instructions for creating a wreath using a straw form, and a black feather trim and boa from a crafts supply store. (www.hgtv.com)

Raven masks will turn even a non-costume dinner party into something intriguingly chic. Find versions both simple and elaborate crafted of paper, leather, lace or felt on Etsy.com.

## Style with a story

Poe-themed decor also might include a touch of the literary: a long white glove with ink stains on it, vintage books stacked haphazardly, a tattered

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# Tips for over-wintering container plants



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A succulent arrangement on a patio table in Langley, Wash.

## Gardeners must consider several issues

**DEAN FOSDICK**  
Associated Press

In simpler times, container gardening was small-scale landscaping using flowering annuals. Enjoy their color for one season and go with something new the next.

But shifts toward food production and mixed container planting — perennials with annuals — have changed all that, creating the need for over-wintering.

“Many more people have limited or no garden space (and) as a result are doing their food gardening in containers,” said Marianne Ophardt, an extension horticulturist with Washington State University’s Benton County office. “Cultivating small (perennial) fruit like raspberries, strawberries and blueberries is one way for these gardeners to grow their own fruit, and it’s fun.”

Ignore the rules about hardiness zones if you’re trying to over-winter perennials in pots. All bets are off

when containers are exposed to dehydrating winds and seasonal freeze-dry cycles.

“When we put woody or perennial plants in pots above the soil, they have lost the insulation provided by the soil and are exposed to potentially tissue-killing temperatures,” Ophardt said. “As a general rule, the least hardy parts of woody plants are the roots.”

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This gardener is moving some woody perennials from containers into the ground in part to protect the roots from freezing over winter.



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# 30-year loan rate down for third week

*Down from 4.53 percent at beginning of year*

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Average U.S. mortgage rates fell for the third straight week, making it more affordable to borrow to buy a home.

Mortgage company Freddie Mac said Thursday that the nationwide average for a 30-year loan fell to 4.12 percent from 4.19 percent last week. The average for a 15-year mortgage, a popular choice for people who are refinancing, also declined to 3.3 percent from 3.36 percent.

The 30-year rate is down from 4.53 percent at the start of the year.

Rates have fallen even though the Federal Reserve appears set at the end of this month to end its monthly bond purchases, which are intended to keep long-term borrowing rates low. Yet Fed officials have indicated that they will continue to hold shorter-term rates at near-zero levels until there are signs of rising inflation. Fed actions often influence the yield on

the 10-year Treasury note, which affects mortgage rates. The 10-year note was trading at 2.32 percent at midday Thursday, down sharply from 2.41 percent a week earlier.

Mortgage rates are falling as the housing market has cooled off. Average price growth has slowed, rising just 6.4 percent in August compared with a year ago, according to real estate data provider CoreLogic. That's down from annual average gains of as much as 12 percent toward the end of last year.

Similarly, sales of existing homes also declined in August. Fewer investors bought properties, and first-time buyers have yet to return to the market, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Sales of new homes shot up in August, yet it remains below historic averages, according to Commerce Department data.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

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# Sculptures are attractive, but artist not well-known

**Dear John:** We purchased from Ronell LaLonde's mom's estate five sculptures from the late artist's work. We do not know if they are originals or limited editions.

They are about 12 to 16 inches tall. We contacted the Ringling School of Art about our pieces but they could not, or would not, provide any information. They were interested only if we were going to donate the pieces.

We are interested in selling the pieces and would like to know if you can suggest a contact. We are enclosing photos of the pieces we have in our possession along with other documentation. Any suggestions from you



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S  
ATTIC**



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This collection of sculptures is the work of the late artists Ronell LaLonde.

Special to the Chronicle

# POE

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tablecloth. If you don't have copies of Poe's books, piles of black-covered volumes will set the tone. (In a pinch, cover any books with black paper.) White feather "quill pens" can be arranged in little spice jars decorated with ink labels.

Buy a porcelain marker and write a line or two from your favorite Poe piece on some inexpensive white plates or serving trays. Or use metallic permanent markers to add a phrase to cotton or linen napkins.

Singe the edges of parchment paper printed with a poem or paragraph that

you've written out or typed, using either an old typewriter or a vintage font from a computer.

The same technique can be used to create invitations and menus.

## Gothic glamour

Ebony taffeta or silk, tarnished metals, candlesticks and black wrought iron bring the Victorian gloom to life, so to speak.

At [www.spirithalloween.com](http://www.spirithalloween.com), you'll find faux-black, wrought-iron fencing a la "The Fall of the House of Usher."

Midwest Living magazine has ideas for a Poe-themed dinner party, including using pages from a Poe book as placemats, having each guest read a selected passage, and providing little chocolate

("Tell-Tale") hearts as favors. ([www.midwestliving.com](http://www.midwestliving.com))

Black LED tapers and black candelabras are at Pier 1 Imports. And creepy trees can be found at Grandin Road, along with harlequin pumpkins for a masquerade vibe. ([www.pier1.com](http://www.pier1.com); [www.grandinroad.com](http://www.grandinroad.com))

CafePress has wine charms printed with Poe's image or words, as well as serving trays, beer steins and glasses. There are pillows, ornaments or tiles with his portrait, or vintage illustrations from the books. ([www.cafe.com](http://www.cafe.com))

Wicked's Raging & Lull soy candle comes in an elegant, matte-black glass pot etched with a crow, and is scented with cinnamon, clove and vanilla. ([www.gentsupplyco.com](http://www.gentsupplyco.com))



Crate and Barrel/Associated Press

Cupcake papers printed with ravens from Crate and Barrel combine the sweet with the spooky for an Edgar Allan Poe themed Halloween fete.

# GARDENER

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close inspections. Also, a tree with health issues will often have fewer, or smaller leaves and this extra sunlight on trunk and branches will encourage more lichen to grow.

Deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in winter) like your Crape Myrtle make a good home for

the lichen for the same reason. If your tree looks otherwise healthy, my advice is to relax, grab a magnifying glass, and take a minute to enjoy this "invader" for the attractive and interesting plant it is.

*"Gardener Gal" Leslie Derrenbacher is a Master Gardener and Native Floridian. Send your questions to [askgardenergal@gmail.com](mailto:askgardenergal@gmail.com).*

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# FALL SPICE

## Designers have tips for warming up outdoor decor

MELISSA RAYWORTH  
*Associated Press*

Atlanta — offer advice on doing outdoor fall decorating right.

### Avoid cliches

Homes in the northern U.S. are treated to a measure of effortless outdoor decorating for fall: Nature does most of the work by turning the trees a vivid palette of reds, oranges and golds. Add a pumpkin or two on the doorstep and the look is complete.

In the rest of the country, it takes a bit more creativity to add the season's colors and textures to the exterior of a home. Southern California designer Betsy Burnham says poorly done fall decorating can look out of place in warmer climates. And as Halloween decorating has become increasingly popular, many homeowners aiming for a festive fall look go overboard with big decorations and harsh shades of orange.

But with a light touch and some strategic choices, homes anywhere can be made more attractive through the beauty of the season. Here, Burnham and two other designers — Brian Patrick Flynn of the Flynnside Out design blog and Lee Kleinhelter, owner of the Pieces design store in

Atlanta — offer advice on doing outdoor fall decorating right.

“It doesn’t have to be a wreath,” she says. “It can be wheat sheaths. It can be pussy willows. Just something that seems autumnal.”

Flynn agrees: “I usually stay away from corn husks as door decor,” he says, “and I also skip things that have been done a million times, like scarecrows. Instead, I like to simply play with yellow- and orange-toned plants, and a variety of pumpkins.”

Kleinhelter suggests using “rustic elements to complement this time of year,” such as birch logs, twigs and vines. They can be left in their natural colors or painted white or a soft shade of gold.

She also likes decorating with “the fiery fall foliage of ginkgo and sugar maple trees,” which can be potted and clustered together in simple arrangements around a front door or in an

For a touch of fall color, interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn suggests sticking with shades of orange and yellow that have brown undertones rather than tangerine or lemon tones, which can appear more summery.

BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/  
Hayneedle





# Dealing with Ragweed and Dog Fennel

*Weedy species a concern for Florida gardeners*



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Dog Fennel is among the 25,000 species in the Aster family, Asteracea. There are other unrelated plants around the globe that are also called Dog Fennel. The local species is known for inflaming allergies. This plant contains distasteful pyrrolizidine alkaloids. Cattle avoid eating Dog Fennel and leave it untouched as they graze.

Two noxious plants, Ragweed and Dog Fennel, are aggressive, herbaceous plants that flower prolifically in fall about the same time as showy Goldenrod. The large, heavy pollen on Goldenrod, a *Solidago* species, falls to the ground and does not remain airborne. The fine pollen from Dog Fennel and Ragweed drifts for days on the slightest breeze and is a serious allergen. All three can grow up to 6 feet tall.

Perennial Dog Fennel, *Eupatorium capillifolium*, ranges throughout the southeastern U.S. from Florida west to Texas and Oklahoma and north to Virginia and

Pennsylvania in zones 6 to 10. It proliferates in pastures and along unmowed roadsides. It is among 25,000 species in the Aster family, Asteracea. Globally, there are other unrelated plants commonly called Dog Fennel. Thick stems grow from a large, central root system. Alternate hair-like leaves are finely dissected. When crushed, leaves and inconspicuous flowers have a pungent, unpleasant smell.

Flowers emit pollen from September until frost in late November locally, causing sensitive people to suffer allergic reactions. The nectar is attractive to butterflies. Dog fennel spreads by seeds and roots.

This pesky plant contains distasteful pyrrolizidine alkaloids that can damage the liver if ingested. It can cause contact dermatitis in humans. Cattle avoid eating Dog Fennel and leave it untouched as they graze around the plants. Control this plant by mowing before it flowers to prevent pollen drift and seed set. Spray re-sprouting mowed plants with non-restricted, systemic herbicide like glyphosate or triclopyr. Both disrupt only plant systems and have no residual soil activity.

Hand-weeding is time consuming, hard labor. To pull out Dog Fennel, grasp a single stem and pull toward the center of the clump. It pulls out with some roots attached. Pull all stems individually. If any roots remain below ground,

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Jane Weber  
**JANE'S GARDEN**

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# JANE

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they will re-sprout. Tender new shoots and leaves can be sprayed with systemic herbicide.

The second allergy culprit is Ragweed, in the *Ambrosia* genus. It flowers at the same time as pretty Goldenrod and smelly Dog Fennel.

There are 17 Ragweed species in North America. The most common — *A. artemisiifolia*, *A. trifida*, and *A. psilostachya* — have pollen so similar they are almost indistinguishable from each other to pollen counters. Hence, all ragweed counts are combined in one category.

Ragweed's lacy leaves are deeply divided into many raggedy lobes. Stems are branched, sticky and hairy and tipped with long spikes of minute, greenish flowers. Wind-borne Ragweed pollen is a major cause of hay fever, sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes and coughing. Minute flowers bloom and pollen develops when temperatures dip below 60 degrees.

Annual ragweed, *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, grows from seed each year. It reaches up to 6 feet tall in Central Florida and generally has one

branched main stem. The root burrows deep into the soil and is more difficult to pull up than Dog fennel. A gardener's spade will be needed to dig and pry up Ragweed.

Problem plants and alien invasives can be killed with a 3 percent solution of glyphosate herbicide. Always read and follow the label instructions. This readily available chemical enters green leaves, travels through the plant's system to the roots and after about three days begins to kill the sprayed plant.

As green plants absorb all the spray and lock it in their tissue, the short-lived chemical does not leach deep to the aquifer. Glyphosate has no residual soil activity.

Never spray near springs, rivers or water. That is a job for a licensed, well-trained professional, state and county crews or the Department of Environmental Protection.

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BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/Hayneedle

To take advantage of the gorgeous autumn weather at his mountain house, the designer Flynn added a modern fireplace. To enhance fall style, Flynn changes up throw pillows in October by swapping summer tones pillow cases with those more suited for autumn.

## FALL

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outdoor entertaining area. "They make such a beautiful impact, really popping with color," Kleinhelter says.

"If you've got space, an outdoor fireplace will allow you to host guests and also take in the amazing foliage," says Flynn. "I have an outdoor fireplace in my own mountain house, and I deck it out in fall tones each year and just escape outside all day long."

Outdoor cushions in summery colors can be replaced with warmer, autumnal shades. And Burnham suggests using clusters of scented candles outside in cinnamon, clove or other seasonal fragrances.

Depending on your climate, Flynn even suggests hosting Thanksgiving dinner outside. Space heaters and a roaring fire can keep guests warm in most parts of the country, even on a November evening. And candlelight on the table adds to the drama.

"If you've got an outdoor spot that's covered and has a great view," Flynn asks, "why not take the biggest dinner of the year outdoors?"

### Choose the right shades

All three designers are fans of white gourds and white pumpkins. "We use them every year one way or another," Kleinhelter says. "Grouping them on table settings or outside in multiples by the door is an easy arrangement."

You can decorate with gourds and pumpkins without adding "that crazy pumpkin orange" to your home's exterior, Burnham says. Instead, pick other shades of orange

and yellow that feel seasonal but aren't quite so bright.

"Orange and yellow are the two colors most associated with fall style," Flynn says. But "to get these tones right, you've got to stick with those that have just the right amount of brown in them. Otherwise the intended look will end up being somewhat childish or even summery. Stick with mustard tones rather than canary yellow, and as far as orange goes, it's best to use burnt pumpkin tones rather than red oranges or yellow oranges."

You can also mix in neutral shades of tan and soft brown. "And I always like to throw my own spin on it all," Flynn says, "by incorporating black."

### Use what you have

"I don't think you need to go buy a new 'themed' look for a season," Kleinhelter says. "Take something you already have and rethink it, like the natural elements in your yard, and come up with a creative yet simple way to use them."

White lights you bought for Christmas decorating can be just the thing to make fall outdoor decorating look special. "We have jumbo vine balls we are going to wrap in lights and scatter in the yard," Kleinhelter says, in "a 'pop art' kind of way."

Burnham agrees: "You can never go wrong with white lights," she says. "You can do a lot with just framing your door with really beautiful white lights," perhaps woven through twigs or vines.

The look is glamorous, and also practical: If you've lined your front door with white lights woven through twigs in the fall, simply add some pine or holly branches to the mix when it's time to decorate in December.

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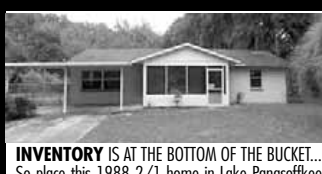
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**Dear John:** We are hoping you may be able to help us identify this set of four prints acquired during our garage sale excursions. We

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There is no signature that we could find on the

prints. We listen to your show regularly, and look forward to your response. Many thanks. — *K. & P, Internet*

**Dear K. & P.:** I do not recognize your pictures. I see the retail store tag they were sold through is on the back side; perhaps the store is still in business — something you might pursue.

Open the backs and see if there are any notations about the image or perhaps the artist. Let us know if you find anything; if not, potential dollar value is catch-as-catch-can.

**Dear John:** I am attaching eight photographs of a mahogany bookcase that I have had for well over 65 years. My parents bought it for me from the estate of an elderly couple, and it has always been my understanding that it had been in their possession for more than 50 years.

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making practices in the late 1800s. The wood appears to be natural mahogany. The sides, top, and bottom are solid boards. The back is made of thinner panels in either a tongue and groove or overlap arrangement.

Can you give me some

idea of its potential value? — *R.J.G., Internet*

**Dear R.J.G.:** Yes, you are correct about the time of production. The style of your bookcase is Renaissance Revival. It was manufactured in America during the last quarter of the 19th century, possibly

in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Potential dollar value is in the \$100 to \$200 range, perhaps more on a lucky day.

**Dear John:** We recently moved to Crystal River and have found your very helpful column on antiques. We have three pieces of Lalique glass and wonder who we should contact about their value.

Our kids have no interest in them, so we are thinking of selling them. Any help will be greatly appreciated. — *T.D., Internet*

**Dear T.D.:** The French artist René Lalique produced a large body of decorative glass. His works are sought after by collectors worldwide.

I would be glad to help you with potential dollar value and how best to sell the pieces. Take several good, clear photographs of each piece. Make sure to include the signatures on each piece as well.

*John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. He hosts a call-in radio show, Sikorski's Attic, on WJUF (90.1 FM) Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.*

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# New fall decor trend has many 'facets'

**KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

Fans of crisp, modern architecture and clean-lined shapes will love one of this fall's strongest style trends: faceted décor.

For those who feel that the whole bold, geometric-pattern thing is nearing overexposure, faceted furniture and prints make sense, according to New York designer Elaine Griffin.

"Purer and streamlined, the faceted silhouette is the stylistic descendant of geometrics — think geometrics deconstructed," she says.

The style, says Griffin, can be modern (the faceted Hearst Tower in New York City oozes architectural chic), primitive (think Grand Canyon) and vintage (Art Deco and the Cubists).

"Faceted shapes are intrinsically more visually appealing because, whether they're mirrored or not, they reflect more light," she says.

"A faceted element in a piece adds a stylish, decorative layer of dimension and surface interest without crossing over into the fussy, frilly or overdone."

The "gemstone" shape is especially attractive in reflective materials — mirror, glass, shiny metallics — where light plays off the planes. The look is clean, contemporary and luxe.

Yet in ceramic, wood or fabric, the polyhedron shape looks appealingly organic, as in honeycombs and cellular structures.

Wayfair's got faceted décor from several sources. Stacked, smoky, etched-glass facets make a smart-looking Borghese table. Imax's lemon-yellow ceramic Chantal vase has a chic modern look. Three simple, faceted crystal blocks anchor Safavieh's Cube fixture, creating a simple yet elegant table lamp. Arteriors' antiqued-brass faceted table lamp on an iron base has presence and personality. (www.wayfair.com)

At Z Gallerie, cowhide is crafted into a faceted Odyssey rug in tones of gray and black. Here, too, a glamorous faceted mirrored table and the Portico mirror. (www.zgallerie.com)

Faceted candlesticks from Godinger stack like crystal jewelry and would dress up a dining table. (www.lampspus.com)

At Target, a faceted cotton lampshade is available in sea blue, black and white. A silvery, faceted-glass column anchors a table lamp in the Xhilaration collection. (www.target.com)

Designer Jason Phillips takes the motif into a different material, carving acacia wood into 3D faceted wall art at Crate & Barrel. (www.crateandbarrel.com)

Lacquered aluminum provides the medium for a cool light fixture from Netherlands-based studio Sander Mulder. Their Carat lamp, available in graphite, jade, chrome or gold, features 36 facets sculpted into a pendant. (www.sandermulder.com)

Capiz shells are hand-cut into facets and fitted into a wire frame to create a drum pendant lampshade available from West Elm. An angular side table is layered with antiqued mirror, making a useful little piece that could suit a formal or rustic space. (www.westelm.com)

Israeli designer Mika Barr's Ori table lamp is a cloud of faceted cotton lighting perched on a paper clip style metal base. There's a fluidity to the fixture's shape, and you can machine-wash the cotton shade. (www.touchofmodern.com)

Dutch designer Marcel Wanders has created a line of unusual faceted tiles for Bisazza. Named "Frozen Garden," the glossy black or white ceramics are available with a whimsical daisy motif, if desired. (www.bisazza.it)

Wanders' Stone stool for Kartell has a faceted hourglass shape, and comes in red, black, smoke, blue, amber or clear polycarbonate.

Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola has designed a chunky, faceted acrylic vase, also for Kartell. Available in several soft hues, the Jelly vase could also hold a flameless candle. (www.allmodern.com)

And German designer Elisa Stroyk crafts wood facets onto fabrics to create "wooden textiles," with a unique texture. The fabrics can be used as throws, drapery, coverlets or upholstery. (www.elisastrozyk.de)

## PLANTS

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The best way to help plants survive the winter is to select the right varieties to begin with, she said. Buy the most cold-tolerant varieties you can find.

"I pick the hardiest available rated with a USDA zone that is two zones colder than my zone," Ophardt said.

Some plants genetically are more perennial than others. Woody plants like shrubs, for example, usually are more cold-hardy than are soft-stemmed herbaceous perennials.

Many techniques have evolved to help potted plants survive the winter. Several of

the most common:

■ Use bigger containers. "Larger root masses and soil volumes are less susceptible to winter injury," said Hannah Mathers, an Ohio State University professor who specializes in commercial nursery and landscape extension.

■ Dig them into the ground. "Dig a pit and cover with poly (plastic sheeting) and straw to over-winter some smaller containers," Mathers said. "Trapping the heat from the earth is an ideal way to over-winter plants."

■ Group them. Less troublesome that digging can be "grouping and placing them in a protected spot on the ground, such as an alcove or corner, and mulching them with compost or straw," Ophardt said.

■ Bring them indoors. "Anyplace cool but that will stay above freezing," Ophardt said. "Most often an unheated garage meets this criterion."

Potted plants should be prepared if they're to be over-wintered in unheated structures, Mathers said.

"Watering should be reduced in late September and early October to help the plant acclimate," she said. "Fertilizer should be stopped in early September to reduce lush growth and again allow for acclimation."

Over-wintering perennials gives you a running start for the next growing season, especially if you're a fan of mixed container gardening. It supplies nearly filled containers that need only a few annuals to complete.



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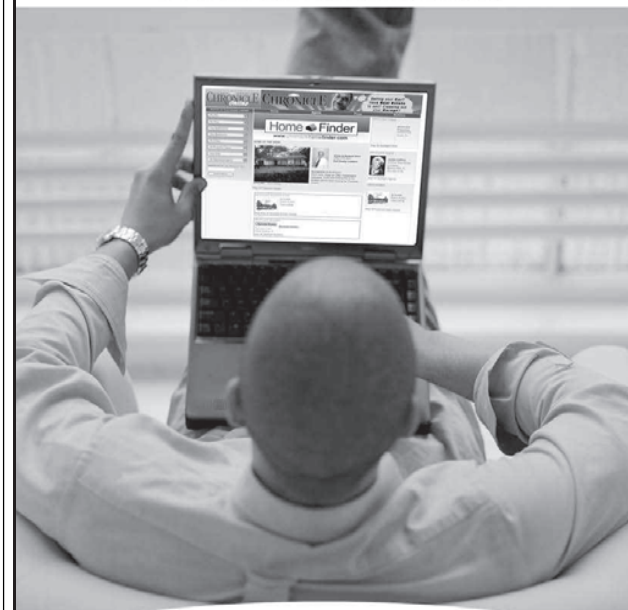
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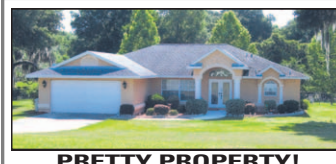
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