



NEWS BRIEFS

Deadline for endorsements
 Letters endorsing the campaign of a local candidate must be submitted no later than midnight tonight to ensure publication by Sunday, Nov. 4. See Page A9 to view today's endorsement letters.

No decision on nuke plant
 Progress Energy Florida said Tuesday a decision could be months away about whether to repair or shut down the Crystal River nuclear plant. In an update to the Public Service Commission, company officials said the decision could come as soon as December but may well not be made until next summer. See story, Page A3.

Last day for absentee vote
 The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2012 general election is 5 p.m. today. Go online to the elections office website at www.votecitrus.com or call 352-341-6740 or 352-564-7120. Any qualified registered voter in Citrus County is entitled to a vote-by-mail ballot. An immediate family member or legal guardian may request a vote-by-mail ballot for a voter. Postage to return the ballot by mail is 65 cents (two first class stamps). Voters may also return their ballots to the Inverness or Crystal River area Supervisor of Elections Offices, or during early voting until Nov. 3, at one of four early voting sites: Inverness City Hall, Central Ridge Library, Crystal River Elections Office at Meadow and the Homosassa Public Library.

NYSE to reopen today
 The New York Stock Exchange will reopen for regular trading Wednesday after being shut down for two days because of Hurricane Sandy. The exchange said in a statement Tuesday that its building and trading floor are fully operational and normal trading will resume at the usual starting time of 9:30 a.m. Tuesday marked the first time since 1888 that the NYSE remained closed for two consecutive days because of weather. — From staff and wire reports

Compromise on minimum flows

Board allows withdrawals of 3 percent from Homosassa, Chassahowitzka river systems

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

BROOKSVILLE — The effort to set Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for the Chassahowitzka and Homosassa rivers sailed through, but not without a few changes and a chorus of opponents. The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) voted 8-1 to OK a pared-down recommendation from the district staff for MFLs at both river systems. Board member Jeff Adams of Pinellas County voted

against the measure. From the beginning of the nearly six hours of deliberations and impassioned speeches, SWFWMD officials held to a premise — the environmental degradation happening in those river systems is, in the main, not caused by water withdrawal and they have science to back up their claims. However, locals and environmental advocates insisted withdrawals or flow levels have everything to do with the health of the rivers and springs.

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More than 125 people packed into the Southwest Florida Water Management District boardroom Tuesday to offer thoughts and opinions on proposed minimum flow levels on the Chassahowitzka and Homosassa rivers.

Wake of carnage



Brian Hajeski, 41, of Brick, N.J., reacts Tuesday after looking at debris of a home that washed up onto the Mantoloking Bridge the morning after superstorm Sandy rolled through, in Mantoloking, N.J.

Storm brings floods, fires, blackouts; at least 50 people dead

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The most devastating storm in decades to hit the country's most densely populated region upended man and nature as it rolled back the clock on 21st-century lives, cutting off modern communication and leaving millions without power Tuesday as thousands who fled their water-menaced homes wondered when — if — life would return to normal.

A weakening Sandy, the hurricane turned fearsome superstorm, killed at least 50 people, many hit by falling trees, and still wasn't finished. It inched inland across Pennsylvania, ready to bank toward western New York to dump more of its water and likely cause more havoc Tuesday night. Behind it: a dazed, unin-



Robert Connolly, left, embraces his wife Laura on Tuesday as they survey the remains of the home owned by her parents that burned to the ground in the Breezy Point section of New York. More than 50 homes were destroyed in the fire which swept through the oceanfront community during superstorm Sandy.

dated New York City, a waterlogged Atlantic Coast and a moonscape of disarray and debris — from unmoored shore-town boardwalks to submerged mass-transit systems to delicate presidential politics. "Nature," said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, assessing the damage to his city, "is an awful lot more powerful than we are." More than 8.2 million households were without power in 17 states as far west as Michigan. Nearly 2 million of those were in

New York, where large swaths of lower Manhattan lost electricity and entire streets ended up under water — as did seven subway tunnels between Manhattan and Brooklyn at one point, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said. The New York Stock Exchange was closed for a second day from weather, the first time that has happened since a blizzard in 1888. The city's subway system, the lifeblood of more than 5 million residents, was damaged like never before and closed indefinitely, and Consolidated Edison said electricity in and around New York could take a week to restore.

"Everybody knew it was coming. Unfortunately, it was everything they said it was," said Sal Novello, a

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Child porn fugitive gets 105 years

PAT FAHERTY
Staff Writer

A Citrus County child porn fugitive, arrested last May in Tennessee after an eight-month search, was sentenced Tuesday to 105 years in prison.

Glenn Beasley Jr., 48, was in court in Citrus County on Monday and found guilty on one count of promoting sexual performance by a child, 33 separate counts of possession of child pornography and one count of failure to appear.

Beasley's charges stemmed from an investigation in January 2010 by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children unit that led to the discovery of thousands of photos and videos in Beasley's possession that depicted child abuse and hardcore child pornography.

The investigation revealed Beasley was a significant Florida distributor of child pornography on the Internet, having distributed child pornography several hundred times.

The Crystal River man was initially arrested Jan. 22, 2010. He failed to appear in court in September 2011 after posting bond and learning he would be facing more than a decade in prison. At the time of his arrest, Beasley reportedly admitted to all the allegations.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Gainesville division of the U.S. Marshals Service Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force in October 2011. The task force adopted Beasley's case due to his serious charges and history of firearm possession.

During the subsequent fugitive investigation, task force investigators determined Beasley had fled from Florida and was traveling throughout the southeastern United States in a continued attempt to avoid arrest. He took steps to stay under the radar while hiding, including taking on a fake name and limiting his contact with individuals.

The investigation paid off in May when authorities learned Beasley was hiding inside a small house on a mountain in a rural area of Pigeon Forge, Tenn. When he was arrested, marshals found a handgun on his bed. By June 21, he was back in the Citrus County jail.

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Q&A: Will the election be postponed?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One week before a close election, superstorm Sandy has confounded the presidential race, halted early voting in many areas and led some to ponder whether the election might even be postponed.

It could take days to restore electricity to more than 8 million homes and businesses that lost power when the storm pummeled the East Coast. That means it's possible power could still be out in parts of some states on Election

Day next Tuesday — a major problem for precincts that rely on electronic voting machines.

But as the storm breached the coast, even some of those intimately involved in the election seemed in the dark about what options are available to cope with the storm. Asked Monday whether President Barack Obama had the power to reschedule the election, White House press secretary Jay Carney said he wasn't sure.

Some questions and answers about what's possible and not when it comes to reworking

Election Day.

Q: Could the Nov. 6 election be changed?

A: Yes, but it's highly unlikely, and it's not up to the president. Congress sets the date for the presidential election — the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, every fourth year. Congress could act within the next week to change the date, but that would be tough because lawmakers are on recess and back home in their districts campaigning for re-election.

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The board voted to set the MFLs for each river at 3 percent. The SWFWMD staff recommendation was initially for 3 and 9 percent respectively for the Homosassa and Chassahowitzka rivers.

Mark Hammond, head of SWFWMD's Resource Management Division, told an overflow crowd and the board that efforts to set MFLs for the two river systems began in 2005 and that they "extended the process in April 2011" because of concerns some people had with the proposal.

Hammond said the agency came up with the most protective regime for these rivers — stronger than for all other rivers except one.

He said SWFWMD believes the environmental degradation issues brought up by opponents of the proposals may be caused by poor rainfall amounts — a 20 to 30 percent drop — rising sea levels and nutrient levels.

The water withdrawal levels, which are currently at 1 percent, are not a significant contributing factor, Hammon insisted.

But a series of speakers, including former lawmakers Nancy Argenziano and Helen Spivey, former Citrus County Commission candidate Theodora Rusnak and other residents of Citrus County made impassioned pleas to board members to either keep the withdrawal levels at the present rate or make efforts to restore the river systems. Argenziano is currently running as an Independent against incumbent Republican State Rep. Jimmie T. Smith.

Boyd Blihovde, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said while he supports MFLs, he thought the percentages in these proposals were too high and would imperil the manatees and other aquatic life in the Homosassa and Chassahowitzka rivers.

Board member Jennifer Closshey of Hillsborough County broke down as she made her case against the proposal.

Closshey argued for looking at the big-picture impact of the proposals, including economic impact and the possible introduction of a water-use caution area.

"There is not going to be any manatee left if we don't say it's a caution area," Closshey said in response to suggestions of going along with the proposals as they were and revisiting them at a later date.

She initially proposed setting the MFLs at 1 percent, but SWFWMD staff said setting it at that level would require a study and consultation with stakeholders to determine alternative sources of potable water and to come up with plans for restoration of the river systems. All those efforts will require money and time, some on the board noted, and they are bound by state law to come up with the MFLs.

After agreeing to come to a resolution, board attorney Laura Donaldson came back with an 8-point compromise.

The compromise reduced Chassahowitzka's withdrawal percentage by 6 points, while leaving Homosassa's unchanged.

District staff, Donaldson said, will be instructed to develop the framework for a "water use cautionary area" for Hernando and Citrus counties and present it to the board in June 2013. Cautionary areas require more stringent water withdrawal permit rules.

The compromise also requires MFLs be reviewed every six years.

Closshey said she hoped opponents of the proposals were happy with the compromise.

"It is protective as we can be at this time," she said.

Hope Corona, who has been leading a petition drive against the proposal, said after the meeting she was pleased with the result.

"I am relieved it's not 9 percent. I am pleased."

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Nasty campaign tactics entering race

Strange DVD, mysterious calls, misleading mailouts all target swing-state voters

Associated Press

MIAMI — With a week to go until Election Day, the nasty campaign tactics are coming out.

People in Florida, Virginia and Indiana have gotten calls falsely telling them they can vote early by phone and don't need to go to a polling place. In suburban Broward County, Fla., a handful of elderly voters who requested absentee ballots said they were visited by unknown people claiming to be authorized to collect the ballots.

And there's a mysterious DVD popping up in mailboxes that purports to be a documentary raising questions about the true identity of President Barack Obama's father.

It's one more indication of just how close this presidential election is. Voting rights advocates said reports of political deception and underhandedness are on the rise.

"Unfortunately it seems like the shadowy individuals that want to prevent people from voting are doing things earlier," said Eric Marshall, legal mobilization manager at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The organization is part of a coalition called Election Protection that is monitoring voting access and rights nationwide,

including a toll-free hotline set up to take complaints.

"Each American's vote matters. It's important to them and it's important to the community," Marshall said.

Indiana's secretary of state launched an investigation of the phony voting instructions being phoned to homes in that state, and Virginia officials issued a warning to voters there asking them to report any such calls.

In the Broward County, Fla., case, elderly voters "were told, 'I'm an official and I'm here to pick up your absentee ballot,'" said Alma Gonzalez, a senior Florida Democratic Party official working on voter protection efforts. "There is no official who picks up your ballot."

In addition to those cases, garish billboards warning voter fraud is a crime punishable by jail time and fines were put up in minority neighborhoods in Ohio and Wisconsin. They were recently taken down amid complaints they were aimed at intimidating African-American and Latino voters. The people behind the billboards have not come forward.

"It's hard to believe that these were just public service announcements," Marshall said. "Those neighborhoods were specifically targeted."

"It doesn't pass the smell test."

Independent Florida voter Jane Bowman smelled something bad, too, when she recently discovered a DVD in her mailbox questioning the identity of Obama's father.

"I think it's just a dirty trick. It just astonished me," said Bowman, a Jacksonville resident who said she plans to vote for Obama as she did four years ago. "I think they're doing everything they can to win Florida. It's a sorry situation."

The DVD's director, who said he has mailed some 7 million copies to homes in swing states, said he is unaffiliated with political campaigns or their supporters and the film reflects his own painstaking research into Obama's family back-

ground.

The DVD, "Dreams from My Real Father," posits the president's true father was a communist agitator, author and poet living in Hawaii named Frank Marshall Davis — not the Kenyan man who shares the president's name. Both men are now dead.

Obama campaign spokesman Adam Fetcher declined comment on the DVD.

Another mysterious batch of mailings to voters in at least 23 Florida counties is being investigated by the FBI and state officials. These anonymous letters, which were postmarked from Seattle, raise questions about the voter's citizenship and provide a form that supposedly must immediately be filled out and returned to elections officials.

Otherwise, the letter says, the voter's name will be purged from the rolls.

"A nonregistered voter who casts a vote in the State of Florida may be subject to arrest, imprisonment, and/or other criminal sanctions," warns one of the official-looking letters complete with eagle-and-flag logo, which appear to have been aimed mainly at registered Republicans.

Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner has asked all of the state's supervisors of elections to report any similar letters. There could also be federal charges against those responsible.

Voting rights advocates also say there have been scattered complaints of bosses ordering employees to support a particular presidential candidate or face job repercussions.

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No decision on Crystal River nuke plant

Choice to repair or close facility won't be made any time soon

PAT FAHERTY
Staff Writer

The decision on whether Progress Energy Florida (Duke Energy) will attempt to repair or close down the Crystal River nuclear plant is expected between December 2012 and summer 2013.

Whether the company in-

insurance will cover between \$1.5 billion and \$2.5 million in property damage claims for the plant is still unknown.

The nuclear plant, known as CR3, has been offline since September 2009 and PEF has described the repairs as "a first-of-a-kind engineering, construction and licensing project." Once

started, repairs could take 33 to 96 months, with total cost estimates between \$1.27 billion and \$3.43 billion.

Company officials appeared before Florida Public Service Commissioner Eduardo Balbis on Tuesday to review the plant's status. The utility had a chance to summarize a consultant's report on the options and explain where it is in the decision-making process.

"Decision-making takes time, plus the insurance issue is complicating the

timeframe," said Balbis, who is satisfied with the progress being made on plant's status.

"The NEIL (Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited) issue has been a source of some frustration," said John Burnett, representing Progress Energy Florida. "The plant has been off-line for some time and how much money is available has been quite elusive."

According to NEIL's 2011 Annual Report, the utility as a member has a maximum of \$2.25 billion in property

insurance with a \$10 million deductible. It also has a separate policy to cover accidental power outages.

Balbis said the ratepayers may stand to benefit or not, depending on how the insurance goes. Burnett said if a repair decision is not made by the end of the year, it subjects the company to money that would have to be refunded to customers on a pro-rated basis. He said even if a decision was made by December, it is very unlikely construction would begin at that time.

Progress Energy will be back before the PSC next week for hearings on environmental recovery costs.

The company was also to appear at a hearing today in Bronson by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to review environmental challenges to its applications for two nuclear reactors in Levy County.

Contact Chronicle reporter Pat Faherty at 352-564-2924 or pfaherty@chronicleonline.com.

Forum to focus on disabled residents

Locals seeking solutions to budget cuts

Special to the Chronicle

Families of developmentally disabled children and adults want to know if Florida can adequately serve their loved ones. With annual and increasing government budget cuts, service providers are concerned about their ability to operate successful programs.

These issues and more will be addressed at an upcoming forum where Citrus County's state and local government officials and families of individuals with developmental disabilities will share concerns. The panel-discussion format will allow an exchange of ideas with the hopes of stimulating solutions and proactive strategies.

Issues to be addressed will include:

- Seeking solutions to annual state budget cuts for providers serving the developmentally disabled.

- Adequate funding for clients on the Medicaid waiver who are receiving services (both those receiving residential placement services and those living at home with their families).

- Serving the thousands of individuals, current and future, on state waiting lists for core services such as supported living, adult day training, education and supported employment.

- Serving young developmentally disabled adults transitioning from Florida's high schools into meaningful daytime activities and residential placement.

- Providing services for developmentally disabled persons who are also behaviorally challenged.

The public is invited to attend this forum Monday, Dec. 3, at Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on the Lecanto campus of the Key Training Center, 5521 W. Buster Whitton Way. The morning session is from 10 a.m. to noon and will be formatted around questions to a panel of elected officials and representatives from state agencies that have a direct role in the operational strategies and budgeting processes.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

The afternoon session will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and highlight a panel of local experts and officials discussing and fielding questions concerning how the community is facing the continued threat of diminishing funding and resources, which play a direct role in determining how the lives of those with developmental disabilities may be at risk in the future.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to reserve a seat soon. Call 352-795-5541, ext. 311, to reserve a seat at both sessions and lunch.

Withstanding windy weather



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Amanda Tayiel bundles up Tuesday afternoon while making sure the shelter at Jake's Peanuts produce stand doesn't blow away in the stiff wind whipping along State Road 44 in Lecanto.

Local tailors tidbits of history to tour

Visitors can listen to history via cellphone

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Nothing makes history come alive like a good story.

That's the thought behind the Historic Crystal River Cell Phone Walking Tour recently inaugurated in the city.

The brainchild of local history buff Karen Pieters, the tour features 28 stops along a mile and a half route — historic buildings and sites. At each stop, marked by a blue sign, there's information about the site, including an old photo.

If you call the number on the sign and follow the prompts, you can hear someone telling a story, a piece of oral history, pertaining to the site — how the Crystal River Woman's Club evolved from the women in town who got together to clean up "cow patties" in the street; how "Miss Ada B.," the Baptist church's choir director, sang like she swallowed a bee; and, how during the 1930 Crystal River High School graduation, news spread through the audience of a fire and they left one by one, leaving the graduation speaker wondering what happened.

"These are all true stories," Pieters said.

A personal historian, Pieters records people's stories and turns them into books and DVDs for them to pass down to their families. As she was doing research for local families, she had the idea of adding some of the stories to the walking tour of Crystal River historic sites.

"In researching, I came across this cell phone tour idea and thought it would be perfect for this area," she said. "We have such a beautiful little



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Local history buff and personal historian Karen Pieters recently helped the city of Crystal River launch an oral history feature to the city's historical walking tour. People can call a phone number using their cell phone and hear a one-minute story at each of the 28 stops along the tour.

downtown that's starting to grow, with some great little shops, and I just love these old stories. So, I wrote up a proposal and presented it to Andy (Crystal River City Manager Andy Houston)."

She interviewed people such as Warren Bunts and John Grannan, president of the Citrus County Historical Society.

"Back in the '80s Doc Hudson had recorded stories of the old people back then, and I used some of his recordings," she said. "Also, the Crystal River Anthology Guild and Crystal River Historical Society had a lot of information."

From her research she culled her favorite stories. Then, she and other local "tour guides" recorded minute-long bits of oral history.

The tour starts at King's Bay Park, although you can start anywhere and

go in any order. It covers the downtown and surrounding area on either side of U.S. 19. Some of the sites include the Seminole Club, the train depot and the cemetery.

"One of my favorite stories is about the cemetery from tapes from the Anthology Guild," she said. "On the tape O.H. Hopkins, an old black man, told the story of back when they used to bury people using a horse and cart — he helped bury them. He said if they were burying a person who was bad, like a murderer, the closer they got to the cemetery, the more the horse would shy away, and as they got to the gravesite the horse would start fighting. But as soon as they took the casket off the cart, the horse would calm down."

She said stories like these get lost. This is her way of helping to keep history alive.

Around the COUNTY

Citrus Springs MSBU to convene

Citrus Springs Municipal Service Benefit Unit will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

For information, call Larry Brock at 352-527-5478.

Marine Science Station opens doors

The public is invited to attend the Marine Science Station open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

The open house will have guided tours of the waterfront campus and the 60-foot observation tower overlooking the Salt River and Gulf of Mexico. A building rededication ceremony in honor of local hero Berry L. Cannon will take place from 11 a.m. until noon during the open house.

Due to lack of parking at the Marine Science Station, visitors must park at the Fort Island Trail County Park at 12073 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Marine Science Station staff will shuttle visitors by boat round trip throughout the open house. An accessible bus will be available to transport visitors not wishing to board the boats.

For more information, contact Cathy Proveaux via email proveaux@citrus.k12.fl.us or phone 352-795-4393. This event is free to the public.

—From staff reports



Steve Aiuto Sr., 84
CRYSTAL RIVER

Steve G. Aiuto Sr., 84, of Crystal River, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at Cedar Creek Assisted Living in Crystal River. He was born March 13, 1928, to Giuliano and Josephine (Provanzano) Aiuto in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was of the Catholic faith. He came here five years ago from West Palm Beach, having moved there from Islip Terrace, Long Island, N.Y., a number of years ago. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and was a butcher by trade. In his later years he enjoyed working with his son Stephen at his custom furniture shop in Crystal River.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Rose Aiuto on Sept. 24, 2007. He is survived by his sons, Stephen Aiuto (Mary) of Crystal River and Paul Aiuto (Rose) of Long Island, N.Y.; brother Anthony Aiuto (Frances) of Long Island, N.Y.; and grandsons Daniel, Michael, Paul, Christopher and Joseph A.

A memorial service will be 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers those who wish may make a memorial contribution to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270 Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Jeanne Barrett, 64
HERNANDO

Jeanne M. Barrett, 64, of Hernando, passed away Friday, Oct. 19, 2012. A native of Boston, Mass., she was born Feb. 25, 1948, to Roger and Caroline Gould. She came here from Taunton, Mass., with her husband 18 years ago. She was the beloved wife of her pre-deceased husband, Arthur Barrett who passed before her in 2009. They were married for 16 years and deeply in love with each other. She was a member of the Ladies Auxil-

lary Club for the VFW.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Lisa J. McNett of Saranac, Mich.; sister Barbra Keating of Enfield, Conn.; granddaughter Loren McNett; step-



Jeanne Barrett

daughters Patti Ann Gracia, Melody Ann Ramsay, Wanda Lee Dixon, Cindi-Lee Barrett and Cecilia Pereira; stepson Arthur Barrett Jr.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed her life with her husband dancing at the VFW. She loved living in Florida, as did her husband. She loved dancing, bowling, reading and playing games. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A committal service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at Fero Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

John Clair, 70
BROOKSVILLE

John Earl Clair, 70, of Brooksville, Fla., died Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, at his home in Brooksville under the care of his family and HPH Hospice. Private cremation arrangements are under the care of Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory Crystal River.

Anni Everett, 92
FORMERLY OF
HERNANDO

Anni S. Everett, 92, formerly of Hernando, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, at her daughter's home in Hartwell, Ga. Mrs. Everett was born Dec. 28, 1919, in Germany and moved to this

area in 1971 from Orlando. She retired as an operating-room technician and spent many years in the Ladies Auxillary of VFW Post 4252 of Hernando, serving as president four times. She enjoyed sewing, reading, gardening and serving as a Hospice volunteer for more than 10 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Everett on May 7, 1987. Left to cherish her memory are her three children, John Everett of Germany, Judy (John) Gantt, Hartwell, Ga., and Ann (Bill) Keeton, San Antonio, Texas; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Anni's life will be honored at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at Fountains Memorial Park Chapel in Homosassa with Pastor Craig Davies of the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness and VFW Post 4252 Ladies Auxillary officiating. The family will receive friends in visitation from 1 p.m. until the hour of service. There will be no calling hours at the funeral home. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

James Grant, 64
CRYSTAL RIVER

Mr. William James Grant, age 64, of Crystal River, Florida, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. Arrangements are under the direction of the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

Addie Harris, 98
SPRING HILL

Addie Lou Harris, 98, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at HPH Hospice in Brooksville. Private cremation arrange-

ments are under the care of Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory Crystal River.

Marie Herdrick, 84
BEVERLY HILLS

Marie Herdrick, 84, of Beverly Hills and formerly McHenry, Ill., passed away Friday, Oct. 26, 2012. She was born Jan. 31, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., to Harry and Mary Gielow.

Mary is survived by daughters, Carol Tammell, Theresa DiMaggio (Joseph), Linda Behm (Richard) and Bonnie Matthews (Michael); 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Herdrick was preceded in death by husband Fred; parents Harry and Mary; and brothers Harold and Francis Gielow.

Funeral Service of Remembrance will take place Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at Fero Funeral Home, Beverly Hills at 2:15 p.m. Friends will be received from 1 p.m. until time of service. Interment will be private.

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Lester Norman, 74
BUSHNELL

Lester Robert Norman, 74, of Bushnell, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012. He was born in Bushnell and was a lifelong resident of Sumter and Lake counties. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had been assigned to

several military posts far and abroad. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4337 of Inverness. He was a graduate of the Sumter County School System and Lake-Sumter Community College. Lester retired from the Florida Department of Corrections.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet I. Norman; and son Randall L. Norman. He is survived by daughters Suzanne Norman-Ybarra and Julie Bowen; brother Edward Norman; three grandchildren; his daughter-in-law, Kimberly J. Norman; and former spouse Betty R. Norman. A special thank-you to Jonni A. Post and Marjorie Wakeling for their loving care of our father during his illness. We are forever grateful.

Graveside committal with military honors will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lane Purcell Hospice House, 2452 C.R. 526E, Sumterville, FL 33585. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Robert Simmons, 87
BEVERLY HILLS

Robert C. Simmons, 87, of Beverly Hills, Fla., died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012, at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Robert was born Dec. 25, 1924, in Rochester, N.Y., the son of James and Margaret Simmons. Robert was a radioman 3rd class for the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from General Electric in Rochester, N.Y. as a sales manager after 33 years of service. He moved to Beverly Hills in 1992 from Rochester. He was Christian. He was a member of the Oakwood Village Community in Beverly Hills.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley and son, Scot. Survivors include his daughter, Hollis Simmons of Gales Ferry, Conn.; son Cameron Simmons of Rochester, N.Y.; sister Marjorie Case of Rochester, N.Y.; brother Richard Simmons of Mesa, Ariz.; and grandson Eric Simmons of Las Vegas, Nev. Heinz Funeral Home, Inverness, was in charge of arrangements.

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Urgent Health News

Experts surprised to discover fat burning effect in Raspberry Ketones

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Dulcie O'Connell, 88 INVERNESS

Dulcie O'Connell, 88, Inverness, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Dulcie was born July 19, 1924, in Newfoundland, Canada to the late



Dulcie O'Connell

Reginald and Amelia (Vincent) Berry. She was a homemaker and faithful member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Marilyn (Cal) Ringquist, Inverness, Valerie Norwid, St. Petersburg, Gary O'Connell, Inverness, Bruce (Suzy) O'Connell, Apex, N.C.; three sisters, Lillian Butler, Toronto, Canada, Florence Parsons, Newfoundland, Canada, Amy Martin, Toronto, Canada; seven grandchildren, Linda, Karen, Sarah, Matthew, Kevin, Natalie and Sean; and seven great-grandchildren, Brad, Amelia, Ethan, Ryan, Tyler, Hunter and Jake. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter R. O'Connell on June 13, 2007, her son-in-law, Charles "Buddy" Norwid; her daughter-in-law, Rebecca "Becky" O'Connell; and her granddaughter, Donna Ringquist.

A Eucharistic Requiem Mass will be offered at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church with Fr. Eugene Reuman, celebrant. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The family will receive friends in visitation Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Chester Scott Jr., 81 BEVERLY HILLS

Chester P. Scott Jr., 81, born June 16, 1931, in Massachusetts, passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012. He was an ardent Republican who served as a Vermont state representative and state senator for many years. He started his political career as a selectman for the town of Springfield, Vt., where he was CEO of Bryant Grinder (a manufacturing company.) As a state legislator he supported hydro power, small business and conservationism. He was most proud of the legislation he championed that permitted the use of crossbows by disabled bow hunters. He loved the great outdoors where he spent many days with his family and friends.



Chester Scott Jr.

After retirement he moved to Florida where he became a volunteer member of the Beverly Hills Surveillance Unit protecting his community. He also volunteered at the Homosassa Wildlife Refuge as treasurer, guide boat operator and wild bird lecturer. He was especially fond of the owls, and as a lecturer he would educate schoolchildren about owls, hawks and wildlife. During his retirement, he spent summers at his beloved camp, Gremlin Cove, on Ricker Pond in Groton, Vt., and winters in Beverly Hills. He loved music and was a talented accordion player. He gave his talent freely to senior centers and nursing homes. Often, he could be found on his porch playing accordion into the evening, the music drifting out over the waters of Ricker Pond.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Willo; his children, Donna Parfitt, Chester P. Scott III (Buddy), William Scott (Jim) and Angela Scott (Lou-Ann); four grandsons; a granddaughter; and eight great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by son Daniel Lee.

There will be a private memorial at a later date. Letters of condolence may be sent to Willo Scott, 15 Old Academy St., Suite 206, Fairfax, VT 05454.

Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, is in charge of arrangements. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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construction executive who rode out the storm with his wife, Lori, in the Long Island town of Lindenhurst, and ended up with 7 feet of water in the basement.

The scope of the storm's damage wasn't known yet. Though early predictions of river flooding in Sandy's inland path were petering out, colder temperatures made snow the main product of Sandy's slow march from the sea. Parts of the West Virginia mountains were blanketed with 2 feet of snow by Tuesday afternoon, and drifts 4 feet deep were reported at Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the Tennessee-North Carolina border.

As organized civilization came roaring back Tuesday in the form of emergency response, recharged cellphones and the reassurance of daylight, harrowing stories and pastiches emerged from Maryland north to Rhode Island in the hours after Sandy's howling winds and tidal surges shoved water over sea-

side barriers, into low-lying streets and up from coastal storm drains.

Images from around the storm-affected areas depicted scenes reminiscent of big-budget disaster movies. In Atlantic City, N.J., a gaping hole remained where once a stretch of boardwalk sat by the sea. In Queens, N.Y., rubble from a fire that destroyed as many as 100 houses in an evacuated beachfront neighborhood jutted into the air at ugly angles against a gray sky. In heavily flooded Hoboken, N.J., across the Hudson River from Manhattan, dozens of yellow cabs sat parked in rows, submerged in murky water to their windshields. At the ground zero construction site in lower Manhattan, sea water rushed into a gaping hole under harsh floodlights.

One of the most dramatic tales came from lower Manhattan, where a failed backup generator forced New York University's Tisch Hospital to relocate more than 200 patients, including 20 babies from neonatal intensive care. Dozens of ambulances lined up in the rainy night and the tiny patients were gingerly moved out, some attached to battery-powered

respirators as gusts of wind blew their blankets.

In Moonachie, N.J., 10 miles north of Manhattan, water rose to 5 feet within 45 minutes and trapped residents who thought the worst of the storm had passed. Mobile-home park resident Juan Allen said water overflowed a 2-foot wall along a nearby creek, filling the area with 2 to 3 feet of water within 15 minutes. "I saw trees not just knocked down but ripped right out of the ground," he said. "I watched a tree crush a guy's house like a wet sponge."

In a measure of its massive size, waves on southern Lake Michigan rose to a record-tying 20.3 feet. High winds spinning off Sandy's edges clobbered the Cleveland area early Tuesday, uprooting trees, closing schools and flooding major roads along Lake Erie.

Most along the East Coast, though, grappled with an experience like Bertha Weismann of Bridgeport, Conn.—frightening, inconvenient and financially problematic but, overall, endurable. Her garage was flooded and she lost power, but she was grateful. "I feel like we are blessed," she said.

"It could have been worse."

The presidential candidates' campaign maneuverings Tuesday revealed the delicacy of the need to look presidential in a crisis without appearing to capitalize on a disaster. President Barack Obama canceled a third straight day of campaigning, scratching events scheduled for Wednesday in swing-state Ohio, in Sandy's path. Republican Mitt Romney resumed his campaign with plans for an Ohio rally billed as a "storm relief event."

And the weather posed challenges a week out for how to get everyone out to vote. On the hard-hit New Jersey coastline, a county elections chief said some polling places on barrier islands will be unusable and have to be moved.

"This is the biggest challenge we've ever had," said George R. Gilmore, chairman of the Ocean County Board of Elections.

By Tuesday afternoon, there were still only hints of the economic impact of the storm. Airports remained closed across the East Coast and far beyond as tens of thousands of travelers found they couldn't get where they were going.

Q&A

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Plus, it's likely that would mean changing the date for the entire country, not just those affected by the storm. What's more, Congress only selects the date for federal races, so changing the date would wreak havoc for state and local elections also scheduled for Nov. 6. States might have to hold two separate days of voting, which could bust state budgets.

Q: What about pushing back the election just in some states?

A: It's possible, but the legal issues get tricky. States, by and large, are in charge of their own elections. Each state has its own laws dealing with what to do if an emergency jeopardizes voting and who can make the call. Federal law says that if a state fails to conduct an election for federal races on the day Con-

gress chooses, the state legislature can pick a later date. But state and federal laws don't always jive perfectly. Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell has said his state's laws don't grant him authority to reschedule the presidential election.

Q: Have elections ever been postponed before?

A: Yes, but not on the presidential level. New York City was holding its mayoral primary when terrorists struck on Sept. 11, 2001, and the city rescheduled the election. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Louisiana's governor postponed municipal elections in New Orleans after elections officials said polling places wouldn't be ready.

Q: Other than reschedul-

ing the election, can anything else be done?

A: Voting hours could be extended at various locations. In places where electronic voting machines are in use, paper ballots could be used instead. Some areas also might choose to move polling locations if existing ones are damaged, inaccessible or won't have power on Election Day.

Q: Would those options create any other problems?

A: Lots. If poll hours are extended, under a 2002 law passed by Congress in response to the disputed 2000 presidential election, any voters who show up outside of regular hours must use provisional ballots, which are counted later and could be challenged. Sandy's im-

pact was felt in some of the most competitive states in the presidential race, including Virginia and Ohio. The more provisional ballots that are cast, the greater the chances are that the winner won't be known until days or even weeks after the election.

There's another issue if poll hours are extended in some areas—such as counties with the worst storm damage—and not in others. That could prompt lawsuits under the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause, said Edward Foley, an election law expert at The Ohio State University.

Relocating polling places is also risky because it could drive down turnout, said Neil Malhotra, a polit-

ical economist at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. "If you disrupt their routine and the polling place they've always been going to, even if you don't move it very far, they vote less," he said.

Q: What is the federal government doing to help?

A: The Federal Emergency Management Agency's administrator, Craig Fugate, said Monday he anticipated the storm's impact could linger into next week and affect the election. He said FEMA would look at what support it could provide to states before the election. "This will be led by the states," he said.

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Leadership Givers Appreciation



Special to the Chronicle

Capital City Bank recently hosted the Leadership Givers Appreciation Night at the Crystal River branch. United Way Leadership Givers are those contributors who donate more than \$1,000 a year. Capital City Bank also recently kicked off its United Way workplace campaigns. The United Way of Citrus County appreciates the commitment that Capital City Bank provides year after year to the organization and community. Pictured are: Amy Meek, United Way president; Jennifer Barber, United Way director of finance and operations; Cindy Clark, Capital City Bank market leader III AVP; and Ray Thompson, Capital City Bank president.

Annual Workplace Campaign



Special to the Chronicle

The Board of County Commissioners recently kicked off its annual United Way Workplace Campaign. The United Way of Citrus County appreciates the commitment that the BOCC provides year after year to the organization and community. Pictured are: Brad Thorpe, county administrator, and Amy Meek, United Way CEO.

News NOTES

Citrus Springs MSBU to convene

Citrus Springs Municipal Service Benefit Unit will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

For more information, call Larry Brock at 352-527-5478.

Transit retirees meet in B.H.

New York City Transit Retirees of Florida, Chapter 9 — Citrus County, will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, in the Beverly Hills Community Building, 1 Civic Circle.

Those retired from the New York City Transit System who reside in Citrus County are welcome, as are retirees from the NYC Transit System visiting locally.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For more information, call President Clarence Redd at 352-527-8418, or Secretary Clarisse D'Adamo at 352-527-2508.

Visit 'carnival' for Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 449 will have a 'Carnival Midway' fundraiser at noon Sunday, Nov. 4, at West Citrus Elks Lodge on Grover Cleveland Boulevard, Homosassa.

The event will feature games, prizes and family fun. The public is invited. Call Danyele at 352-279-1473, or Gary at 352-220-4646.

Fish dinner to benefit cemetery

Cedars of Lebanon Cemetery's annual fish dinner will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Inglis Community Center.

The fresh-caught fried mullet has been a tradition with the yearly event and will be on the menu again. Grilled chicken will be the alternate choice. The meal includes accompaniments, dessert and drink for \$7. The dinner is a fundraiser to help maintain the community cemetery north of Inglis.

For more information, call 352-339-3384.

Extravaganza on tap for Saturday

The BFF Society Inc. will host its fifth annual Pat Woessner Fashion Extravaganza at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. For tickets or information call Alicia at 352-564-2336 or Jennifer 352-249-8931. The public is invited.

Flotilla to do GPS training

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Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Support Services is expecting an excellent turnout for the eighth annual Healthy Living Fair, sponsored by Emeritus at Barrington Place, ORS HomeCare and the *Citrus County Chronicle*. The event is to be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. Admission is free.

Attendees will have chances to win door prizes, receive free health screenings, information, demonstrations and product

sampling. The purpose of the Healthy Living Fair is to educate individuals about their health, wellness and fitness. Flu shots will be available at the event through the Nature Coast EMS, free with Medicare Part B; if you have commercial insurance, check to see if it's covered, or plan to pay a nominal fee at the event.

Exhibit space is still available. All proceeds go to Citrus County's Home Delivered Meals Program, In-Home Services for Seniors and Citrus County's Court Alternatives Program. To register for the event or for more information, call 352-527-5975.

Wells Fargo lives United



Special to the Chronicle

Wells Fargo recently kicked off its annual United Way Workplace Campaign. The United Way of Citrus County appreciates the commitment Wells Fargo provides year after year to the organization and community. Pictured are: Amy Meek, United Way CEO; LeeAnne Rohrer, service manager; and Beth Wickstrom, officer and store manager.

Pilots selling snowflakes

Special ornaments will hang on Memory Trees

Special to the Chronicle

The Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club members are selling snowflake ornaments for the 16th annual Candlelight Service at Fero Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5891 N. Lecanto Highway, slated for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13.

Snowflakes may be purchased for \$2 in honor or in memory of a loved one, friend, co-worker, or pet. The name of the honoree will be attached to each snowflake and placed on the Memory Trees. Refreshments are available at 5 p.m. prior to the luminary service. At 6 p.m. the musical program will begin.

The public is invited to purchase a snowflake from any Pilot Club member and to attend the inspirational candlelight ceremony. Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club members will also be selling

snowflakes immediately before the program begins. Proceeds from the snowflake sales go to local charities that the Pilot Club supports. The Memory Trees will be lit and on display the entire month of December at Fero Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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News NOTES

Spot Family Jam to be Saturday

The Spot Family Center will sponsor its monthly Family Jam from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Family Jam is entirely free and at the end of the evening, bags of groceries will be given away. The event offers giveaways, "fear factor" games, bounce houses, free clothing, music, hot food, drinks and more. The Spot Family Jam will take place at 405 S.E. Seventh Ave. in Crystal River, at LeGrone Park.

The Spot Family Center is funded through private donations and proceeds from several businesses. The Spot has served hundreds of needy families in Citrus County by providing food, clothing, jobs and resources. For more information about donating, volunteering or attending the event, call 352-794-3870.

Center slates Chinese auction

East Citrus Community Center will have its annual Chinese auction sponsored by The Friends of the Community Centers Inc. from 8:30 a.m. until closing at 4:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Nov. 5, and running through Friday, Nov. 9.

The center is at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness. For more information, call 352-344-9666.

Camera buffs to gather Nov. 5

All are welcome at the next meeting of the Art Center's Camera Club at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. The topic will be: "So you have a camera, now what?"

Bring camera equipment and learn more about it. Have questions answered by professionals and maybe do some testing.

The club has members who use \$79 pocket cameras and members who use \$15,000 cameras and lenses. The plan is to break up into groups depending on equipment. As a group, the club and visitors will explore cameras, lenses, their

functions, what they do or what they could do and more. Attendees can break up into types of cameras, as well.

The club's next competition Dec. 3 will be "Citrus County." Bring in one or two shots of anything taken in Citrus County. Be prepared to tell where and when it was taken. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call 352-400-4466.

Car club postpones monthly meeting

Citrus A's Model A Car Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday (except July) at the Floral City Lions Club on East Orange Avenue, Floral City.

November's meeting is rescheduled for Monday, Nov. 5, due to Election Day. There will be no meeting in December.

Call Patty Tompkins at 352-688-3931 or visit the website at www.citrusas.com.

Coast Guard Flotilla to meet Nov. 6

Homosassa Flotilla 15-4 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa. Visitors are welcome.

The Auxiliary is active in assisting the U.S. Coast Guard with promoting homeland security, public instruction of safe boating, vessel safety exams, safety patrols on the rivers and coastal waters, search/rescue and law enforcement air patrols and many other activities.

For more information, call Bob Currie at 352-232-1516, or email rgcurrie@bellsouth.net.

Railroaders to elect officers

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will have its election of officers for 2013 during its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Robinson Horticulture Building of the Citrus County Fairgrounds.

In addition to the election, the program will include a video of the upper New England railroads, specifically the

Maine Central. All are welcome. For more information, call Bob Penrod at 352-797-6315.

New Jersey club plans activities

The next meeting for the New Jersey and Friends Club will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the VFW Post 4252 on State Road 200, Hernando. Guest speaker will be from the Audibel Hearing Center.

Activities for November include dinner at 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at Cody's Road House on U.S. 19 in Crystal River, and Thanksgiving dinner at 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Rustic Ranch on State Road 44 in Inverness.

With winter approaching, members are asked to remember your donations of food items and clothing for the Family Resource Center. The club meets the first Monday of each month unless there is a holiday, at which time it is the second Monday.

The club bowls Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Beverly Hills Bowl. All are welcome; being from New Jersey is not a requirement to join. For more information, call 352-527-3568.

Auction benefits food pantry

We Care Food Pantry is hosting an online auction at www.natlauctions.com, sponsored by the *Citrus County Chronicle*, WYKE TV and Citrus 95.3. It is now open for bidding.

The auction will conclude with a live telethon on WYKE TV from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 1.

More than 200 items and services are available, including fine jewelry, paintings, beauty products, small furniture, antiques, gifts, and more.

We Care Food Pantry is an unfunded, non-profit organization that provides emergency food boxes to approximately 2,600 people every month, including more than 850 children. In Citrus County, one person in six lives in poverty and faces hunger daily. For more information or to view items, call Angela Tanzer at 352-382-4700.

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From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with Antenna Satellite, BBC America, Channel One Russia, Cooking Channel, Current TV, DIY, Encore, Encore Action, Encore Drama, Encore Family, Encore Family West, Encore Love, Encore Suspense, Encore West, Encore Westerns, ETTV-Super, Food Network, Game Show Network (GSN), Go!TV, Great American County (GAC), IndiePlex, MC, NHL Center Ice, NHL Network, Ovation, RetroPlex, Sprout On Demand, Starz, Starz Cinema, Starz Edge, Starz in Black, Starz Kids & Family, TV Japan and Youtube TV remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all of these channels.

Effective December 11, 2012, the Golf Channel will be carried in digital-only format on channel 67 and will continue to be on Standard service in digital format. Customers who do not have a digital set-top box may contact Bright House Networks to obtain a digital set-top box or similar device to view this programming.

As of December 18, 2012, WCLF (CTN) will no longer be carried on analog channel 2 and will remain available in digital on channel 2. If you are a basic or standard tier customer and unable to view this channel, you may contact us to receive a digital device for the low cost of \$1 per month.

As of December 18, 2012, TV Guide will move from channel 99 to channel 2.

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services on the SDV system.

Beginning on or after December 11, 2012, the following channels will be launched on the SDV system:

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TWC Deportes National HD	Nuestros Canales Channel 1133/1913

These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

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Dawsey contributes

As a longtime resident of Citrus County (20-plus years), I have had the opportunity to experience firsthand the exceptional performance of Sheriff Dawsey and his department. From the law enforcement field to the ball field, Sheriff Dawsey has always illustrated a relentless commitment to our community. Our sheriff is no stranger to hard work, dedication, and constant improvement. He is a proven leader!

Over the past 15-plus years, Sheriff Dawsey has designed innumerable programs that encompass the needs of all residents in our community — from children to seniors. Our sheriff's diligent efforts have led the Citrus County Sheriff's Office to become a nationally recognized agency.

By implementing an Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) system, Sheriff Dawsey and his staff are able to place prevention and deterrence at the forefront of daily departmental operations — rather than simply reacting to crime. By employing this system, Sheriff Dawsey and his officers were able to reduce major crimes by almost 10 percent.

Moreover, Sheriff Dawsey has conceived programs such as Seniors vs. Crime, which has returned over \$2 million to Citrus County seniors. Also, due to an emphasis on prevention and deterrence, the CCSO spends \$236.75 per capita to protect our citizens, while the state average rests at \$579.83 — that's less than half! Sheriff Dawsey is still able to serve within these constraints, providing citizens, staff and officers with some of the most technologically advanced resources to combat crime and keep the community safe.

Our sheriff fights to continuously improve this county from school-based children's programs to his steadfast commitment to keeping drugs off the streets. Sheriff Dawsey's qualifications, consisting of over 30 years of law enforcement experience, coupled with his edu-

cational background — in which he possesses a BA in criminal justice and an MBA, provides the necessary knowledge and experience that is so vital to keeping Citrus County a safe place to be.

Sheriff Dawsey is a great leader and his approaches will be nearly impossible to duplicate. Our sheriff brings forth a plethora of knowledge and expertise; he is the man for the job — hands down.

Kalianna Kotsifakis
Homosassa

Confident in Dawsey

I spent 31 years practicing urology in Citrus County. In 2011, I was recruited to the University of Florida as director of the urologic clinics. It was an opportunity to teach and impact the careers of young urologists and medical students. The experience has thus far been extremely gratifying. However, in many ways, I left my heart in Citrus County. The welfare and well-being of my friends, including colleagues, patients and community members, remains paramount to me. Therefore, the impact and the outcome of the upcoming sheriff election is of great interest to me.

The election on Nov. 6 will determine who as sheriff will direct decisions for the next four years that impact the safety of all Citrus County citizens. Who is most qualified for this vital position? From my perspective it is the candidate that clearly has the experience, the education, the integrity and the community involvement to justify your confidence. Jeff Dawsey understands what it takes to keep your community safe.

I have known Jeff Dawsey for more than 15 years. I have served as a member of every one of his election committees for a reason. I believe in his values, knowledge and commitment to his family and to his community. I am confi-

dent he is the candidate who has the insight, experience and understanding to ensure the safety of Citrus County for the next four years. Please support him with your vote.

Thomas F. Stringer, MD
Newberry

Himmel cares

Starting off my high school career at Lecanto High School, I looked at the superintendent of schools like they had a certain presidential status — always accomplishing important work and attending big, countywide events, but never really having a face-to-face with students or getting to know them. Mrs. Himmel did an extraordinary job of making sure that belief was nonexistent.

I saw Mrs. Himmel countless times throughout my years at Lecanto; whether it was sporting events, school functions, senior night, homecoming, or prom. She wasn't just there, either. Every time I saw her she would say, "Hey, good luck!" or have a

conversation with me about whatever was relevant that week or simply how I was doing. Mrs. Himmel made it a point to interact with the students who were affected by the decisions she made daily. That shows a love for her job and the students, not just at one or two schools, but all schools.

Multiple times she went above and beyond her duties as superintendent when I made the front page of the *Chronicle*. She would laminate the page and send it to my house with a handwritten note. She didn't have to do this and nobody expected her to, it's just one of the extra things she did day in and day out. I couldn't have asked for a better superintendent while I was going through high school or a better person than Mrs. Himmel.

I urge everyone, young and old, Democrat or Republican, to vote for Sam Himmel for superintendent of schools.

CDT CPL Addison Holstein
United States Military Academy

Endorsement LETTERS

ers like Sandy our schools in Citrus County have been able to achieve our high levels of performance.

With Sandy Balfour's fresh perspective, experience and commitment, we believe she will bring a new level of excellence to the school superintendent position. Thanks Sandy for your dedication to your position.

The Wojtasinski Family
Crystal River

Honesty, integrity

I will vote for Nancy Argenziano for many reasons — honesty and integrity being the main factors. Nancy Argenziano will not be swayed by special interests. Take the time to check the facts people. Don't we have enough special-interest puppets in office? We would have one less if you vote Nancy Argenziano into office.

Mark Stoltz
Inverness



Congratulations to Edith Brown of Inverness, winner of the September Subscriber Loyalty Contest.

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CUSTOM CULTURE

This weekend, find out what you're made of

The culture of a community is reflected in its residents' activities in areas such as art, literature, language, custom and tradition. The Festival of the Arts has been combining art and tradition for four decades in Citrus County.

The event, now entering its 41st year, will run this Saturday and Sunday around the grounds of the historic Courthouse Square in downtown Inverness.

The significance of culture is the bond those living in that community share; the Festival of the Arts is an important way for Citrus County residents to share their values, food, talents and arts and crafts with others in the community and from surrounding areas.

The show features a diverse blend of fine arts, crafts, food and talent. One of the greatest

benefits this annual event provides is its showcase of student artwork. This enhances the development of a future generation of artists who will carry on the communities' cultural values. Additionally, the Festival of the Arts Committee ensures the broadening of the area's culture and youth through scholarship opportunities it creates via the funds generated from the event.

THE ISSUE:

The Festival of the Arts in Inverness.

OUR OPINION:

Event reflects community's regard for cultural enrichment.

The Festival of the Arts is the longest-running juried art show in the county and typically has more than 100 artists and vendors.

The event reflects our community's value of cultural activities and is a must-attend event for those looking for entertainment and food this weekend.

Hours are 9:30 to 4:30 Saturday and Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Employees contribute

I work for Citrus County. I would like to respond to the (editorial) from Oct. 9 titled, "Slash size of county government." When I moved to Citrus County in 2002, I got a job with the county. My yearly income was to be \$20,000 less than I was making in my previous job. In my interview, I was told the value of my benefits would make up a lot of that difference. Health care coverage in 2002 was under \$200 a month for family coverage. Now the same plan costs me over \$600 a month. And my pension was paid by the county. Now it is partly paid by a forced weekly pay deduction. Take-home vehicles are assigned to some managers who may have to be called in to work at any time and they now have to pay a small amount to be able to take that vehicle home. Regular workers on call take their vehicles home only on their days off and must be able to respond to an emergency in a short period of time. We are taxpayers, too, and we spend our money here making purchases such as the *Citrus County Chronicle*.



Looking for lost cane

My mother-in-law is 84 years old and she lost her cane at the Family Dollar in Inglis. If anybody found this cane, we would appreciate a phone call back at 352-503-6910.

Thanks, Tamara

I was calling to thank Tamara at the Beef 'O' Brady's in Inverness for our breakfast that we had for the Citrus County Foster Children. We appreciate her letting us come in and do our fundraisers and thank you very much for letting us do that. Thank you from the Citrus County Foster Parents Association.

Donate to pets

When donating food to food pantries at organizations, churches and the food distribution center, remember the pets. There are many people who were surrendering their animals the past four or five years because of the economy and cannot afford to feed them. So remember how brokehearted these people are. Donate pet foods.

CHRONICLE EDITORIAL BOARD ENDORSEMENTS

The *Citrus County Chronicle* Editorial Board has issued the following endorsements leading up to the Nov. 6 General Election:

- Vote "No" on Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12.
- Vote "Yes" on Amendments 2, 10 and 11.
- Vote "Yes" on School Referendum.
- Vote "Yes" on retention of all three state Supreme Court justices.
- U.S. Senate: Bill Nelson.
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 11: Rich Nugent.
- Citrus County Sheriff: Jeff Dawsy.
- State Representative: Nancy Argenziano.
- Superintendent of Schools: Sandra "Sam" Himmel.
- Citrus County Clerk of the Court: Angela Vick.
- Candidates not endorsed by the *Chronicle* Editorial Board are invited to issue rebuttals. They may be emailed to Mike Arnold, editor, at marnold@chronicleonline.com or mailed to *Citrus County Chronicle*, Attn.: Mike Arnold/News Dept., 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.

A serious, experienced candidate

Ladies and gentlemen of Citrus County, I am not a native, but I am a 29-year resident and have been here long enough to know the system in the county. In January I entered the race for Clerk of Courts knowing I would not be endorsed by the *Chronicle*, I was not the chosen candidate of the system. My credentials of 40 years of management gave me the knowledge to apply for the position.



Phillip Mulrain
ENDORSEMENT REBUTTAL

Now in the endorsement of my opposition the *Chronicle* has stepped over the line by stating, and I quote, "Phillip Mulrain is not a serious candidate for the job."

In January I filed and subsequently collected 1,100 signatures for petitions by myself to put my name on the ballot.

I have bought flyers and personally have put up signs throughout the county, which have disappeared at an unprecedented number of 25 percent at last count.

I have attended every forum since the primary and the Inverness forum prior. I have been to barbecues, club meetings, home parties and have talked to hundreds of people in my bid for this office.

As a manager of 40 years, I learned not to hold or attend meetings at which no results can be obtained, hence I opted out of the *Chronicle's* editorial board meeting; its selection was a given, as most long-term residents can attest to. Prior to the last forum,

Chronicle staff writer Mike Wright apologized for the listing of my occupation in the flyer used at their forum. The *Chronicle* has photos of me on file, yet they chose to use the most unflattering photo in their flyer. The insult of their assertion (of) my not being serious is in essence a form of negative campaigning for my opposition. I believe that all candidates have put in similar efforts to obtain their sought offices.

Now a little about myself: I am a veteran of 10 years, a member of the American Legion, VFW, Eagles, and a 32 degree Past Worthy Master of Masons, an honor I hold dearly. I have graduated from eight vocational schools. I spent 27 months as a civilian contractor working in direct support of our troops in Iraq. I am also a Notary Public of 26-plus years.

Adaptability, stability, command decisions, leadership and above all common sense are the workings of good management and I have a proven track record in these areas. Add to that a strict British upbringing with only three priorities; manners, respect, and common sense have given me the ability to excel in the management field.

I have been hired in some cases where others have worked for years, but knowledge of the job does not always reflect good management skills. The businesses I have managed are diverse from a small energy

company to a large government contracting company that employed thousands of workers. The last being a prime example of the confidence given me as a manager.

I was hired from a resume and a phone interview. I knew nothing of the company and its product. I received a three-week orientation and was sent out on assignment to Italy. I met with the U. S. base commander, security officer, and all involved in the project.

I was given two days to do this including an accurate site survey done by me. I cancelled the million-dollar work order. The Department of Defense and my company had to approve my decision and did. I went to bases in England and did similar reports approving the bases in England. This shows the confidence I received in my abilities as a field manager with little training.

In my other management jobs I have done bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, staff training, human resources, public relations and all else that is involved in management.

I have always been hired into the management position and have excelled. Managers are often hired from outside the company because they are not obligated to friends, associates and obligations, which means they can be completely objective and usually can stand back, evaluate and move them forward.

This is what I wish to bring to the Clerk of Courts office, a serious candidate asking for your vote when you vote. Thank you.

Phillip F. Mulrain



Our easy presidential decision

Here we are, America, just a few days before the election and we've been told exactly who our next president should be.

Why, golly gee whiz, it's so simple, it's been right in front of us. We just vote in the guy that wants to cancel Obamacare.

There you go — Repeal Obamacare — and we have the greatest bumper sticker slogan of all time and our dishes go from grease to shine and we fix our economy on a dime and our future will be sublime and all with no effort of any kind.

We don't need no stinking health care reform, or long-term restructuring, or in-depth thinking about this itty-bitty problem. It's only 25 percent of our economy, half of it stolen or wasted — so what if that equals the cost of 18 of our Middle East wars every year?

We can cut health care benefits on a double dare. Who needs planning? We just turn the whole mess over to 50 states; after all isn't 50 fingers in the pie better than one? How about a voucher system, aren't we Americans able to manage our own health care decisions — who needs doctors? And forget about the 1.2 million crooks in the system, isn't free-market capitalism the gol' darn solution to everything?

But wait, Ginsu Voters, there's more!

If we cancel Obamacare, we can ignore a whole bunch of problems:

- Forget that most of the 700,000 returning veterans with PTSD and/or TBI are now without hope of proper health care.
- Forget Big Pharma is shoveling tons of prescriptions down the throats of millions of misdiagnosed American kids.
- Forget the 500,000 mental patients locked up in our horrific prison system.
- Forget 50 million Americans who have no health insurance.
- Forget 50 million seriously underinsured Americans who constantly face the specter of medical cost bankruptcies.
- Forget 700,000 U.S. kids who suffer the consequences of those bankruptcies every year.
- Forget millions of homeless kids without health care.
- Forget thousands of American kids who go to school every day with toothaches.
- Forget single moms who cry themselves to sleep every night, fretting about their sick, uninsured babies and toddlers.
- Forget that 70 percent of U.S. adults are overweight or obese.
- Forget that 30 percent of our children are overweight or obese.
- Forget that 50 percent of those people are pre-diabetic or diabetic.
- Forget doctors who order 50 CAT scans a month for head colds and the like.
- Forget insurance companies charging 35 percent of premiums for postage and handling.



Don Hess
OTHER VOICES

Forget the crooked hospital chains whose misdeeds result in federal fines of billions of dollars.

Forget studies showing the 10 largest pharmaceutical companies made more profits than the other 490 companies in the S&P 500 combined.

Forget that Health and Human Services, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Government Accountability Office have all reported on Obamacare's early successes.

Forget that WHO, the World Health Organization, rates U.S. health care as the overall worst of all industrialized nations on Earth.

Forget that nine of our last 12 presidents pleaded with the U.S. Congress for health care reform to solve the above problems.

Forget that Obamacare is our first real hope in 60 years to finally begin the desperately required long-term fixes to the mess we call U.S. health care.

Whew. I don't know about you but I'm exhausted. That's a lot to forget, but I bet the anti-Obamacare crowd can do it. They can make their mantra "What, me worry?!" Then hustle on down to those polls, limber up those fingers, and vote Obamacare and their blues away. Bumper-sticker solutions are so much easier on the old noggin.

Don Hess, a Crystal River resident with 48 years' experience in health insurance, is a civic activist, National Guard veteran, pilot, farmer and investor and ex-professional pool player. His website is Think We Can.com.

County making strides in improving education

Re: Letter from Sandy Balfour, Saturday, Oct. 27.

Statistics and data regarding student achievement can be confusing. It is important that the residents of Citrus County receive accurate information that reflects classroom instruction, instructional leadership, and the new state of Florida standards for accountability.

Beginning this summer, legislators and the Department of Education changed the way schools are evaluated. Known as "School Grades," this rating for all schools and school districts is available to the public at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>.

School grades are determined by the percent of students proficient in reading, mathematics, science and writing. It also measures the learning gains made from previous years for all students and learning gains for the lowest performing 25 percent in both reading and mathematics. This revised accountability now requires all students to be included at all grade levels and in all subjects, most specifically students with disabilities and English-language learners (students whose first language may not be English). In previous years, these students' achievement data was only partially included in school and district grades.

In addition, the Department of Education established new thresholds for proficiency. In essence, the bar was raised for reading, math and writing for all students who take the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0 and end-of-course exams. The Department of Education readjusted the writing levels of proficiency after realizing issues with the scoring process and the overall results across the state.

Citrus County School District ranks 12th in the state of Florida out of 68 districts (included in the 68 counties of Florida is Florida Virtual School District). There are 17 school districts — 25 percent of the school districts of Florida — that have earned the required points to be designated an "A" school district. Included in the data for Citrus County are all 11 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, a charter school, an alternative school, a school for students with

severe disabilities and a school that is a state of Florida Level 10 juvenile justice facility. Fourteen of the 15 elementary and middle schools are rated as "A" schools. The high school ratings are not released until December, when additional data for high school grades will have been reviewed and completed.

When carefully examining the demographics of the 17 "A" school districts, Citrus is one of five which has 55 percent or more students identified as economically disadvantaged. This is the seventh year the district has sustained this "A" rating.

The state of Florida also has in place specific criteria identifying the highest-performing school districts. The school district must be an "A"-rated district at least two years in a row; it cannot have an "F"-rated school in the district; it must meet all financial requirements established by the state; and every classroom must meet class-size requirements. This is the sixth year in a row the Citrus County School District has received this distinguished "high-performing district" award.

On a national level, Florida is ranked 11th out of the 50 states by Quality Counts 2012, a report published by Education Week. The Editorial Project Research Center used a quality index that included measurements for student success, K through 12 student achievement data, standards and accountability ratings, the teaching profession, school funding and college readiness.

The National Center for Education Statistics provides international comparisons such as Trends in International Math & Science (TIMSS), in which eighth-grade students in the U.S. are ranked ninth out of 48 nations. On the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS), U.S. fourth-graders' test scores declined slightly to 12th out of 28 nations.

Improvements in education are taking place in Citrus County, in the United States, and around the globe. This priority is critical for a better tomorrow.

Patrick Simon is the director of research and accountability for the Citrus County School District.



Patrick Simon
GUEST COLUMN

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Holiday Cookie Contest

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Letters to THE EDITOR

Korea not a waste

I need to take exception to a statement made by Mr. Rodriguez in a recent letter in which he contended that our defense of South Korea never yielded positive results. South Korea before the Korean War was primarily an agricultural country with little infrastructure, industry and manufacturing. The Korean War totally devastated South Korea. I know; I was there in 1950 and 1951. Its cities were in ruins, its infrastructure virtually destroyed, its economy in a shambles and it suffered over a million dead.

Since the war, South Korea has become one of our staunchest allies and an economic powerhouse in the Far East (Kia, Hyundai, Samsung, etc.). If we had not defended South Korea, it would now be under the dominance of the North Korean regime. Our efforts were definitely not wasted.

Len Martin
Pine Ridge

right direction.

And where has the "party of no" been during all this? They've been busy bashing and trashing a good man. The Republicans' full-throttle hate messages directed toward President Obama are unprecedented in recent American history. From Congressman Joe Wilson's infamous "you lie" comment to Sen. Jim DeMint's stated goal of Obama a one-term president, Republicans have vilified and assaulted our president unmercifully. The Irish philosopher Edmund Burke was right: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

It is time we take a stand and acknowledge the truth. President Obama is a good man. He rolls up his sleeves every day and works hard for America, the country he loves. It's time to reward his unselfish service and end Obama bashing.

Paul Longrich

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Enough bashing

It is time for the silent majority to stand up and admit that for the past four years we have been served by one of the most decent, hardworking Presidents in our nation's history. President Obama has done the job he was elected to do.

In 2009 he was handed the biggest financial mess since the Great Depression. It took a while, but he stopped our downward spiral and turned our economy around. Recent newspaper articles show that housing starts are accelerating; auto sales are at record highs. American manufacturing is adding jobs for the first time since the 1990s. In the last 29 months, private-sector jobs have increased by 5.2 million. Construction jobs are rebounding; home sales are trending upward. We are not out of the woods yet, but we are moving forward, albeit slowly, in the



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Nation BRIEFS

Man pleads guilty to killing US agent

PHOENIX — A Mexican man pleaded guilty Tuesday in the killing of a U.S. Border Patrol agent whose death revealed the botched “Fast and Furious” gun-smuggling operation, marking the biggest conviction to date in a case that embarrassed the federal government and prompted a series of congressional investigations.

In his guilty plea, Manuel Osorio-Arellanes admitted he was part of a rip-off crew that sneaked into the United States from Mexico about a week before the death of Agent Brian Terry. They stashed guns and food supplies on the U.S. side of the border and killed Terry as they searched for marijuana smugglers to rob.

Authorities haven’t said which member of the rip-off crew was believed to have fired the fatal shot at Terry on Dec. 14, 2010.

Hazardous release in N.M. sickens 200

SANTA TERESA, N.M. — New Mexico authorities said an unknown hazardous material release sickened about 200 people Tuesday near the Mexican border just northwest of El Paso, Texas.

A one-mile area surrounding the industrial park and border crossing at Santa Teresa was evacuated for a few hours Tuesday, and the nearby airport was closed. By Tuesday afternoon, only the industrial park remained off-limits as hazmat crews took samples to determine what made the people sick.

World BRIEFS

Harassed



Associated Press

A campaigner consoles the weeping Noura Abdul Aziz, 11, near Cairo’s Tahrir Square on Sunday after she was harassed by some men. A group of Egyptians had a mission for this year’s Eid al-Adha, Islam’s biggest holiday. They wanted to make some effort to stop sexual harassment of women, which in past years has spiked during the holiday.

Syrian activists report 23 dead

BEIRUT — Airstrikes by Syrian jets and shells from tanks leveled a neighborhood in a restive city near the capital of Damascus on Tuesday, killing 18 people, and at least five rebel fighters died nearby in clashes with regime troops, activists said.

The airstrikes on the city of Douma left residents scampering over a huge expanse of rubble and using their hands to dig up mangled bodies, according to activist videos posted online.

Signs of Iran and Israel’s rivalry

CAIRO — A suspected Israeli airstrike against a weapons factory in Khartoum last week points to a possible escalation in a hidden front of the rivalry between Israel and Iran: The arms pipeline through Sudan to Islamic militants on Israel’s borders.

Mystery still surrounds the blast, which killed four people. But analysts say the incident could indicate Iran is trying to send more advanced weapons via Sudan to Hamas in the Gaza Strip or Hezbollah in Lebanon.

—From wire reports

Sandy’s aftermath



Associated Press

Crews work in flooded streets Tuesday in Ocean City, N.J., as they try to open drains and push the sand back toward the beach after the storm surge from Sandy flooded much of the town.

Storm’s cost may hit \$50 billion; rebuilding to ease blow

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Superstorm Sandy will end up causing about \$20 billion in property damages and \$10 billion to \$30 billion more in lost business, according to IHS Global Insight, a forecasting firm.

In the long run, the devastation the storm inflicted on New York City and other parts of the Northeast will barely nick the U.S. economy. That’s the view of economists who say a slightly slower economy in coming weeks will likely be matched by reconstruction and repairs that will contribute to growth over time.

The short-term blow to the economy, though, could subtract about 0.6 percentage point from U.S. economic growth in the October-December quarter, IHS said. Retailers, airlines and home construction firms will likely lose some business.

Across U.S. industries, disruptions will slow the economy temporarily. Some restaurants and stores will draw fewer customers. Factories may shut down or hold shorter shifts because of a short-term drop in customer demand.

Some of those losses won’t be easily made up. Restaurants that lose two or three days of business, for example, won’t necessarily experience a rebound later. And money spent to repair a home may lead to less spending elsewhere.

With some roads in the Northeast impassable after the storm, drivers won’t be filling up as much. That will slow demand for gasoline. Pump prices, which had been declining before the storm, will likely keep slipping. The national average for a gallon of regular fell by about a penny Tuesday, to \$3.53 — more than 11 cents lower than a week ago.



Pete Duhamel, of South Kingstown, R.I., removes a bicycle from a cottage Tuesday while helping a friend salvage belongings from the structure destroyed by Sandy, on Roy Carpenter’s Beach, in the village of Matunuck in South Kingstown.

Shipping and business travel has been suspended in areas of the Northeast. More than 15,000 flights across the Northeast and the world have been grounded, and it will take days for some passengers to get where they’re going.

Economists noted the hit to the economy in the short run was worsened by the size of the population centers the storm hit.

“Sandy hit a high-population-density area with a lot of expensive homes,” said Beata Caranci, deputy chief economist at TD Bank.

Hurricane damage to homes, businesses and roads reduces U.S. wealth. But it doesn’t subtract from the government’s calculation of economic activity.

By contrast, rebuilding and restocking by businesses and consumers add to the nation’s gross

domestic product — the broadest gauge of economic production. GDP measures all goods and services produced in the United States.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, expects the storm to shave 0.1 to 0.2 percentage point from annual economic growth in the October-December quarter. He thinks the economy will grow at an annual rate of 1.5 percent to 2 percent in the fourth quarter. It expanded at a 2 percent annual rate last quarter.

But Ashworth said any losses this quarter should be made up later as rebuilding boosts sales at building supply stores and other companies.

“People will load up on whatever they need to make repairs — roofing, drywall, carpeting — to deal with the damage,” he said.

Superstorm aggravates travelers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Superstorm Sandy grounded more than 15,000 flights across the Northeast and the globe, and it could be days before some passengers can get where they’re going.

According to the flight-tracking service FlightAware, more than 6,000 flights were canceled Tuesday. That brings the tally of flights canceled because of the storm to more than 15,000. By Tuesday morning, more than 500 flights scheduled for Wednesday also were canceled.

The three big New York airports were closed Tuesday by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Stewart International Airport remained open, but airlines had suspended operations there.

New York has the nation’s busiest airspace, with one-quarter of all U.S. flights traveling to or



Associated Press

Travelers on Delta Airlines look at a departure screen Monday in Detroit.

from there each day. So cancellations here can dramatically impact travel in other cities.

Delays rippled across the U.S., affecting travelers in cities from San Francisco to Atlanta. Others attempting to fly out of Europe and Asia also were stuck.

Narita, the international airport near Tokyo, canceled 11 flights Tuesday —

nine to the New York area and two to Washington, D.C. All Nippon Airways set up a special counter at Narita to deal with passengers whose flights had been canceled.

Hurricane Sandy converged with a cold-weather system and made landfall over New Jersey on Monday evening with 80 mph winds. The storm was

forecast to head across Pennsylvania before taking another sharp turn into western New York by Wednesday morning, bringing heavy rain and local flooding.

The flight cancellations surpassed those of a major winter storm in early 2011 that forced 14,000 flights to be scrapped over four days.

Even if storm damage is minor, it could be a week before operations are normal at major East Coast airports, said Angela Gittens, director general of the Airports Council International, a trade group for airports worldwide.

“The storm has such a wide swath and so many major airports are involved that it’s going to take some time (to recover) because those airplanes are so far away,” said Gittens, who served as aviation director at Miami International Airport Dade during several hurricanes from 2004.

A STATE-BY-STATE LOOK AT THE STORM

■ **Connecticut** — The Long Island Sound flooded roads as the storm toppled trees and power lines. Three people died, including a man seen swimming in heavy surf. Power outages: More than 615,000.

■ **Delaware** — The Rehoboth Beach and Dewey Beach resort communities were flooded. Power outages: More than 45,000.

■ **Maine** — Wind gusts topped 60 mph, shutting down the port of Portland and knocking out power to homes and businesses. Power outages: More than 86,000.

■ **Maryland** — Floodwaters swamped touristy Ocean City. In western Maryland, up to two feet of snow tied up traffic. Two people were killed. Power outages: 290,000.

■ **Massachusetts** — Strong winds and heavy surf led to mandatory evacuations in sections of coastal Dartmouth and Fall River. Power outages: About 230,000.

■ **Michigan** — Cargo shipping on the Great Lakes was at a standstill because of waves of up to 20 feet. High winds knocked out power to about 79,000 homes and businesses.

■ **New Hampshire** — A construction worker checking on a job site in Lincoln, N.H., was killed in a landslide. Power outages: 164,500, down from a peak of 210,000.

■ **New Jersey** — Atlantic City was cut off from the mainland by the storm surge along with other barrier islands, stranding residents who ignored warnings to evacuate. A tidal surge sent water into the streets of two northern New Jersey towns, setting off a frantic rescue effort. There were five reported deaths. Power outages: More than 2.5 million.

■ **North Carolina** — Higher elevations in western North Carolina were under a winter storm warning, with more than a foot of snow expected. Power outages: 6,600.

■ **Ohio** — The Cleveland area and northeast Ohio were being slammed with rain and high winds. A pair of car crashes on icy roads in northwest Ohio killed two people. Power outages: More than 250,000.

■ **Pennsylvania** — Wind and flooding closed more than 200 bridges and roads. Five people died. Power outages: 1.2 million.

■ **Rhode Island** — The storm surge destroyed beach cottages and flooded businesses. Power outages: More than 116,000.

■ **Vermont** — Winds knocked down trees and power lines, and schools were closed. Power outages: More than 7,000.

■ **Virginia** — Utilities brought in crews to help restore power after high winds and snow. Two people died in storm-related crashes. Power outages: More than 180,000.

■ **Washington, D.C.** — Federal and local governments closed Tuesday along with courts and public schools. Power outages: 25,000.

■ **West Virginia** — Some areas were buried under more than a foot of snow. Power outages: More than 271,000.

— Associated Press

■ Major League Baseball announced its Gold Glove winners for the 2012 season./B5



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Panthers' playoff run ends in quarterfinals

Lecanto volleyball can't overcome Vanguard in Class 6A region playoffs

RICHARD BURTON
Correspondent

OCALA — Lecanto's volleyball team couldn't get things going against Ocala Vanguard in the Class 6A, Region 2 quarterfinals on Tuesday night.

The Knights (17-10) jumped all over the Panthers and rolled to a

25-18, 25-12, 25-17 win. The loss ended the season for Lecanto at 18-6 and left it wondering what might have been, as it attempted to win its first post-season match since 1995.

"We've played harder (in past matches this year)," said Panthers coach Alice Christian.

Courtney Rymer (four kills),

Amanda Pitre (three kills, three aces), Savannah Weller (11 digs), Marie Buckley (three kills) and Morgan Christian (two kills) led the way for Lecanto in the loss.

Vanguard, which won its 20th straight match on the court, but lost eight victories due to an FHSAA investigation, jumped out to a 13-6 in the first set, but after Rymer's service point capped a 10-5 run, Lecanto trailed by just two.

From there, the Knights reeled off five straight points and closed the set on a 7-2 run.

"The first (match) is always the toughest," said Vanguard coach Jason Morris, whose team finished with 44 kills overall. "We've got a lot of weapons and we are having a lot of players emerging at the right time."

In the second match, Lecanto never led, but trailed just 10-7 in the early going.

Vanguard's McKenna Foster (15 kills), though, got hot and helped her team score 11 of the final 13 points of the second set, as the hosts pulled away.

The final set saw the Panthers fall behind 20-10, but the visitors never gave up.

Christian said her team was further frustrated by 11 double-hit calls on the Panther setters, after she said none had been called on sets all season long.

Lecanto got as close as 24-17, before the Knights ended it and advanced to the regional semifinals to face district rival Gainesville for the fourth time this season. The match will be played Tuesday at Vanguard.

Hot hot Heat



Associated Press

Miami Heat forward LeBron James defends against Boston Celtics guard Courtney Lee during the first half Tuesday in Miami.

Miami opens NBA title defense with 13-point win over Boston in season opener

Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James got his ring, then got cramps.

The Miami Heat found a way to beat their biggest rival anyway.

Dwyane Wade scored 29 points, James finished 26 points and 10 rebounds while missing much of the second half, and the reigning NBA champion Heat

beat the Boston Celtics 120-107 on Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Ray Allen, in his first game with Miami since leaving Boston over the summer, added 19 points for the Heat, as did Chris Bosh, who had a late flurry that helped Miami prevail.

Rashard Lewis scored 10 for Miami, which saw a 19-point lead trimmed to four in the final min-

utes before finding a way to close it out — even while James, last season's MVP of both the regular season and NBA Finals, was in the locker room for the second time because of the cramps.

Paul Pierce scored 23 points, Rajon Rondo finished with 20 points and 13 assists, and Leandro Barbosa scored 16 for Boston. The Celtics, who lost to the Heat in last season's Eastern

Conference finals, were not on the court for the ring ceremony.

They almost wrecked the festive mood with a late comeback.

An 11-2 run late in the fourth quarter got Boston within 111-107 on Courtney Lee's layup with 2:09 left. That was the last Celtics' hurrah — Bosh scored the game's next seven points,

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State golf TOURNAMENT

CR hangs tough on first day

Kyle Kidd's 80 leads Pirates at Class 1A event

JAMES BLEVINS
Correspondent

HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS — The first round of the FHSAA Class 1A state golf tournament was highlighted by heavy winds and cold temperatures Tuesday morning at Mission Hills golf course in Howey-In-The-Hills.

All 16 teams were forced to grit their teeth and push through the weather as placement on the first day is crucial to being near the front of the pack when the second round scores are added up today and the state title is on the line.

The Crystal River boys' golf team is currently tied for 14th place through the first day of the two round, 36-hole event with a combined team score of 347 over the first 18 holes.

American Heritage-Plantation is leading with 304 strokes followed closely by Benjamin-Palm Beach Gardens (316) in second and Jacksonville Bolles (318) in third.

Crystal River is tired with Clearwater Central Catholic and trails Lake Mary Prep by two strokes.

Pirates sophomore Kyle Kidd led the charge for the Pirates with an 8-over par 80 while senior teammate Travis Swanson came home in the second scoring position with an 85.

Sophomore Matt Allen (87) claimed the third man spot and senior Michael Kidd (95) scored in the fourth and final position.

Some of the Pirate team struggled a bit on the first day, much of it due to the heavy winds gusting through the course upwards of 50 mph; while others felt

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Varsity Girls SOCCER

Lecanto soundly defeated

Nature Coast scores 3-0 defeat of Panthers

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE
Correspondent

LECANTO — It was what you would expect to see in a season opener, as the Lecanto girls soccer team showed signs of its potential en route to a 3-0 loss to visiting Nature Coast on Tuesday night.

The Lady Sharks struck early, before the Panthers maintained possession for a good part of the first half, though unable to put the ball into the back of the net.

In the fourth minute, a Shark attack pressed the Panther defense into the box, and a deflection came out to the middle

onto the foot of Emily Myers, who scored just over the hand of leaping Lecanto freshman goalkeeper Megan Houpt.

Lecanto (0-1) had its chances, outshooting Nature Coast (1-0) 12 shots on goal to nine.

"I saw moments of brilliance where we were connecting passes, we attacked the net, we were taking shots, and there were times when we controlled possession really well," said Lecanto coach Roselle Lattin.

The Panthers had multiple opportunities following Nature Coast's first score, as they put eight of their shots on goal in the first half.

After a sustained possession in the 18th minute, a Panther shot was blocked in close, followed by a good look at the net by Laura Hamilton to produce Sharks goalkeeper Samantha Oliveira's first of five saves.

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Wildcats drub Pirates 8-1

DAVID PIEKLIK
Correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — It was not how the Crystal River girls soccer team wanted to start its season, on the Pirates' home turf no less.

But after the dust settled Tuesday night, Crystal River took an 8-1 defeat to Ocala Forest.

The Pirates couldn't generate an attack all game and were soundly outplayed, trailing 4-0 at halftime. Crystal River was outshot 32-7, and ultimately became its own worst enemy with mental errors.

Pirates coach Bill Reyes said afterward his team has several areas they need to improve in, including better communication, trapping the ball and keeping players from bunching up near the ball.

"It's hard to mimic that in practice,"

Reyes said, "when you're playing against yourself to find your deficiencies."

Forward Ali Pritchard had three goals and an assist to lead the Wildcats, including a nifty move on a lob pass in the second half.

Crystal River goalkeeper Minnah Barajas did her best to keep her team in the game, making numerous big saves or forcing shots wide by coming off her line on Wildcat breakaways. Reyes said Forest is a talented team and the loss is a start to a tough schedule for the Pirates.

Next up is Friday's 7:30 p.m. home game against Vanguard High School, followed by Belleview on Nov. 6. Reyes said his team will take its lumps but the goal is to make it back to the regional playoffs, which the team came up short of last season.

"I'm looking for progression each time we're out here," Reyes added.

No. 10 UF wants another shot at Final Four

Gators men's basketball starts Nov. 9

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida could be coming off back-to-back trips to the Final Four.

The Gators squandered late leads against Louisville (2012) and Butler (2011) in regional finals the last two seasons, disappointing losses that still haunt some of the team's upperclassmen.

"There's not a day that doesn't go by that I still don't think about it," junior center Pat Young said.

The 10th-ranked Gators want another shot at college basketball's biggest stage, and they seemingly have the players to make it happen. Coach Billy Donovan returns seven of nine key contributors, including three starters and his entire frontcourt, and has a schedule built to prepare his team for the NCAA tournament.

"People aren't going to remember that we came up short," Young said. "I want to leave here with a championship. We all want to. We know we have all the components necessary to get there."

Florida's quest begins Nov. 9 against Georgetown on the USS Bataan in nearby Jacksonville. The non-conference schedule also includes games against No. 23 Wisconsin (Nov. 14), Marquette

(Nov. 29), No. 25 Florida State (Dec. 5), No. 12 Arizona (Dec. 15) and Kansas State (Dec. 22).

It's Florida's toughest slate in Donovan's 17 seasons in Gainesville.

But the Gators seem up for the challenge.

Guard Kenny Boynton and fellow starters Young and forward Erik Murphy are back, along with guards Scottie Wilbekin and Mike Rosario as well as versatile forwards Will Yeguede and Casey Prather. Throw in freshmen Michael Frazier II, Dillon Graham, Braxton Ogbueze and Devon Walker, and Donovan has the ability to press more than he has in years and the depth to handle injuries and foul trouble.

"The one thing that is clear right

from the get-go is we have incredible potential defensively," Donovan said.

The Gators might need to alter their identity, mostly to compensate for losing guards Brad Beal and Erving Walker. Beal turned pro after his freshman season and was selected by Washington with the third pick in the NBA draft. Walker graduated, leaving school as the program's all-time assist leader.

Both were solid shooters, helping Florida lead the nation in 3-pointers last season.

"I do think we need to change some things on offense because our team is a little bit different," Donovan said. "Last year, clearly the identity was we could really, really shoot 3s. I think we have a good

shooting team, but we probably, with the loss of Walker and Beal, don't have the same depth shooting the ball as we did a year ago."

The Gators have plenty of depth in the frontcourt. But Young needs to stay out of foul trouble. Murphy needs to become a post presence. And Yeguede needs to develop a short-range jumper.

But what really motivates this team is the way the last two years ended.

Florida led Butler by 11 points midway through the second half before collapsing and losing in overtime. Last year ended in similar fashion. The Gators were up 11 with about 8 minutes to play against Louisville, but managed just three points the rest of the way and lost 72-68.

Golden boys



Associated Press

New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano won an MLB Gold Glove on Tuesday.

Three Orioles headline MLB Gold Glove winners

Associated Press

J.J. Hardy thought he'd hit a home run, only to be robbed when Mike Trout made one of the most sensational grabs of the season.

On Tuesday night, Hardy caught a break.

The Baltimore shortstop won a Gold Glove, putting him among a group of nine players honored for the first time for their fielding excellence.

"It means a lot to me," Hardy said. "It's definitely an award I always hoped to get and never really expected to get. I'm surprised and honored at the same time."

Pittsburgh center fielder Andrew McCutchen, San Diego third baseman Chase Headley and Oakland right fielder Josh Reddick also were first-time selections.

"I'm just happy I can pull it out for them and get the A's name even more out there," Reddick said. "It's a huge honor, I'm always taking pride in both sides of my game and trying to be a complete player. You never know what one play, whether the first or the ninth inning, is going to win a ballgame. That's what my mother and father taught me."

The Orioles were the only team with three winners. Baltimore center fielder Adam Jones and catcher Matt Wieters were second-time choices,

joining Hardy for the awards chosen by major league managers and coaches and presented by Rawlings.

Trout, the Angels rookie who spent the year climbing walls to take away potential homers, was not picked. Among his best catches came against Hardy at Camden Yards in June.

The San Francisco Giants, fresh off winning a World Series in which they excelled with their gloves, did not have a Gold Glover.

These were the first major awards presented during the offseason, and the MVPs, Cy Youngs and others will come in mid-November. Gold Gloves always seem to raise a ruckus, with many claiming the prizes — actual gloves colored gold — don't define the most deserving fielders.

Hardy led the AL in fielding percentage, making only six errors in 158 games. Others relying on more advanced metrics and insist Seattle's Brendan Ryan was the best shortstop — then again, even though awards are strictly for fielding, players who don't produce at the plate often get bypassed, and Ryan hit a weak .194. Hardy hit 22 home runs.

"I've always hoped but I never expected it," Hardy said. "It's definitely an award I've seen a lot of shortstops get that are really flashy and kind of catch the eye of a lot of people. I don't look at myself that way. I kind of look at myself as just trying to be consistent and steady. I never felt like people noticed."

Wieters, meanwhile, was chosen despite leading AL catchers with 10 errors. He was recognized for the many things he does well — he threw out 39 percent of would-be basestealers and rarely let pitches get past him.

Strong-armed St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina won for the fifth straight year and Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira added his fifth award. Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre, Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins and Miami pitcher Mark Buehrle became four-time winners. Buehrle won three times with the Chicago White Sox before joining the Marlins last winter.

"With a whole new group of managers voting for you, it wasn't like it was handed to you," Buehrle said. "The Gold Glove gets to be, 'He won it last year, give it to him again.' This one means a lot, because switching leagues, it was different managers voting on it. I had to do my job to earn it."

The other first-time winners in the National League were Washington first baseman Adam LaRoche, Chicago Cubs second baseman Darwin Barney and Atlanta right fielder Jason Heyward.

In the AL, pitchers Jake Peavy of the White Sox and Jeremy Hellickson shared the honor as first-time winners. This was only the third time since the Gold Gloves were first presented in 1957 that there was a tie — there were four NL outfielders in 2007 and four AL outfielders in 1985.

Also winning this year: Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano, Kansas City left fielder Alex Gordon and Colorado left fielder Carlos Gonzalez.

Several players were rewarded for their wins.

Beltre received a \$100,000 bonus and Hardy got \$75,000, Gordon, LaRoche, Molina, Peavy and Rollins each added \$50,000; Gonzalez, Jones and McCutchen \$25,000 apiece.

Cavaliers down Wizards 94-84

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, Anderson Varejao had a career-high 23 rebounds and the Cleveland Cavaliers opened the season with a 94-84 victory over the short-handed Washington Wizards on Tuesday night in the first game on the NBA schedule.

Rookie Dion Waiters added 17 points for the Cavs, who led by 16 in the third quarter but needed big plays from Irving and Varejao in the final minutes to hold off the Wizards, who scored the first 14 points of the fourth. Varejao had a career-high nine assists, two setting up dunks by Tristan Thompson in the last two minutes.

Jordan Crawford scored 11 points to lead the Wizards, who were without star point guard John Wall, power forward Nene and forward Kevin Seraphin. Wall, the former No. 1 overall pick, is expected to be out until late November with a knee injury.

Irving, the NBA's reigning rookie of the year, began his second season with a strong performance alongside Waiters, a surprising No. 4 overall pick. Waiters didn't start a game at Syracuse, but Cavs coach Byron Scott has been impressed with his progress and wanted to pair his two young guards together from the outset.

They played well in spurts, but made enough mistakes to keep Scott from giving them too much freedom.

The Cavs seemed to be on their way to a relatively routine win, but in a league where players are fond of saying "every team makes a run," the Wizards made theirs.



Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers point guard Kyrie Irving passes away from Washington Wizards guard A.J. Price in the first quarter Tuesday in Cleveland.

Peavy, White Sox agree to \$29 million, 2-year deal

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The right-hander will receive \$14.5 million in each of the next two seasons. Peavy could receive a \$15 million option for 2015, depending on innings during the next two years.

Peavy's previous deal included a \$22 million option for next season with a \$4 million buyout. The buyout will be paid in equal installments from 2016-19.

The 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner went 11-12 with a 3.37 ERA in 32 starts this year after three injury-riddled seasons.

Chicago also exercised a \$9.5 million option on right-hander Gavin Floyd on Tuesday, declined a \$10 million option on right-hander Brett Myers and turned down

a \$13 million option on third baseman Kevin Youkilis, acquired from Boston in June. Myers gets a \$3 million buyout and Youkilis \$1 million.

Detroit exercised a \$6 million option on shortstop Jhonny Peralta and a \$3.5 million on reliever Octavio Dotel and also extended manager Jim Leyland's contract through next season.

Atlanta exercised options on catcher Brian McCann (\$12 million), right-hander Tim Hudson (\$9 million) and left-hander Paul Maholm (\$6.5 million).

Texas declined options on right-handers Scott Feldman (\$9.25 million) and Yoshinori Tateyama (\$1.2 million).

Oakland allowed left-hander Dallas Braden and right-hander Joey Devine to become free agents. The pair, who missed 2012 because of injuries, refused minor league assignments.

The Los Angeles Dodgers

brought back Brandon League, resigning their closer to a three-year deal on Tuesday.

League, acquired by the Seattle Mariners at the July trade deadline, went 2-1 with six saves and a 2.30 ERA in 28 appearances with Los Angeles. He was especially effective over the final 1½ months of the season, posting a 0.55 ERA in 15 appearances in September and October, sixth-lowest in the National League during that stretch.

"He's somebody we really thought we needed to have here and to build a bullpen," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said.

League, who was 2-6 with 15 saves and a 3.13 ERA in 74 games with the Dodgers and Seattle this season, will be the designated closer, Colletti said. League has saved 52 games, finished 99, and posted a 2.97 ERA in 139 appearances over the last two seasons.

Students aim spotlight on candidates



CHRIS GANGLER/Special to the Chronicle

Sheriff Jeff Dawsey addresses the crowd during the Oct. 24 student forum at Citrus High School. The forum brought a record crowd of more than 200 people.

MIKE WRIGHT
 Staff Writer

INVERNESS — Like many people attending a political forum, Kaleb Jemison was there to support his favorite.

Kaleb and his friends sat in the front row and beamed every time Sandy Balfour answered a question.

And no wonder. Balfour is their teacher. “I believe she did an awesome job up there,” Kaleb said, referring to Balfour, a Republican candidate for Citrus County superintendent of schools against Democrat incumbent Sandra “Sam” Himmel.

Balfour teaches English at the Academy of Environmental Sciences, a school board-sponsored charter school on the Salt River. Kaleb said politics are off limits in the classroom.

“We try to avoid it as much as possible,” he said.

Kaleb joined about 70 students and 150 others at the Oct. 24 student forum at Citrus High School. The forum, sponsored by Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill and her staff, is conducted every election year to give high school seniors countywide the chance to question candidates for local offices. Some of these seniors will be voting in the Nov. 6 election.

Normally the forum attracts about 50 students and a handful of supporters, parents and interested citizens.

This forum, however, looked and sounded like the other large-scale political forums sponsored by civic organizations in Citrus Hills and Beverly Hills. It featured candidates for state House District 34, sheriff and superintendent of schools.

Gill said the presidential race naturally brings attention, and local candidates also have plenty of vocal supporters.

“The turnout was incredible!” Gill said. “There’s a lot of energy on the local level.”

Beforehand, candidate supporters lined the entrance to Citrus High waving signs. During the forum, candidates were crisp, sharp and answered questions directly.

Well, most of them anyway.

Rebecca Wright, a senior at Seven Rivers Christian School, noticed that Democrat Sheriff Jeff Dawsey and his Republican challenger, Commissioner Winn Webb, would spend a few seconds answering a question



Seven Rivers Christian School senior Rebecca Wright asked sheriff’s candidates to name the county’s top law enforcement problem.

and the remainder of their time responding to something the other just said regarding a different question.

“It’s pretty confusing to understand who’s telling the truth,” she said.

Lenda Glascock, a 19-year-old senior at the Academy of Environmental Sciences, said she paid close attention to all the candidates.

“I came here open-minded,” she said.

“You always hear different things.”

Citrus High senior Robert Verndin will be 18 in March, so he’ll miss this vote. Still, he enjoyed participating in the forum because he had access to the candidates.

“I’ve never been to a debate like this before,” he said. “I felt like I was part of the whole political process.”

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

Simulator shows teens dangers of texting, driving

LEE JOHNSON
 The Times of Gainesville

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — Imagine this: A teen and a friend are on the way home. The teen driver tries to send a text message: “Mom, be home in 20. What’s for dinner? Bringing a friend.” But neither the message, nor the teens, make it to their destination.

According to distraction.gov, 11 percent of all drivers younger than 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the wreck.

That age group, the website claims, has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.

“Everybody really is included in this problem — this distracted driving,” said Dylan Richardson, a representative from PEER Awareness, an organization focused on educating youths about healthy decisions. “It’s an epidemic, almost. It’s become the leading cause of death among teenagers and it’s a huge problem.”

PEER has teamed with AT&T and is campaigning across the country through its “Txtng & Driving ... It Can Wait” program. The program, which made a stop recently at Flowery Branch High School, places students in a driving simulator where they’re asked to text and drive, hopefully seeing firsthand the dangers of distracted driving.

“What we hope they gain from this is that, you know, they can go and crash in the simulation and there will be no real consequences for them,” said Richardson. “But hopefully, after they do the simulator and they can see what can potentially happen if they were to go out and do that in real life, that maybe they’ll think twice about it when they do get in a car.”

A recent AT&T survey found that 97 percent of teens say they know texting and driving is dangerous, but 43 percent admit to doing it.

About three-quarters of the teens surveyed said texting and driving is “common” among their peers and that nearly 90 percent of teens expect a reply within five minutes of sending a text.

“It’s something that we need to change the world about,” said Anna Leigh Stewart, a Flowery Branch student and Miss Georgia Peach. “It’s not something that should be taken lightly.”

It’s something Stewart is passionate about, and it’s why she started com-

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Aberdeen Girl Scout donates animal oxygen masks

SCOTT FELDMAN
 American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. — Aberdeen Fire and Rescue now has the equipment to save pets who have inhaled too much smoke, thanks to the efforts of a local Girl Scout.

Sabrina Mount, 18, who has been a member of the Girl Scouts for 12 years as part of Troop 40124, donated three oxygen mask kits to Aberdeen Fire and Rescue, as part of Mount’s gold award project, the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive. The masks are designed specifically for

animals.

She knew Aberdeen Fire and Rescue had oxygen masks for humans, but they couldn’t be used on pets.

“They don’t fit around the muzzle, and they don’t provide an adequate flow of oxygen, so smoke could still be in their lungs,” she said.

Fire Chief Kevin VanMeter said he has seen firefighters perform CPR on a pet, but he’s never seen anyone attempt to get an oxygen mask on a pet because it wouldn’t fit.

Mount’s project had personal meaning. She grew up with a tabby cat named Lord Alfred Tennyson, who died

of natural causes last year.

“If I would have lost him and learned there was something that could have prevented his loss, I’d want that available,” Mount said.

Many people throughout Aberdeen would agree with her; VanMeter said.

“In a lot of cases, pets are a part of the family and people want us to save them as much as anyone else,” he said. “I myself feel the same way. I have two dogs, and I’d feel terrible if something were to happen to them.”

The kits she gave to the department come with oxygen masks in several sizes, so they can be used on large

dogs, small dogs, cats and even hamsters, Mount said.

Each kit cost about \$300, including shipping and taxes, Mount said. She managed to collect about \$1,000, thanks to donations from local businesses.

Mount, a graduate of Aberdeen Roncalli High School, learned these masks existed when her mother, Laura, saw them in a magazine story.

Three fire trucks, one in each station, have been outfitted with the oxygen mask kits, VanMeter said.

Mount’s project is good for the entire community, he said.

“I think it will benefit the city of Aberdeen because we will be able to do a little bit more to save pets,” VanMeter said.

Mount also worked with the fire department during National Night Out on Aug. 4 and handed out flyers on pet safety, VanMeter said.

Mount said handing out the flyers was part of her project, which requires an educational aspect.

She began the project in May, after talking to then-Fire Chief Bill Winter, who retired in June. Mount said she spent at least 80 hours since July working on this project, a requirement for

the gold award.

Marilyn Kohles, her troop leader, is proud of Mount’s commitment to the Girl Scouts and the community. Mount, a freshman at Northern State University, has always followed through on her work, Kohles said.

It is rare for a Scout to graduate high school and still work on getting her gold award, Kohles said. Many lose interest as they enter high school and make it a low priority, but not Mount, Kohles said.

“She was really active, friendly and always willing to go the extra mile,” she said.

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it's why she started competing in pageants, she said. She wanted a platform to get her message out.

Four years ago, Stewart was riding in a car with her sister, Cara, when a teenager who was texting behind the wheel "swerved into our lane

to keep from rear-ending a school bus."

Her sister was in and out of surgery for more than a year and confined to a wheelchair. Stewart's back had to be fused and she had to abandon dance.

Ever since, she's been a local voice for ending distracted driving.

"I couldn't figure out a way to really tell teens about it and that's why I started en-

tering pageants and that's been my focus in my speeches," she said.

If Stewart is riding in a car, expect her to act as the texting police.

"I take phones away from my friends when they're driving and even the girls in the back seat and I put them in my purse," she said.

Texting, according to distraction.gov, takes drivers' eyes off the road for almost

five seconds. At 55 miles per hour, it's like driving an entire football field blindfolded, the site states.

The simulator proves just that. Flowery Branch students lined up to take a crack at texting while driving. Many of them wound up off the road or in head-on collisions with oncoming traffic.

"You couldn't focus on the road," freshman Abbey Cantrell said. "You had to

multitask and I'm not good at multitasking."

Christian Cummings, a freshman at Flowery Branch, wound up in a head-on wreck at more than 45 miles per hour during the simulation.

"I learned not to text and drive," he said of the experience. "It's the worst. You could die easily."

"It shows that if you text and drive, anything can hap-

pen in a split second."

Event coordinators said the students generally walk away with a greater appreciation of how dangerous distracted driving is.

"It's a real eye-opener for these kids who are just getting started driving," said Abie Rezene, PEER representative. "You get thousands and thousands of text messages in a lifetime, but you only get one life."

DEATH

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Each investigator is required to take 20 hours of classes taught by forensic specialists. They take a competency test at the end of those classes. If they pass, they are appointed as official death investigators for three years.

Sometimes, however, death investigators cannot get all the answers to their questions. That's when the forensic pathologists get involved.

If a simple inspection of the scene or an external inspection of the body isn't sufficient, death investigators can draw fluids from the victim for toxicology tests at the chief medical examiner's office.

Autopsies are the last resort when questions about a person's death cannot be answered through any other means.

Kaplan's office investigates about a quarter of the 20,000 deaths in West Virginia each year. Around 1,500 involve autopsies.

If someone dies in a car crash, it is usually evident how he or she died. In those cases, medical examiners just run toxicology tests to make sure no drugs or alcohol were involved.

But remember the example of the old man who might have had a heart attack but was probably strangled to death? Death investigators would likely turn that case over to a

forensic pathologist.

"It might be necessary to perform a more intensive inquiry," Kaplan said.



In addition to solving the mysteries of how and why people died, Kaplan also tries to use information gathered from all those accidents and murders to help other people live longer.

"We pull together a relatively complete picture of why that person died," he said. "Wouldn't it be nice to use that information to prevent other people from meeting a similar fate?"

That's exactly what the chief medical examiner's office is doing.

Trish McCay is coordinator of the West Virginia Child Fatality Review Team and the Coalition for Prevention of Domestic Violence.

The review boards are made up of representatives from Child Protective Services, county prosecutors, police departments, and the state Fire Marshal's Office, among others. Members meet once a month and review between 15 and 20 "preventable" child deaths - home accidents, car accidents, murders, suicide - and domestic violence deaths.

McCay said she considers the reviews a "social autopsy." Like any autopsy, the meetings are closed to the public so board members can delve deep into the circumstances surrounding the deaths.

"When you bring all these different inputs into a room



Citrus High student Alex Bradshaw opened the questioning by asking candidates for state representative where they could cut the state education budget.

in a confidential manner... you can share your triumphs and your mistakes about how your agency dealt with that person," she said.

Kaplan said the child fatality team's findings have "fundamentally changed" the way his office investigates infant and child deaths.

Death investigators used to consider Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syn-

drome as a condition caused by an infant's vulnerability and environment.

They now look at the child's whole environment - the quality and constancy of caretaker behaviors, the appropriateness of environment, whether the child sleeps in a crib, and whether there were smokers or drug users in the home.

In 1997, the investigation sheet for an infant death

was one page long. Now it's 17.

The board also reviews deaths of young adults. Most of those investigations involve car crashes, the No. 1 cause of death among teenagers. Legislators earlier this year used information collected by the child fatality team to pass a new texting-while-driving ban.

McCay said the work is often difficult, reviewing graphic descriptions and

even photos of dead children and victims of domestic abuse. Board members don't get paid for their work, either, and some drive from all over the state just to participate in marathon meetings at the chief medical examiner's office.

"It's a hard thing to do," McCay said, "but you have to look at it like, 'we're going to prevent another untimely death.'"



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Skillful sewers help needy in Haiti, Sudan

MARY NEVANS-PEDERSON
Telegraph Herald

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Years ago, the women sewed clothes for their brothers and sisters on the family farm. These days, they use their sewing skills to create clothing for children in faraway countries, youngsters they will never meet.

For six months, a group of women have been gathering weekly to sew simple dresses for girls and women in Haiti and Sudan. Although parishioners at St. Anthony Catholic Church started the project, volunteers from every walk of life without regard to religious affiliation are welcome to help out.

Lively chatter and laughter rise above the hum of sewing machines in the activity room at Applewood 1 apartments every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4. Women work at three tables in an informal production line. On a fourth table, they pile brightly colored dresses as they are finished.

"The purpose is to make little dresses for girls and britches for boys in Africa and Haiti," said Sister of Mercy Lillian Connolly, who started the project and coordinates it with Joanne Haywood, also of St. Anthony Parish. "They don't have anything, and these dresses will be treasured and maybe passed down to younger sisters."

"Issy" Stillmunkes, 80, started sewing as a child, making carpets from rag strips and dish towels from flour sacks on a Singer treadle machine. On this day, she was threading elastic through the necklines of the simple dresses.

"I can just see their smiling faces when they get a new dress," she said.

"It's hard for us to imagine having nothing, and I can envision the pure joy on their faces when they get a dress," she said. "I also enjoy being with these positive, upbeat, purpose-driven women every week."

Besides help sewing, the group needs fabric, sheets and pillowcases to cut the basic two-piece dress pattern from, as well as bias tape, rickrack and three-quarter-inch elastic to finish the dresses. Local hotels have donated used sheets to the projects, which Connolly dyes bright colors in her washing machine.

So far, the sewing group has completed more than 300 dresses that will be sent to Haiti ahead of a medical mission from St. Anthony.

"Most of these women didn't know each other before this," Connolly said, "but now it has become this wonderful community."



JESSICA REILLY/The Telegraph Herald

Dorothy Riegler, of Dubuque, Iowa, measures fabric Oct. 16 for a dress at the Applewood Apartments in Dubuque. Sister Lillian Connolly, who lives in the apartments, started a sewing group to make simple dresses for Haitian women.



Jeanette Homb, of Hazel Green, Wis., sews a dress Oct. 16 at the Applewood Apartments in Dubuque, Iowa. Sister Lillian Connolly, who lives in the apartments, started a sewing group to make simple dresses for Haitian women.



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Brownies need adult leaders

Homosassa Brownies Troop, grades two and three, is looking for adult volunteers to lead the troop.

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Entries sought for parades

Applications for entries in the 2012 Christmas parades in Crystal River and Inverness are now available at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce offices or on its website: www.citruscounty-chamber.com.

This year's theme is "A Postcard Christmas." Crystal River hosts its Christmas parade at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and Inverness hosts its Christmas parade at noon Saturday, Dec. 8. Call the Chamber for more details at 352-795-3149.

Sewing group to meet Nov. 1

The Snippets, a neighborhood group of the American Sewing Guild, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at A-White Sew & Vac, Airport Plaza, Crystal River.

The program will be place-mat projects. All sewing enthusiasts are welcome to visit. For more information, call Marcia at 352-563-2879.

Poker run will benefit B&G

American Legion Post 237 will host a poker run to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The ride starts at 9:30 a.m. at Post 4077 on Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills. Stops include Amvets in Inglis, Mickey's Bar & Billiards, Pub 44, IRRU and Scoreboards Sports Bar. Last bike in at 4 p.m.

Festivities include live music by Rock Steady, 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Best hand wins. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs.

For more information, call event coordinator John Roby at 352-536-7480, or the post at 352-746-5018.

Timeshare owners meeting coming up

Getting the most from your timeshare unit will be the dominant topic at the next Florida Timeshare Owners Group meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota.

Guest speaker Neil Kolton, director of sales and service for the Interval International trading company, will provide in-depth information about the company's new Points Program.

For more information, email Frank Debar at fdebar433@gmail.com or call 941-351-1384, or visit townersgroup.com.

Pet

SPOTLIGHT

Swizzle



Special to the Chronicle

Swizzle is a bright-eyed gray tuxedo male who belongs to Florida Jewelers in Inverness. He is 1 1/2 years old. The sweet and friendly cat sits quietly in the shop watching the daily business.

Write, blog, tweet

Authors to learn all about social media

Special to the Chronicle

If you are a writer interested in blogging but aren't sure what it's all about or how to get started, or you've heard about Twitter but have no idea what a "tweet" is, then November's Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society program is for you.

Geared toward beginners, the program will show why publishers encourage authors to use social media, how to set up your first blog, and what to blog about. You'll also discover why



Cheryl Charles

Cheryl Charles, writer, blogger and photographer, will be the presenter for "Writers Write ...

and Blog ...and Tweet." Her credentials include work as a computer consultant and web designer and a teacher of courses in website creation.

She currently designs, manages and contributes to several blogs, including articles for FCHNS, and is a webmaster of the Sunshine State Romance Authors website.

The FCHNS meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly at the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. The Nov. 3 meeting will be in the library's computer classroom. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Marian Fox at 352-726-0162.

Helping Josh White Fund



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Dan Heavrin presents a check for \$841.80 to Paula Holtsclaw earlier this week from the proceeds of a benefit recently at Heavrin's Crystal River Beef 'O' Brady's for the Josh White Fund. White, a lance corporal in the Marine Corps, was critically injured in Afghanistan in August following an improvised explosive device detonation. The Marine lost both legs in the blast and suffered other critical injuries. He is currently recovering and rehabilitating at Walter Reed Military Hospital in Maryland. Holtsclaw is the tournament coordinator for the Josh White Benefit Bass Tournament which took place Oct. 28 on Lake Rousseau. All proceeds from the event were donated to the fund.

Historical Society offers book

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Historical Society has reprinted "Back Home: A History of Citrus County, Florida," to go on sale about Nov. 1.

Author Hampton Dunn was born and raised in Floral City; he graduated from Citrus High School in 1934. For 22 years he was on the

staff of the *Tampa Daily Times* and a news analyst on TV station WCKT-TV in Miami. He was also a syndicated columnist and wrote a weekly historical column for the *Tampa Tribune* and many other newspapers throughout Florida. The book includes interviews conducted by the author; the author's own personal rec-

ollections and more than 181 pages of photographs. Copies will also be sold in the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum Store. Only 100 copies are being printed at this time; cost is \$32. The Museum Store has a wide variety of books on county and state history, including the Civil War and Seminole Wars. Travel and gardening

books are also in stock. Children's books are for sale, as well as Elvis Presley memorabilia. T-shirts can also be found.

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for more information.



Show and tell

The Citrus Friendship Quilters Guild will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Lakes Region Library, 1551 Druid Road, Inverness. The club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month. The first of the month is the business meeting followed with "show and tell," where any member who has made something they wish to show can either keep it for themselves or donate it to the club to donate to one of the many different community organizations it supports. This is followed by one or two workshops. At the second monthly session, there is a short business meeting, followed by show and tell and workshops. The workshops are given by members and include new methods of quilting or shortcuts for doing a procedure, etc. Here, seen working at the October "Quiltathon" are, in back, Jackie Morisset and Pat Pomahac. In front are Sharon Zupansic, Carolyn Pratt and Roxanne McCormick. For more information, call Nancy Cagle at 352-422-5967, or Nancy Osborn at 352-726-7805.

Special to the Chronicle

Precious Paws Pet Rescue continues its spay, neuter program

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Thanks to a grant from the Bob and Carol Spector Foundation for Animals, donations from Citrus County animal lovers and the continued support and participation of the Floral City Veterinary Hospital, Precious Paws Rescue is able to continue its low-cost spay and neuter program for both cats and dogs.

To take advantage of the program,

pet owners must come to the PPR Crystal River Mall Adoption Center and purchase a voucher for the surgical procedure. The adoption center is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

The voucher price for dogs is based on weight starting at \$25 to neuter a male dog up to 50 pounds, and range from \$30 to \$60 to spay a female dog.

Cat spays are \$20 and the neuter fee is \$10. These surgeries are

funded by a combination of discounted surgical fees provided by the FCVH and voucher purchase by pet owners, with the remaining costs made up by Precious Paws Rescue donations.

The pet owner is responsible to make the surgery appointment directly with the FCVH and transport their pet, along with the voucher, to and from FCVH.

Any additional veterinary services must be arranged by the owner

and paid for at the FCVH appointment.

Precious Paws Rescue is an all-volunteer charity organization dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation.

Between 4 and 5 million pets are euthanized every year in U.S. shelters.

For more information, to make a donation or to join with volunteers helping pets four paws at a time, call 352-726-4700.

News NOTES

Help YMCA for chance on 'Vette

Citrus County YMCA continues its sale of tickets for a chance to win a 2013 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe from Crystal Motor Co.

A total of 2,000 tickets in the drawing are available for a donation of \$100 per ticket. All proceeds will benefit the Citrus County YMCA. The winner of the Corvette will be announced at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Crystal Chevrolet, 1035 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

Tickets are available online at <https://donate.suncoastymca.org/citruscorvette> drawing. Tickets may also be purchased at the YMCA office in Beverly Hills, 3909 N. Lecanto Highway. For more information, call the YMCA office at 637-0132.

Dowsing speaker to offer talk

New Age Thinkers will welcome guest speaker Karen Durham to its next meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park (Florida Conference Room).

Durham is president of The Villages Dowsing Club and will use various modalities and an accelerated healing method (Soma Pi). Bring your dowsing tool (pendulum) for the interactive program.

RSVP to Donna at 352-628-3253 or email miss-donna@tampabay.rr.com.

Social benefits scholarship fund

Tickets are still available for the 2012 Scholarship Social to benefit the Festival of the Arts Scholarship Fund and NAMI Citrus (Citrus County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness).

The event will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Old Historic Courthouse, Inverness, and will feature wine, hors d'oeuvres, music, door prizes and an auction.

The price is \$25 and the dress is business casual. Make checks payable to the Festival of the Arts Committee.

For tickets or more information, call 352-726-0366 or 352-726-2434.

Talk to focus on climate change

Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River, will host a presentation by Capt. Dan Kipnis on "Global Warming and the Changing Oceans" at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

Kipnis is past president of the Miami Beach Rod and Reel Club and member of the Climate Reality Project.

A Florida native and ardent fisheries conservationist, he will explain global warming and its effects on the oceans and near coastal environments.

Kipnis is chairman of the Economic, Social and Health Committee of the Miami-Dade County Climate Change Task Force.

Kipnis has appeared on CBS and CNN to talk about the radical changes happening in oceans and the effect on marine life.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.
■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

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

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.
■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 31, 2012. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WCFL, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WYKE, WOGX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, ESPN2, EWTV, FAM, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MAX, MSNBC, NGC, NICK, OWN, OXY, SHOW, SPEED, SPIKE, STARZ, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A).

Bridge game section. Includes North and South hands, Dealer: South, Vulnerable: North-South, and Opening lead: ♣ 2. Hand details include cards and suits for both players.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Diane Duane, a science-fiction and fantasy writer, said, "What I try to do for my readers is to pass on some of the things that I found out about being 13 after doing it for 40 years."

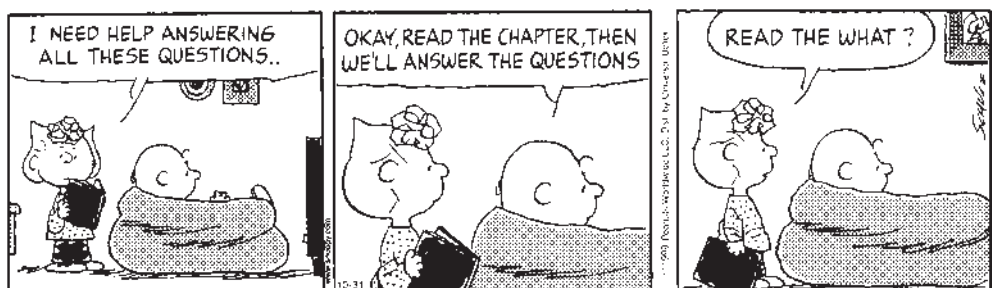
However, at the bridge table one does not have to count that high. There are only 13 cards in each suit and 13 cards in each hand. Yes, there are 40 high-card points, and tracking those is very important, but often you need worry only about the number in one or two hands. In today's deal, what does East need to count? He is defending against three no-trump after the given auction. West leads a fourth-highest club two. What should East do?

JUMBLE word game section. Includes a grid of letters and instructions: "Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words." Words to find: CHAWT, LLORD, ROTTEA, KUREBE.

Crossword puzzle section. Includes "ACROSS" and "DOWN" clues, a grid of numbers, and a "Want more puzzles?" advertisement for QuillDriverBooks.com.

Dear Annie: In the 20 years I've been with my partner, I've had suspicions that he's cheated. When-ever I confront him, he becomes angry and tries to turn it around on me. I finally decided I had to know, so I bought mini digital voice recorders and left them on in the house whenever I'd leave for work. Lo and behold, my suspicions were correct. My problem now is how to confront him with the proof. I'm not proud that I've been spying on him for weeks. But he would never own up to his cheating unless it was indisputable. I know he will be angry with me, but what he has done is totally wrong. He keeps telling me we need to work on us. How is that possible when he makes a phone call to his "girlfriend" every morning after I leave for work? This is making me physically ill. — Had To Know. Dear Had: Your boyfriend's behavior made you suspicious, so you took the step of finding proof. And you found it. Stop berating yourself for doing a little private detective work. Your boyfriend is cheating. He will continue to make excuses and try to put the blame on you. Tell him what you discovered, show him the proof, and tell him it's over. And mean it. Dear Annie: Christmas is just around the corner. Teachers appreciate the gifts from their students, but I know many teachers who spend their own money on classroom needs. Please suggest that students consider giving teachers a gift card to places that offer school supplies and also for coffee shops, microwave soups and other consumables. Similarly, our senior citizens could benefit from practical items like store and restaurant gift cards, postage stamps, etc. They do not need any more knickknacks to gather dust. — J.M. Dear J.M.: You have made some excellent, sensible suggestions, and we hope those who are giving holiday gifts to teachers and seniors will keep them in mind. Dear Annie: I felt a need to respond to "Enough," the 57-year-old male who has been divorced for 26 years and hasn't dated for the past three. He is adamant that he will date only women he finds physically attractive (translation: not fat), but his family feels he is cutting himself off from meeting some very nice women. I am a 52-year-old female, divorced for two years and built like a plus-size model. I am intelligent, witty, neat, well-dressed, make a decent living and am told I am pretty. I had one blind date with a man I met through an on-line dating service. We had emailed each other for a week and chatted on the phone several times. I figured we had had such great conversations that my looks wouldn't matter. I was wrong. He said there was no "spark." I then tried to hire a professional matchmaker, and when I described myself as "Rubenesque," she said she has a hard time finding men among her clientele willing to date women who wear a size larger than 12. While I would have no interest in a man who would summarily dismiss me as a potential date solely based on my size, I am beginning to wonder where all the real men are. There have to be some decent guys out there who are not so shallow and ignorant. So far they appear to be pretty scarce. — Plus-Sized Good Catch. Dear Catch: In all fairness, being attracted to someone is not insignificant. But just as beautiful people can seem ugly if they have rotten personalities, a person of any size can become attractive by discovering a kind, warm, funny, intelligent human being inside. The problem is, few people are willing to let those relationships blossom, giving outward appearance more "weight" than it deserves. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 Third Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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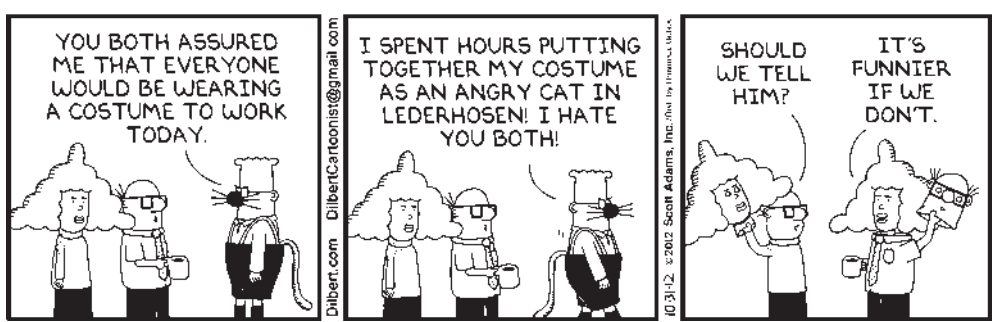
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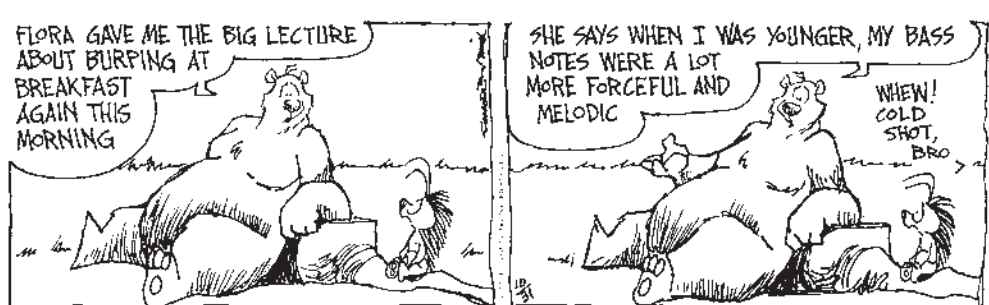
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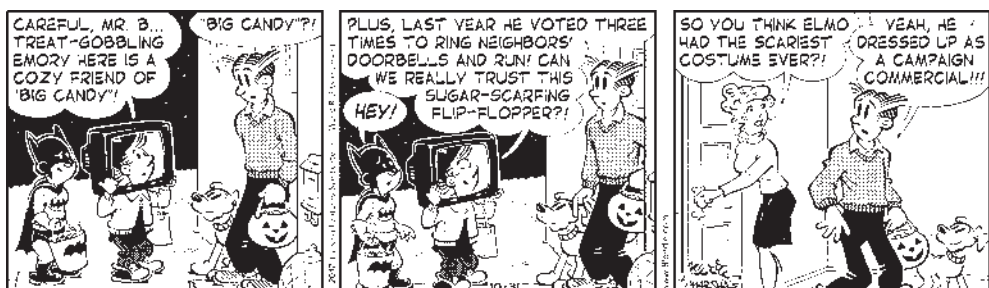
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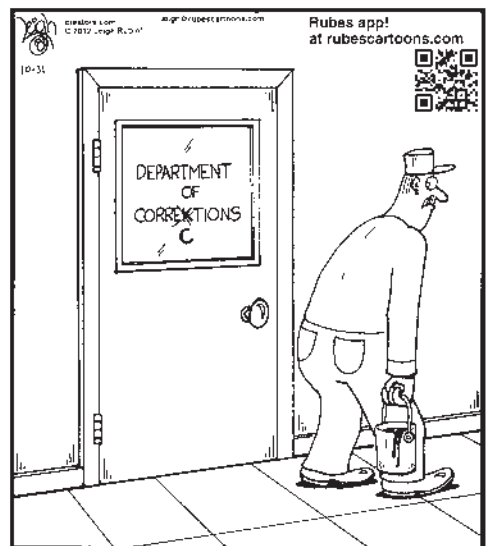
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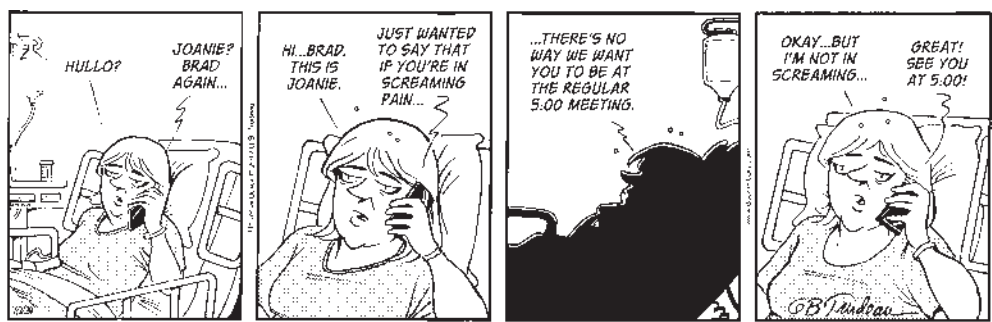
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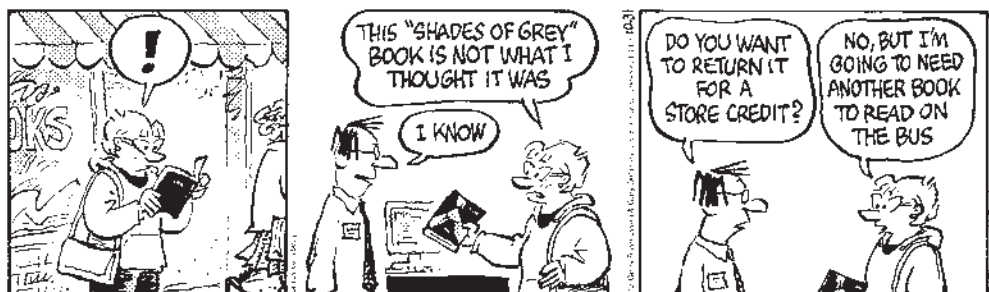
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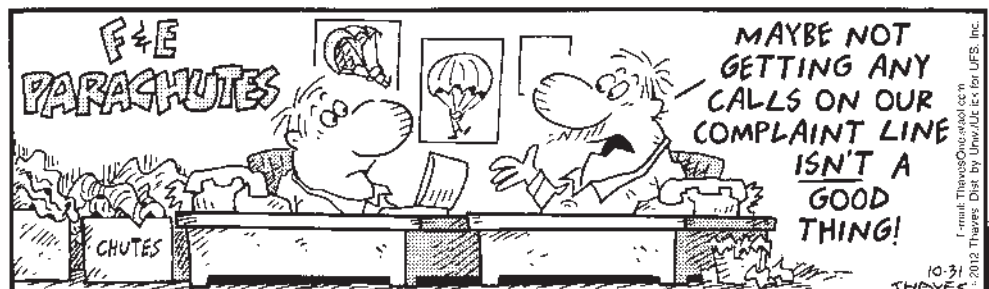
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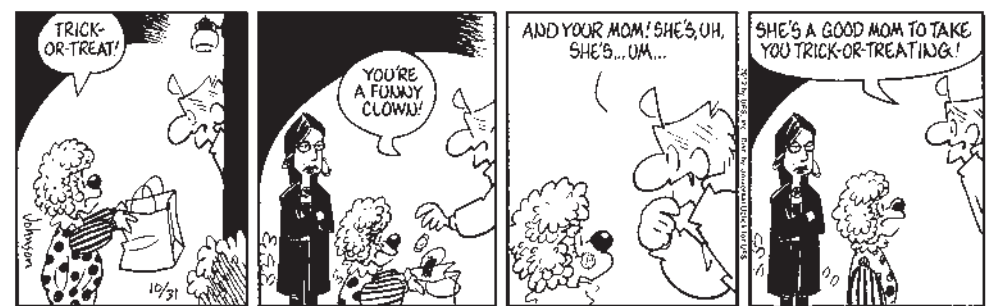
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Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



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'Fun Size' (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
'Silent Hill: Revelation' (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m.
'Alex Cross' (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
'Paranormal Activity 4' (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'Arlo and Janis' (R) ID required. 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
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Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
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'Fun Size' (PG-13) 2 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
'Silent Hill: Revelation' (R) ID required. In 3D. 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
'Silent Hill: Revelation' (R) ID required. 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'Paranormal Activity' (R) ID required. 1:15 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 8 p.m.
'Argo' (R) ID required. 1:35 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
'Taken 2' (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
'Hotel Transylvania' (PG) In 3D. 7:15 p.m. No passes.
'Hotel Transylvania' (PG) 1:20 p.m., 4:15 p.m.
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DUDLEY'S AUCTION
Thurs 11/1
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