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NEWS BRIEFS

Road closure Oct. 11 due to US 19 widening

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) contractor will temporarily close westbound West Highlands Street between South Skyway Avenue and northbound US 19 at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020 for construction of drainage improvements associated with the US 19 widening project.

DETOUR: West Highlands Street traffic will be detoured using South Skyway Avenue and West Dixieland Street. Access to the Nissan dealership will be available from northbound US 19 by turning onto eastbound W. Highlands Street.

The detour is anticipated to be completed by the week of Oct. 25, weather permitting. Motorists are asked to use caution in the area.

For project information, visit [FDOTtampabay.com](https://fdot.tampa.gov); the direct link to the project page is <https://tinyurl.com/y5epy7um> or email roadwork@dot.state.fl.us.

Raise the Bar for Women fundraiser set

KC Wine and Koffee Bar, in conjunction with CASA Citrus, will host "Raise the Bar for Women," from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at 564 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

Bring your business cards to enter to win merchandise and/or gift certificates from downtown Crystal River businesses and more. The cost is \$10 and a business card for one chance and \$20 and two business cards for two chances.

CASA staff will also be available to share information about the services they offer survivors and their families, and answer any questions you might have.

For information, call CASA at 344-8111.

Get word out on Halloween, harvest events

Planning a fall-themed harvest or Halloween event? The Chronicle is compiling a list of seasonal and holiday activities to appear in the Chronicle. Send notice of upcoming events to community@chronicleonline.com.

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One dead during standoff in Hernando

JEFF BRYAN
STAFF WRITER

One person is dead following a three-plus hour hostage standoff Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, in Hernando.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies were called around

4 p.m. to an area between East David Street and East Van Ness Road, in response to an armed suspect who fired gunshots and barricaded himself in a nearby home.

Members of the sheriff's SWAT and negotiation teams responded to the area around 4:30 p.m.

About two hours into the standoff, four hostages were safely rescued from the home, Citrus County Sheriff's Office Spokeswoman Jodi Sanders said.

The suspect then set fire to the home prior to being taken into custody.

"We are very thankful getting

those hostages out safe and sound," Sanders said.

The name of the suspect was not immediately available.

A trailer on the property was searched and after the fire was under control the home was searched.

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Stone crab season opens Oct. 15



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Part-time artist Danielle Smith spends part of Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 22, 2020, painting a stone crab on the front of the stone crab boat the Just Be Claws, owned by her father Capt. Dana Smith. The vessel operates out of Old Homosassa. Stone crab season will open Oct. 15, with crews being able to set their bait and set their traps 10 days prior to that date. This year the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has established a shorter fishing season for the fishery by establishing a closing date of May 1, 2021, two weeks shorter than past years. This vessel, along with several others stationed in Old Homosassa, sells their catch for retail and wholesale at nearby Shelly's Seafood. For current stone crab regulations and additional information go to myfwc.com.

FWC issues claw-full of new harvesting regulations

BUSTER THOMPSON | STAFF WRITER

For roughly a week now, armadas of Floridian crabbing fleets and their deckhands have boated miles offshore into the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean to lay their traps on the depths.

Come Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, these crabbers will venture out again to launch Florida's stone crab season, hauling in anticipated bounties of Menippe mercenaria and their treasured claws.

"We're putting them out right now," Richard Stiglitz, owner of the Homosassa-based Salty Bones Fisheries, said about 650 of his 10,000 traps.

It'll take some time before crabbing crews know what kind of season they'll have.

"At this point, it's hard to say," said Kelly Kofmehl, co-owner of The Crab Plant restaurant and seafood market in Crystal River. "We're just getting our traps overboard."

This stone crab season, however, will be a little different for the recreational and commercial fishermen looking for a

meal or profit.

A claw-full of new and updated rules approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) start going into effect for the 2020-21 stone crab fisheries in the Gulf and Atlantic.

FWC commissioners OK'd these measures at their July 2020 meeting to help ease fishing impacts on a 22%, 712,000-pound decline in stone crab harvests since the late 1990s.

"We want to make sure participants in this fishery are aware of the new regulations as the season begins," agency spokeswoman Amanda Nalley said.

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Mabel Channell 'born to be a pastor's wife, mother'

Postscript

NANCY KENNEDY | STAFF WRITER

First, let's talk about "Miss Mabel's" pies.

When the news of Mabel Channell's death started spreading through Inverness, people started reminiscing about the beloved, genteel Southern lady who made legendary strawberry pies.

For a number of years, her pies were on the menu at Stumpknockers On the

Square, the downtown Inverness restaurant owned by her son, Tim Channell.

"She not only made the best strawberry pies, but also the best peanut butter pies," said Inverness native Rocky Hensley. "My grandmother's house was next door to the Channell's."

"It was her pie crust," said Tim Channell. "It was the best. I've tried to make it with her recipe, but only my sister Lydia can come close."

Mabel Channell died Sept. 18, 2020. She was 95.

Son-in-law Dan Jones said Mabel was "born to be a pastor's wife and a mother."

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Elections office reminds voters of VBM process

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Vote-by-mail ballots are being voted and returned to the Elections Office for processing. Below is a review of the vote-by-mail process. Be sure to return your VBM ballot by the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3 deadline.

Vote-by-mail (VBM) process:

■ USPS recommends voters allow a week for the return mail delivery to the Elections Office.

■ First class postage is paid on the return envelope.

■ Remember to sign the back of the certificate envelope!

■ Ballots may be returned to an early vote site from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 19-31. This includes two Saturdays (Oct. 24 and Oct. 31) and one Sunday (Oct. 25).

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

FRC FRONT GETS A FACELIFT



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Miami-based artist Francisco Rivera zips past part of a newly painted exterior wall on the front of the Citrus County Family Resource Center in Hernando. He and a partner were contracted by the Lemire Clinic in Ocala to paint a scene 75 feet long by 12 feet tall.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

As a gift from Lemire Clinic in Ocala, the new location of the Citrus County Family Resource Center on State Road 200 in Hernando received a colorful, cheerful mural on the building's exterior. "When people come for help, it's hard enough," said Ginger West, the center's executive director. "I wanted a place that, when people walked up, it's inviting, happy and peaceful — a place to make them feel good. And that's what I think they (the mural artists) have done."

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The news that all Regal theaters nationwide closed without a future reopening date and OfficeMax in Crystal River closed permanently prompted Chronicle Facebook readers to add their two cents about movies, things to do and what should go into the OfficeMax building once it's empty:

- Kay Cee: "Who woulda known that the last movie we went to there, it was gonna be the last? LOL. I have no idea what it even was."
- Earl Aydelotte: "Times they are changing. (Theaters) are closing and drive-ins are opening. Maybe you can make a drive-in out of (the mall) since it's just a tent — oops! Maybe I better patent that."
- Sarah Reiland: "Someone in this county who is rich with a huge yard — please open a drive-in. You will make your money back no doubt! I'd love to go to a drive-in without going out of the county."
- Richard Washak: "The OfficeMax building would be a great location for a Aldi's or a Walmart Market."
- Stacey Miller: "Close that whole area and build a water park and a few hotels and a few restaurants."
- Sadie Caroline: "Build a Target. You'll get business."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS



Regal, Office Max closings another blow to CR Mall

As the Crystal River Mall continues to remain viable, it was dealt another economic blow with the news of both county Regal Cinemas closing temporarily and the OfficeMax in Crystal River undergoing a liquidation sale for a scheduled Nov. 14 closing.

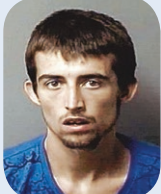
Millie Bresnahan, manager of the Crystal River Mall, said it's a double whammy for her because OfficeMax and one of the Regal locations are part of the mall complex.

Bresnahan said customer traffic has been low since the pandemic started in March and these closings will continue to affect it.

Despite it all, Bresnahan said she is determined the mall will survive, although it needs to be repurposed. Instead of stores, maybe parts of it could turn into distribution centers or housing, she said.

Local men arrested for stealing, selling dirt bikes from Homosassa shop

Everett Ricky Dicks, 22, was arrested Sept. 30, 2020, and charged with grand theft and trafficking in stolen property, and Charles Russel Means, 22, was arrested Oct. 1, 2020, and charged with grand theft and burglary, after the pair allegedly stole two dirt bikes



from a Homosassa detailing business.

According to the arrest report, the owner of the business told a Citrus County Sheriff's Office detective that he had recently cut a 14-inch-by-14-inch hole in the building to install ductwork, and believed it's how the thief or thieves broke in to steal the bikes.

He also contacted a sheriff's detective to report he spotted his motorcycles with Dicks and Means. He said he knew Dicks because he had asked for a job roughly three months ago.



Convenience store demolished to make room for Circle K

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, heavy equipment removed what's left of a gas station and convenience store at the corner of South Rock Crusher Road and State Road 44 in Crystal River.

A new Circle K gas station and store are already under construction, which will replace the previous business.

The chain is expanding the existing space to the west and northwest of the former BP station, opening it up so customers can better park and maneuver.



Nick Nicholas Ford doing it 'the right way' for 39 years

Celebrating his 39th anniversary of his Ford dealership in Citrus County this month, owner/president of Nick Nicholas Ford in Inverness said the secret of success is: honesty.

"You treat employees and customers right and be truthful with them, and they respect you," he said.

His advice for new business owners: "Work hard, put the hours in — and you've got to be honest."

Nicholas' son-in-law, Shane Bryant, who is also the company's general manager and vice president, said Nicholas doesn't like to make it publicly known, but his father-in-law has been involved for years in helping the community. Habitat for Humanity, hospice and various churches have been the recipient of his goodwill.

"One thing he always told me very early on, if you cannot go home at night and lay your head on the pillow and not feel you did everything you could in the customers' best interests, then you did something wrong," Bryant said.

CCSO drug bust uncovers meth trafficking; yields two arrests

Yet another drug bust: On Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, Citrus County Sheriff's Office narcotics detectives raided a Floral City



home, seizing almost a quarter pound of methamphetamine and arresting a pair of residents — Tommie Durell Neal Jr., 35, and 26-year-old Rebecca Ann Carter.

According to a sheriff's office news release, the warrant arrest came as a result of a months-long investigation into the couple and their alleged dealing in meth, heroin and fentanyl.

According to the sheriff's office, Neal has 10 prior felony convictions; Carter has seven felony charges, all relating to the sale of narcotics.



"I still believe in this place. It has a use. It is a good piece of property."

— MILLIE BRESNAHAN, MANAGER OF THE CRYSTAL RIVER MALL, ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE MALL.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Around the COUNTY

League of Women Voters to meet

The League of Women Voters of Citrus County will meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly, via Zoom. Meetings will be recorded live and posted online for public viewing. To join meetings, visit lwccitrus.org/ to access the form. For information, 614-563-4282 or email lwcc2013@gmail.com.

Greek Gyrofest drive-thru set

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the St. Michael the Archangel Greek Orthodox Church community is offering a Gyrofest drive-thru and virtual silent auction in lieu of their semi-annual Greek Festival.

The public is invited to a Gyrofest drive-thru from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church, 4705 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway (State Road 44), Lecanto.

To see a menu, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxp47jqn>.

There will also be a virtual silent auction to benefit the church from Oct. 1-31. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6rt5p75/> to check out the offerings. For information, call the church at 352-527-0766.

Drug Take Back Day set

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will host a National Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the following Walmart locations:

- Inverness, 2461 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway.
- Lecanto, 1936 N. Lecanto Highway.
- Homosassa, 6885 S. Suncoast Blvd.

In addition, the Citrus County Health Department in Lecanto will accept sharps and syringes, but the items be in the appropriate container. The Health Department does not accept medications or liquids.

Otherwise, unused and expired medication can always be dropped off at the Sheriff's Office Drop Off Locations in Inverness and Lecanto. For information about Drug Take Back Day, call 352-726-4488.

FFRA Scare Stop participants sought

Scare Stop participants are needed for the Families and Friends Reaching for the Abilities (FFRA) Haunted Forest Drive-thru from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 31.

This event will follow Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and raise funds for members of the FFRA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Developmentally Disabled in Citrus County. Drive-thru spectators will vote on the best Scare Stop, and the winner will receive \$1,000.

This socially-distanced haunted trail will be held on a large stretch of property located behind Howard's Flea Market off South Lewdinger Avenue (the second street off U.S. 19 and West Cardinal, near Walmart) and Barbara Ann Street (roughly one mile off West Cardinal). The trail will feature 30-40 Scare Stops sponsored by various clubs, organizations, groups, families and more. For a cost of \$20 per vehicle, attendees may drive through the forest, getting scared along the way. For more information, contact Michael Clemmer at mwclemmer@aol.com or 336-314-8451, or visit www.ffracitrus.org.

— From wire reports

Woman charged with aggravated manslaughter

JEFF BRYAN
Staff writer

A 36-year-old Merritt Island woman was arrested again Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, and charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child in the death of 3-month-old David Figueroa-Philip, according to a news release issued late Friday afternoon by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

Bond for Jessica Figueroa, who was still in custody at the Citrus County Detention Facility, was set at \$30,000. No bond was set for the initial charges in her Sept. 28, 2020, arrest.

According to the Chronicle on Oct. 6, 2020, Figueroa-Philip died to traumatic injuries resulting from child abuse. He was hospitalized Sept. 28, 2020, at Shands after deputies

responded to a call for service in Crystal River and found him with multiple bruises and swelling on his face and head.

Although breathing, the child was not alert or responsive. Figueroa later admitted to striking the infant numerous times throughout the prior weekend, causing the injuries doctors determined to be abusive in nature.

According to court records, Figueroa pled not guilty to the charges of aggravated child abuse and child neglect. In addition, she waived her right to present at her pretrial conference, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, with Judge Richard "Ric" Howard. Court records do not show when she will make an appearance for



Jessica Figueroa

Figueroa's newest charge.

According to a preliminary medical exam report from UF Health Shands Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, the infant had "significant bruising to left ear, surrounding eyes, across the bridge nose, on cheeks and left side of face consistent with a strike from an open hand. CT scan shows subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhage in the brain as well as severe anoxic ischemic (lack of oxygen) changes. At the time of the report, the (infant) is currently unresponsive, in critical condition and on life support."

Child abuse can be reported by calling the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873.

Helping breast cancer survivors

Former Vegas showgirl helps women attain breast reconstruction surgery

AUGIE SALZER
For the Chronicle

A new charitable organization designed to help breast cancer survivors is coming to Dunnellon to help those in need.

Alisa Savoretti is a breast cancer survivor and founder of "My Hope Chest," a nonprofit charity to help underinsured women with the reconstruction of their breasts after a mastectomy.

Savoretti survived breast cancer in 2001, then working as a showgirl in Las Vegas.

She grew up in Florida and has danced since she was 4 years old. She was trained to be a classical dancer. When she was older, she went to Europe and danced for a few years before moving to Las Vegas in 1984.

"I left Europe and went to Vegas to audition and, in two months, I got a job," she said. "I have done three tours of Vegas in the '80s, '90s and 2000s. I retired three or four times with a five-year hiatus trying to work on a business, and the last time was because of the cancer."

She didn't have insurance at the time she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"It was just five months after chemo that I returned to dancing, just minus one breast," she remembered. "I stuffed my bra with tissues and billed myself as the 'Lopsided Showgirl' and just went on with my life. The bills didn't go away because I got cancer."

She had to perform two shows a night, six days a week, just to pay the bills.

She went to local and national charities looking for help for breast reconstruction surgery as an uninsured woman.

"I went to Moffitt (Cancer Center), American Cancer Society and others looking for funding for uninsured women," she said, "for me to restore my breast as a young single woman. I had a mastectomy to save my life, but lacked the money to get restored in body, mind and spirit. Losing a breast changes your life — getting it back is life changing."

In time, she was offered a job at the Riviera casino and



Special to the Chronicle

Alisa Savoretti, left, with Brenda, before breast reconstruction surgery. Brenda is one of the breast cancer survivors Savoretti's My Hope Chest charity helped get breast reconstruction surgery.

finally had health insurance that would cover the reconstruction, but had to wait three years to acquire her own reconstruction.

Reconstruction surgery is a series of three surgeries that takes up to a year to complete. The procedure can cost anywhere from \$13,500 to \$50,000, depending on the insurance, the deductibles and copay.

"I realized how my own self-esteem, confidence and self-worth as a woman returned when I could look in the mirror and see my whole 'physical' being once again," Savoretti said. "It was my healing, a restoration in body, mind and spirit."

After she survived breast cancer and finally completed the restoration of her breast, she was motivated to start My Hope Chest in 2003.

"I know that I am not the only woman in this situation," Savoretti said. "I believe the charity is my calling to help breast cancer survivors find closure."

Everyone talks about how 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, she said, and it happens every

October. There needs to be a focus on the 226,000 survivors and what percentage of those are unable to get reconstruction if they want it, according to Savoretti.

"I don't believe in breast cancer awareness because it's a marketing word," Savoretti said. "Wearing pink is marketing and exploiting the disease. Corporate America partners with cancer charities as a marketing campaign for October."

"This is the other side that people don't think about. My Hope Chest is on the backside of the disease. We pick up where other breast cancer charities leave off."

In 2009, Savoretti moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, to care for her mother until her passing on July 31, 2020. Now, Savoretti is in the process of moving to Dunnellon and bringing her charity with her. She has been visiting the area at least once a year and renting a place on the Withlacoochee River.

She's already helped more than 50 women rebuild their bodies and self-esteem. Her charity is believed to be the

only one of its kind in the country and has a waiting list of more than 100 cancer survivors hoping to transform their lives.

"My nonprofit depends on surgeons who volunteer their talent and time," Savoretti explains. "It can take anywhere from several months to a year for the women to get help, but we are trying to get more doctors on board across the country."

She believes that until there is a cure for the disease, My Hope Chest's services will always be needed. Her long-term vision for this charity is to eliminate its waitlist and quickly help survivors in every city in America.

"Breast reconstruction should be part of the treatment. The final step," Savoretti said. "Every woman deserves to be restored in mind, body and spirit."

For more information on My Hope Chest, visit www.myhopechest.org.

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Campaign TRAIL

Editor's note: The Campaign Trail lists where to find candidates, from fundraisers to speaking engagements. With much of that on hiatus for the time being, the Chronicle asked candidates to provide website or Facebook information so that voters can keep up with them. We'll continue to provide events as well. Send information about candidate events to Mike Wright, mwright@chronicleonline.com.

■ Lee Alexander, no-party affiliation for sheriff, will have a meet-and-greet from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday,

Oct. 17, at Howard's Flea Market. Information: www.leealexanderforsheriff.com.

■ Mike Prendergast, Republican incumbent for sheriff: www.sheriffprendergast2020.com.

■ Dana Cotrell, Democrat for U.S. representative District 11: www.dana2020.com.

■ Daniel Webster, Republican incumbent for U.S. representative District 11: www.electwebster.com.

■ Dushyant Gosai, Democrat for state representative District 34: www.gosaiforflorida.com

■ Ralph Massullo, Republican incumbent for state representative District 34: www.ralphmassullo.com.

■ Cregg Dalton, Republican for property appraiser: www.votedalton.com.

■ Richard "Rick" Schroeder, no-party affiliation for property appraiser: Facebook/Vote for Rick Schroeder.

■ Ginger Bryant, nonpartisan incumbent for school board District 2: Facebook/Ginger Bryant Campaign.

■ Danielle Damato Doty, nonpartisan for school board District 2: www.votedoty.com.

■ Stephanie Adams, nonpartisan for Mosquito Control Board Seat 2: www.facebook.com/StephanieAdams4CCMCBSSeat2; email mrs.adams@gmail.com.

■ Theresa Foster West, nonpartisan for Mosquito Control Board Seat 2: Facebook — Theresa Foster West Mosquito Control Board Seat 2; email tfwest2@gmail.com.

■ Ken Brown, nonpartisan incumbent for Crystal River City Council Seat 1: www.brownforcrystalriver.com.

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — How you handle financial, contractual and medical issues will affect your quality of life. Make this a year of insight and prosperity.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Refuse to let your livelihood interfere with your personal life. Nurture your relationships with friends and family.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let an emotional situation fester. Strive to come up with a plan that will please everyone.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Go over important papers, review your financial situation and consider what you can do to make your life and home more comfortable.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Before you make a fuss or give someone the chance to complain, offer a solution that will help keep the peace and encourage cooperation.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll face uncertainty. Before you make a move, find out what's involved and consider what's doable.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be creative with your money. Helping others is admirable, but don't let anyone take advantage of you or talk you into making a donation you cannot afford.
Aries (March 21-April 19) — Think twice before you react to something. Mull over what's happened, and consider your motives and the part you played in what has transpired.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — An emotional incident will leave you questioning your domestic situation. Be willing to compromise.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Find out where you stand with someone who has been sending you mixed signals. Be direct, ask questions and consider what you can do to make amends.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Make changes at home that will add to its comfort and convenience and bring you closer to the people you love most.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Emotions will be difficult to control. Don't start a fight that you aren't likely to win. Keep the peace.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Spend more time expanding your mind and interests. Something out of the ordinary will encourage personal growth.

NATION & WORLD

Trump makes 1st public appearance since hospital stay

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday made his first public appearance after being hospitalized for the coronavirus, defying public health guidelines to speak to a crowd of hundreds even as the White House refused to declare that he was not contagious.

Trump took off a mask moments after he emerged on the White House balcony to address the crowd on the lawn below, his first step back onto the public stage with just more than three weeks to go until Election Day. He flouted, once more, the safety recommendations of his own government just days after acknowledging that he was on the brink of "bad things" from the virus and claiming that his bout with the illness brought him a better understanding of it.

And five days after Trump returned from Walter Reed Medical Center, his health remained a mystery as White House officials refused to reveal if he had tested negative or if he was still at risk of spreading the virus.

Delta adds insult to injury in hurricane-ravaged Louisiana

LAKE CHARLES, La. — The day after Hurricane Delta blew through besieged southern Louisiana, residents started the routine again: dodging overturned cars, trudging through knee-deep water to flooded homes with ruined floors and no power, and pledging to rebuild after the storm.

Delta made landfall Friday evening near the coastal Louisiana town of Creole with top winds of 100 mph. It then moved



Associated Press

President Donald Trump removes his face mask to speak from the Blue Room Balcony of the White House to a crowd of supporters, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, in Washington.

over Lake Charles, a city where Hurricane Laura damaged nearly every home and building in late August. No deaths had been reported as of Saturday afternoon, but officials said people were not out of danger.

While Delta was a weaker storm than Category 4 Laura, it brought significantly more flooding, Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter said. He estimated that hundreds of already battered homes across the city took on water. The recovery from the double impact will be long, the mayor said.

"Add Laura and Delta together and it's just absolutely unprecedented and catastrophic," Hunter said. "We are very concerned that with everything going in the country right now that this incident may not be on the radar nationally like it should be."

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said no fatalities had been reported as of Saturday, but a hurricane's wake can be treacherous. Only seven of the 32 deaths in Louisiana and Texas attributed to Laura came the day that hurricane struck.

Europe unprepared as second virus wave hits

ROME — Europe's second wave of coronavirus infections has struck well before flu season even started, with intensive care wards filling up again and bars shutting down. Making matters worse, authorities say, is a widespread case of "COVID-fatigue."

Record high daily infections in several eastern European countries and sharp rebounds in the hard-hit west have made clear that Europe never really crushed the COVID-19 curve.

Spain declared a state of emergency for Madrid amid increasing tensions between local and national authorities over virus containment measures.

Germany offered up soldiers to help with contact tracing in newly flaring hotspots. Italy mandated masks outdoors and warned that for the first time since the country became the European epicenter of the pandemic, the health system was facing "significant critical issues" as hospitals fill up.

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Oct. 11, the 285th day of 2020. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Oct. 11, 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas re-appeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

On this date:

In 1809, just over three years after the famous Lewis and Clark expedition ended, Meriwether Lewis was found dead in a Tennessee inn, an apparent suicide; he was 35.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard.

In 1983, the last full-fledged hand-cranked telephone system in the United States went out of service as 440 telephone customers in Bryant Pond, Maine, were switched over to direct-dial service.

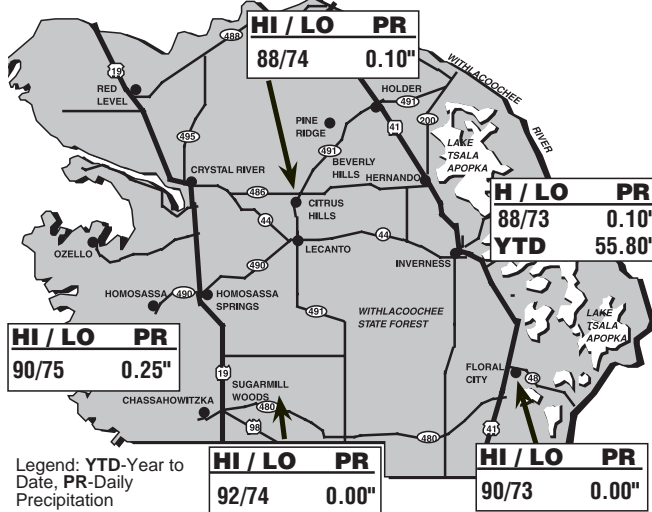
Ten years ago: Rescuers in Chile finished reinforcing a hole drilled to bring 33 trapped miners to safety and sent a rescue capsule nearly all the way to where the men were trapped, proving the escape route worked.

Five years ago: In an interview that aired on CBS "60 Minutes," President Barack Obama said that Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server to conduct government business when she served as secretary of state was a mistake but didn't endanger national security.

One year ago: Fox news anchor Shepard Smith, who had angered many of the network's conservative viewers by frequently giving tough reports debunking statements made by Trump and his supporters, abruptly quit after signing off his final newscast.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Matt Bomer is 43. Rapper Cardi B is 28.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING

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TEMPERATURE
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NORMAL
MEAN TEMP.
DEPARTURE FROM MEAN
PRECIPITATION
UV INDEX:
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

SOLAR TABLES
DATE DAY
MINOR MAJOR (MORNING)
MINOR MAJOR (AFTERNOON)

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK
SUNSET TONIGHT
MOONRISE TOMORROW
MOONRISE TODAY
MOONSET TODAY

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

WATERING RULES
For established lawns and landscapes, irrigation may occur during only one (1) of the specified time periods...

TIDES
*From mouths of rivers
**At King's Bay
***At Mason's Creek

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy; fg-fog; hz-haze; mc-mostly cloudy; pc-partly cloudy; ra-rain; rs-rain; sm-sunny; sh-showers; sn-snow; ss-snow showers; t-thunderstorms

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast, City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for various Florida cities like Daytona Bch, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, etc.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: West winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Scattered thunderstorms.

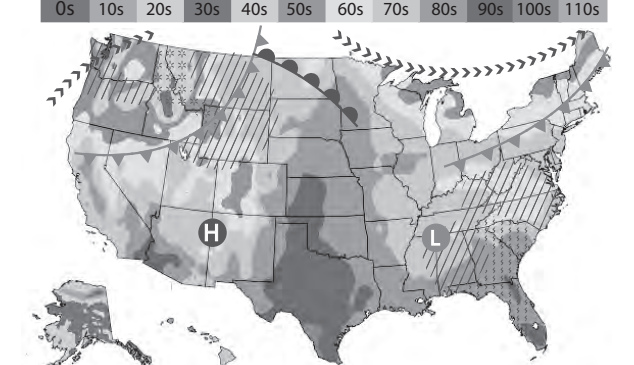
Gulf water temperature 84° Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, SAT, FRI, Full. Lists lake levels for Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, etc.

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday. Table with columns: City, H, L, Pcp., H, L, Fcst, City, H, L, Pcp., H, L, Fcst. Lists forecasts for various cities like Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 103, Rio Grande City, Texas
LOW 15, Bondurant, Wyo.

WORLD CITIES

Table with columns: City, H/L/Sky, City, H/L/Sky. Lists weather for cities like Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mexico City, etc.

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Lorraine Noegel, 91

INVERNESS

Lorraine Mae Noegel of Inverness, FL passed away while under the care of her loving family and Vitas Hospice in Lecanto on October 1, 2020 at the age of 91. Lorraine was born in Walnut Bottom, PA on October 21, 1928 to the late Wilbur and Velva (Gipe) Thrush. She was married to her husband Wallace Noegel for 60 years until his passing on November 4, 2013. Lorraine and Wallace made Citrus County their home in 1977 after relocating from Tampa, FL and worked as a beautician for many years.



Lorraine Noegel

Lorraine became a member of the Fort Cooper Baptist Church in 1978 and worked as the church secretary for a time. She was a hat collector and wore a hat every day. She loved to read, garden, and was a member of the Tampa Garden Club. Lorraine enjoyed going to the beach and collecting shells, as well as sewing and crocheting. She was a talented floral designer and enjoyed painting. All in all she was a very creative lady.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons: Glenn Noegel and his wife Sandra of Hernando, Reece Noegel and his wife Holly of Citrus Springs; her brother Wilbur J. Thrush and his wife Grace of Floral City; and 3 grandchildren: David, Kurt and Kassi. In addition to her husband, Wallace, she is preceded in death by her nephew Daniel Thrush and her daughter, Dana Welton.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for

Lorraine will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM from the Ft. Cooper Baptist Church in Inverness, with Pastor Marne Palmani, officiating. Lorraine's urn will be laid to rest with Wallace at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at a later date. Cremation with care is under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness. In lieu of flowers, memorials requested to Ft. Cooper Baptist Church. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Dorothy (Ferruzza) Coulon, 89

Dorothy Rose Ferruzza Coulon, age 89, passed away Friday, August 28, 2020. Dorothy (Dot) was born on November 4, 1930, to the late Luigi and Agnes Ferruzza in Chicago, Ill. Her parents emigrated to the U.S. from Bompietro, Sicily, and resided in Chicago. Dot was the oldest of four siblings. Growing up during the Great Depression and with both parents working at a candy factory, Dot became the child-parent taking care of her younger siblings. That's when she began to develop one of her many loves — her love of cooking.



Dorothy (Ferruzza) Coulon

After high school, she entered the workforce as a legal secretary, taking the train into downtown Chicago on a daily basis. She met Jim Coulon, and the couple was married on May 17, 1958. They bought their first home in Park Ridge, Ill. Dot loved children and so badly wanted to start a family with Jim. Although she was unable to bear her own children, she had so much motherly love to share — she and Jim adopted son Tim in 1965, and three years later, adopted daughter Patti,

both infants at the time. Adopting Tim and Patti was a huge blessing to Dot, and each and every day she raised both children as her very own.

In 1972, Jim and Dot moved to Carmel, Ind., where they started two businesses, The Carmel Ice Skadium and The Bookworm of Carmel.

The hard-working and intelligent woman she was, Dot always went above and beyond to help in all aspects of running both businesses. But that doesn't mean she and Jim didn't have some fun — they were both fabulous ballroom dancers and made sure to cut a rug every chance they got.

Dot was also passionately involved in the Brookshire Neighborhood Gourmet Club, where she continued to hone her culinary skills with some of the best neighbors and friends, who became like family. And instead of just following others' recipes, Dot often created her own and shared those recipes in a variety of cookbooks.

A Catholic with a heart of gold, she was a member of the Women's Club at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, where the family attended, as well as numerous other church clubs. Nicknamed "the energizer bunny," Dot was tireless in her efforts to outreach, cook and care for everyone she met. She was a selfless woman who touched many lives with her love and compassion, and she somehow always found the time to cook special dishes or make her famous brownies to give to those in need.

The years spent living in Carmel were some of the most memorable of her life — where she made some of the best friendships and developed relationships with those who became closest to her. But her most favorite times were those spent with her family — the quiet evenings reading the paper and the late nights talking with her kids about life. She made sure Tim and Patti always had everything they needed to grow

up in a wonderful home, oftentimes sacrificing so much of herself to be that constant place of love and support for her family. And she wouldn't have changed a thing. She always put others before herself and loved every minute of it.

After retirement in 1994, Dot and Jim left Carmel for Hernando, Fla., where they designed and built their dream home on a Florida golf course.

They were founding members and building committee members for St. Scholastica Catholic Church — helping to establish, name and develop the first Catholic church in the area.

As always, Dot was the humble wife of a Marine, living a life of service and offering her gentle kindness and generosity to all she met. She was an avid bridge and mahjong player and enjoyed hosting many church and social gatherings of all kinds. She was well-known for her Italian lasagna and

intricate pasta dishes, all of which are secret family recipes!

A grandmother to five, Dot cherished spending time with the kids, attending every event she could, and of course, having them help her in the kitchen.

After 54 years of marriage, Jim passed away in July 2012. In 2015, Dot returned to Indiana and moved into Hamilton Trace senior living community in Fishers, Ind. She continued to be a beacon of grace and empathy, as she got involved in numerous community activities and helped other residents any way she could, always sacrificing her own time to make time for others.

Dot is survived by her son, Timothy (Jennifer) Coulon; daughter, Patricia Coulon; sisters, Jenny (Phil) Miceli; Rosemarie (late Robert) Traxler; and grandchildren, Joshua Coulon, Brittany Rohrig, Marlee Rohrig, Frank Rohrig III and Domiana Rohrig. She was preceded

in death by her husband, James Coulon, and her brother, Joseph Ferruzza.

A Mass and prayers will be offered for Dot, Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Scholastica Catholic Church, 4301 W. Homasassa Trail, Lecanto, FL, 34461, with her urn and family present.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the church.

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Jeremiah 3:15
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Thank you Pastor Sutton for being our Shepherd; for being the kind and gentle man of God watching over your flock.

Your Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Congregation

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Pastor Joanie Holden is a devoted spiritual leader, teacher and friend who gives her love and support to our St. Timothy Lutheran Church family. Her concern and care for our congregation and community are extraordinary. Thank you, Pastor Joanie and Randy, for your endless dedication to the mission and ministry at St. Timothy.

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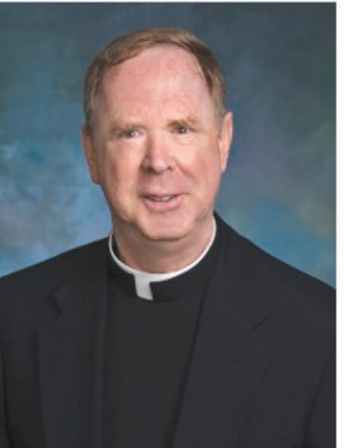
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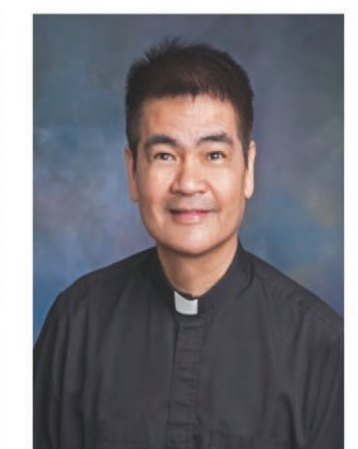
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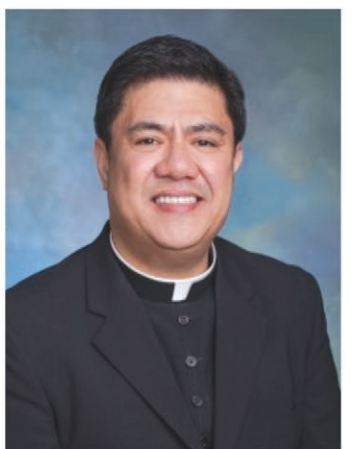


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MABEL

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She was from the era when a woman's role in the family was to support her husband, from keeping the house and raising the children to doing whatever she could to help her husband in his career.

As a pastor's wife, Mabel accompanied her husband as he visited church members at their homes and typed his weekly sermons as well as the church bulletins.

"When she married Daddy, her responsibility was to be his 'helpmeet,'" said daughter Lydia Jones. "Mama's main role was to be with Daddy — they were a team."

Mabel and her late husband, Tommy, who died in 1984, were both born and raised in small towns in Mississippi.

After they married, Tommy pastored several churches in Mississippi before they went to Milton,

Florida. From there, the growing Channell family — there would be five children in all — came to Inverness in 1957 where Tommy served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Inverness until 1965.

"We lived on Osceola Avenue, and we had that 'Leave it to Beaver' lifestyle," Tim Channell said. "We had milk and cookies when we came home from school — sometimes we'd have RC Cola ... she was born to be a mother."

"Mama was unassuming in so many ways, because Daddy was such a strong personality," Lydia Jones said. "But there were a myriad of things Mama taught us. She taught us to cook and sew and all types of domestic things. My husband says I make the best gravy, and I tell him he can thank his mother-in-law for that."

Another daughter, Sarah Blackwell, remembered learning how to iron a man's shirt so it comes out crisp.

"On Saturday's, we'd

help iron Daddy's shirts for church on Sunday," she said. "After they were washed and dried, we'd spray them with starch, roll them up and put them in the freezer. Then you take one out and iron it and it would be as crisp as it could be."

After seven years in Inverness, the family moved to Fort Myers for six years where Tommy pastored a church and Mabel, in addition to her role as pastor's wife and mother of five children, worked part-time in the evenings at a Maas Brothers department store, upstairs in the "pots and pans" department in her high-heeled shoes, Tim Channell recalled.

"After that, we moved to Mississippi, but only for about two years," Channell said. "We moved back here to Inverness in 1973, without my dad having a church."

While Tommy Channell served as an interim pastor, Mabel took a job with Citrus Title Company as

Dick Kaufman's secretary. Later, she went to work for the Citrus County school board as a secretary.

"They had built a house on (State Road) 44 east, just before the bridge, which my parents rented out," Tim Channell said. "When we moved back, I remember my mom being so upset because she had to ask the people living there to move out — we needed to live there."

"She was kind and loving," daughter Sarah said. "I went to elementary school in Inverness ... and we were going on a field trip one day, and we had to go through Hernando. Mama was substituting at the Hernando school that day, and as the bus passed the school, Mama was in the front where the kids were playing basketball."

"I was so proud to say, 'There's my mama!' I went on to be a teacher, get a doctorate and teach at a university, and I often think about what an impression she made on me," she said.

"She was a wonderful, wonderful mother."

When Tim Channell first opened Stumpknockers on the River in 1988, it wasn't uncommon to find Mabel washing dishes by hand in the restaurant kitchen's big three-compartment sink when Channell couldn't afford to pay a dishwasher.

After her husband died, Mabel "still had the Lord's work to do," Tim Channell said. That's when she surprised everyone and went to Seoul, Korea, and then Hong Kong as a Christian missionary for about five years.

When she returned to Inverness, she returned to making pies, helping her children, doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, working occasionally as a hostess at Stumpknockers on the Square — even riding a John Deere lawnmower when she was 85.

At Mabel's memorial service in Mississippi, attended by just her family,



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Longtime Inverness resident Mabel Channell died Sept. 18, 2020, at age 95.

her son-in-law Dan Jones said of all those gathered: "We're all so different — in our ways of thinking, our jobs, politics, even our religious beliefs. Yet, even if she (Mabel) disagreed, it didn't faze her. She loved us all unconditionally, without judging."

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Mabel Channell was "born to be a pastor's wife and a mother," said her son-in-law, Dan Jones. She and her husband, Tommy Channell, were a team. Channell, who died in 1984, was pastor of First Baptist Church in Inverness from 1957 to 1965. Mabel Channell died Sept. 18, 2020 at age 95.

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Two big stone-crabbing regs to be aware of: a shorter season by two weeks, from May 15 to May 2; and an eighth-of-an-inch increase to the minimum claw-harvesting size, to two and seventh-eighths inches.

Stone crab claws are removed before the crabs are returned to the water.

"We also encourage anyone new to the fishery to learn about the best ways to remove stone crab claws," Nalley said, "so that the stone crab has the best chance of survival after being released."

Other rules FWC approved: a limit of whole-crab possession to two checkered boxes, or a volume of 24 cubic feet; and requiring escape rings on all traps by the 2023-24 season.

Violating these second-degree misdemeanors for the first time could lead to a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 60 days in jail.

For information about stone crab harvesting, visit tinyurl.com/y6au4mo9 for recreational rules; tinyurl.com/y2x7zc2v for commercial.

These modifications, FWC fishery experts claim, will help reduce harvesting rates, increase survival of undersized crabs and protecting egg-bearing females.

FWC marine biologists will reassess stone crab populations three years from now.

Kofmehl, whose family has crabbled out of King's Bay since 1968, said he and other local crabbers asked FWC in its public workshops to hold off on enacting new rules until after COVID-19 dies down.

If new laws did have to be enforced, Kofmehl added, don't make them uniform statewide.

For example, as FWC does with scallop seasons, create regulations specific to areas facing different issues and crab populations.

Kofmehl said FWC's new rules would work saving crab populations near South Florida — where pollutants, Red Tide and overfishing are abundant — but not in waters off Citrus County.

"If they're having troubles," he said, "then let them deal with their problems."

Stiglitz, who was a commercial lobsterman in Key West for 23 years before starting his crabbing operations a year ago in local waters, said the 2019-20 season wasn't good.

"Fishermen are gamblers," he said about crabbers trying to capitalize on

an up-and-down product.

Stiglitz said he's hopeful of the upcoming stone crab season.

"We'll see how it ends up; I'm always optimistic," he said. "If I'd have thought it was going to be bad one, I wouldn't even put traps out."

Stiglitz said he's OK with a shorter season so future crab generations can flourish, but losing more product because of a longer claw-size minimum is going to be hard on his bottom line.

"We're definitely going to be down with some money, but we're going to stay positive," he said.

"When you fish, it's just what you do."

If there were fewer traps in the water, Stiglitz said, there wouldn't be a need for more fishing laws.

Due to the higher claw size limits, Kofmehl said he expects to lose between 15-20% of his traditional springtime crab catch since smaller stone crabs venture out more in warmer waters.

Josh Smith, owner of the Wild Fish Company out of Homosassa, said "nobody seems happy with the rules."

"I don't think they're anything to put you out of business, necessarily,"

he added.

Smith said the bigger question is: how is COVID-19 going to hit the crabbing industry with its crippling impacts to seafood eateries?

"Most of our product goes to restaurants so that's a big worry," said Smith, who's been crabbing locally for eight years. "We're kind of fortunate Florida has opened up their restaurants more."

"That could change," Kofmehl noted.

Smith supplies Shelly's Seafood & Fish Market, his family's business in Homosassa.

Co-owner Shelly Smith, Josh Smith's mother, said it's unclear how the new rules will affect her family's stone crabbing ventures of 37 years, but added the claw limits will keep common, medium-sized crabs from

being harvested.

She said last year's season was scarce of crabs, and credits that to a horrendous Red Tide event from the year before in southern Florida.

"This is how they want to try and make a difference before we have a real problem," Shelly Smith about FWC's precautionary regulations. "It remains to be seen, but we're definitely going to feel it."

In the meantime, Shelly Smith said, communities can support their area's seafood industry by buying local.

"It would really help," she said. "It's good for everyone."

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CR man faces child pornography charges

JEFF BRYAN
Staff writer

Citrus County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested and charged 57-year-old Wayne Adams of Crystal River on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, with 13 counts of possession of child pornography, according to a release issued Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, via the agency's social media account.

Acting on information received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), the agency's High Tech Crimes Unit was able to locate images of child pornography in electronic storage belonging to Adams. Further investigation revealed the images had been uploaded from Adams' residence in Crystal River.

Based on information developed during the course of the investigation, a search warrant was executed at Adams' residence by the sheriff's office.

Multiple items were seized as a result of the search and will be examined in an attempt to locate

additional evidence.

While the search warrant was being executed, detectives interviewed Adams, which Adams confirmed he utilized the internet to search for, download, and view images of child pornography, the release stated. As a result of Adams' admission and the evidence collected during this investigation, he was arrested and transported to the Citrus County Jail. Adams' bond was set at \$65,000.

As this investigation continues, additional charges for Adams may arise as further digital evidence is discovered, according to the release. The CCSO will also continue to work with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in an attempt to identify any victims depicted in the images possessed by Adams.

If you are a victim or know of a victim that could be related to this case, call the sheriff's office at 352-726-1121 and ask for the Criminal Investigations Division to make a report.



JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

Citrus County Sheriff's Office personal set up a command center Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at McFarlin's Feed & Supply, 1703 N. Florida Ave., Hernando, as authorities were involved in a standoff with an armed defendant for three-plus hours.

STANDOFF

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The identity of the deceased individual and the circumstances surrounding their death are not

available at this time.

During the standoff, deputies evacuated neighboring residences. The area in which the standoff occurred remained closed to residents attempting to return home as detectives continued their investigation.

The incident forced the sheriff's office to close down a portion of U.S. 41 in Hernando.

The road was reopened around 8 p.m.

The Chronicle will update the story as new information becomes available.

VOTE

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Early Vote sites are located at the Inverness Hall, Central Ridge and Homosassa libraries and the Crystal River Elections Office at Meadowrest.

There is a secure 24-hour drop box to the left of the front door of the Meadowrest Office for ballot drop off.

Ballots may be deposited in a secure drop box at the Inverness City Hall lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, from Oct. 5-16. Two Elections staff members will be there to ensure the security of the ballots.

Voters can track their ballot by accessing the

website www.votecitrus.com. Go to the tab Early Vote/Vote by Mail on the left. Fill in your name and other information requested. You will be able to see the status of your Vote-By-Mail ballot. If there is a problem with your ballot, e.g. you did not sign the certificate envelope or the signature is a mismatch, you will be directed to complete a Cure Affidavit and supply a copy of required identification to return to the Elections Office in order to have your ballot count. If there is no problem with your ballot the message will show Received and will change to Counted on the day after Election Day.

The last day to request a VBM ballot is 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

FFRA Halloween Haunted Drive-Through

Date: Fri Oct 30 & Sat Oct 31
Time: 7:00PM to 10:00PM
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White House virus aid offer panned by Pelosi, Senate GOP

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new White House coronavirus aid offer got bad reviews from both ends of the political spectrum on Saturday.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., rejected the most generous Trump administration plan to date as “one step forward, two steps back.” The Republicans who control the Senate dismissed it as too expensive and a political loser for conservatives.

Pelosi said she is still hopeful that progress can be made toward a deal but it's as clear as ever that GOP conservatives don't want a deal on her terms.

The White House had boosted its offer before Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Pelosi spoke on Friday afternoon. President Donald Trump is eager for an agreement before Election Day, even as his most powerful GOP ally in the Senate said Congress is unlikely to deliver relief by then.

“Covid Relief Negotiations are moving along. Go Big!” Trump said Friday on Twitter.

The new offer totals about \$1.8 trillion, aides familiar with it said, with a key state and local fiscal relief component moving from \$250 billion to at least \$300 billion. The White House says its most recent offer before that was about \$1.6 trillion. The aides were not authorized to publicly discuss private negotiations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pelosi's most recent public offer was about \$2.2 trillion, though that included a business tax increase that Republicans won't go for.

In a letter Saturday to colleagues, Pelosi said, “This proposal amounted to one step forward, two steps back. When the president talks about wanting a bigger relief package, his proposal appears to mean that he wants more money

at his discretion to grant or withhold.”

She said that while his administration attempted to address some of the Democratic concerns, disagreement remained on many priorities and

Democrats are “awaiting language” on several provisions.

“Despite these unaddressed concerns, I remain hopeful that yesterday's developments will move us closer to an agreement on a

relief package that addresses the health and economic crisis facing America's families,” Pelosi's letter said.

GOP Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell remains skeptical of the

chances for an agreement, having told an audience in Kentucky on Friday that he didn't see a deal coming together before Election Day.

“I think it's unlikely in the next three weeks,” McConnell said Friday. He said

later that “the first item of priority of the Senate is the Supreme Court,” suggesting there isn't time to process both a relief bill and the high court nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett before the Nov. 3 election.

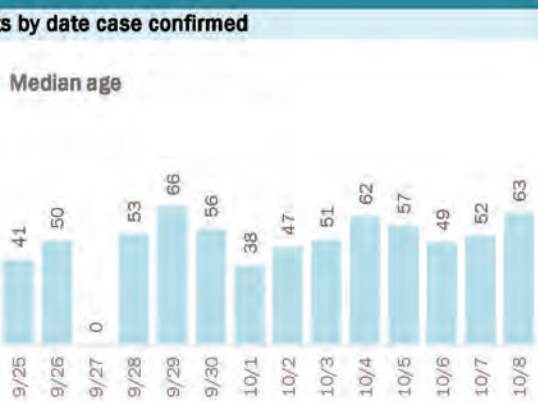
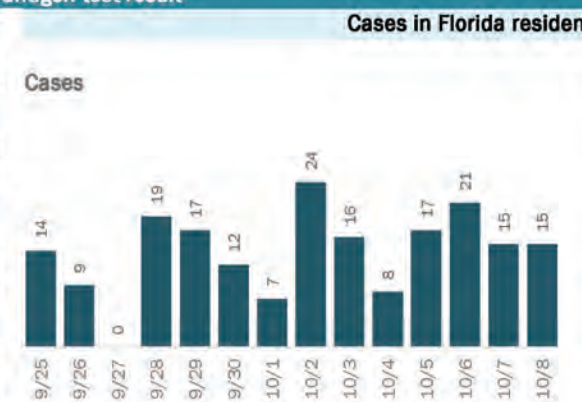
COVID-19: summary for Citrus County

Data through Oct 8, 2020 verified as of Oct 9, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

Total cases	2,914
Florida residents	2,903
Non-Florida residents	11
Type of case	
PCR positive	2,849
Antigen positive	54
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	1,272
Women	1,628
Unknown	3
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0-100
Median age	52



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
White	2,310 80%	254 84%	97 84%
Hispanic	88 3%	6 2%	1 1%
Non-Hispanic	2,102 72%	238 78%	90 78%
Unknown ethnicity	120 4%	10 3%	6 5%
Black	174 6%	17 6%	3 3%
Hispanic	5 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Non-Hispanic	164 6%	17 6%	3 3%
Unknown ethnicity	5 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Other	215 7%	20 7%	7 6%
Hispanic	40 1%	3 1%	1 1%
Non-Hispanic	161 6%	16 5%	4 3%
Unknown ethnicity	14 0%	1 0%	2 2%
Unknown race	204 7%	13 4%	8 7%
Hispanic	11 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Non-Hispanic	15 1%	0 0%	0 0%
Unknown ethnicity	178 6%	13 4%	8 7%
Total	2,903	304	115

Outcomes for Florida residents

Citrus	
Hospitalizations	304 (10% of all cases)
Deaths	115 (4% of all cases)

Statewide	
Hospitalizations	45,675 ill cases
Deaths	15,186 (2% of all cases)

Cases in facility staff/residents

Citrus	
Long-term care	528 ill cases
Correctional	61 ill cases

Statewide	
Long-term care	48,187 (7% of all cases)
Correctional	23,386 (3% of all cases)

Age group	All cases	New cases (10/08)	Hospitalizations	Deaths
0-4 years	34 1%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
5-14 years	105 4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
15-24 years	375 13%	1 7%	4 1%	0 0%
25-34 years	335 12%	1 7%	11 4%	2 2%
35-44 years	316 11%	1 7%	14 5%	0 0%
45-54 years	428 15%	2 13%	30 10%	3 3%
55-64 years	493 17%	3 20%	41 13%	11 10%
65-74 years	382 13%	3 20%	69 23%	24 21%
75-84 years	281 10%	3 20%	86 28%	44 38%
85+ years	153 5%	1 7%	49 16%	31 27%
Unknown	1 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Total	2,903	15	304	115

Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized. Other race includes any person with a race of American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.

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VETERANS NOTES

Veterans Notes are only for special events that are open to the public. To find out about regularly scheduled post activities that welcome the public during the week, including entertainment and menus, call the post. For information about post members-only activities, call the individual posts for a schedule. Call the individual posts regarding meeting times and dates. Contributed notices must be submitted by Wednesday afternoon before publication the following Sunday.

NEW THIS WEEK

American Legion breakfast assists local veterans

The Crystal River American Legion Post 155 will host a breakfast, open to the public, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, for an \$8 donation.

The proceeds from these meals support the Legion programs, veterans and community. All are welcome. Information: 352-795-6526.

Vietnam veteran to speak at MOAA-sponsored event

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter welcomes veterans and the public to attend a Thursday, Nov. 12, speaker event at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 155 located at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

The featured speaker is Army combat medic and Silver Star recipient Frank Jolliff, author of "365 and a Wake-Up: My Year in Vietnam."

To provide a safe environment, masks will be required and seating will be arranged to meet social distancing requirements. Registration is required to plan seating. Register at the chapter's website at "Upcoming Events" section at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3dxytw2>. Click on the "November MOAA Sponsored Speaker Event" link.

COMING UP

Quilt raffle benefits Female Veterans Network

Bid on a patriotic quilt donated by the family of Florence McCann, a WWII Navy veteran and member of the Female Veterans Network (FVN), in honor of her service.

The drawing will be held at the unveiling of the FVN monument, which will be located at the Citrus County Courthouse in downtown Inverness. You do not need to be present for the drawing.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Female Veterans Network.

The quilt will be displayed at The Healing Place, 1200 NE Fifth St. Ste. B, Crystal River, until Oct. 17.

Flea market set at VFW Post 4252

Members of VFW 4252 are planning a flea market beginning at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (U.S. 200), Hernando.

Proceeds go to veterans and family support. Breakfast food will be available. Table rental is \$10 inside for \$5 outside (bring your own table). Table set-up begins after 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Call 352-726-3339 to reserve a space.

Military Card Party benefits Fort McCoy veterans

VFW Post 4252 will host a Military Card Party from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (U.S. 200), Hernando.

The event will feature card games, a silent auction and lunch. Cost is \$12 and proceeds benefit the Veterans Villages of Fort McCoy.

For information, contact Doris Ricard at dricard1@tampabay.rr.com or 352-419-551.

Military Tribute Bikes on display for Veterans Day

The custom made Navy Tribute Bike designed by Justin Krumholtz will be on display to honor and remember veterans on Veterans Day Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Plaza Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram, at 2077 State Road 44 West, Inverness.

The Army Tribute Bike will be on display at Trikes by Design, 3238 S. Florida Ave., Inverness, and the Air Force Tribute Bike will be on display at Trick Concepts in Inverness by the Inverness Airport the week of Nov. 11.

Donate to Wreaths Across America

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 would like assistance in donating 500 wreaths to put on the graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 19, 2020.

The wreaths help to thank those who have served. Please help us reach or exceed our goal of 500 wreaths this year to honor our veterans.

If there is still a problem with COVID-19 at that time, the wreaths will be placed in December 2021.

To donate a wreath, visit wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P, click on Sponsor a Wreath. Group ID No. FL0227P, the cemetery is FL-NCBU. Online, you can request site specific to be honored. Cost is \$15 per wreath.

For more information or assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

Honoring the 'Greatest Generation'

Veterans Appreciation Week Activities slated Nov. 4-11

Special to the Chronicle

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an abbreviated schedule of activities will be conducted during Citrus County's 28th annual Veterans Appreciation Week, Nov. 4-11, 2020. This year's theme, "Citrus

County honors the 75th Anniversary of Iwo Jima, Midway and D-Day, The Greatest Generation" pays tribute to the men and women who served in uniform during World War II.

Participants and attendees are requested to follow the COVID-19 protocol of

social distancing and wearing of face masks. The Massing of the Colors Ceremony will check temperatures upon entry, abide by social distance seating, and require wearing of face masks until seated at proper social distance.

Scheduled Veterans

Appreciation Week Activities are as follows:

■ **Veterans Flea Market:** Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stokes Flea Market, 5220 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Veterans service organizations may call Sharon or Tony at 745-7200 no later than two Wednesdays prior to Nov. 4

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Auxiliary, Post members donate to The Mission



Special to the Chronicle

Recently, VFW 8189 Post and Auxiliary visited The Mission in Citrus to deliver needed supplies. The Mission in Citrus is a nonprofit that helps homeless veterans and their families. The Post and Auxiliary gathered supplies throughout the months of July and August until they had a truck full of items to deliver. Twelve cases of canned food, clothing and household items were donated. Pictured, from left, are: Auxiliary Jr. Vice Brenda Williams, Auxiliary Secretary Renee Tennant, Auxiliary Trustee Gail Youngs, Auxiliary Youth and Scholarship Chairman Joel Steele, Auxiliary Hospital Chairperson Nona Pessnell, Auxiliary President Roger Ingall, Auxiliary member Andrea Swiggum, Auxiliary Treasurer Juliene Crowe and VFW Cmdr. Jim Fuller. The Mission has been helping the homeless since 2008. For more information, visit missionincitrus.com. The Auxiliary is always looking for new members. If you are interested, visit vfwauxiliary.org to see if you are eligible to join.

Veteran, woodworker makes donation to Post 155



Special to the Chronicle

Recently, veteran Richard Metzger presented the American Legion Post 155 of Crystal River with a generous check donation on behalf of his longtime friend and fallen comrade Thomas "Tom" McLaughlin. In addition to this donation, Metzger presented the Post Cmdr. Douglas M. Hockenberry a hand-carved walking stick, adorned with the United States Army emblem. Metzger has a passion for crafting personalized walking sticks for Veterans and has also previously donated more than 25 walking sticks to the American Legion Post 155. These walking sticks help give those that receive them the ability to have mobility with peace of mind. He has crafted more than 100 walking sticks since he has started this journey of assisting others with the gift of mobility. Pictured from left, are: Richard Metzger and Douglas Hockenberry.

■ Submit photos and captions of successful community events to community@chronicleonline.com.

Clerk offers free passport photos for vets, service members

Promotion set in November

Special to the Chronicle

In celebration of November's Veteran's Appreciation Month, the Citrus County Clerk's office will honor service men and women by offering free passport photos to all veterans and active military personnel.

During the month of November, visit the Clerk Annex, 120 N. Montgomery Avenue, Inverness, or the Meadowcrest location at the West Citrus Government Center, 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. in Crystal River. To participate, present one of the following forms of military identification:

- Military ID
- Veterans ID
- DD-214

While you can still apply in person for a U.S. passport and renew through the mail, the Department of State's application processing, receipt of your

passport, and return of citizenship evidence documents is significantly delayed beyond the normal turnaround time of six to eight weeks for routine service. Expedited passports remain suspended by the Department of State. For the latest updates on passports and passport service operations, visit the US Department of State website at travel.state.gov.

Scheduling appointments for passport services with our office are available on our website www.citrusclerk.org, or by calling us directly at 352-341-6424, option 2. A deputy clerk will contact you prior to your appointment to review the application process, including required citizenship documentation and the forms to complete on line before coming into our office. Photos will be taken, while maintaining physical distancing (6-10 feet) as required by the CDC. If your family has more than five members, additional considerations will have to be made in scheduling appointments to comply with CDC regulations.

Veterans GROUPS

This listing contains only basic information regarding each group. For more information about scheduled activities, meetings, meals and more for a specific post or group, call or email the contact listed. Posts and groups may email changes or corrections to community@chronicleonline.com.

American Legion

■ Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526, email blantonthompsonPost155@gmail.com, or visit www.flPost155.org.

● American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 155. Call 352-795-6526.

● American Legion Riders Post 155, 6 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly the auxiliary room of the post. Call Roger Boucher at 352-794-0352.

■ American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-4453, or email

swstruckman@comcast.net.

■ American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Visit www.Post237.org or call 352-897-4776.

■ Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary

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

■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

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

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

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Sunday Evening October 11, 2020. Includes programs like 'WESH NBC', 'WEDU PBS', 'WUFT PBS', etc.

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Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I come from a large family. Our mother died at a young age (39), and there were seven children at that time. Years later, our father married a woman with three children. One of our sisters lived with our mother's parents until their deaths.



DEAR ANNIE

Eventually, our father and stepmother had a child. The child living with our grandparents was apparently jealous of our stepmother and has shown it every step of the way. We all got along accept for her.

After our father died, two stepbrothers learned that they were only half brothers and had different fathers. Our stepmother had it rough with her first husband. He was mentally abusive to her, and she searched for support from others. Our stepmother forgot about the possibility of someone else being her son's biological father, especially since the oldest one looks like his father.

Since this information came out, my sister-in-law and sister have been putting down our stepmom. They call her all kinds of names and none of them speaks to her.

Apparently, they don't consider the fact that she married a man with seven children, with three of her own, and

another on top of that. Two of our father's kids were ill and have since died. This woman went through a lot in her life. Why can't they just move on from there instead of being so disrespectful? — Sad Life in PA

Dear Sad: You sound like a person who has perspective, someone able to see life not just in black and white but in shades of gray, which it is. People are rarely all good or all bad, but judgments are formed by us viewing them that way. It sounds like your sister-in-law and sister, by putting on their judge's robes and saying hurtful things about your stepmom, are stuck in this "all bad" type of thinking.

Your compassionate approach of seeing her as a woman who went through a lot in her life and who made some mistakes, as we all do, is very healthy. This same attitude also goes for judging your sister and sister-in-law. By bringing compassion to your conversations with them, they, too, might find some in their hearts for your stepmom. Simply share that you don't feel right saying mean things about your stepmom, given all that she went through in her life.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Today's MOVIES

LOCAL THEATER INFORMATION

Regal Cinema on State Road 44 in Inverness and Regal Cinema in Crystal River are closed until further notice. For more information about shows, visit www.fandango.com. Fandango also provides some movie trailers, movie news, photographs and

editorial features. VALERIE THEATRE CULTURAL CENTER NOTE THAT COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850 "El Dorado" (NR) Oct. 11, 3 p.m. "The King's Speech" (R) Oct. 18, 3 p.m. "Psycho" (R) Oct. 23, 7 p.m. "Rosemary's Baby" (R) Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

Sunday PUZZLER

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91 Toward shelter
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- 96 Worked at
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- Sons of the American Legion meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly.
- Legion meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call Commander Andy Connolet at 352-341-0394.
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- The Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- The Legion Riders meet the fourth Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225, 6535 S. Withlapopka Drive, Floral City.

Call 352-860-1629.

- Beverly Hills Memorial American Legion Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Call 352-897-4776, visit www.post237.org or email postamericanlegion237@gmail.com.
- Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 237 meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. John Roby.
- American Legion Riders, Chapter 237 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Director John Roby.
- American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 237 meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. President Elva Erb.
- American Legion Post regular meeting is at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. Ray Roby.

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- Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-4864.
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- Joe Nic Barco Memorial VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. Call 352-637-0100.
- Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Joe Acosta at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org.
- VFW Citrus Springs Post 4864 opens at noon each day. For information about menus, activities or membership, call 352-465-4864.
- VFW Post 7122 is at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, phone 352-637-0100 for daily activities and menus.
- VFW Post 10137 in Bushnell is 2 miles north of Florida National Cemetery on Sumter County Road 476-B, 352-793-8511. Post and auxiliary meetings are the third Thursday monthly: house committee 4 p.m., joint meeting 4:30, general meeting 5. Stop by and pick up a calendar with a complete list of all of our activities.

Other groups

- Citrus County Veterans Coalition meets at 10 a.m. the second Thursday monthly at the DAV building at 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, at the intersection of Independence and U.S. 41 north. Information regarding veterans assistance, the veterans food pantry and membership, call 352-400-8952. Visit www.ccvv.vet. Volunteers needed.

- Citrus County Female Veterans meet at 1:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center in Lecanto, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, 352-527-5900. Contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481 or Cynthia@femaleveteransnetwork.org, or Jo Monty at 352-527-6575. Visit www.FemaleVeteransNetwork.org.
- Sailors who served on all types of U.S. Navy amphibious ships meet at 1 p.m. the last Thursday monthly (except November and December) at Denny's in Crystal River. Call Jimmie at 352-621-0617.
- The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter meets at Grand Living, 850 Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, on the second Thursday of September, November, January, February and March. The meeting starts at 10:15 a.m. followed by a speaker presentation open to all veterans at 11 a.m. MOAA is an independent, nonprofit and politically nonpartisan organization representing legislative solutions to issues affecting all veterans. MOAA is open to active, retired or former commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services, the USPH and NOAA, as well as their surviving spouses. For information, visit www.moaafl.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty or call 352-513-4197.
- Military Order of the Cootie and MOC Auxiliary members meet at 1:01 p.m. the

first Sunday monthly at Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 in Hernando (3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway/State Road 200), where the helicopter is.

- AMVETS William Crow Post 447, 405 E. State Road 40, Inglis, FL 34449. Call 352-447-1816; email Amvet447@comcast.net.
- AMVETS Harry M. Bailey Post 89 meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly at 1 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. AMVETS (American Veterans) was established by act of congress and signed into Public Law by President Truman in July 1947. Membership is open to any veteran with an honorable discharge, as well as active military personnel. Call Floyd Blodgett at 352-220-3339 or email 2retiredbees@gmail.com.
- Disabled American Veterans Gerald A. Shonk Chapter No. 70, 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, at the intersection of Independence Highway and U.S. 41. Call 352-419-0207.
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit No. 70 meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday. Call Commander Sunny Hayes at 352-527-3395 or Adjutant Lynn Armitage at 352-341-5334.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 158 meets at 4:30 p.m. the second Tuesday at the DAV building at 501 SE Seventh Ave. Crystal River (except July, August and December). Call 352-795-7129.
- Disabled American Veterans No. 158 Auxiliary meets

at 4:30 p.m. the second Tuesday (except for the months of July, August and December) at the DAV building at 501 SE Seventh Ave., Crystal River. Contact Adjutant Lucy Godfrey at 352-794-3104 or mamawgodfrey@gmail.com.

- The Korean War Veterans Association, Citrus Chapter 192 meets at 1 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Harry F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087, 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Call Commander Hank Butler at 352-634-1604 or Secretary John Seaman at 352-860-0123.

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- U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)-Sturgeon Base meets at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, at 11 a.m. the first Saturday monthly. Visitors welcome. Call Base Cmdr. Jack Townsend at 352-637-5376.
- Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-23 meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly at the Riviera Mexican Grill & Cantina on U.S. 19, 1935 SE Suncoast Blvd., phone 352-564-9636.

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■ **Massing of the Colors Ceremony:** Sunday, Nov. 8, 2 p.m., The New Church Without Walls, 300 S. Kensington Road, Hernando. Arrive by 1:45 p.m. to see police escorted motorcycle procession. Veterans service organizations, military affiliated and patriotic organizations desiring to participate with flag bearers are requested to register no later than Nov. 2. Motorcycle procession staging is 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 155. Contact Tom Voelz at 352-601-2882 or ALRNorthern@legionmail.org to register.

■ **Veterans Day 11th Hour Memorial Service:** Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m., Old Courthouse Heritage Museum grounds. Guest Speakers: U.S. Representative Daniel Webster, Inverness Mayor Bob Plaisted and Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast. Limited to 50 spectators. Contact Chris Gregoriou at 352-302-9777 for more information.

■ **Veterans Day Luncheon:** Wednesday, Nov. 11, following 11th Hour Memorial Service, The Depot on North Apopka Avenue, Inverness Depot District. Free lunch for veterans and their spouses. Contact Barbara Mills at 352-422-6236 or barbarajmills@earthlink.net for more information.

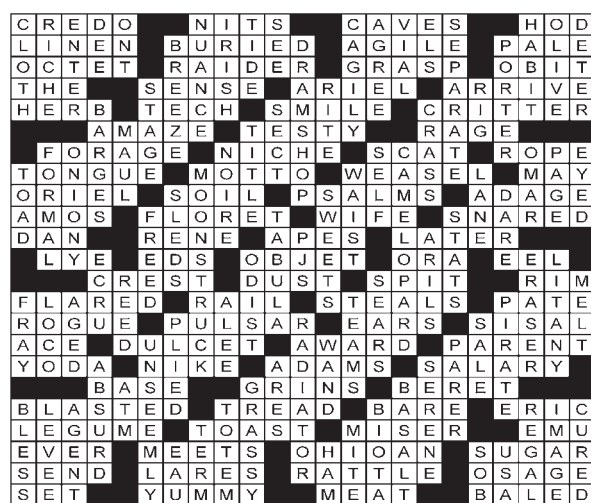
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● Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary Island X-23 meets at 9:30 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly the Riviera Mexican Grill & Cantina on U.S. 19, 1935 SE Suncoast Blvd., phone 352-564-9636. Call Nancy Staples at 352-697-5565.

■ Citrus 40/8 Voiture 1219 and Cabane 1219 meets at American Legion Post 155 on State Road 44 in Crystal

River. Call the Chef De Gare Pasquale Posa at 352-212-6931; for the Cabane, call La Presidente Liz Krusynski at 352-628-7743. Visit www.Post155.org.

■ Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) meets at Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491), Lecanto. Visit www.citruspurpleheart.org or call 352-382-3847.

■ Marine Corps League, Samuel R. Wall Detachment 1139 meets at Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW 4252 in Hernando. Call Cmdr. Ted Knight at 240-346-6106.

50th ANNIVERSARY



Patricia Duffy and Robert Breen

On Oct. 17, 2020, Patricia Ann Duffy and Robert Michael Breen celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Patricia is a graduate of Tolman High School in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Johnson and Wales Junior College of Business in Providence, Rhode Island. Robert is a graduate of Middletown



High School in Middletown, Rhode Island, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1968.

They were married in St. Joseph's Church in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, on Oct. 17, 1970, and honeymooned in Bermuda. They lived in Middletown, Rhode Island; Attleboro, Massachusetts; Seabrook, Massachusetts; Rangeley, Maine; and now Citrus Springs.

They were introduced to one another on a blind date and fixed up by Robert's brother and Patricia's friend. They have no children.

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- Samuel Ruben Mayor, Sunrise / Eduardo Alves De Almeida Neto, Miami.
- Virgen Maria Sittig, Citrus Springs / Daniel James Capper, Citrus Springs.
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Swiatek wins French Open for 1st Slam

Just 19, ranked 54th, upsets Kenin in final

HOWARD FENDRICH AND JEROME PUGMIRE
AP sports writers

PARIS — Minutes after suddenly becoming a Grand Slam champion at age 19, while ranked just 54th, Iga Swiatek held a microphone during the French Open trophy presentation and was hesitant for pretty much the only time over the past two weeks.

“First of all, I’m not very good at speeches,” Swiatek began, haltingly, “so, sorry, because I won my last tournament like two years ago, and I really don’t know who to thank.”

When she’s got a racket in her hand, it’s a whole different story. With the poise of a veteran and the shots of a champion, Swiatek wrapped up a dominating run at Roland Garros, grabbing the last

six games to beat Sofia Kenin 6-4, 6-1 in Saturday’s final.

“Two years ago, I won a junior Grand Slam, and right now I’m here. It feels like such a short time,” Swiatek said, her voice cracking. “I’m just overwhelmed.”

Swiatek (pronounced shvee-ON’-tek) is the first Polish tennis player to win a major singles trophy and said, “I know it’s pretty crazy back home” — where one newspaper’s front page was splashed with the headline “Poland Garros” ahead of the final.

When she smacked one last heavy-topspin forehand winner to claim her first tour-level title of any sort, Swiatek placed her right hand over her mouth and crouched, shaking her head.

Hard to believe? Maybe. This was, after all, only her seventh major tournament; she’d never been past the fourth round.

“It’s, like, a life-changing experience,” Swiatek said. “Yeah, I just feel like I kind of made history.”

The way she played these two weeks — with those great



Associated Press

Poland’s Iga Swiatek kisses the trophy after winning the final match of the French Open against Sofia Kenin of the U.S. in two sets 6-4, 6-1, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020.

groundstrokes, the occasional drop shot, terrific returning and impressive court coverage

— made this outcome less of a surprise. Kenin said Swiatek’s “spiny

forehand up the line” bounces high enough to make things

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Gators suffer upset



Associated Press

Florida wide receiver Kadarius Toney (1) is stopped just short of the goal line by Texas A&M defensive back Myles Jones (0) during the second quarter of a game, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, in College Station, Texas.

Spiller helps No. 21 Texas A&M topple No. 4 Florida in SEC battle

KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP sports writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Jimbo Fisher got his first win against a top-five opponent since taking over at Texas A&M.

And just like that, he started looking ahead to next weekend.

“This game shows you what you’re capable of,” the coach said. “Now I want to see what do you follow up with?”

Isaiah Spiller rushed for 174 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 21 Texas A&M beat fourth-ranked Florida 41-38 on Seth Small’s 26-yard field goal as time expired Saturday.

Spiller helped get the Aggies get into position for Small’s decisive kick, sending A&M to its first win over a top-five team since a 41-38 victory over No. 3 Auburn in 2014. It was the school’s first such victory at home since it toppled No. 1 Oklahoma 30-26 in 2002.

“I think this is a real big confidence-booster,” Spiller said. “I feel like we really gained our identity.”

Fisher brushed off the notion that it was a signature win or it meant more than anything he’s done in three seasons in College Station.

“It’s a good win,” he said. “It’s a big win ... but they’re all big wins.”

Kellen Mond threw a 51-yard pass to Caleb Chapman for a tying TD with about 4 1/2 minutes to go.

The Gators were driving when Buddy Johnson forced a fumble by Malik Davis, and it was recovered by DeMarvin Leal to set up the game-ending field goal.

“We had plenty of opportunities to put the game away,” quarterback Kyle Trask said. “So you can’t blame it all on one play because it shouldn’t even been close if we would have executed on the drives that we didn’t score on.”

Mond passed for 338 yards and three touchdowns to help the Aggies (2-1, 2-1 SEC) down the previously undefeated Gators (2-1, 2-1).

Unlike Fisher, Mond, who became Texas A&M’s career leader in yards passing Saturday, raved about the importance of such a high-profile win.

“We’ve had some big wins (but) this is definitely huge,” he said. “This definitely I feel like can be a culture-changing win and only can give this team more confidence.”

Trask, who was named after Kyle Field by his A&M-graduate parents, had 312 yards passing and four TDs. But the Gators were done in by the late mistake and another poor performance by their defense.

“We’re playing 10 SEC games in a row,” Florida coach Dan Mullen said. “We have to get over this one quick. It’s more like an NFL schedule.”

Mullen was disappointed that the Gators allowed A&M to convert 12 of 15 third-down opportunities.

“We’re going to evaluate a lot of things defensively, and our ability to make plays and get off the field,” he said.

Chapman finished with nine receptions for 151 yards and two touchdowns as the Aggies bounced back from last week’s lopsided loss to No. 2 Alabama.

Leon O’Neal intercepted Trask on Florida’s first drive of the second half, but the play was wiped out by a hands-to-the-face penalty on Michael Clemons. There was a scuffle after a play later in the drive that resulted in unsportsmanlike conduct penalties for both teams.

Kadarius Toney grabbed his second TD reception on the next play, a 37-yarder that made it 28-17 Gators with about 10 minutes left in the third.

Another unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Aggies, this one on Andre White, occurred on the ensuing kickoff and it looked as if Florida was in control of the game.

But then Spiller got going. Texas A&M grinded it out on its next drive, passing just once on a 10-play possession capped by a 3-yard TD from Spiller.

Florida led 28-24 early in the fourth when Spiller struck again, running 19 yards for a touchdown on a fourth-and-2 play. Spiller bounced off several defenders before waltzing into the end zone and then hitting the Florida fan section with a Gator chomp.

Florida’s Evan McPherson kicked a

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Rays face bad-boy Astros ALCS matchup begins today

BERNIE WILSON
AP sports writer

SAN DIEGO — Managed by universally acclaimed good guy Dusty Baker, the Houston Astros remain villains in many people’s eyes for their sign-stealing scandal three years ago.

The Tampa Bay Rays, meanwhile, are a fun-loving bunch that makes the most of their small payroll, including the best record in the American League in the pandemic-shortened season.

The Astros, who got into the playoffs with a losing record, and Rays meet in the post-season for the second straight year beginning on Sunday night, this time in the AL Championship Series at Petco Park.

The Astros are in the ALCS for the fourth straight year, looking for a third trip to the World Series in that span. The Rays are trying to get to their second World Series after losing to the Philadelphia Phillies in 2008.

It’s a matchup of left-handers in Game 1, with Houston’s Framber Valdez opposing Blake Snell, the 2018 AL Cy Young Award winner.

The Astros are 5-1 in the playoffs after going 29-31 in the regular season. They eliminated AL West champion Oakland in four games in the ALDS at Dodger Stadium.

“Our team understands that in the playoffs, you start over. You start fresh and go from there,” said George Springer, MVP of the 2017 World Series.

The Rays went the distance in the ALDS against the New York Yankees, advancing with a 2-1 victory Friday night on Mike Brosseau’s dramatic eighth-inning home run off Aroldis Chapman.

The Rays lost to Houston in five games in the ALDS last year. The Astros then lost Gerrit Cole to the Yankees via free agency, and Justin Verlander is out after he had Tommy John surgery.

“We respect how talented they are, but they are the team we (took) to Game 5, and we fell short,” Rays manager Kevin Cash said. “That experience probably helped us get to where we are right now, and the irony is that we’re playing them again now over seven games.”

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No. 1 Clemson powers past No. 7 Miami

Oklahoma outlasts Texas in 4OT thriller

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Trevor Lawrence threw for three touchdowns and rushed for another as No. 1 Clemson proved once more who's boss in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 42-17 beat-down of seventh-ranked Miami on Saturday night.

Travis Etienne rushed for 149 yards and two scores, including a 72-yard burst down the left sideline as the Tigers opened 4-0 for a sixth straight season.

This is was billed as an ACC showdown where the Hurricanes (3-1, 2-1 ACC) could prove the swagger had truly returned to "The U."

Instead, Miami's offense was suffocated by the Tigers (3-0 ACC) and held without an offensive touchdown until the fourth quarter.

Hurricanes quarterback D'Eriq King came in alongside Lawrence as the ACC's dominant, dynamic playmakers. The Houston transfer, though, was swarmed by Clemson all game and completed just 12 of 28 passes for 121 yards and his first two interceptions of the season.

Miami entered as the ACC leader in offense at 499 yards a game. It was held to 210 and never truly came close to challenging the Tigers.

Clemson got out fast with touchdowns on its first two drives, on tight end Braden Galloway's 24-yard catch and a 2-yard run by Etienne.

Etienne, the two-time ACC player of the year

who returned for his senior season, became college football's all-time leader with a score in his 39th career game. He broke a three-way tie he was in with Florida's Tim Tebow and Louisiana Tech's Kenneth Dixon.

Another Galloway TD catch, this one from 11 yards, put Clemson ahead 21-3 with 1:14 remaining in the half.

But perhaps Clemson coach Dabo Swinney's desire to smother the 'Canes led to a horrendous mistake as the half ended.

Swinney sent kicker B.T. Potter out for a 61-yard field with 3 seconds remaining. But Potter's kick was blocked and bounced into the arms of DJ Ivey, who took it 48 yards for a touchdown.

Miami rushed off the field in celebration while the reduced crowd at Death Valley — less than quarter of its 81,500 capacity — sat stunned.

Swinney, the two-time national championship coach, called it "as bad a decision (as) I've made."

Any Miami "mo" quickly disappeared in the third quarter with three straight three-and-outs, including tailback Jaylan Knighton getting stuffed for no gain on fourth-and-short on the Hurricanes' 34.

Etienne ended most of the drama with his 72-yard burst down the left sideline to put Clemson up 28-10.

About the only other troubling moment for Clemson came when Lawrence was on the ground grabbing his leg after getting hit in the third quarter. The nervous crowd sat silent as the training staff surrounded the likely No. 1 pick in next year's NFL draft.

Lawrence, though, popped up and ran off to the sidelines on his own. Moments later, Lawrence



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Oklahoma wide receiver Charleston Rambo (14) catches a pass in front of Texas defensive back Chris Brown (15) during a game in Dallas, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020.

rushed for a 4-yard TD, spiking the ball was starting down a Miami defender — and got called for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Oklahoma 53, No. Texas 45, 4 OT

DALLAS — Spencer Rattler threw a 25-yard scoring pass to Drake Stoops in the fourth overtime, and Oklahoma survived a late rally from No. 22 Texas in regulation for a 53-45 victory as a most unusual version of the Red River rivalry ended with familiar dose of drama.

Rattler's successful completion on the required 2-point conversion didn't matter when Sam Ehlinger's pass was intercepted in the end zone by Tre Brown to end just the second

Big 12 game to go four OTs.

Ehlinger threw two touchdown passes in the final 3:28 of regulation after what appeared to be a game-sealing interception by Woodi Washington in the end zone with the Sooners leading 31-17 with five minutes remaining.

After tossing a 2-yard score to Keaontay Ingram with 14 seconds left in regulation, Ehlinger opened overtime with his third rushing TD, from 3 yards.

Rattler answered with an 11-yard touchdown pass to Austin Stogner, then plunged over from the half-yard line on fourth down after his initial scoring run was overturned over review to start the second OT.

Ehlinger's career-best fourth touchdown run forced

the third overtime, but the Longhorns (2-2, 1-2 Big 12) couldn't avoid a second straight loss.

The Sooners (2-2, 1-2) had a chance to win in the third overtime, but Gabe Brkic's 31-yard field goal attempt was wide left after Perrion Winfrey blocked Cameron Dicker's 33-yard try to start the extra period.

No. 3 Georgia 44, No. 14 Tennessee 21

ATHENS, Ga. — Stetson Bennett threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score and Georgia bounced back from Tennessee's goal-line stand on the final play of the first half, dominating the final 30 minutes.

The Bulldogs (3-0) knocked off a ranked Southeastern

Conference team for the second week in a row, shaking off a 21-17 deficit to completely wipe out the Volunteers over the final two quarters.

Showing it's still not ready to compete with the league's top programs, Tennessee (2-1, 2-1) turned it over three times and managed just 71 yards total offense in the second half.

Fittingly, Justin Guarantano was sacked on the final play of the game.

No. 8 UNC 56, No. 19 Virginia 45

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Michael Carter ran for a career-high 214 yards and two touchdowns — including a 62-yarder midway through the fourth quarter — for North Carolina.

Williams, Crawford lead No. 5 Notre Dame past FSU

Mizzou's goal-line stand helps beat No. 17 LSU

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kyren Williams ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns and safety Shaun Crawford helped thwart a potential Florida State rally with a goal-line interception in No. 5 Notre Dame's 42-26 victory Saturday night.

Williams fumbled at his own 32 on the second play from scrimmage, then riddled Florida State the rest of the way, picking up 130 yards and both his TDs by halftime as the Fighting Irish (3-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) took a 35-20 lead.

Ian Book completed 16 of 25 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 58 yards and another score.

With Notre Dame leading 42-26, the Seminoles (1-3, 0-3) drove 73 yards to the 5, but Crawford picked off Jordan Travis' pass with 8:21 left.

Travis, making his first start for the Seminoles after shining in relief last week against Jacksonville State, was 13 of 24 for 204 yards and led Florida State in rushing with 96 yards on 19 keepers, even with a pair of sacks. He threw a TD pass and ran for a score.

Florida State's Tamorrion Terry caught seven passes for 121 yards and a touchdown. Irish wideout Javon McKinley had five receptions for 107.

Missouri 45, No. 17 LSU 41

COLUMBIA, Mo. — In a game that was dominated by a pair of offenses that seemingly couldn't be stopped, it was the much-maligned Missouri defense that managed to stand tall against No. 17 LSU when it came time to decide the game.

Connor Bazelak threw for 406 yards and four touchdowns despite missing three of his top receiving targets due to COVID-19 protocols and coach Eli Drinkwitz's bunch held four times at the 1-yard line in the final minute to escape with a 45-41 victory in a game



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Missouri wide receiver Tauskie Dove (86) catches a pass as LSU cornerback Derek Stingley Jr. (24) defends during the first half of a game Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, in Columbia, Mo.

moved from Baton Rouge because of Hurricane Delta.

"Our guys didn't flinch today," Drinkwitz said. "They didn't flinch after terrible turnovers. They didn't flinch at the goal line. They just kept fighting. And that's our No. 1 core value, always compete."

LSU had taken a 41-38 lead when Cade York hit a 51-yard field goal on the final play of the third quarter. But when York tried to extend the lead midway through the fourth, his 45-yarder was blocked, and Missouri needed just four plays — the big one a 69-yard pass to Chance Luper — before Bazelak hit Nico Hea with the go-ahead touchdown with 5:18 to go.

Myles Brennan, who threw for 430 yards and four TDs, quickly moved LSU the other direction. Terrace Marshall Jr. had four catches

on the drive, the last a completion to the 1-yard line with 44 seconds left. But after Tyrion Davis-Price was stuffed twice up the middle, Missouri batted down two straight passes to preserve the upset.

"The defense did a great job at the end," Bazelak said. "Just unbelievable."

Tyler Badie took part in an early flea-flicker for a touchdown, then had TDs on the ground and through the air, as Mizzou (1-2) piled up 586 yards of total offense behind a freshman quarterback and his talented running backs.

Larry Rountree ran for 119 yards for Mizzou.

No. 13 Auburn 30, Arkansas 28

AUBURN, Ala. — Anders Carlson made the most of his second

chance, hitting a 39-yard field goal with 7 seconds left to lift Auburn past Arkansas.

The Tigers (2-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) narrowly avoided a second straight loss, with drama and uncertainty continuing right up to that winning kick.

Facing third-and-1, Bo Nix couldn't handle the snap, picked it up and spiked the ball — appearing slightly behind him — to draw an intentional grounding flag. The play was reviewed and upheld.

This time Carlson delivered after missing a 34-yard field goal wide right with 2:38 left. Auburn's defense had forced a three and out, and the Tigers got the ball back at the 45 of the Razorbacks (1-1, 1-1).

No. 15 BYU 27, USTA 20

PROVO, Utah — Zach Wilson

threw for 292 yards and two touchdowns and Tyler Allgeier ran for 116 yards and another score to lead BYU past UTSA.

The Cougars (4-0) equaled their best start since 2014 while rolling up 472 yards. Allgeier posted his second 100-yard game of his career to help rescue an inconsistent BYU offense.

Lowell Narcisse threw for 229 yards and two touchdowns — all after halftime — on 17-of-20 passing to lead the Roadrunners. UTSA (3-2) became the first opponent to give BYU a four-quarter test, but fell short of earning the upset, despite averaging 7.6 yards per play in the second half.

No. 24 Iowa State 31, Texas Tech 15

AMES, Iowa — Brock Purdy passed for 302 yards and two touchdowns, Breece Hall ran for 135 yards and two scores and Iowa State beat Texas Tech.

The Cyclones (3-1, 3-0 Big 12) opened conference play with three straight wins for the first time since 2002 and only the second time since 1950.

Purdy was 32 of 43 with no interceptions. He also ran seven times for 42 yards.

The Cyclones rolled up 516 yards of total offense and held Texas Tech (1-3, 0-3) under 100 yards until early in the fourth quarter.

East Carolina 44, USF 24

TAMPA — Holton Ahlers threw for three touchdowns and Rahjai Harris ran for two scores and East Carolina beat South Florida 44-24.

With the win, East Carolina (1-2, 1-1 American) ended a six-game skid against the Bulls (1-3, 0-2 American).

Johnny Ford's 8-yard scoring run gave South Florida its lone lead at 7-3. The Pirates seized control from there. East Carolina scored four touchdowns in a span of five drives and led 31-17 at halftime.

Ahlers found Darius Pinnix from 2-yards out and connected with C.J. Johnson on a 75-yard score. Harris then ran for scores of 42 and 10 yards before intermission.

Ford ran for a pair of scores and Jordan McCloud threw for 298 yards for South Florida.

NBA Finals get intense, and Game 6 looms

Heat hope to keep surviving

TIM REYNOLDS
AP basketball writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA — The Lakers' Anthony Davis and Miami's Jae Crowder both ended up on the floor midway through the third quarter of Game 5 of the NBA Finals. As Davis scrambled to get back to his feet, his right elbow swung out toward Crowder's face. Crowder wasn't fazed. The moment epitomized

how Friday went: The Los Angeles Lakers, even when they got within a few seconds of winning a championship, couldn't knock out the Miami Heat. LeBron James was brilliant for the Lakers with 40 points, Jimmy Butler was as brilliant if not more so for the Heat with a 35-point triple-double, and Miami survived to send the title series to Game 6 on Sunday.

"We ain't backing down," Butler said. "We ain't shying away."

Everything still favors the Lakers. They lead the series 3-2. James hasn't

been part of losing two potential close-out games in the same series since 2006, his first postseason year. The Heat still don't have starting point guard Goran Dragic because of a foot injury, a torn left plantar fascia.

They are most undeterred.

"Everybody counted us out since the beginning of the playoffs," Heat rookie guard Tyler Herro said. "We don't really care what people have to say."

Miami kept finding ways in Game 5 to keep the series — and its season — alive, then caught a break

in the final seconds when the Lakers' Danny Green missed a wide-open 3 that could have delivered the NBA title and Markieff Morris threw the ball away after the offensive rebound.

The Heat have talked since the NBA Finals started about a need to play almost perfect basketball against the Lakers. And now James, who has spoken with great respect for his former franchise throughout the series, indicated that the Lakers might be feeling a similar way.

"One thing about this team that we are playing, they make you pay for every mistake," James said after Game 5. "It's the same as when I was playing against Golden State all those years, you make a mistake, they make you pay. So, we have to understand that."

James is about to set the record for NBA playoff game appearances. He's already the leading scorer in playoff history. Has the most wins. The most steals. Most shot attempts. Most free throws taken.

Here's a record he didn't want.

For as great as he is, James still needs help. Nobody has had more 40-point NBA Finals games in a loss than he has — the record-setting fifth entry on that list coming Friday in Miami's 111-108 win. In fact, James' last three 40-point finals

efforts, two against the Warriors in 2017 and 2018 and now the one against Miami in Game 5, all ended up as losses.

"He steps up in big moments," Lakers guard Alex Caruso said. "It's unfortunate that we couldn't make one more play for him either defensively or offensively to help him out, because he was giving it his all."

His all wasn't enough. The Lakers have a clear

big two in James and Davis, who combined for 68 points. The Lakers had been 14-1 when they each scored 28 or more in the same game; 5-0 when they combined for at least 68 points. The Heat staved them off by playing seven players and getting balance; Butler had a 35-point triple-double to lead the way, five of the other six scored in double figures led by Duncan Robinson's 26.



Los Angeles Lakers forward Markieff Morris vies for a rebound with Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler during the second half in Game 5 of the NBA Finals Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista.

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Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

Politics, the pandemic and pizza. Call it the Three P's of 2020 and let's move on. My suggestion is to turn off the TV, close the pizza box and go outside.

Citrus County is one of the only places in Florida that has seen an increase in tourism, and that's because we live in the great outdoors. And it's important to stop eating pizza long enough to remember that your pants are not shrinking, your growing waistline is at the root of the problem.

People are coming here in record numbers because it's safe and secure. You already live here, so why not go outside and rediscover the

place. Here's a challenge for each of you: Either go for a walk or ride your bike on one of the top 10 spots in Citrus County. My wife and I ride bikes each weekend at one of these spots. Other folks take a walk. Take your choice, but do it. (And if you send me a photo of you out riding on one of these spots, I'll find a way to get it published.)

1. The Withlacoochee Bay Trail runs parallel

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The Withlacoochee State Trail near the Citrus/Hernando county line.
 GERRY MULLIGAN/Chronicle



Ruthie Davis Schlabach
GUEST COLUMN

Small businesses key to a strong community

October has always been a favorite month of mine. Personally, October means cooler temperatures, my twin daughters' birthday, and the memory of my husband's and mine first full month of business 27 years ago. Celebrating my business journey means reflecting on the start of Schlabach Security and Sound Inc. I know now the beginning of my business journey was just the first milestone in the fulfillment of my American dream.

As anyone in the business community may know, starting a business is no simple task. We must evaluate our entrepreneurial abilities, craft a business plan, prepare our marketing strategies, and analyze our finances and resources. Looking back on all the business climates we had to weather, I am thankful for the success we obtained throughout the 2007-2008 financial crisis, the tragic fallout from Sept. 11, 2001, and the current crisis under COVID-19. A large element that allowed us to secure our business is our clients. With each unfortunate situation, we always knew that we had a product and service that was needed by our community. The support from Citrus County as a small and upcoming business was something I had never anticipated. Moving up to the county in 1995 was the key proponent in the success of Schlabach Security & Sound Inc. Building a

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DIGGING UP HISTORY



Betty Eden, left, and Michael Wisenbaker, right, at Fort Cooper in 1971.

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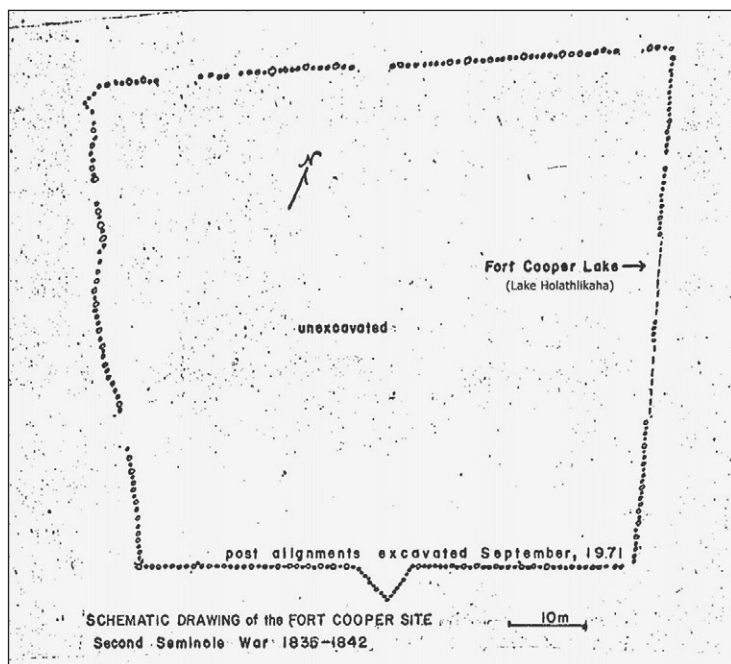
Archaeologist shares experiences at Fort Cooper in 1971

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from Collage Collages chapter of "The Reticent Archaeologist: The Memoirs of James Michael Wisenbaker."

After finishing the fieldwork at Hutto Pond in Madison County, Florida, Frank Fryman and Dan Penton asked if I would join them for three weeks of test excavations at Fort Cooper near Inverness in Central Florida. Without hesitation, I said yes. That short stint ended up being one of my favorite and most unique field experiences.

At any rate, sometime around Labor Day in 1971, Dan and Frank drove the state's classic Dodge Power Wagon down to Inverness in Citrus County. They had nicknamed that exceptional vehicle the Enola Gay for the B-29 bomber used by the U.S. Army Air Forces on Aug. 6, 1945, to unleash an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. It marked the first time a country used that type weapon on an enemy target.

I first met James Levy, better known as Jamie, when he traveled to Fort Cooper with me. He and I later both toiled as career employees for the Florida Department of State. Levy spent the remainder of his career in the Conservation Lab. In contrast, I worked out of the director's office and for two bureaus and several sections for nearly 40 years at FDAHRM, later known as the Division of Historical Resources.



Frank Fryman's original site map from the 1971 testing.

Special to the Chronicle

I drove my beat-up Ford Falcon down to the site. Jamie rode with me since the Enola Gay had no room for any more passengers. Levy was an undergraduate anthropology student at FSU and a Tallahassee native. Although beyond ugly, I had just installed an eight-track tape player into my Falcon to lend it some pizzazz. Even though we barely knew one another, Jamie and I yakked away on our three-and-a-half-hour trek to the south.

We didn't know what to expect in the small central Florida town. A good-looking family of blue-eyed blonds soon greeted us. John "Johnny" H.

Eden, Jr., the patriarch, and his lovely and warm wife, Betty and their five children, Muriel, Amanda, Amelia, Jonathan and Abigail, charmed us. The five children ranged in age from teens to little ones. From the outset, they treated us as part of their family. We had landed in a contemporary Garden of Eden.

From Dan's recollections, John Eden grew up on Long Island next door to the Armand Hammer family. One set of John's grandparents owned an iron foundry that supplied much of the Transcontinental Railroad with rails. The other

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Cortney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

Let the new normal be doing what's best for our neighbors

The new normal — that's what we've all heard is coming. It's not a phenomenon anyone is even remotely versed in. Hurricanes come and we know how to prepare. We board up our windows, we put out our sandbags and we stock up on nonperishable foods. We know how to wait for things like holidays and yearly events we attend. Even with an unprecedented election season quickly coming to an end, there are points of familiarity. We have something to grasp onto that feels, well, normal.

But the highly anticipated, often anxiety-ridden idea of a new normal to everyday life from now on with no perceivable end in sight?

That, I don't know how to prepare for.

Part of the problem is we have no idea if a new normal is actually coming or if it is just a phrase thrown around in our endless attempts to wrap our heads around this pandemic and both its foreseen and unanticipated consequences.

Saying there will be a new normal brings us some measure of comfort. It signals that there is an end in sight, a light at the end of the tunnel, hope that, at some point, everything won't feel so out of sync.

Of course, what the new normal entails is anybody's guess. Are masks the new accessory forever? Are we destined to live stream every public event from now on? Will college football always be limited to 25% with

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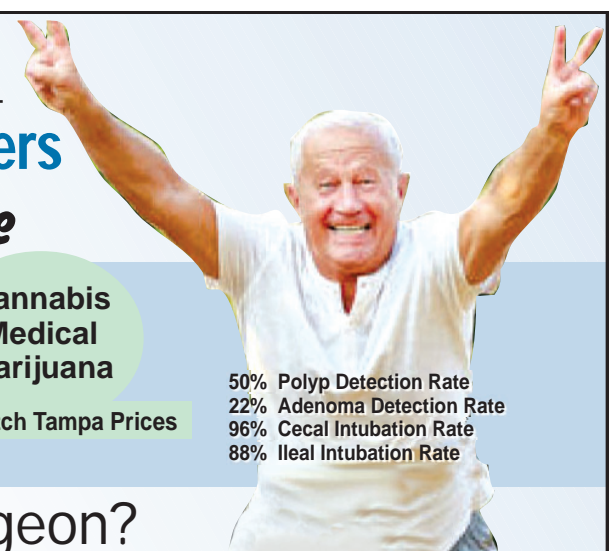
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SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Eat, shop, stay local during Business Appreciation Month

There won't be a jam-packed BAM BBQ or formal Salute to Business luncheon this year, but the community spirit for BAM (Business Appreciation Month) remains strong as it continues alternatively in 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual celebration hosted by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce to recognize small businesses for their contributions to the local economy and way of life will look a little different this year, yet the message persists: Small, local businesses are the lifeblood of the Citrus community.

Since 1977, Citrus Countians have observed a week of gratitude to honor those business proprietors who take initiative and make a difference in our society. And that reach extends far from daily operations: Small businesses employ 43,000 county residents, collectively generate more than \$2.1 billion in salaries and are the major supporters of local civic and charitable organizations.

They not only provide the paycheck to support individuals and families in Citrus, they financially strengthen local events, youth groups, festivals and more through sponsorships and charity. It's nearly unimaginable to think of the state of the community without the aid of small, local businesses.

This year, uncountable numbers of mom-and-pop restaurants and shops have suffered at the hands of COVID-19. Profits are down or nonexistent, at times forcing some to shutter. Employees have been furloughed and reduced to the bare minimum. For many, the future remains uncertain, even as the Florida economy fully reopens in Phase 3.

In good times, local

business owners are generally the first to step up to help Citrus charities carry out their various missions. In these bad times of the pandemic when so many of our local businesses are struggling to survive, it's time for members of the community to step up by making it a point to Shop Citrus First.

Shop First has never been more necessary than now. The pandemic has led people to do far more business online than in person, affecting profits that stay local in Citrus County. While some businesses have been able to adapt by building an online presence or offering curbside services and adopting CDC recommended practices in their stores, others have not been so successful in moving through the fluidity of the pandemic and need help.

Throughout the month of October, the Citrus County Chronicle will be partnering with the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, spotlighting some of the unique and innovative businesses that make an impact on our community.

To celebrate Business Appreciation Month 2020, make the effort to patronize local shops, recreational establishments, eateries, drinkeries and more. Take the time to thank owners and employees at the local businesses you frequent, and let them know how much they are appreciated. Support them and their hard-working staff members with your dollars, and help to keep commerce flowing.

There might not be special networking events, luncheons or mixers this year, but the enthusiasm for Business Appreciation Month continues through the active gratitude of the citizens here in Citrus.

For more information about Business Appreciation Month activities, visit www.facebook.com/CitrusChamber

THE ISSUE:

October is Business Appreciation Month.

OUR OPINION:

Now more than ever, small local businesses need support.

Brown advocates for smart growth

City Councilman Ken Brown, running for his third term in Seat 1, understands the unique position of Crystal River, a city of less than 4,000 residents in a county that draws more than 300,000 visitors a year, with a tourism business that depends on a threatened species.

Nowhere else requires a more important balance of business growth and natural resource preservation. Ken's track record proves his advocacy for smart growth that keeps taxes low, develops business responsibly, and protects our natural resources.

Ken has worked hard to tackle the tough issues, collaborating with council members and city staff to: remove derelict boats — 16 so far — and annex the southern portion of King's Bay so the city will have authority to deal with derelict and improperly moored boats across the entire bay; inspect derelict buildings for fire and structural safety issues, then contact the owners to suggest incentives for them to redevelop the properties. Ken says if owners aren't receptive to those measures to bring their properties up to code, they would face fines or foreclosure as a last resort; reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers by seeking revenue from county and state agencies and implementing tourist fees to pay for major projects and support our tourism industry; insist the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) notify the city prior to SWFWMD issuing any permits within Crystal River to water bottling companies, and address strategies to prevent future water withdrawal by those companies.

Ask Ken — which we did — and he will tell you this: "A smart growth strategy is one that promotes growth and business while protecting our natural resources, and keeps Crystal River a place where folks want to conduct business, visit and live."

We trust Ken to help keep city council on track for exactly that strategy. Let's keep him in Seat 1.

Keith and Carol Raym
 Crystal River

West has a strong sense of community

I was the chairman of Leadership Citrus for many years. I enjoyed the position because it had an impact on many participants. I could never explain why, but I could watch some people change dramatically in the course of six months. Theresa Foster-West was one who changed dramatically. She was doing a great job running her own business as an administrator at a health care facility. She was convinced to sign up for the Leadership Class of 2011. By graduation in the spring of 2011, she was already helping to plan community events. She found that her skill set was needed by many Citrus charitable organizations, including campaign

LETTERS to the Editor



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chairwoman for United Way and president of Crystal River Rotary. I personally worked with her on charitable boards and committees; she was always a leader, never a seat warmer.

Professionally, in that same time she was amazing; she grew from an administrator at a health care facility to forming her own company to be a consultant to operators for health care facilities throughout the U.S. for operations and legal compliance.

Theresa was always leader; Leadership Citrus helped her to develop a strong sense of community.

With her combination of leadership skills and strong sense of community she would be a great fit for the Mosquito Control Board.

Gailen Spinka
 Inverness

Trump has no respect for women

Re: Simpler and Cunningham letters.

I read both of your letters and both of you are, of course, entitled to your opinion. I respect that, but what I can not understand is why praise Mr. Trump? Mr. Trump has no respect for women, or has no respect for anyone beneath him.

My mom always taught me a very valuable lesson in life, and it goes like this: If you disrespect a woman or women in life, you likely had totally disrespected your mother.

Marty Farrenholz
 Beverly Hills

Be active and informed

As of now, it seems there are no firm solutions to the issues facing us. Opinions and political positions may be helpful if they lead to a path of final solution. However, as these continue to be ping-ponged back and forth as political fodder, resolution seems further and further down the road.

A comment by Thomas Jefferson seems pertinent here. "The good sense of people will always be found to be the best army. They may be led astray for a moment but soon

correct themselves."

His words put emphasis on "good sense."

Without rehashing the plethora of issues, a few should suffice. We need to apply our good sense to do what we can to let science lead us through the pandemic. We need to insist that our voting rights not be tampered with. The resolution of issue that have resulted in violence need responsible leadership, not divisiveness. The presidential election and the days leading up to that event require that we be both active and informed as to what is at stake.

Returning to Mr. Jefferson, he observed, "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

Use your good sense and be not silent.

Paul R. Foss
 Inverness

Cottrell concerned about regular folks

Everyone seems focused on the presidential election, but let's not forget about the U.S. House of Representatives. Many of our current laws and policies begin right in the U.S. House.

Dana Cottrell is running for the House, District 11, which includes Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, and parts of Lake and Marion counties.

Dana's background as a teacher overseas, as well as in Florida public schools, gives her a unique perspective that will help her represent these diverse communities. Plus, she's a wife and a mom. If you check out her website, dana2020.com, you'll see that Dana has done her homework on issues like taxes, the economy, health care and the environment. And she's a strong supporter of Medicare, Social Security and the Affordable Care Act — programs vitally important to many of us. Dana is concerned about regular folks, rather than pandering to the big corporations and their interests. Citrus needs a strong voice like Dana's to help us protect and maintain our beautiful environment and to help us plan growth that won't strangle us.

Leslie Herron-Huff
 Inverness

Are we better off now?

As Citrus County begins to vote — with total confidence in Susan Gill and her professional staff — I have an observation to make and a question to ask.

The candidate who wore a mask and followed the COVID-19 rules is out on the campaign trail. The candidate who mocked wearing a mask is now in the hospital with COVID-19.

In the quiet of your own home, ask yourself if you are truly better off now than you were four years ago. If I met you on the street, could you tell me, specifically and personally, why?

Lynda Johnson
 Homosassa

Mail votes or vote in person

... About drive-in voting, there are many things to be considered there: First of all, getting people who will stand outside that long in any kind of weather to receive those ballots. Then, even though they have identification, how do we know that's the real person that voted? We have a right here in this country and if we can't get out of our car — if we are not disabled — to vote, then what are we doing in this country? ... I think if people really care about their ballot, they are healthy enough to either mail them in, take them to

the Elections Office or go to vote at the booth. Just my feelings.

The poor get poorer

(Re the Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020, editorial, "War of the wages," "Amendment would not solve income disparity"): Amendment No. 2 is a joke — a bad joke — especially when you read (Randy) Oliver's opinion. When minimum wage is increased, everybody should be increased proportionately. That is what is supposed to happen. Neither Crystal River nor

Inverness seem to be concerned. Why are so many county workers leaving their jobs? What they're making is a disgrace; 194 people are making only \$10.18 an hour. How could you keep a roof over your head making that?

We have some county workers who have had only COLA increases in five years, yet we are paying commissioners nearly \$70,000 a year for a part-time job. It's a great economy we have here in Citrus County as the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. We shouldn't be concerned about a minimum wage increase.

We should be concerned about paying enough to keep good people working here and not moving on.

Take down the political signs

I'm calling about political signs. The political signs of Jimmie Smith — big ones — are still standing and should be taken down because he was defeated in the primary in August. So please take those signs down.

Don't become a victim

Stat Cop here, calling in to see how everybody's doing. Don't become a victim. Be sure you're

locking all your car doors and locking up anything that you have of any importance to you. Lock it up. I also want to say I'm sorry to hear that a friend of mine, Chuck, just died from the virus which is hitting close to home. Good advice to everybody everywhere: Wear your mask. You may lose someone you care for. Anyway, everybody have a good day and take care.

A NOTE ABOUT SOUND OFF

■ Sound Off is meant for readers to voice their opinions on local issues. If you would like to comment on state or national issues, submit a letter to the editor.



Letters to THE EDITOR

Alexander will make Citrus safer, stronger

Lee Alexander is the right candidate for Citrus County Sheriff.

He has the right experience. Alexander started as a security policeman in the USAF, then had his own security firm. He returned to law enforcement as a police officer, then Police Chief for Inverness. He joined the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, eventually serving as Major Crimes Detective, Seniors Against Crime Director, and Senior Service Program Coordinator.

He has the right vision for the future of the Sheriff's Office. If elected, Alexander will restructure the CCSO to put more deputies on the streets and in roles as community resource officers. He will form a Community Relations Committee to have strong lines of communication between the sheriff and citizens. It's important to him that the Sheriff's Office is respon-

sive to the needs of citizens.

He demonstrates the right levels of leadership and strength — tempered with humility — when speaking of employee relations. Alexander knows how loyalty is built: "Take care of your people, and they will take care of you." He has told CCSO employees, "I will have your backs, and will put your needs before my own."

Lee Alexander is all about integrity. He has what it takes to make our communities safer and stronger. He has my vote for Citrus County Sheriff.

Ron Berg
Hernando

Trump inherited a good economy

In the Sunday batch of letters, I once again read a great deal of misinformation from Trump's cultists. I use that term because one of them pledges to walk barefoot through broken glass for

Trump. Nothing I say will change their mind, so I won't try. You cannot reason with zealots.

I would like to address Joanie Welch who writes, "I agree with Rich Nilles recommending you 'think before you vote.' Think of the poor economy, lackadaisical attitudes, failures and horrific recession suffered the eight years prior to the Trump administration."

The previous eight years were actually pretty good, with Obama ending that horrible recession that started under George Bush by 2009 and, according to Edward Jones, the stock market increased under Obama, growing 14.6% and 14.7% during the first and second Obama terms, with Trump up 12% to date. Forbes.com further states that "from 1952 through June 2020, annualized real stock market returns under Democrats have been 10.6% compared with 4.8% for Republicans." So, yeah, think

before you vote.

Seemingly that's a lot to ask of many Trump supporters.

By the way, I'd like to go on record as stating I have no interest in violent anarchy, agitating, nor threatening my fellow citizens as Trump would have you believe, and I support the Constitution. All of it.

Matthew Clemons
Inverness

You don't have to vote in every race

If you do not know anyone on your ballot, you can just leave it blank instead of guessing. You do not have to choose someone from each section. Please do not choose to vote for someone you do not know. You could be doing harm.

If you do not know about an issue, you can just leave that blank, as well, or vote no instead of blindly accepting it.

Think about Amendment No. 2 to raise the minimum

wage; if this passes, its could put some small businesses out of business. Please vote "No."

On Amendment No.4, a vote of "Yes" will require all revisions and amendments to the state Constitution to be voted on twice, not just one time, giving people ample time to be sure that is what they want. Please vote "Yes."

Mary Abraham
Citrus Springs

Group supports Doty for school board

As president of the Ronald Reagan Republican Assembly of the West Central Florida Region, upon examination of her background and conservative credentials, we would support Danielle Damato Doty Citrus County School Board District 2 in the runoff election Nov. 3.

Renee Christopher-McPheeters
Lecanto

WINDOW

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to the Cross Florida Barge Canal in northwest Citrus County. For bikers, it's about six miles out for a 12-mile roundtrip. But for walkers, there are parking areas all along the path depending on your ability. The best part of the trail comes at the end where a pavilion juts out into the Gulf of Mexico and gives you a panoramic of pure water and nature. The walk from the last parking lot is short and beautiful.

2. The Withlacoochee State Trail through Inverness is probably the best known walking and biking area in our part of Florida. It cuts through downtown Inverness with easy stops at Wallace Brooks Park and the renovated Liberty Park. If you look closely, you can even catch a glimpse of Rich King in his backyard. Or even Frank DiGiovanni racing by. Park at the Depot on North Apopka.

3. An easy walk or ride is the world famous canopy of trees in Floral City on State Road 48 through the old town. It is one of the most picturesque areas in this part of Florida. You can park at the library in Floral City and go for a walk or take your bike along the sidewalks until you get to Duval Island — another secret hideaway. This is where I ran into a zebra this summer and I wasn't partaking of any special brew. There is a real zebra grazing in a field.

4. The most incredible part of the new stretch of the Withlacoochee State Trail is a short three-mile paved path that has a pedestrian only-bridge over the Withlacoochee River and then skirts along the Rainbow River in Dunnellon. You can jump on the trail on U.S. 41 just north of Citrus Springs or by the Rainbow River bridge on State Road 40 just east



GERRY MULLIGAN/Chronicle

Enjoy the coastal view along the bike/walking path that runs parallel to the Cross Florida Barge Canal in Northwest Citrus County.

of Dunnellon. You can sit on the bridge and watch alligators far below or find secret little benches that nestle up to the Rainbow River. Truly a paradise for walkers and bikers.

5. One of my favorite new rides is smack in the middle of Crystal River and it includes the new bike path inside Three Sisters Springs. That's right, there are bike paths inside the 57-acre National Wildlife Refuge and you can stop at the world-famous (front page of National Geographic) Three Sisters Springs. Yes, you need an annual pass to the park or you can pay the daily entrance fee. We ride on the Cross Town trail in Crystal River to the springs and then go around King's Bay Drive for the complete trip. You get a stop on the humpback bridge and can see all of King's

Bay in the distance.

6. There is a ride from Inverness that a lot of people don't know about. If you take the Withlacoochee Trail south of Inverness and you can see the fairgrounds to the west, you can take a side path off into Fort Cooper State Park. The trail around this little-used state park is quiet and beautiful. Lake Holathlikaha is nestled into the center of the park with picnic tables and a nice place to rest. Old, old Florida.

7. Another great walk or bike ride on the west side of the county is at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park. If you are walking, just go to the park entrance and walk to the Indian mounds. This is one of the best ancient connections to the Indians who lived here for thousands of years. The first tourists, the Spanish, came with their

diseases and pretty much killed off the initial inhabitants of Crystal River. And you thought we had trouble with tourists today.

If you are riding a bike, visit the Indian mounds and then take a ride back to the old Crystal River Yacht Club on North Sailboat Avenue.

For the more adventurous, there is a 7-mile loop trailhead through the Crystal River Preserve that is a lot of fun. (If you like mud, sand, bugs and snakes. I do not like snakes any longer so I don't make this trip).

8. Riding the back streets of Inglis and Yankeetown along the Withlacoochee River is a regular trip we take. The old cottages along Riverside Drive were discovered a few decades ago and now everything has been restored. You can park at the

elementary school on Follow that Dream Parkway and cross the street right into the neighborhoods. You can also stop at Blackwater Inn for lunch and get a great meal right on the river. (I know that Inglis/Yankeetown is not in Citrus County, but we can make exceptions. In fact, we should annex the area.)

9. In the little town of Istachatta in south Citrus County you will find a unique part of the Withlacoochee Trail. Take S.R. 48 out of Floral City and then take the right on 575. If you park at the little community park you can just walk across the Withlacoochee Trail and you will find a dock that sticks out into the Withlacoochee River. The last time we were there, a young girl on a horse stopped so her ride could get a drink. If you have not been in Istachatta, you don't know rural Citrus County. There was once a bar in the town that had a sign on the entrance that read: "No discharging of firearms inside." Think about that one for a minute — you need a sign to tell people that? Is it OK to discharge your weapon in the parking lot but not inside the bar? Hmmm.

Still a very pretty place and you can ride south on the Withlacoochee State Trail all the way to Pasco County.

10. And finally, take a ride on the back roads of Old Homosassa. You want to stay away from boat ramps because even motorists find a way to drive right into the river. But it is a cool place to ride or walk through the backstreets of the old town. You will find The Freezer and a half dozen other restaurants where you can get lunch. But head down South Mason Creek road and ride through some of the neighborhoods, it's a treat.

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BEYOND

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canned fan noise?

It's anybody's guess.

Parts of whatever this ambiguous new normal really is will likely be the inconvenience of minor things. But there are some signs that big changes to our lifestyles will be a part of this thing, too. And that's a little scary.

Take, for instance, the most recent announcement about the hopefully temporary but indefinite closing of both Regal Cinema movie theaters here in Citrus County. That's a huge blow to our county's entertainment industry. It's an even bigger blow to the already struggling Crystal River Mall.

In a season when retail and local business were already

struggling to keep their heads above water, the pandemic and its anticipated new normal has left some devastating consequences for businesses like movie theaters and even big box stores like Office Max, which is going out of business in Crystal River.

While we've all been grateful for Amazon and other online retailers during this crisis, local businesses have continued to take big hits as shopping traffic has come to a standstill and people are still cautious about leaving their homes.

This is the quintessential scenario of being stuck between a rock and a hard place. The reality is that we need to heed the advice and guidance of our public health officials if we ever want to get to the other side of this thing. Caution is still called for. We haven't cleared the hurdle. And as cooler weather

comes and cold and flu seasons begin, as a public, we will need to continue to be wise in the decisions we make about gathering together, wearing masks and taking precautions.

That's the rock. It's hard and uncomfortable and nobody really wants to sit on it.

We've got a hard place, too. As the holiday season rapidly approaches, our local businesses count on our spending to make ends meet. The employees who work in brick and mortar stores depend on big holiday sales to feed their families and pay their bills.

And we're stuck between these two things: being mindful and abiding by good public health practices during a pandemic and keeping our local businesses and retailers afloat when it would be so much easier to just click on Amazon and have it delivered in two days or less.

SCHLABACH

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business is a wonderful, rewarding experience, but this is oftentimes paired with long hours and sleepless nights. If it had not been for the community that we decided to build our company in and the loyal clients who supported us from the beginning, we would be nowhere near where we are today.

The progression from where we started and where we are now brings us to the business climate of today. As opposed to what once was a traditional and direct company to client

approach, we now find ourselves surrounded by demand for virtual innovation and adaptation to the technological trends. Many of us did not foresee a global epidemic that would impact the operations of companies all around the world. We are in uncharted territory in this way, and that only amplifies the necessity to adapt. If it were not for our relationships with our industry's leading core groups, the Citrus County Building Alliance and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, we would have felt much more overwhelmed in March of 2020.

Small businesses play a key role in building a strong country because of the opportunities we

can provide for communities. Our local businesses are our neighbors, serving the citizens and the visitors every day. According to U.S. Small Business Administration, more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business. We create nearly two out of every three new jobs in the United States each year. Because of this, we must plan for the unexpected and be prepared for any obstacles that come our way, not only for our own family, but for the families that we employ and provide for.

As a newly elected local official, I understand the value that small businesses bring to our community. I understand the

impact that our companies have on the economy and the opportunities that become available for community members. My experience as a businesswoman and my support for other local businesses enable me to become the champion for the business community here in Citrus County. In addition, I want to further the outreach to other businesses and residents by investigating, reporting on, and settling complaints, an exact definition of what an ombudsman is. I understand the struggle of being a business owner and a resident in a small town. I want to advocate for programs, services and resources that can be used to get our local

business' momentum moving forward with the ultimate goal of people achieving their dreams. My attitude over the next four years will be, how can I help you? I want everyone to know that they are appreciated not just in the month of October but all year round. Thank you, Citrus County businesses and consumers. I appreciate you, support you and value your commitment to strengthening our community!

Ruthie Davis Schlabach is a local business owner, longtime Citrus County Chamber member and Commissioner-elect for County Commission District 3.

HISTORY

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set began the first phosphate mines in Citrus County. Johnny also acted as his family's art curator for original paintings from artists such as Frederic Remington, Winslow Homer and Grant Wood. Their works lined the walls of a room in his home. Penton also remembered Eden always being decked out in sport shirts, Bermuda shorts and Wellington boots both in the field and at home.

The Eden's marvelous dwelling rested along the southern shore of Lake Tsala Apopka on an extensive tract of land. Next to their house, a splendid patio surrounded an enticing swimming pool. The four of us stayed in the guesthouse just on the other side of the pool. For Dan and me, we had gone from poorhouse accommodations at Hutto Pond to the penthouse digs at Eden Farms.

Fort Cooper, a Second Seminole War (1835-1842) Fort, embodied Johnny Eden's passion and obsession. Troops occupied the garrison for only 16 days from April 2 to April 18, 1836. The First Georgia Battalion of Volunteers, commanded by Major Mark Anthony Cooper of Milledgeville, Georgia, staffed the fort with 380 soldiers. Between 300 and 500 Seminoles attacked it for 13 consecutive days. Cooper and his men, however, successfully rebuffed the offensive by the Indians. After that conflict, the army used Fort Cooper only for overnight stops and brief visits until it eventually collapsed or burned.

Johnny Eden spent years researching that part of his property and lending financial support to document and preserve it. When we arrived, he operated his bulldozer and brought three of his farmworkers to pin down the fortification's exact location. His delightful and



From right to left, Dan Penton, Michael Wisenbaker, John Eden and James Levy at Fort Cooper in 1971.

Special to the Chronicle

gracious wife, Betty, even lent a hand uncovering the overburden at the site by getting down on the ground with a trowel.

Before we had arrived, Eden and his men used a bush hog to remove most of the brush covering the site. After consulting with Frank and Dan, Johnny then used his bulldozer to lightly grade several trenches about seven feet wide and a foot below the surface. We then shovel shaved and hand troweled inside the dozer cuts to search for any telltale signs of the fortification.

On the first day of our third week, we finally found a tin cup and a jacket-sized button. The next day we located the south wall of the fort. We discovered the west and north walls and the northeast corner of the garrison during the remainder of that week by uncovering post remains and post molds. Beyond that, we unearthed a possible slit trench (a latrine) and several spent 50mm musket balls, iron nails, a harness buckle and a lead bullet

from a percussion revolver — first used in 1836.

Levy remembered it this way: 'Johnny would usually push the debris (with the bulldozer) up from opposite directions, making a spoil pile in the middle of the cut. Under the spoil pile was one of the last places to look. After he pushed the pile out of the way, we cleaned it and noticed a ditch with pickets inside it. It signaled the first evidence of the actual fort that we'd found. We followed it down the slope towards the lake, discovering a small bastion (a projecting part of a fortification that allows for defensive fire in several directions) along the way. We never found the grave of the one soldier killed and buried inside the fort.

While working there, I never let on to anyone, but most of the endless yammering about the fort and the Seminole wars drained me. Johnny (and his family), however, intrigued me. Specifically, watching Eden's face light up when we first found the palisaded wall of Fort

Cooper. A lifelong dream of his had come to fruition before our eyes.

We started in the field early mornings and usually shut down in mid-afternoon because of the Indian summer heat. Unlike the two months at Hutto Pond, our previous dig, where Penton and I dined on the likes of Dinty Moore stew every night, the Eden's insisted that we join them each evening at their dinner table for mouthwatering meals.

On several occasions, they treated us to dinner at the Green Tavern in nearby Crystal River. I recall driving my old Ford Falcon over there as we listened to Jethro Tull's "Living in the Past," and the New York Rock Ensemble. Johnny permitted his three teenaged daughters, Muriel, Amanda and Amelia, to ride with Jamie and me. Mr. Eden trusted the two of us, but he had some serious doubts with several characters on the crew that followed ours two years later.

That ole styled Florida diner in Crystal River

offered sea turtle steaks. I had never tried them before. I must admit sea turtle had to have been some of the tastiest meat ever to touch my tongue. However, the passages of the U.S. Endangered Species Act and Florida Statutes in 1973 listed all sea turtles as threatened or endangered. Those succulent turtle steaks would remain only a foggy memory. Sadly, a RaceTrac gas station now occupies the site of the fabulous Green Tavern.

In the evenings after dinner, we gathered around the Eden's Florida Room with a sweeping view of Lake Tsala Apopka. Under the influence of dark rums and other spirits, Johnny relished discussing various topics besides Fort Cooper. He often touted the proposed Cross Florida Barge Canal. I don't know how Jamie and Frank felt, but Dan and I politely listened since the two of us thought the barge canal was a terrible idea.

Our crew chief, Frank Fryman, loved regaling

everyone in the room with his stories about his archaeological exploits near Khartoum, Sudan, and Egypt's Aswan Dam on the Nile in North Africa. He showed up for our evening chats dressed in a khaki outfit — shirt and shorts — and a pith helmet to match. Fryman often had a bent pipe hanging off his lips. Since I only worked with Frank that summer, I never knew whether he was a serious archaeologist or just full of blarney. He played the silly stereotypical role, sans the whip, of an archaeologist to the hilt.

All four of us genuinely liked the Eden's, as I believe they did us. Jamie and I returned one weekend the following spring break and visited with them. I later traveled to Cocoa Beach to surf that summer, and on the way home, made a slight detour to Eden Farms to see them. When Amelia saw the surfboards on my car rack, she asked me to teach her how to surf. Of course, that never happened, but that perky girl and her two older sisters were sweethearts. Alas, that would be my last visit with them.

Probably the most noteworthy thing about that September at Fort Cooper though happened to Jamie. Beyond his profession as a conservator, Levy was (and is) an avid equestrian. As Jamie said, "Being bored after work, I began riding one of Johnny's horses named Able. He wound up giving the horse to me, and he lived for another 31 years. "What a parting gift!"

Our three weeks of work there resulted in the following unpublished report:

Fryman, Frank B., Jr.: 1972 "Exploratory Excavations at Fort Cooper, Citrus County, Florida: A Preliminary Report," Florida Dept. of State, FDAHRM, Tallahassee.

James Michael Wisenbaker is the state archaeologist who first began uncovering the treasures at Fort Cooper State Park.

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**CAREER
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Shifting into high gear

Manufacturing, logistics employers set virtual job fair

Back in 2012, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion partnered with the College of Central Florida and others to explore ways we can help close skill gaps in our region. We launched a multi-month deep dive into the subject, holding focus groups and conducting in-depth interviews and surveys.

One issue that quickly rose to the surface was the perception that manufacturing wasn't promoted as a career option for our best and brightest students — not just any option, but a darned good one.

It was believed that parents and school guidance counselors were guilty of steering students away from the industry, weighed down by the misperception that manufacturing was dirty, unskilled drudge work offering miserly pay.

Fast forward to October 2020, which is National Manufacturing Month as well as Manufacturing Month in Florida.

CareerSource CLM has once again partnered with the Mid-FL Regional Manufacturers Association (MRMA) to highlight manufacturing — and more — during the annual Manufacturing and Logistics Career Fair on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10-11:30 a.m.

The event is free and this year we are excited to be able to offer it virtually. You can register at bit.ly/MKCareerFair or simply visit careersourceclm.com and click on the link at the top of any page. Keep reading for more details.

So why are we doing this? It turns out that far from any preconceived notions we may have, today's advanced manufacturing is cleaner and greener than ever before. That's in large part because many, if not most, manufacturers use Computer Numerical Control or CNC machines, requiring highly skilled operators and programmers.

In his Oct. 1 proclamation, Gov. Ron DeSantis said that Manufacturing Month offers an "opportunity to recognize all professionals, agencies and organizations who bring value to Florida's manufacturing industry and economy."

Florida ranks among the top three states in the nation for manufacturing establishments, with nearly 21,000 manufacturers employing 384,000 of our friends, neighbors and family members at better than average wages.

For the quarter ending in March, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages reported 373 manufacturing establishments in the Citrus,

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'Red-hot' business spot



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file photo

For several years, as shown in this 2017 file photo, motorists and business owner have had to deal with the headache of expansion along U.S. 19 in Homosassa. Chamber of Commerce President Josh Wooten said Homosassa, old Homosassa and the southwestern part of the county are red-hot right now and not just because the new road — better able to withstand flooding — is soon to be completed.

Chamber: Homosassa area booming as U.S. 19 work draws closer to completion

MICHAEL D. BATES
 Staff writer

For about four years, motorists traveling U.S. 19 through Homosassa have had to contend with traffic cones, congestion and lane changes while the widening project continued.

It's supposed to wrap up in early 2021 and businesses along that route from Green Acres Street to West Jump Court are starting to position themselves.

Two of them include a new standalone Dunkin' Donuts and car wash.

The Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) last month recommended approval of a conceptual plan for the new businesses, to be located at the southeast corner of U.S. 19 and West Homosassa Trail.

It goes before county commissioners Oct. 27 for final approval.

The site currently has multiple commercial uses, including a two-story office building and a four-bay self-service car wash, both built in 1988. There's also another office building that's been there since 1974.

Plans call for demolishing those existing buildings and building a new car wash and Dunkin' Donuts, according to the county.

The new Dunkin' will be sandwiched between RaceTrac gas station to the north and a CVS pharmacy to the south.

The new restaurant and car wash will be located at one of the busiest intersections in Homosassa and is at the epicenter of the ongoing widening project. To facilitate traffic, the applicant is blocking access off U.S. 19 and West Homosassa. Instead, customers can only enter via two other roads that lead into the new complex: South Pittsburgh Avenue and West Aqueduct Street.

Hot market

Businesses look at roads and infrastructure when determining where to build, said



MICHAEL D. BATES/Chronicle

Pending county commission approval, this long-standing car wash by the southeast corner of U.S. 19 and West Homosassa Trail will be torn down to make way for a new one. A new Dunkin' Donuts is also planned at the site.

Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Wooten said Homosassa, old Homosassa and the southwestern part of the county is red-hot right now and not just because a new road — better able to withstand flooding — is soon to be completed.

Mix in a brisk housing market at Sugar-mill Woods and newly discovered tourism opportunities in Old Homosassa and it's a

natural driver for business, he said. The Suncoast Parkway interchange being built off West Cardinal Street is also sure to play into business growth, he said.

"There's a kind of mini-boom going on down there and I think these businesses have decided this is the right time to pull the trigger," Wooten said. "The infrastructure is available and the roadwork is finally going to come to a conclusion."

Acme Storage

Acme Storage, a bit farther north at 8438 U.S. 19 in Homosassa, will offer covered rental storage units for recreational vehicles and boats.

Owner Jerry Zahringer, who hopes to open later in October, said he saw a need for this kind of facility. Too many times, he said, he's seen RVs and boats sitting outside exposed to the elements and that can ruin the vehicles.

"I just figured it would be a good thing to get into," Zahringer said.

There will be spots for about 75 vehicles. There are concrete floors and each unit will be supplied with electricity. Acme Storage will have security cameras and a secured gate with access code.

For more information, call 352-382-1076.

More businesses open

Hitchcock's Market opened two months ago in the 15,500-square-foot spot inside Homosassa Square off U.S. 19 by Yulee Drive.

The family-run grocery is next to Ollie's Bargain Outlet.

At that same plaza, Beauty & the Barber and the Fish Tales Restaurant also recently opened.

Megan Moody, co-partner and co-manager of Beauty & the Barber, said when it opened in July the location is ideal because it is the main route for tourists heading to the waterways.

BUSINESS DIGEST

LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle

CF Foundation slates October meetings via conference calls

The CF Foundation meetings listed below are open to the public:

■ CF Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the College of Central Florida.

This will be a conference call — public can send any questions to the Executive Board via email to: Knifec@cf.edu.

Purpose: General business of the CF Foundation Executive Committee.

■ CF Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the College of Central Florida.

This will be a conference call — public can send any questions to the Executive Board via email to: Knifec@cf.edu.

Dermatology, skin cancer centers opens Crystal River location

Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers (FLDSCC), a family-focused practice with offices throughout Florida, has expanded by opening

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Boulevard Bistro is a new member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. With Meghan Pitzer, United Way CEO, left, is Michelle Colbert, one of the owners. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

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Levy and Marion counties' region with 10,703 employees and an average weekly wage of \$839 compared to the average weekly wage of \$710 for all private industry sectors in the three-county region.

In Citrus County alone there are 69 manufacturers with 506 employees, an over-the-year growth rate of 1.8% earning an average of \$832 a week compared to the \$741 average for all industries here. Let's be realistic, that first quarter growth was impacted by COVID, but what wasn't?

Still, it's easy to see where it is heading based on where it was at the close of 2019: 70 manufacturers in Citrus County employed 527 for a growth rate of 9.3%; the average weekly wage was \$862, a gain of \$36 over the year and 14% more than the average of \$755 for all industries.

In terms of logistics, the three-county region has seen an 8.7% increase in the number of transportation and warehousing establishments in the past five years — from 357 to 388 — and a 25.5% increase in the number of logistics workers, up 1,141 to 5,614.

Kathleen Betz, MRMA's executive director, said that "for those making their career choice, the Manufacturing and Logistics Virtual Career Fair provides a window into the wide variety of opportunities that exist within the exciting and growing fields of Manufacturing and Supply Chain."

The virtual platform enables candidates to learn about job openings, submit resumes with the click of a button and meet in real time with hiring managers. To register, all that's needed is your name, email address and upload of your current resume.

To date, the following employers with immediate and multiple jobs to fill are scheduled to participate: AutoZone Distribution Center, Cardinal Glass, Chariot Eagle, Cheney Brothers, Conimar Group, Custom Window Systems, E-One, McLane, RealTruck, R & L Global Logistics, Transformco, Winco and Phoenix Woods.

Attendees will also be able to take virtual industry tours of An-corp, SPX Flow and Winco as well as learn about local training programs, including the aforementioned CNC machines, and we may even be able to assist with tuition.

Additionally, representatives from CareerSource CLM and MRMA will be on hand via virtual

help desks to assist candidates during the event and provide information about our respective services.

Two words about the resume I mentioned earlier: First, don't skip this step; after all, your resume is a tangible way to introduce your skills and experience to prospective employers.

Second, if you'd like assistance creating or updating your resume, you'll find free resources at the registration and login portal, including a resume template, link to a virtual resume workshop and contact information to speak to one of our trained career coaches.

You'll also be able to download tips on how to navigate the career fair and what to expect.

Remember, this opportunity takes place in four short days; register now at bit.ly/MLCareerFair.

For more information, visit careersourceclm.com or give us a call at 352-249-3278 or 800-434-JOBS (5627).

Laura Byrnes, communications manager at CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, is accredited in public relations, a certified public relations counselor and a Florida-certified workforce professional. Contact her at 352-291-9559, 800-434-5627, ext. 1234 or lbyrnes@careersourceclm.com.

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a new office location in Crystal River. Located conveniently just off North Suncoast Boulevard, the new facility is easily accessible to surrounding communities. FLDSCC's team of providers treats all types of skin and scalp conditions and is committed to providing exceptional patient care and service.

As statistics for developing skin cancer continue to climb upward with more than 9,500 people in the U.S. given a new skin cancer diagnosis every day, Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers sees its move to Crystal River as an added opportunity to further its mission and provide much needed dermatology services in the Sunshine State.

"We are eager to bring our unmatched services to the Crystal River area," says Medical Director of FLDSCC, Dr. K. Wade Foster. "The fact that more people are diagnosed with skin cancer each year in the U.S. than all other

cancers combined, means we as an organization have a duty to educate and treat as many people as possible to give them the best chance for favorable outcomes." Foster and his team use proven, innovative methods to remove cancers, preserve healthy skin, and restore natural appearance.

While Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers provides the full spectrum of dermatology and skin care services, its team of physicians, APRNs, and PAs are experts in diagnosing and treating skin cancers with the latest technological options. Dr. K. Wade Foster is fellowship-trained in Mohs surgery, the most effective technique for most types of skin cancers, with minimal scarring or risk.

With 1 in 5 Americans likely to develop skin cancer by the age of 70, it's more important than ever to have an experienced dermatologist or medical professional conduct an annual skin exam. For more information, email info@FLDSCC.com.

SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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Monday November 2, 2020
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7:30 - 8:15 AM REGISTRATION
 Start Time 8:30 AM sharp

The golf tournament is an 18-hole scramble format, with teams fielded according to:

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2. Mixed
3. All Women

Tournament Registration Deadline: Oct. 26, 2020

For More Information
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Chamber announces upcoming Christmas parades!

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the 2020 Crystal River and Inverness Christmas parades!

This year we are taking you back to a simpler time. A time when Christmas was about homemade gifts and generational traditions. From tinsel to popcorn garland, hand-painted dolls to matchbox cars, celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with this year's theme, A Vintage Christmas!

The Crystal River Christmas parade will be held December 5th at 6 P.M. beginning from Citrus Avenue to travel down HWY 19 to Paradise Point. Please note, only the south bound lane of 19 will be closed off for the parade to allow for viewing on the west side of the roadway.

KEEPING YOU SAFE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

- In line with CDC Guidelines, the Chamber recommends parade viewers practice social distancing and use face coverings when social distancing is not possible. Parade Participants will be asked to use precautions during staging and hand washing stations will be readily available. To reduce physical interaction, handing out or "tossing" of anything along the parade route will be strictly prohibited.
- If you are feeling ill, it is encouraged that you please stay home. Alternatively, the Chamber has partnered with Digital Hound Media to offer those unable to attend, the option to view the parades in real time via Facebook LiveStream.

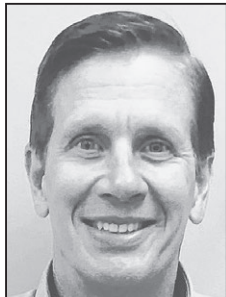
The Inverness Christmas Parade will be held December 12th at noon travelling down SR 44 from Citrus High School to downtown Inverness. This parade can be viewed from both sides of the roadway.

Applications for parade floats are now open for review.

You can apply online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Christmas-Parades.

Chamber welcomes newest board member

The Chamber would like to welcome its newest Board Member Marty Drango! Marty is the Station Manager at Duke Energy's 1,640-megawatt Citrus Combined Cycle Station at the Crystal River Energy Complex. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of South Florida and he is a registered professional engineer in Florida.



Marty Drango

He started his career in 1980 as a sophomore in college in a cooperative education program, working at the now-demolished Bartow steam plant in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has managed operations, maintenance

and construction of new generation facilities as well as led engineering, design, staffing, performance testing and start-up teams.

He and his wife, Chris, moved to Crystal River in 2015 and have four adult children ages 24 to 29.

In his spare time, he enjoys boating with his family and other water activities that Crystal River is known for.

He is a utility worker to the core; he owns an electric vehicle and is awaiting the delivery of an electric pickup truck in 2021, to reduce his personal carbon footprint when driving to and from work.

Business Appreciation Month Nominate your favorite local businesses

This year, Business Appreciation Month (B.A.M.) is going Back to Basics to celebrate our local businesses!

We invite our community members to help us recognize our local businesses by nominating your local favorites for a feature on our Facebook page, website, and Instagram.

To nominate, email the business name and why you're nominating them to PR@CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Winners will be chosen randomly throughout the month with those nominating, also winning a gift certificate to a local business.

CF CORPORATE COLLEGE

Workshop to focus on time management, goal setting



Rebecca Martin
Corporate College
workshop host.

The November Corporate College workshop on time management and goal setting with accountability: Planning and Follow-up for Success will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 8:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom with host Rebecca Martin.

The Citrus Business Series courses are designed specifically for Citrus County business people.

The workshops are presented by individuals who live and work in Citrus County.

Due to the college's closure for COVID-19 safety constraints, these sessions are being brought to you online.

Individual workshop fee is \$29.

Register and pay online at: CF.edu/CorporateCollege or call 352-873-5855.

Chamber Member News!

■ Lifesouth Community Blood Centers are facing a critical shortage of Type O blood. Centers are open 7 days a week for the convenience of donors. For information email amjohnson@lifesouth.org or call 352-596-2002.



■ World Fusion is hosting a "Round Up" event to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County throughout the entire month of October! Customers will have the option to round up their bill with the proceeds going directly to servicing the youth in Citrus County.

■ Citrus County School District looking for substitute teachers. For information or to apply visit tinyurl.com/yylm4cft.

■ KC Wine & Koffee Bar to host Raise the Bar for Women fundraiser to benefit CASA Citrus. October 15th, from 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.

■ The City of Inverness will host their Farmers Market at the Depot Saturday, October 17th, from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

■ Foster2Adoption has scheduled their inaugural golf charity event for October 17th at the Lakeside Country Club in Inverness. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/tqaebl>.

■ Nine State Brewery to host one Year Anniversary Celebration November 7th, from 1 P.M. - 10 P.M. with live music, a food truck, and specialty brews to celebrate the occasion!



'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47").



Jim Briley, Elaine Briley, Grace Hengesbach

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks to Grace Hengesbach of Beech Street Consulting about her client, and non-profit, the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and the assistance they are offering for non-profits in Citrus County. Also joining Jade is Jim and Elaine Briley, owners of Shipyard Dog, about their origin story, what brought them to Citrus County, and the amazing screen printing, embroidery, and promotional work their business offers.

Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

Plan your Halloween event

As we enter spooky season, many questions have been raised regarding Halloween festivities and celebrations. While the Chamber encourages everyone to continue to follow all current CDC guidelines, we also want to inform our community of the upcoming events that are available to get you into the spirit of the season! For a current list of our local holiday events, visit www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/SpookySeason. If you are hosting a safe Halloween event, please email the information to PR@CitrusCountyChamber.com.



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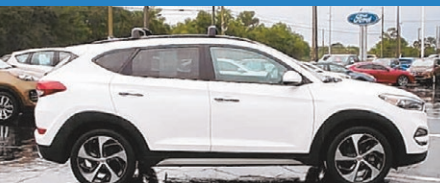
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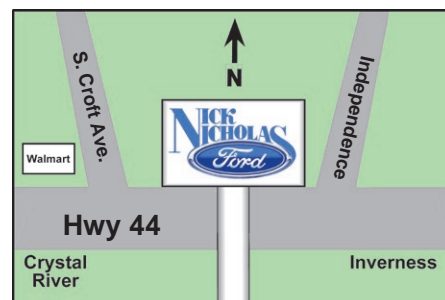
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How to bring more space into home bathrooms

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bathroom serves double duty as a laundry room.

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Tomatoes, turnips rule in big year for veggie gardening



Associated Press

ABOVE: Hakurei turnips sit in a field after being harvested on Andrew Dunham's 80-acre organic farm, in Grinnell, Iowa. Tomatoes and turnips are among the winners for U.S. seed company sales. In the year of the new coronavirus and new gardeners in droves trying to grow their own vegetables, tomatoes are still king. And in a twist, the respect-seeking turnip actually turned some heads. **BELOW:** DiMare farm manager Jim Husk holds a ripe tomato, in Homestead, Fla.



JOHN RABY
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — In the year of the new coronavirus, when new gardeners came out in droves to try growing their own vegetables, tomatoes were still king. And in a twist, the respect-seeking turnip actually turned some heads.

Seed companies taking stock of what went well and what came out of the woodwork proclaimed the tomato as their top seller this year.

Specifically, at Burpee, the Bodacious Tomato was the best-selling vegetable seed. The company calls the large, disease-resistant but pricey hybrid indeterminate tomato, which is good with sandwiches, burgers, salads and more, "our new superstar."

The Park's Whopper tomato has been an annual centerpiece for Park Seeds, "and 2020 was no

different!" said Kelly Funk, president of parent J&P Park Acquisitions.

At Ferry Morse, the Large-Fruited Red Cherry Tomato that fills out on tall, indeterminate vines was crowned its No. 1 seller. "It's an easy-to-grow variety that produces prolifically all summer long," said Ferry Morse chief marketing officer Rebecca Sears.

Obviously, tomatoes aren't the only veggies that gardeners grow from seed. Cucumbers, peppers and beans also are near the top of consumer retail sales.

At Burpee, the biggest surprise was the Silky Sweet Turnip, which chairman George Ball said was "kind of mind-blowing."

Yes, a turnip. That easy to grow but hard-to-figure-out-what-to-do-with root vegetable.

"It's the butt of many jokes and the bane of many appetites," Ball said.

Burpee's website compares the the Silky Sweet Turnip to a reinvented apple, whose sweetness "makes it seductively snaky."

Ball said Burpee bought the entire supply of the turnip variety from a breeder in Japan.

"If you think you've ever had a turnip before, this is going to change your mind," he said. In retrospect, "this thing was everything we had hoped for."

As far as flower seeds go, the eye-catching Zesty Zinnia Mix was Burpee's top seller.

At Ferry Morse, Sears said that while the most popular vegetable and flower seeds have remained consistent every year, sales of wildflowers and lettuce increased more quickly than other seed types, a reflection of "gardeners trying their hands with easy and fast-growing plants."

Lettuce, she pointed out, can be grown in a windowsill container, so it works well in apartments as well as yards.

"There's no doubt that gardening surged in

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Japanese and sugar maple trees in Bryn Mawr, Penn. Trees benefit our planet in so many ways, as well as providing us humans with beauty, food and shade.

Best time to plant a tree? Probably now

LEE REICH
Associated Press

Planting a tree is one of the best things you can do to help the planet, and these days it's gotten easier. There's a better understanding now of what trees need, including when they should generally be planted (the fall).

Why plant trees? It's well-known that trees mitigate global warming by taking in and storing carbon dioxide. Their shade can cool things down in summer. As wind-breaks, they can slow heat loss. Their beauty and delicious fruits and nuts are other perks.

Experts used to recommend planting trees in spring. But that's changed

for most species.

With spring planting, there's a danger that stems can start to grow before the roots are established in the ground. Fall planting helps avoid that. Stems can't grow until they have experienced a winter's worth of cold. Roots, on the other hand, grow whenever the soil temperature is above about 40 degrees, so they can still make use of summer's lingering heat in the ground.

Best planting techniques

Smaller nursery trees establish more quickly in their new homes than

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popularity this year," said Sears. "People have sought out an escape and productive activities during quarantine, and have found both in DIY gardening projects that connect them with nature while providing food and beauty."

Park Seed saw an influx of new customers across all age groups. Supplies that get the family involved in gardening, such as seed starting kits, were a hit, Funk said.

"These customers are most excited about heirloom varieties and our salad bowl mix, which includes a blend of mustard greens, arugulas and lettuces," Funk said.

Susan Elliot, a spokeswoman for the Burlington, Vermont-based Gardener's Supply Co., said that in more than 35 years of business, "it has never been this busy."

Elliot said the employee-owned company's

best sellers were functional items such as raised beds, tomato cages and water irrigation systems. She also said a folding bench that saves gardeners' knees sold surprisingly well. The company remains out of stock on some of its greenhouses.

Early this year, Gardener's Supply Co. obtained additional warehouse space and built what it thought was a month of inventory of raised beds.

"When March hit, we blew through that inventory in about a week, and the raised beds were back-ordered all summer, in all sizes," Elliot said.

Home goods retailer Lowe's also saw a surge this year in consumers looking to grow their own food, including high demand for seed starting, raised garden beds and tomato cages, spokeswoman Amy Allison said.

But back to tomatoes and their varieties:

Suzan Ferreira runs a website, It's My

Sustainable Life, about organic gardening and sustainable living that ran a recent article on how to save tomato seeds for future use. She said she grows up to 150 tomato plants every year in her garden in central New Hampshire.

"My love of all things tomatoes has no bounds," she said. "Call me the crazy tomato lady."

While some hybrids find their way into her garden, she swears by heirloom varieties, whose seeds have not been altered from their parent plants. Her favorite among the heirlooms is probably the Brandywine, which dates back nearly 140 years. Others

in her wheelhouse are Pruden's Purple, Black Krim, Cherokee Purple, Blue Beech paste and San Marzano. She also suggests hybrid indeterminate varieties such as Sungold Cherry and Black Cherry.

Ann Garlatta, a southern California organic gardener who calls herself an "urban homesteader," enjoys growing Early Girl tomatoes at the beginning of the season for flavor and high yield, until the slower-paced Oxhearts and White Beefsteaks — her "flavor superstars" — are ready for picking.

"Trust me, they are worth the wait," she said.

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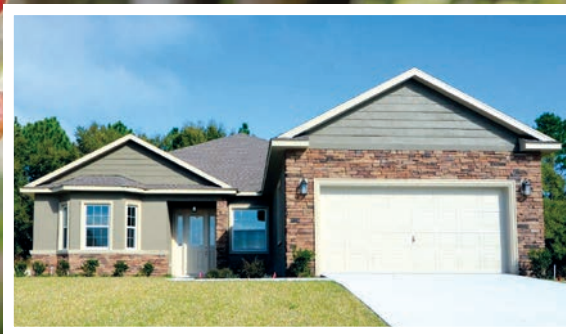
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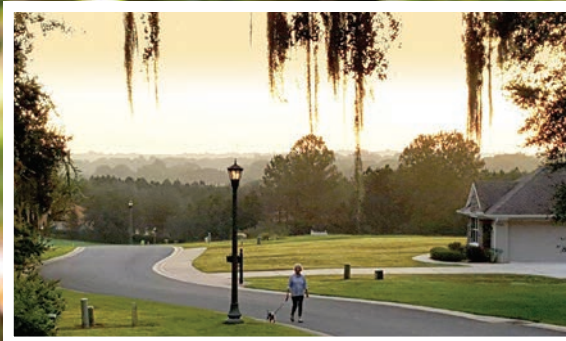
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Most of you have experienced a high-pressure sales presentation at some point, perhaps unaware of the psychological triggers the salesman was pulling in your head that would transform you into soft putty in his smarmy hands.

The inspiration for this column came from a reader named Les. He recently wrote to me via my website, AsktheBuilder.com: "After many years of going up on my roof to blow out 260 feet of gutters ... I'm finally going to take your advice on gutter guards. I had (company name redacted) come out and give me their inclusive pitch which ended with an \$18,000 quote. ... Very laughable."

I knew what Les meant by "inclusive." A light bulb went off in my head and I decided to reach out to my newsletter subscribers to see if they'd share their gutter guard sales pitch stories, as well as the quotes they received. I have a spreadsheet of this data on my website. Just "gutter guard costs" in the search field there.

I was astonished at the tsunami of responses. As I suspected, there were tales of woe and borderline thievery. I don't know what other word to

use when a person is charged \$90 per linear foot for a product that costs probably less than \$2 to make and 100 feet of it can be installed probably in an hour. Yes, you did the math right, \$9,000 for 100 feet of gutter guard. The thought of that happening to you is hateful to me.

Very powerful psychology is used to influence your decisions on almost a daily basis. Fear is an important tool of persuasion, shutting down the part of your brain that does critical and clear thinking. This is why panic is can be deadly.

The military, police and many businesses use this psychology to control behavior. In fact, you've probably used it yourself without even realizing it. It works because these psychological triggers are inside every human's brain.

Let's discuss another basic trigger, reciprocity. You fall victim to this if you accept a gift from someone. Think of those pieces of cheese on a toothpick in the grocery store. In the case of the high-pressure salesman, he offers you a discount on the price of the item. If your eyes light up and you accept the lower price, your brain whispers to you, "OK, now you must give him something back." All the salesman

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TREES

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larger ones, and usually outgrow them.

But you don't need to dig as deep as conventional wisdom has held. New research shows that tree roots take hold best in a cone-shaped planting hole only 2 to 3 times the diameter of the root ball, and no deeper than necessary to stand the plant at the same level as it stood at the nursery. Or higher, if a mound is needed for improved drainage. The shallow hole sets plants on a firm base of undisturbed soil that won't settle with time.

The practice of dumping gravel or some other coarse material into the bottom of the planting hole to help drain away excess water is another dated notion. What results is the opposite of what was intended. A "perched" water table forms above the layer of gravel; it doesn't drain until the upper layer becomes saturated.

Yet another myth that can be laid to rest is the recommendation to mix plenty of compost or other organic materials into the soil from the planting hole. The idea was to create a fluffy, rich substrate for the developing roots. But if you were a young root growing in such a place, would you ever want to leave? No. Spread compost and other organic materials on top of the ground as mulch.

Pruning? Staking?

No need to do a lot of work with your pruning tools either. Myth held that the tops of newly planted trees needed pruning to balance the loss of roots that occurred during transplanting. But many trees today are sold growing in containers, so they lose no roots at transplanting.

More important is that for every kind of nursery tree, the buds on stems, especially those near the tips, produce hormones that actually stimulate root growth. In general, limit any pruning to total removal of a few stems rather than lopping back many stems.

Once a tree is in the ground, staking is the traditional next order of business -- another practice needing reconsideration. Generally, don't stake a tree unless it

can't support itself, if trunk movement causes the root ball to rock, or if wind might uproot the whole plant. Even then, support for any young tree should let the top move freely and allow for some wiggle of the trunk, all without causing abrasion where the tie or ties make contact.

The sooner the stake or stakes are removed, the sooner the plant

can develop a strong trunk and root system. With most small trees, remove stakes after one year; larger trees might require stakes left in place for two years.

Watching year-to-year growth of a relatively small, young tree is satisfying. Before you know it, the tree will appear as a bold, beautiful and useful addition to the landscape.

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Getting your closet organized

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We're all familiar with the cyclical process of closet cleaning: It fills up with piles of clothing and shoes and accessories we don't wear and forget we even own, we let it grow out of control for a year (or two), then we spend an intense 48 hours trying to wrangle it back into order. And the process begins again.

But what if there was a way to skip the exhausting marathon decluttering session and maintain a clutter-free closet? Some organizing experts think it's possible — as long as you set a few ground rules. Once you've done the hard work of decluttering, following these guidelines every day will prevent your closet from descending into chaos. These mini moves, like keeping every item visible and leaving a giveaway bag right on the shelf, may be the secret to a perpetually clean closet.

1. Prioritize where you position things.

"Be mindful of accessibility when placing items in the closet," says

Amelia Meena, a professional organizer and founder of Appleshine. "Less frequently used items (bathing suits, snow gear, etc.) should go up high and out of reach. Items you use regularly (everyday wardrobe pieces, kids' toys or supplies) should be at eye level and easy to access," she explains. Don't waste prime real estate by placing your favorite party dress that you only wear a couple times per year in the front of your closet, but save that spot for the go-to white shirt you wear to work every week.

On that same note, don't overlook the hard-to-reach spots — they're perfect for items you don't need often. "Put out-of-season clothing in stackable bins on the shelf. Handbags can also be stored up high, as can extra bed linens," recommends Nicole Anzia, the founder of the D.C.-based home organizing company Neatnik. As you return items to your closet each day, consider the next time you'll likely use that piece. Will you reach for it within a couple

days? It belongs in the front. Unlikely you'll wear those stilettos anytime soon? They belong on the back row of your shoe rack.

2. Give every item a home.

It may be hard to resist the urge to throw all your clothes or shoes into a big pile, but if you assign each item a specific spot, it gets easier. Sometimes, buying specific organizers for items you own a lot of can help, explains Anzia. "Don't let your shoes pile up in a mess on the floor: Use a shoe rack to create more surfaces to store everyday shoes," she says. Similarly, if you have a large collection of scarves, consider investing in a scarf hanger so you always know where they belong, rather than shoving them into a drawer.

Anzia also recommends adding wall hooks for holding the handbags or pajamas you reach for every day. If you have a home for every item, but your closet is still crammed, take it as a sign. "If you can't get

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Old, worn-out copy of infamous book isn't worth much

Dear John: My thanks to you for previous responses from you about findings from a friend's downsizing. I have attached photos of what appears to be a very old, perhaps original copy of "Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk." The outside cover is missing; the pages are very fragile, some small corners missing. We have researched the history behind the book.

My friend's question would be what to do with this finding; she does not wish to keep this. Any help you might offer would be useful to her again. Thank you for your time and consideration.

— D.W., internet

Dear D.W.: The infamous book, "Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk or The Hidden Secrets of a Nun's Life in a Convent Exposed" was first published in 1836. Even if your copy were in excellent condition the dollar value would be less than \$50. In poor condition, you might consider a donation to your local library.

Dear John: I would like some information on an item I found. I read your column in the newspaper and hope you can help me. Enclosed is a picture of a cast-metal icebox. It is not a bank. The doors open and close. It is

about 8.5 inches tall. The paint seems original and the hinges are painted on, therefore the doors can fall off easily.

I have shown it to a variety of people in the antique toy business and looked in a variety of books and magazines, but none have the answer. The nearest thing is that it may have been a sales model in the 1920s to 1930s. Do you think that is what it is, or is it a toy for a child? Also, does it have any value? — T.P., internet

Dear T.P.: It is commonly thought in the antiques marketplace that referring to any small-scale version of a full-sized item as a "Salesman's Sample" will increase the dollar value far beyond that of a common toy. When companies produced a small scale sample for their salesmen to use

in the field, it would be completely labeled by the manufacturer.

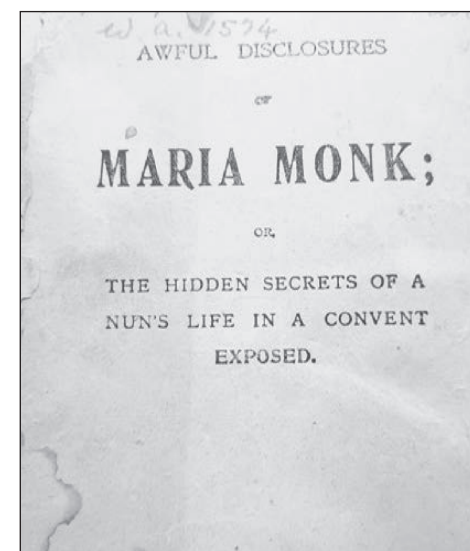
There are numerous examples of reprinted toy manufacturers' trade catalogs full of illustrations showing products produced for children's use as toys. Starting in the mid-1800s, almost everything manufactured for adults was produced in a smaller scale for children.

The toy icebox you have was likely manufactured before World War I and sold through a mail order catalog like Sears & Roebuck or Montgomery Ward's. Potential dollar value is below \$100.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.



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"Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk" is an infamous anti-Catholic work first published in 1836. This copy is in poor condition, but even in excellent condition it would be worth less than \$50.

History of our National Wildlife Refuges

National Wildlife Refuge week is Oct. 11 to 17. In the United States, there are about 568 National Wildlife Refuges (NWR), plus 38 wetland management districts with more than 150 million acres under federal protection. Every state has at least one National Wildlife Refuge. Florida currently has 35 NWRs. Alaska has 10, plus 11 other designated wilderness acres totaling 18.6 million acres.



Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN

Biological Survey and of Fisheries were transferred from the Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce to the Department of the Interior as part of this reorganization effort.

In 1947, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) began publishing the "Conservation in Action" series. Their marine biologist, Rachel Carson, was the series' chief editor and author of some articles aimed at stim-

ulating public interest in National Wildlife Refuges. In 1951, Carson's book "The Sea Around Us" was so popular it allowed Carson to retire and pursue a literary career.

Under the Department of the Interior and administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, our National Wildlife Refuge system protects a diverse network of lands and waters dedicated to conserving, managing and restoring America's diverse native fish, wildlife and plants and their necessary habitats. Public recreational use is secondary to wildlife needs. Every refuge is purposely chosen with wildlife and habitat in mind, including waterways and the critical ecosystems along them.

Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge System was created in 1983 to protect manatees and the warm springs where they congregate in winter.

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partnerships with organizations to promote understanding and conservation of fish, wildlife, plant and cultural resources and of habitats on refuges. This act directed the FWS to develop educational programs.

Call Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge at 352-562-2088 for information on scheduled events during the special National Wildlife Refuge recognition week. Cedar Key National Wildlife Refuge phone number is 352-493-0238. Most outdoor recreation NWR sites are open during the current public health emergency; however, visitor centers, gift shops and

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- Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.
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- Pine Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- Pinellas National Wildlife Refuge.
- St. Johns National Wildlife Refuge.
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.
- St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge.
- Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

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things in and out easily, you need to purge something," she says.

3. Keep everything visible.

One of the most important rules of closet cleaning is that if you can't see it, you're probably not going to remember to wear it. To make sure you're not accidentally limiting your wardrobe, Karin Socci, the professional organizer behind The Serene Home, says: "Everything should be visible. That means that nothing should be stuck in the back and nothing doubled up on hangers."

Anzia also thinks visibility is key. "Having everything hung at the same height and on the same hanger makes it easier to see your clothes," she explains. To save space while keeping the type of hanger consistent, choose a thin, space-saving option.

For accessories like jewelry and hats, this guideline means using a clear acrylic jewelry tray or installing wall hooks for your hat collection.

If you commit to following this simple rule every day, it also means one more thing: No more piles. When things are piled, whether clothes or shoes, it's impossible to see the items at the bottom. Instead, take a moment to place each item where you can see it. When you can see everything you own, it may also inspire you to get more creative with your wardrobe choices and wear those funky earrings you forgot all about.

4. Always be editing.

While this may sound overwhelming, editing as you go is actually less taxing than a big purge. And all three professional organizers agree that editing is essential. "If you can get rid of anything that doesn't belong/fit/work anymore, it will free up valuable

(and much needed) space for the rest of your belongings," Meena says.

To make it easy on yourself, Anzia suggests keeping a giveaway bag right in your closet. "Don't wait to do the twice-a-year purge that will require a big chunk of time and emotional energy. Instead, put clothes that no longer fit or that you no longer wear in the bag on an ongoing basis," she says. When the bag is full, drop it off for donation.

If you have a hard time deciding what to let go of, Socci suggests adopting a bit of the Marie Kondo method. Hold the item and ask yourself some tough questions: "Do you love this? Do you look forward to putting it on?" If the answer is "No," into the giveaway bag it goes.

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Authority is a very clever psychological trigger. You see this in everyday life. It's why the police wear uniforms and clergy wear special garments. The salesman sitting in your living room might squeeze this trigger in your head when he places the call to his manager to authorize another special price or

discount. After all, how can you ignore this higher power? If the salesman starts to pull out his phone, be sure to ask him to put it on speakerphone so you can hear what the manager says.

One of the most powerful psychological ploys used in sales presentations is social proof. You see this all the time in TV commercials, where four or five strangers tell you how the product took away pain, how it cleans so well, or how it allowed them to lose weight. After the last one, your brain screams at you, "Well, by gosh, if it's good enough for

them, I need it. Take my money!" Social proof is as intoxicating as that delicious aroma of your favorite food you smell when you come in from the garage. You're drawn to the kitchen like a lamb being led to slaughter.

The most powerful psychological trigger of all is scarcity. Only the strongest and battle-hardened consumers can resist this. Scarcity is used to make POWs sing like canaries. You see scarcity in play each day in your life when you see an ad or read an email that says, "The sale ends in hours." The business is

making the savings scarce. My guess is you've bought something you really didn't need when you saw this message.

The salesman in your home uses scarcity when he says the final lowest price is only good until such time as his taillights leave your driveway or some other short period of time. You're forced to make a decision or else lose thousands of dollars. Scarcity is like crack cocaine to your tiny defenseless gray cells.

How can you steel yourself to prevent being taken advantage of? I suggest you get a copy of

the easy-to-read book I read where I discovered all of this powerful magic: "Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion" by Robert Cialdini.

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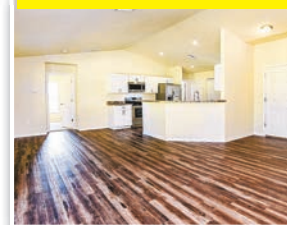


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Headshots of real estate agents and associates submitted for the Real Estate Digest are kept on file in the Chronicle Editorial Department. It is the responsibility of the individuals submitting news notes to ensure headshots have been sent to the newsroom, and to advise staff of any name changes.

Trails of the Withlacoochee Trail and a volunteer for the Citrus County Sheriff's Department Trail Patrol.

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Look at this 4/3/2 (Davis Lake Golf Est.) known as Inverness Golf and Country Club. This home is nestled on .68 acres with access to the golf course and is only minutes from historic Downtown Inverness and all the amenities it has to offer.
MLS #795498 **\$229,900**
Call Luke Whitehurst 352-476-5578 for your viewing appointment today!



NEW LISTING
805 N. SABAL PALM WAY, INVERNESS
Spacious 4 BR, 3 BA, 2,216 SF on the golf course, near clubhouse, and Withlacoochee bike path.
MLS #795264 **Offered \$235,500**
Call Mark Allgood 352-464-5192.



NEW LISTING
20280 SW 69TH PLACE DUNNELLON
Check out this pristine 5/3/2 carport, screened enclosed pool/lanai, with a 2/1 guest house. It also features a workshop/shed. All of this nestled on .92 acres located in Rainbow Acres. This is a MUST SEE HOME!
MLS #795432 **\$412,500**
Call Laurie Callahan 352-464-0743 for your private showing today!



NEW LISTING
2374 W. APRICOT DR., BEVERLY HILLS
Check out this 3/2.5/2 screen enclosed pool/lanai home located in Pine Ridge Estates and is nestled on 1.04 acres which also has a den that could be used as a fourth bedroom.
MLS #795448 **\$239,900**
Call Kimberly Miner 352-586-9549 for your showing appointment today!

THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE
October 11, 2020

COMICS

PEANUTS

featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ

*** POW! ***

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT BACK THERE?

LOOK OUT, CHUCK, HERE I COME!

POW!

GET READY, CHUCK! HERE I COME AGAIN!

SMASH!

THIS IS GREAT PRACTICE, HUH, CHUCK? GET READY 'CAUSE HERE I COME AGAIN!

CRASH!!

FUMBLE!

I FUMBL'D THE BALL, CHUCK... WHY DIDN'T YOU JUMP ON IT?

I THOUGHT IT WAS MY HEAD!

DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS
dilbert.com

HOW'S THE NEW LAB CONSTRUCTION GOING?

I'M HAVING SOME ISSUES WITH THE LOCAL BUILDING CODES.

THEY SEEM UNNECESSARILY STRINGENT.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE TO GUARANTEE NO RAIN TOUCHES THE ROOF.

WHY?

NO ONE KNOWS.

BUT IF WE DONATE TO THE MAYOR'S CAMPAIGN, THE CITY WILL DESIGNATE THE ROOF A "HORIZONTAL WALL."

AND THEN WE CAN BEGIN CONSTRUCTION?

NO, THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE FALSE HOPE PHASE.

MARVIN and STAFF

by TOM ARMSTRONG

IT'S DEPRESSING TRYING ON MY OLD CLOTHES

...AND THEY DON'T FIT ANYMORE

I DON'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM

I'VE GOT OLD CLOTHES IN THE CLOSET THAT ARE ACTUALLY LOOSE ON ME

THOSE ARE YOUR MATERNITY CLOTHES

IT STILL COUNTS

Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Rachel Rabbit says Reeky Rat stole her fresh-baked pie while she was napping. She claims she woke to see the rat eating the pie on her porch. Reeky insists he's innocent. He claims he is terribly allergic to blueberries. Why doesn't Slylock Fox swallow the rat's denial?

HOW TO DRAW an itchy, itchy creature

YOUR DRAWING

Jack rabbits can achieve speeds up to ...

- 15 mph
- 20 mph
- 30 mph
- 45 mph
- 125 mph

Answer -- Hat, bush, shirt, rabbit, sign and puppet teeth.

Today's terrific artist is Logan, age 11

Submit your black and white drawing to www.slylockfox.com/submit

Spot six differences between these panels.

See more Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids at www.slylockfox.com

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Sunday Puzzle Fun

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

YALGEL
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

DEYOBM
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

MUEANH
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

BMMEEL
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

CIPMTA
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

CWTKIE
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ - ○ ”

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level

1 2
 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit sudoku.org.uk

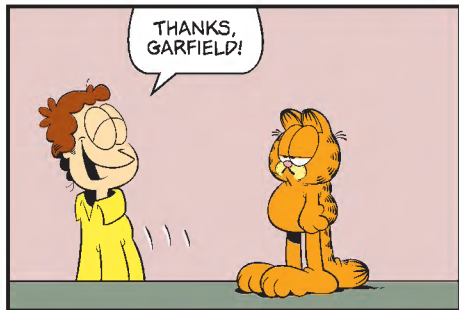
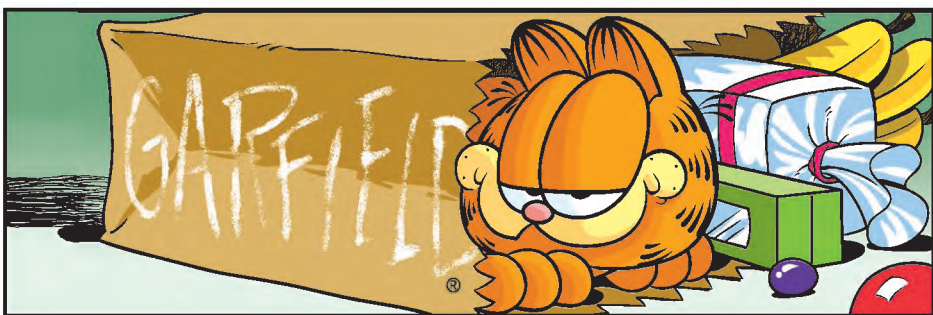
Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

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2	9	7	4	6	8	5	1	3
5	8	4	3	7	1	2	6	9
1	3	6	2	9	5	4	7	8
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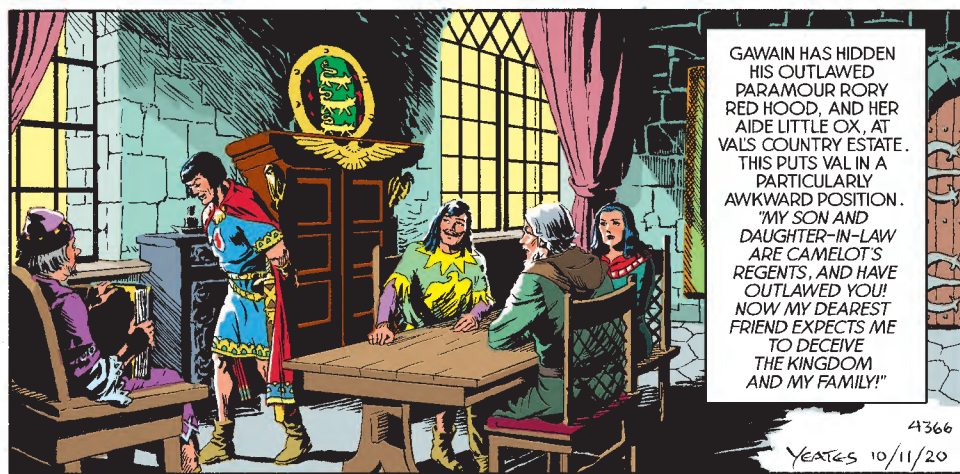
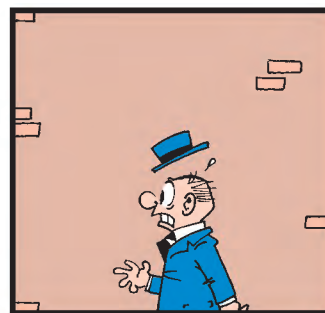
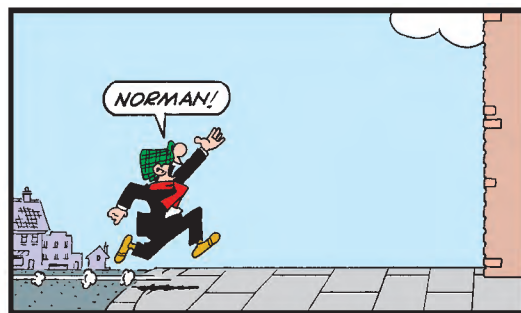
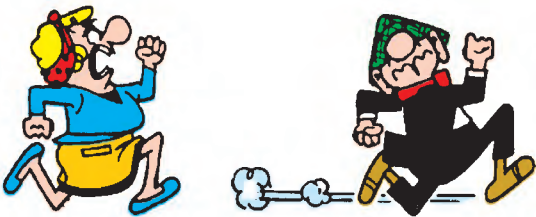
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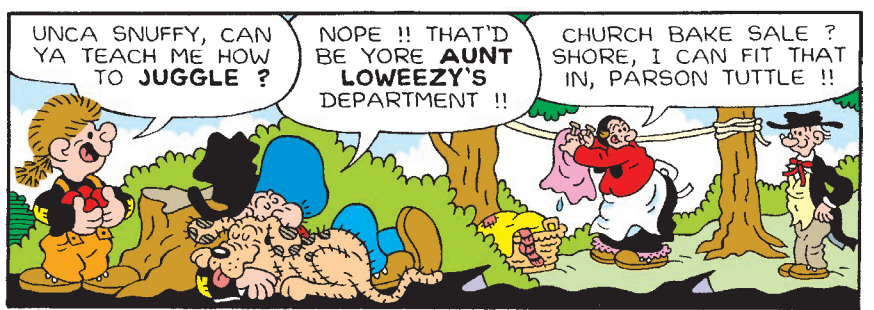
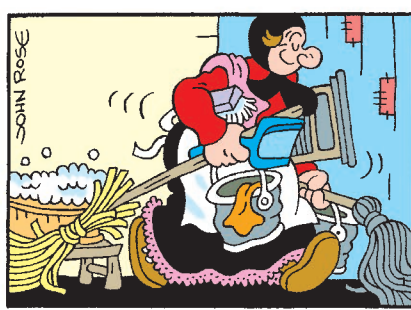
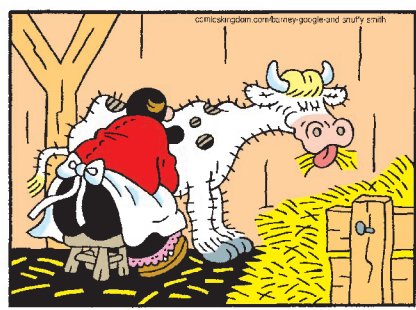
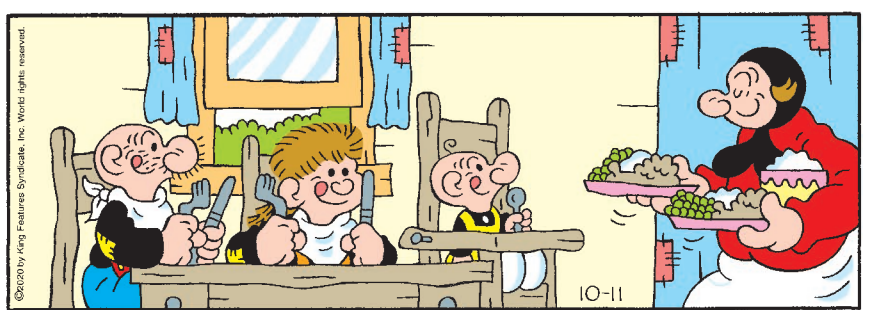
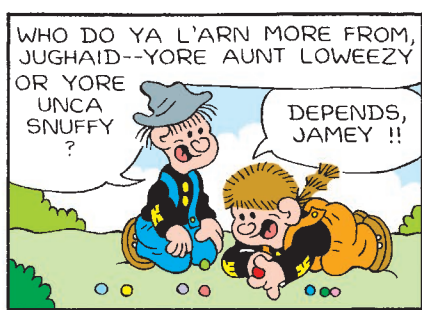
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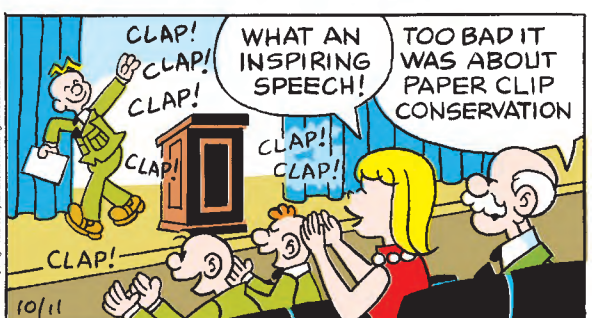
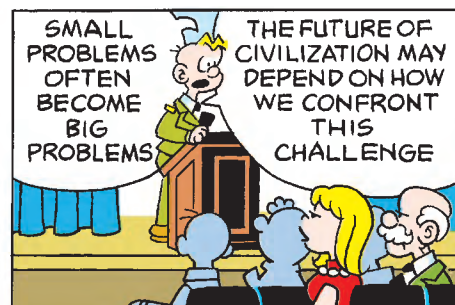
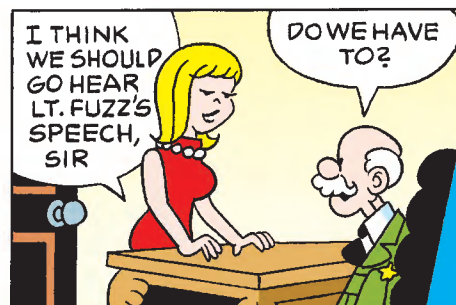


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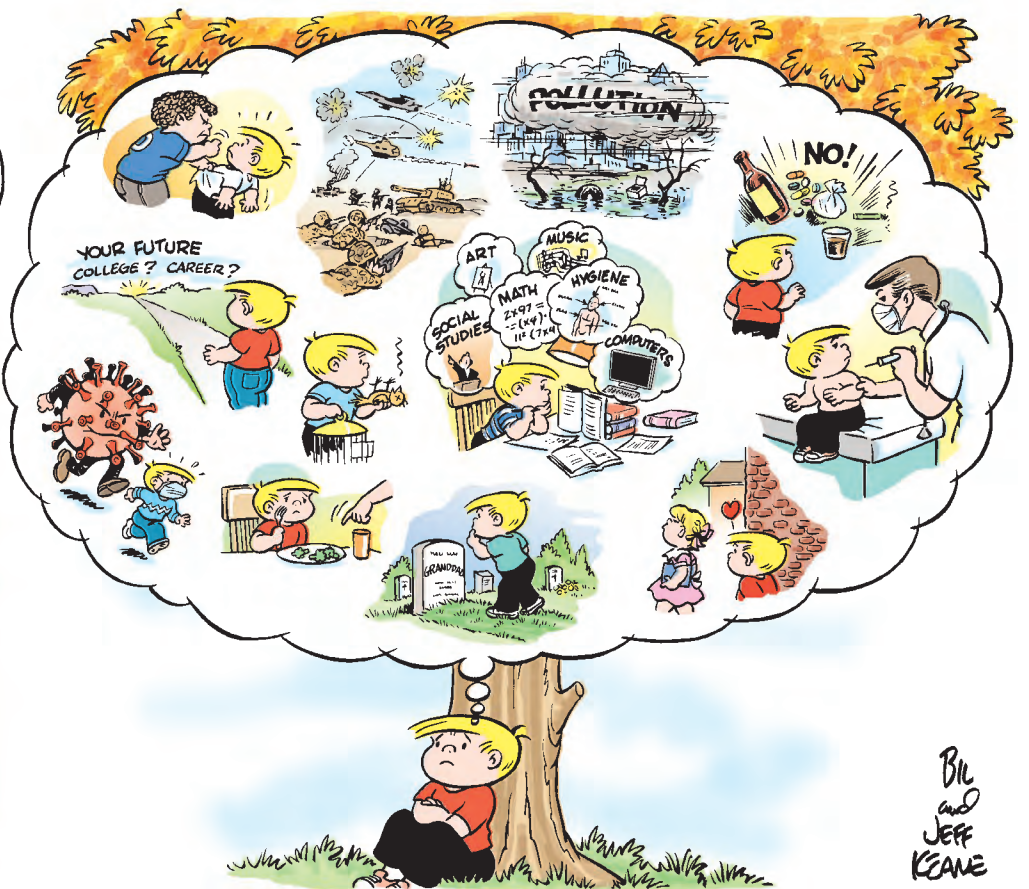
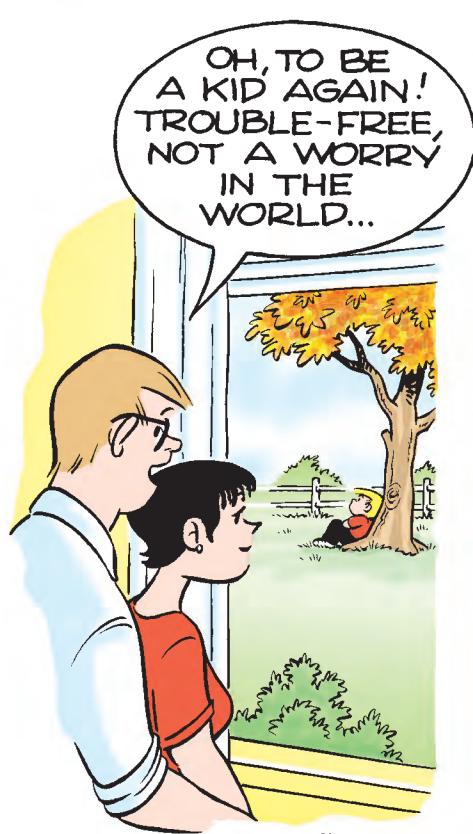
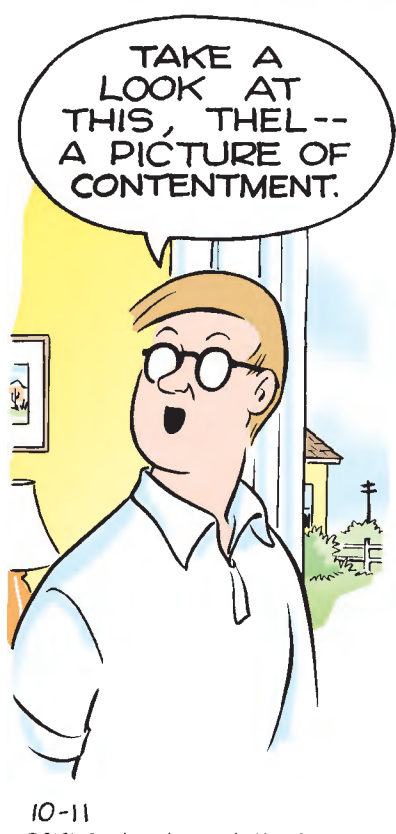


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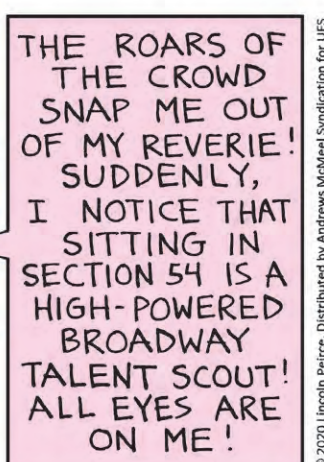
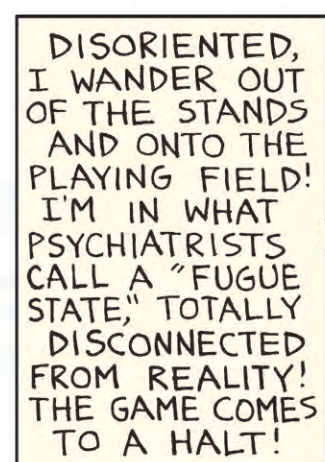


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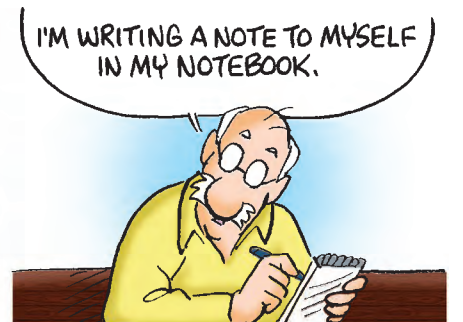
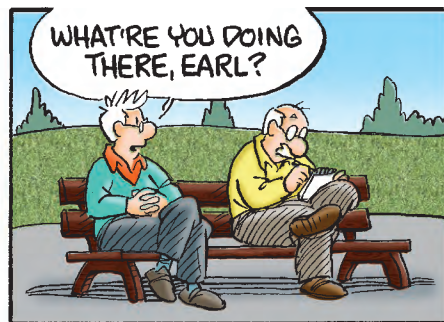
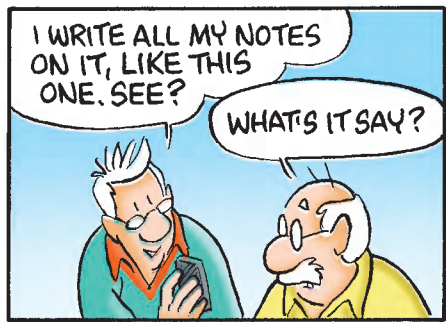


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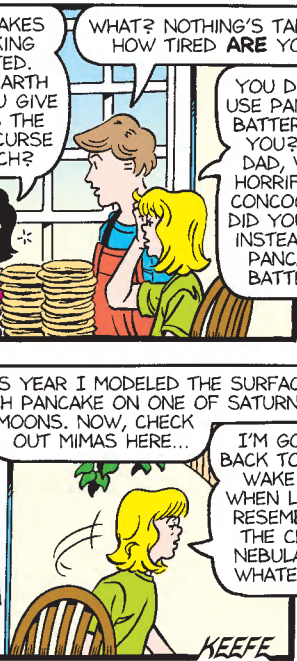
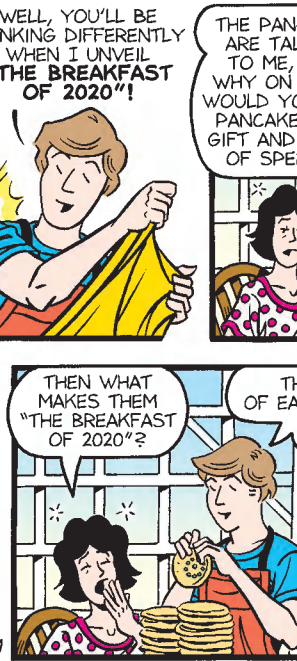
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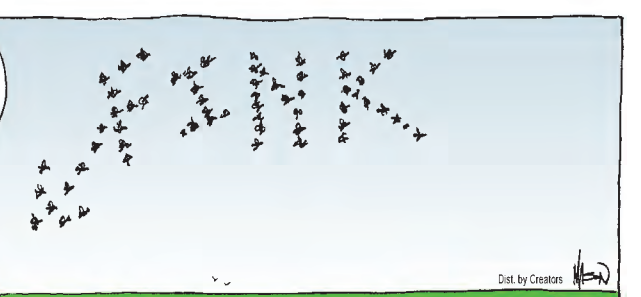
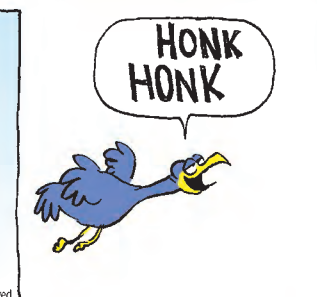


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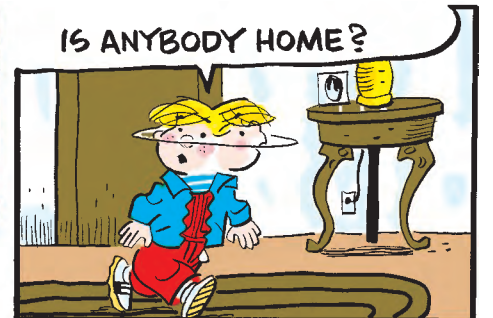
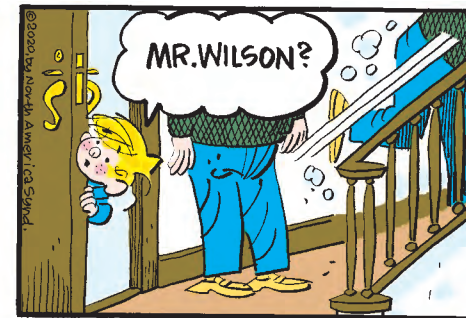
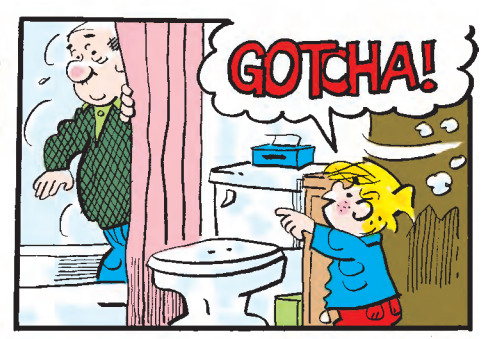
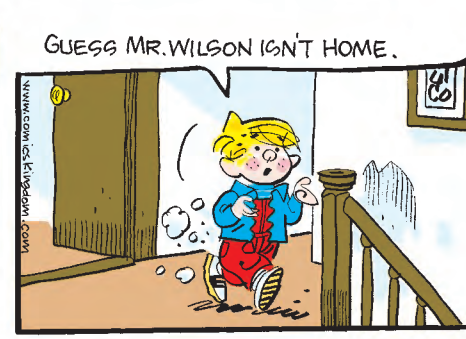
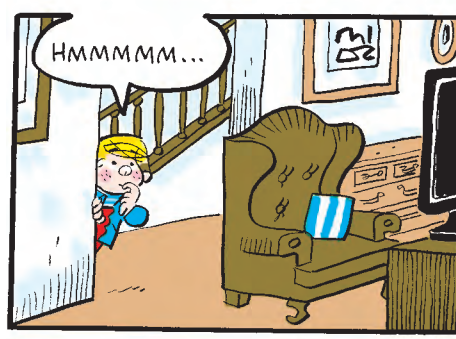
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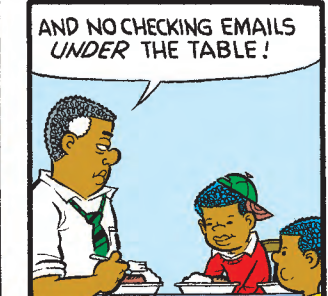
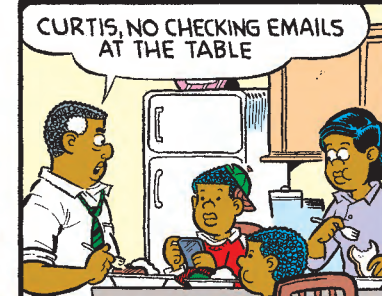


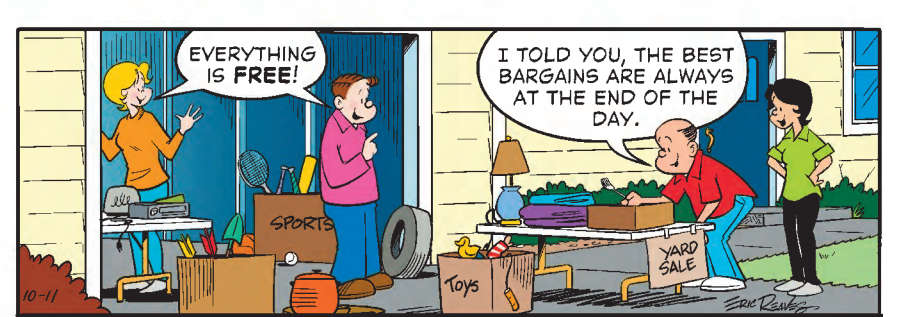
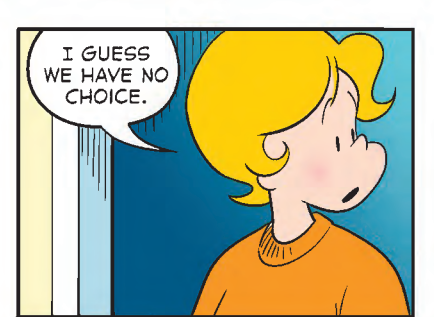
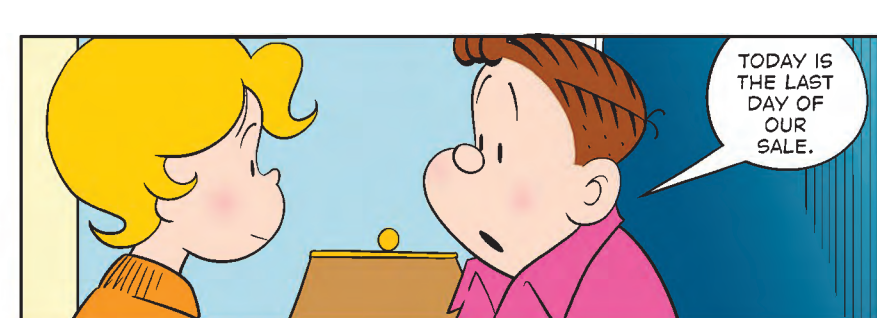
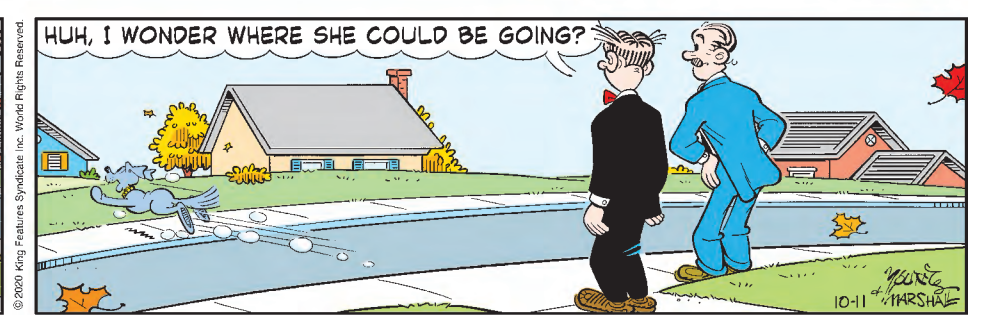
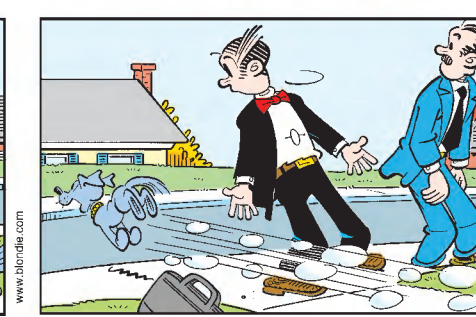
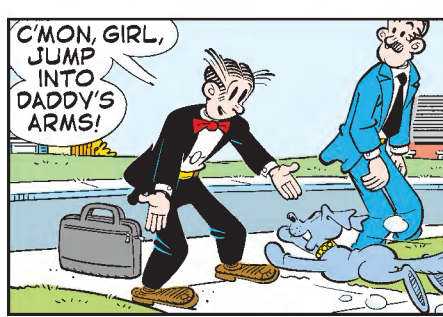
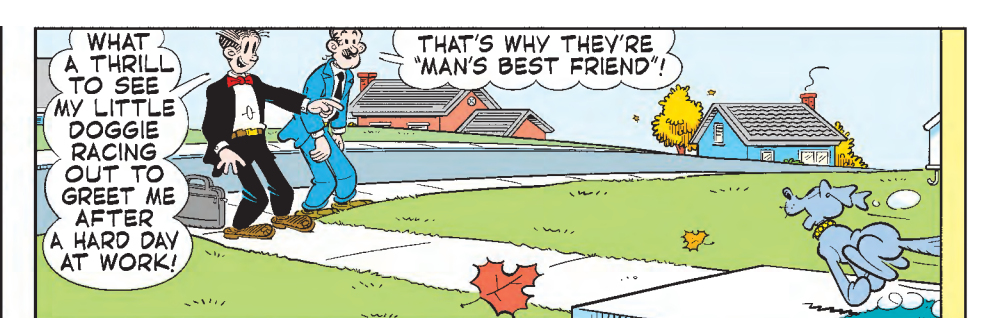
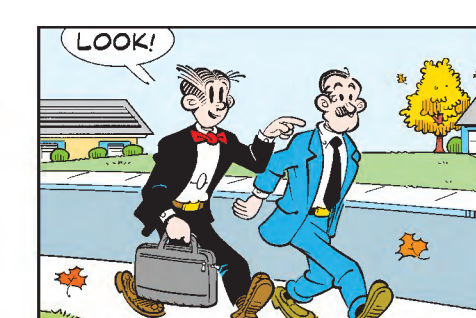
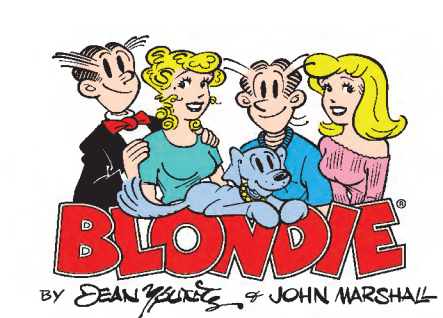
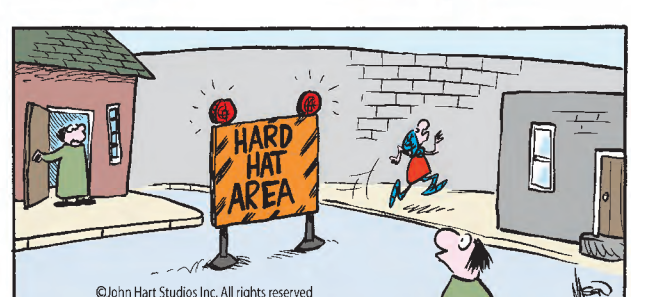
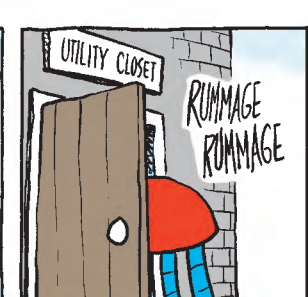
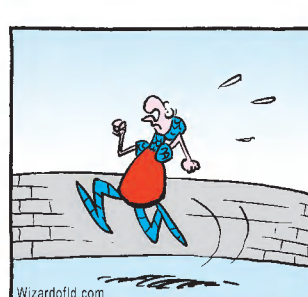
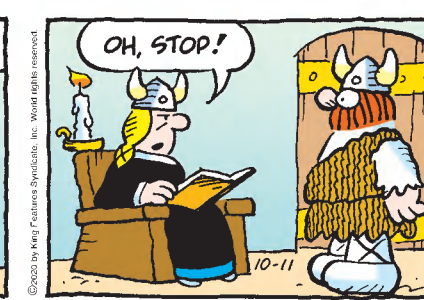
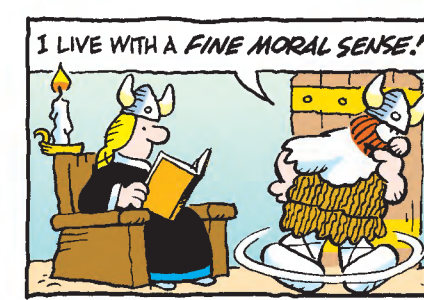
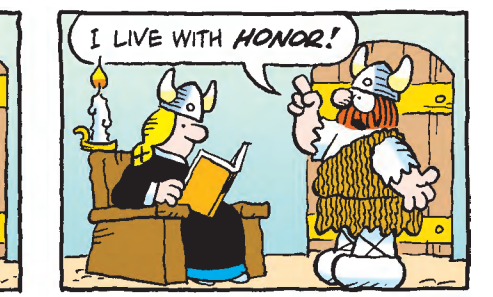
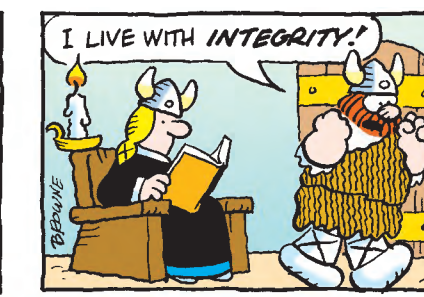
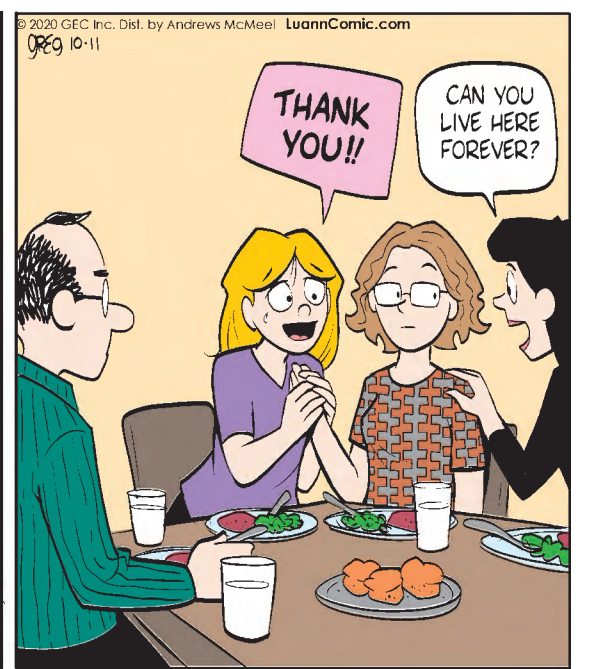
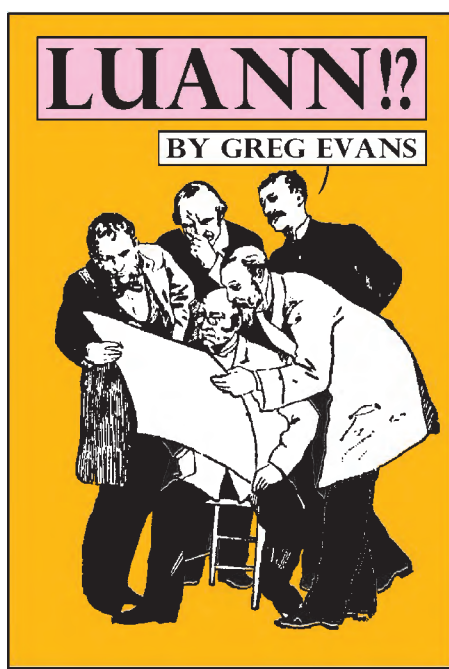
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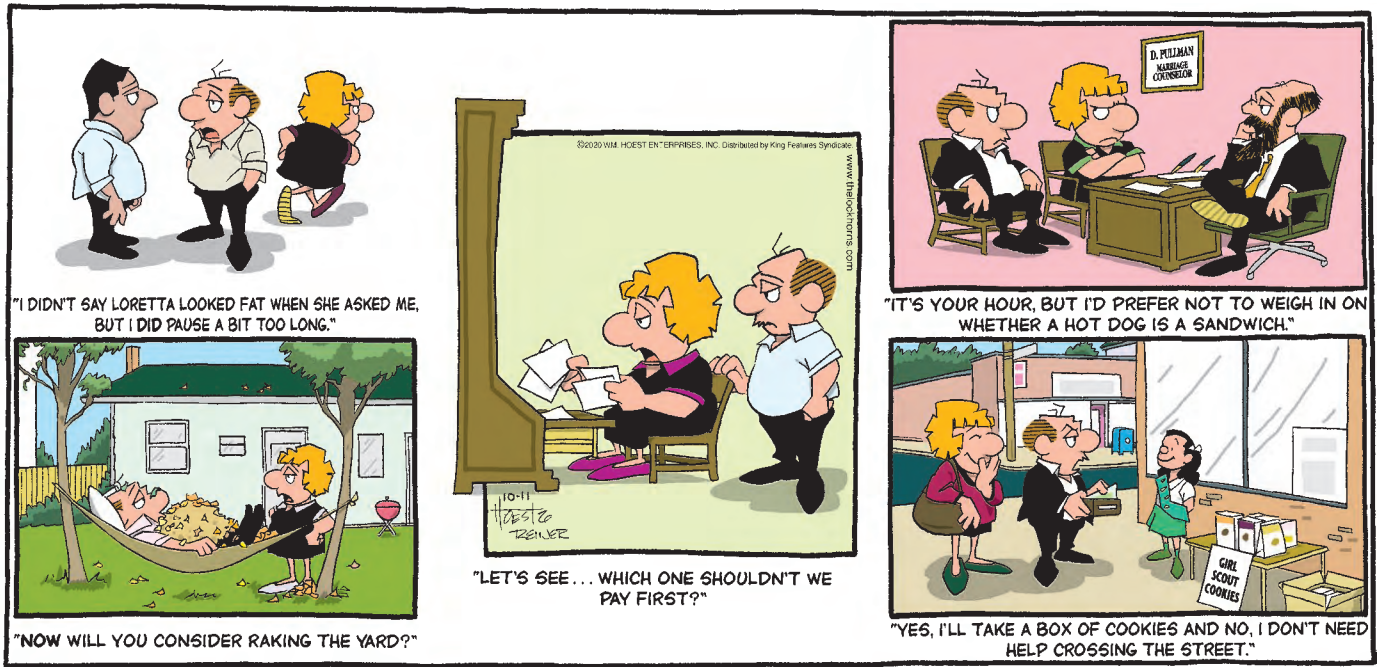
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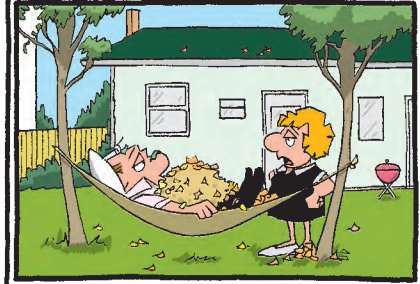


THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



"I DIDN'T SAY LORETTA LOOKED FAT WHEN SHE ASKED ME, BUT I DID PAUSE A BIT TOO LONG."



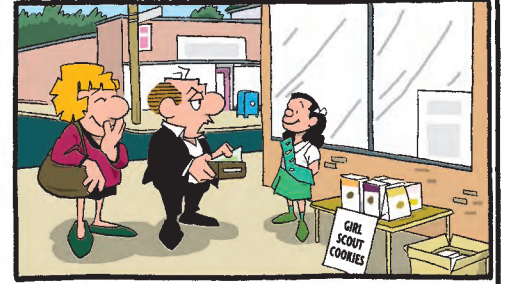
"NOW WILL YOU CONSIDER RAKING THE YARD?"



"LET'S SEE... WHICH ONE SHOULDN'T WE PAY FIRST?"



"IT'S YOUR HOUR, BUT I'D PREFER NOT TO WEIGH IN ON WHETHER A HOT DOG IS A SANDWICH."



"YES, I'LL TAKE A BOX OF COOKIES AND NO, I DON'T NEED HELP CROSSING THE STREET."



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